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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 16, 1880. }

Ordered, That the Clerk publish the proceedings of the House.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

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AUGUSTA,
MONDAY, January 12, 1880. }

The Representatives elect met in the Representatives' Hall and were called to order by Representative elect HALE of Ellsworth.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. CRANE of Winthrop.

Mr. HALE then stated that the members elect were there for the purpose of organizing a House of Representatives, and Mr. WENTWORTH of Kittery, was elected Temporary Speaker, and Oramandal Smith Temporary Clerk; and, on motion, proceeded to read a roll containing the names and residences of all members who appear to have been elected by a plurality of all the votes cast and returned according to law as Representatives to the Fifty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Maine. Eighty-five (85) members elect responded to the call, and a quorum was found to be present.

The office of Governor being vacant, the Hon. William M. Stratton, Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Kennebec, appeared, and acting under and by virtue of a commission as *dedimus potestatem*, administered the necessary oath to the members elect, who, having subscribed to the same in his presence, immediately entered upon the discharge of their official duties.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,

Messrs. Hutchinson of Lewiston,

Mason of Limerick,

Hatch of Bangor,

Rowell of Hallowell,

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON subsequently reported :

Whole number of votes.....	82
Necessary for a choice.....	42
George E. Weeks had	82

And George E. Weeks having a majority of all the votes was declared duly elected Speaker of the House for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. BRADSTREET of Bridgton,

Messrs. Bradstreet of Bridgton,
Goss of Auburn,
Porter of Dixmont,
Steward of Skowhegan,
Getchell of Wells,
Eaton of Wilton,
Rowell of Hallowell,

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

Subsequently Mr. BRADSTREET reported :

Whole number of votes cast.....	80
Necessary for a choice.....	41
Oramandal Smith had.....	80

And Oramandal Smith was declared duly elected Clerk of the House for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. PARTRIDGE of Whitefield,

Messrs. Partridge of Whitefield,
Sproul of Veazie,
Gilman of Meddybemps,
Richards of Gardiner,
Mason of Limerick,
Cook of Lewiston,

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

Mr. PARTRIDGE subsequently reported :

Whole number of votes.....	81
Necessary for a choice.....	41
Edwin C. Burleigh had.....	81

And Edwin C. Burleigh was declared duly elected Assistant Clerk for the current political year.

Subsequently Oramandal Smith and Edwin C. Burleigh, Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the House, appeared before Hon. William M. Stratton, Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Kennebec County, (the office of Governor being vacant) and took and subscribed the necessary oaths to enable them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties. Said Stratton acting by virtue of his commission as *dedimus potestatem*. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk immediately entered upon their duties.

Signed : ORAMANDAL SMITH,
Temporary Clerk.

On motion of Mr. CRANE of Winthrop, a message was sent to the Senate informing that branch of the organization of the House by the election of George E. Weeks as Speaker, and Oramandal Smith as Clerk.

Mr. Crane subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath,

Ordered, That Asbury F. Haynes, Charles H. Gatchell, and John W. Phinney be Messengers of this House.

On motion,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn to-day, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives declare their respective bodies adjourned to Saturday, January 17th inst., at two o'clock in the afternoon.

This order was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps,

Ordered, That the Speaker appoint Pages of the House.

Subsequently the Speaker appointed Joseph M. Campbell and Edward B. Wyman, as Pages.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House of the organization of that branch of the Legislature by the election of Hon. Joseph A. Locke as President, and Charles W. Tilden as Secretary.

Mr. STROUT of Portland, presented the following Resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That Isaac Hanscom of Lebanon, Edward K. Hall of Nobleborough, George S. Hill of Exeter, Oliver P. Bragdon of Sullivan, Frank C. Nickerson of Linneus, Robert M. Loring of Perry, all in this State, be admitted to seats as members *prima facie* of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-Ninth Legislature of Maine, in the places of Stephen D. Lord of Lebanon, James W. Clark of Nobleborough, F. W. Hill of Exeter, James Flye of Sullivan, John H. Brown of Haynesville, and James M. Leighton of Perry, in the State of Maine.

Thereupon Messrs. Isaac Hanscom, Edward K. Hall, George S. Hill, Oliver P. Bragdon, Frank C. Nickerson and Robert M. Loring, appeared before William M. Stratton, Clerk of the Courts of Kennebec County, who, acting by virtue of his commission as *dedimus potestatem*, administered to them, and they took and subscribed in his presence, the necessary oaths to enable them to enter upon their official duties.

On motion of Mr. HALE of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That a Committee, consisting of three members, be appointed by the Speaker, to report to this House for its action, whether the House will require the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court to give their opinion touching the legal organization of the House of Representatives for the 59th Legislature of the State of Maine, and to present for the action of this House such questions as the law and the facts demand in the premises.

In compliance with the above order the Speaker appointed

Messrs. Strout of Portland,
Hutchinson of Lewiston,
Hatch of Bangor.

Subsequently Mr. STROUT of Portland, submitted the following Report:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 12, 1880. }

Your Committee to prepare questions to the Supreme Judicial Court, have attended to their duty, and report a list of Questions, preceded by a Statement of Facts, and recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Signed:

A. A. STROUT.

The order accompanying the report was read and passed, and is as follows:

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 12, 1880.

Ordered, That the following Statement of Facts be submitted to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and they be required to give their opinions on the Questions appended thereto.

The Statement of Facts and Questions are as follows :

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Immediately after the annual election of September 8, 1879, copies of the lists of votes cast in the several towns and plantations for various State and County officers, duly attested by the selectmen of towns and assessors of plantations, and by either the town clerk, deputy clerk, or clerk *pro tem.*, and like copies of lists of votes given in the several wards of the cities, duly attested by the mayor, city clerk, and a majority of a legal quorum of the aldermen present, were duly returned and delivered into the office of the Secretary of State thirty days before the first Wednesday of January, 1880. The Governor and Council opened these returns Nov. 17, 1879. Application in proper form was made by parties interested for inspection of said returns for the purpose of discovering and correcting any defects or errors therein, but in a large majority of cases such inspection was refused by the Governor and Council, or granted so late and in such manner as to be of no avail for the correction of errors. Senators and Representatives elect made application to the Governor and Council within twenty days after the returns were opened, stating the error alleged, and gave due notice thereof to persons to be affected by such correction, or requested the same to be given, and offered to correct any error found therein by the record, or by substituting for such returns if defective, duly attested copies of the record in such case as provided by statute, and by offering such other evidence as is authorized by chapter 212 of the laws of 1877, but the Governor and Council refused to receive such evidence or to correct any error in said returns or to receive a duly attested copy of the record to be substituted for any return defective by reason of any informality. Under these circumstances the Governor and Council proceeded to examine the returns with the following results :

The return from the city of Portland was duly signed and showed upon its face all the facts necessary to constitute a legal election. It showed the whole number of ballots given, and that Moses M. Butler, Almon A. Strout, Reuel S. Maxcy, Samuel A. True and Nathan E. Redlon, each received over six hundred and forty votes plurality over each of the candidates opposed to them. The only defect alleged to exist in said return was that it contained the words and figures—"Scattering, one hundred and forty-three, 143;" but this number, if added or subtracted, or disregarded, would still leave each of the candidates above named a large majority of all the votes cast as above stated. The Governor and Council rejected said return, and refused to summons the five representatives above named who were elected, and appeared to be elected by a plurality of all the votes returned, to attend and take their seats, and refused to report their names and residences to the Secretary of State to be included in the certified roll to be furnished by him to the clerk of the preceding house of representatives as required by law. Subsequently to the making of said return, Moses M. Butler, one of said representatives elect, died, and in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 4, sections 38, 44 and 47 of the Revised Statutes, a new election was ordered by the municipal officers of the city of Portland, and at such election Byron D. Verrill was elected by a majority of over one thousand votes over all others, and a proper return was made to the office of the Secretary of State; but no summons was ever issued to said Verrill, and the Governor and Council refused to report his name to the Secretary of State for the purpose above stated. In the city of Lewiston, Liberty H. Hutchinson, Isaac N. Parker and Silas W. Cook, were elected by a clear majority of all the votes cast. In the city of Saco, George Parcher; in the city of Rockland, Jonathan S. Willoughby and Theodore E. Simonton; in the city of Bath, Guy C. Goss; were in like manner duly elected representatives. In each of these four cases the returns were in due form and signed by the mayor, city clerk, and three aldermen. The Governor and Council in each of the above cases refused to issue summonses and to report the names and residences of said elected representatives to the Secretary of State to be included in the certified roll.

In the Webster, Lisbon and Durham class, William H. Thomas appeared by the returns to be elected by a majority of eighty-three

votes. The returns from said towns were without defect and were duly signed by all the selectmen of each town. Upon rumor that the Governor and Council refused to issue a summons to the person elected, because it was alleged that the names of the selectmen signed upon the returns from the towns of Lisbon and Webster were signed by one person in each town, all of said selectmen appeared before the Governor and Council and made oath that the signatures were genuine. In this district another ground taken was, that it appeared from extrinsic and *ex parte* evidence that either the return was not signed and sealed, or the record not made up in open town meeting. The Governor and Council refused to issue a summons to said William H. Thomas, or report his name to be entered on said certified roll, but did issue a summons to Leonard H. Beal, a person who was not elected and did not appear to be elected by said returns.

In the classed towns of which Stoneham is one, A. F. Andrews was duly elected by a plurality of all the votes cast. There was no defect upon the face of the returns, but the Governor and Council rejected the return from Stoneham without notice to any party, upon *ex parte* affidavit that such return was not made in open town meeting, and refused to issue a summons to said Andrews or report his name to be placed upon the certified roll required by law, but did issue a summons to Osgood N. Bradbury, who did not appear to have received a plurality of votes cast, and who was not elected as matter of fact.

In the classed towns and plantations, of which the town of Gouldsboro was one, Oliver P. Bragdon was duly elected by a plurality of all the votes cast. The return of Gouldsboro was read by the Governor and Council as containing the name of Oliver B. Bragdon, although upon inspection of the return it shows that the name written therein was in fact Oliver P. Bragdon, and the summons was refused to said Oliver P. Bragdon and was issued to James Flye, although it appeared upon the face of the return that he did not receive a plurality of the votes cast.

In the class composed of the several towns and plantations of which the town of Weston is one, Frank C. Nickerson was elected by a plurality of the votes cast; but the Governor and Council rejected forty-three votes, appearing by the return of one of said towns to be thrown for Frank Nickerson, and refused to receive a certified

copy of the record which showed said votes to be thrown for said Frank C. Nickerson, or correct said return thereby; and refused to issue the summons required by law, and to report his name and residence to be entered on the certified roll above named, but issued a summons to John H. Brown; although had the certified copy of the record been received, and the returns been corrected thereby, said Nickerson would have appeared to have been elected.

In the Cherryfield district, Henry C. Baker was elected by receiving a plurality of the votes cast, and it so appeared on the face of the returns, which were regular in form; but the Governor and Council rejected the return from the town of Cherryfield, because it was alleged that one of the selectmen signing said return was an alien, and refused to issue a summons to said Baker, and did issue a summons to Lincoln H. Leighton, who did not appear by the returns to be elected, and who was not in fact elected.

In the Farmington district, Cyrus A. Thomas received a plurality of all the votes cast, and it so appeared upon the face of the returns; the whole number of ballots in the return of Farmington was 842; the number of votes for Thomas was 437; the number of votes for Lewis Voter was 401; the sum total of these votes is 838; the returns from the Farmington class were in due form. In this district another ground taken was, that it appeared from extrinsic and *ex parte* evidence that either the return was not signed and sealed, or the record not made up in open town meeting. The Governor and Council rejected the return from Farmington, and refused to issue a summons to Cyrus A. Thomas, and did issue a summons to Lewis Voter. Voter returned the summons, with a letter resigning and declining to act.

The town of Skowhegan gave H. S. Steward 595 votes, and Daniel Snow 302 votes. The return from the town was regular in form, but appended thereto was a protest that the form of the ballots cast for said Steward, and received by the selectmen into the ballot box, constituted in itself a distinguishing mark. The Governor and Council refused to issue a summons to said Steward, and did issue a summons to Daniel Snow.

In the Ashland district, John Burnham received a majority of all the votes cast; in the return for Ashland his name was spelled John Burnam; the opposing candidate was Alfred Cushman; the return from Merrill Plantation contained the name of Alford Cushman;

the number of votes in the Ashland and Merrill returns was such, that if the Ashland vote had been counted for John Burnham, and the Merrill return for Alfred Cushman, or both had been rejected, John Burnham would have appeared to have been elected. The Governor and Council issued a summons to Alfred Cushman, and refused to issue it to John Burnham.

In the Jay district, John R. Eaton received a plurality of all the votes cast, and it so appeared by the returns which were perfect in form. It was alleged that the return from the town of Jay was not signed and sealed in open town meeting, though on its face it purported to have been. The Governor and Council refused to issue a summons to John R. Eaton, but did issue one to James O. White.

In the Newcastle district, the return from Newcastle shows that the votes were thrown for E. K. Hall, they being in fact thrown for Edward K. Hall, as appears by the record, attested copies of which were offered in evidence before the Governor and Council, but which were by them refused. Had this correction been made, Edward K. Hall would have appeared by the face of the returns to have been elected; but the Governor and Council refused to issue a summons to Edward K. Hall, but did issue a summons to James W. Clark.

In the New Sharon district, David M. Norton received a clear plurality of all the votes cast, and it so appeared on the face of the returns, which were in due form. It was alleged that the three signatures of the selectmen of the town of New Sharon were in one hand writing. Without evidence, and without notice to any person interested, the Governor and Council rejected the return from this town, and refused to issue a summons to David M. Norton, but did issue a summons to George W. Johnson.

In the Fairfield district, A. B. Cole received a plurality of all the votes cast, and it so appears by the returns, which were perfect in form; a second return was made from the town of Fairfield upon a recount, and was marked "amended return." By counting either return, A. B. Cole had a clear majority of at least 55 votes; but the Governor and Council rejected both returns, refused to issue a summons to A. B. Cole, and did issue a summons to Harper Allen.

In the Searsport district, Robert French received a plurality of all the votes cast, as appeared by the returns, which were regular in form. It was alleged that the return from Searsport, when it reached the office of the Secretary of State, was unsealed, or not properly

sealed. The Governor and Council rejected this return, refused to issue a summons to Robert French, and did issue a summons to Joshua E. Jordan.

In the Lebanon district, Issac Hanscom received a plurality of all the votes cast, and it so appeared by the returns, which were correct in form, with the exception that the town clerk of Lebanon did not sign the return from that town. Attested copies of the record of the town of Lebanon were offered to be substituted for said return for the purpose of amending the same, but the Governor and Council refused to receive said attested copies. Had said attested copies been received it would have appeared by the returns as amended that Isaac Hanscom received a plurality of all the votes cast, but the Governor and Council refused to issue a summons to Isaac Hanscom, but issued a summons to Stephen D. Lord.

In the Robbinston district, Robert M. Loring received a plurality of all the votes cast; but the vote of Robbinston was returned for Robert Loring, instead of Robert M. Loring; the record had the same error, but the ballots had been preserved, and were all for Robert M. Loring. Proof of this fact was offered to the Governor and Council, but they refused to receive such evidence, refused to issue a summons to Robert M. Loring, but did issue a summons to James M. Leighton.

In the Danforth and Vanceboro district, Charles A. Rolfe received a plurality of all the votes cast, and it so appeared on the face of the returns, which were regular in form. The return of the town of Vanceboro was signed by the town clerk *pro tempore*. This return was rejected by the Governor and Council, because signed by a clerk *pro tempore*; they refused to issue a summons to Charles A. Rolfe, but did issue a summons to Aaron H. Woodcock.

In the Exeter-Garland district, George S. Hill received a plurality of all the votes cast; the returns were in due form. The Garland return gave the name of George S. Hill in full, and also the name of Francis W. Hill, the opposing candidate, in full. The return from Exeter gave the names of G. S. Hill and F. W. Hill. The record of the vote in the town of Exeter bore the names of George S. Hill and Francis W. Hill. A certified copy of the record was proffered to the Governor and Council, which they refused to receive. Had such certified copy been received and the return amended in accordance with the fact, George S. Hill would have appeared by the re-

turns to have been elected. The Governor and Council refused to issue a summons to George S. Hill, but did issue a summons to F. W. Hill.

The facts relating to certain seats in the Senate are as follows :— In Cumberland county, Joseph A. Locke, Andrew Hawes, Henry C. Brewer and David Duran, received a clear majority of all the votes cast, as appears by the returns, which were regular in form.

The facts in regard to the city of Portland were the same as already stated, except that the returns showed thirty-four votes tabulated as scattering. The return from Otisfield omitted to state the whole number of ballots. In the return from Westbrook the vote was given in full, both in letters and figures, opposite the name of Joseph A. Locke, but opposite the names of Andrew Hawes, Henry C. Brewer and David Duran, ditto marks were used, both under the letters and figures. The returns of Portland, Westbrook and Otisfield were rejected by the Governor and Council; they refused to issue summonses to Andrew Hawes, Henry C. Brewer and David Duran, and did issue summonses to Daniel W. True, Edward A. Gibbs and William R. Field.

In Franklin county, George R. Fernald received a plurality of all the votes cast, and it so appeared by the returns, which were regular in form. The Governor and Council rejected the returns from Farmington, Jay and New Sharon, the facts in regard to which have been hereinbefore stated; refused to issue a summons to George R. Fernald, and did issue a summons to Rodolphus P. Thompson.

In Washington county, Alden Bradford and Austin Harris received a plurality of all the votes cast, as appears by the returns, which are regular and in due form. The Governor and Council rejected the returns from the towns of Vanceboro and Cherryfield, the facts concerning which have already been stated, refused to issue a summons to Alden Bradford, and did issue a summons to James R. Talbot.

In Lincoln county, Andrew R. G. Smith received a plurality of all the votes cast; the returns were regular in form. In the returns from two towns the name of Andrew R. C. Smith was returned instead of Andrew R. G. Smith. The records of both towns gave the name of Andrew R. G. Smith. Certified copies of such records were proffered to the Governor and Council, in order to correct said returns thereby. Had said certified copies been received, it would

have appeared by the returns as amended that said Andrew R. G. Smith was duly elected; but the Governor and Council refused to receive said copies, or to correct said returns thereby, or to issue a summons to Andrew R. G. Smith, but did issue a summons to Isaac T. Hobson.

In York county, Charles P. Emery, Joseph W. Dearborn and George H. Wakefield, received a plurality of all the votes cast. Charles P. Emery received a summons. In the case of each of the others, one of the initials was given incorrectly in the return of one town, but if the vote of the city of Saco had been counted, each would have appeared by the returns to be elected. But the Governor and Council rejected the Saco returns, the facts concerning which have been heretofore stated, refused to issue summonses to Joseph W. Dearborn and George H. Wakefield, and did issue summonses to Ira S. Libby and John Q. Dennett.

In all the cases, Senatorial or Representative, where returns were rejected on extrinsic evidence that they were not signed and sealed, or the records not made up in open town meeting, it does not appear on the returns themselves, but does appear by certificate of the selectmen on the back of the official envelopes enclosing said returns, that said returns were signed and sealed and the records made up in open town meeting.

On the thirty-first day of December, A. D. 1879, the Governor required the opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court upon certain questions submitted by him, and by the opinion of said justices in reply thereto, it appeared that the objections and alleged defects in the returns hereinbefore stated were without foundation in law. The Governor and Council were requested in all these cases to recall the summonses, which by the opinion of the Court appeared to have been improperly issued, and to report the names and places of residence of the persons legally elected to both branches of the Legislature to the Secretary of State, to be entered upon the certified rolls as required by law, but this they refused to do.

A certified roll was furnished by the Secretary of State to the clerk of the preceding House of Representatives, containing the names of one hundred and twenty-two persons properly summoned as representatives elect, and seventeen persons heretofore enumerated, viz: Lewis Voter, Daniel Snow, Alfred Cushman, James O.

White, Leonard H. Beal, Osgood N. Bradbury, George W. Johnson, Lincoln H. Leighton, Aaron H. Woodcock, Harper Allen, Joshua E. Jordan, F. W. Hill, James W. Clark, James Flye, John H. Brown, James M. Leighton and Stephen D. Lord, and no more, no names of Representatives for the five cities above enumerated appearing on said roll.

On the first Wednesday of January, 1880, the assistant clerk of the preceding House of Representatives, the clerk of said preceding House being absent, proceeded to call the names on the certified roll above described, whereupon one hundred and thirty-five persons answered to their names. Attention was then called by one of the persons so responding to the vacancies appearing upon the reading of said roll.

A motion was then made that the representatives from said five cities, appearing by the returns from said cities to have been actually elected, should be permitted to participate in the organization of the House. The assistant clerk refused to put the motion, and refused to entertain an appeal. Motion was then made that a committee be raised to inform the Governor and Council that a quorum was present, and ready to take the oath. Upon that question a call for the yeas and nays was demanded and it was so taken, and there were seventy-three voted in the affirmative and none in the negative. Attention was then called to the fact that no quorum was present. Motion was then made to adjourn, which said assistant clerk refused to entertain or put, and the same was put by the mover and declared carried. Thereupon a number of the members left the hall. The Governor and Council appeared to administer the oath. One of the members summoned called the attention of the Governor to the fact that no quorum had voted to qualify, but the Governor declined to notice this act on the part of the number summoned. Thereupon the Governor proceeded to administer the oath.

After the rolls containing the oath were signed, the Governor announced that seventy-six persons summoned had subscribed the oath, among whom were the persons previously enumerated by name as appearing on said roll, except Lewis Voter and Daniel Snow.

The announcement of the Governor that seventy-six persons had subscribed the oath was doubted by a member who had subscribed

the oath, and a repeated demand was made that this announcement should be verified by reading the names of those who subscribed, but the assistant clerk declined so to do. Protest was made against the administration of the oath before it was administered. Thereupon an election of Speaker was attempted, and John C. Talbot received seventy-two votes, no other votes being thrown.

On the next day, sixty members who had been summoned, and whose names appeared on the certified roll, applied to James D. Lamson, who claimed to be President of the Senate, to be qualified, and he refused in writing to administer to them the oath required by law.

The facts connected with the alleged organization of the Senate on the first Wednesday of January, 1880, are as follows:—A certified roll was furnished by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the preceding Senate, on which were the names of twenty-three persons properly summoned, and who appeared to be elected as shown on the face of the returns, together with the names of Daniel W. True, Edward A. Gibbs and William R. Field of Cumberland county, Rodolphus P. Thompson of Franklin county, James R. Talbot of Washington county, Isaac T. Hobson of Lincoln county, Ira S. Libby and John Q. Dennett of York county, and at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on said day, said Secretary of the preceding Senate called the names on the roll, and each one responded.

Thereupon one of the members, properly summoned, called attention to the fact that the names above enumerated on the roll had been substituted for the names of Andrew Hawes, Henry C. Brewer and David Duran of Cumberland county, George R. Fernald of Franklin county, Alden Bradford of Washington county, Andrew R. G. Smith of Lincoln county, Jeremiah W. Dearborn and George H. Wakefield of York county, who appeared by the returns to be elected, and moved that their names be substituted on the roll for those first above enumerated. The Secretary refused to entertain the motion; the oath was then administered by the Governor and Council; the motion was immediately thereafter renewed, and the Secretary again refused to entertain the motion; an appeal was then taken to the Senate; the Secretary refused to put the question; protest was then made that unless the substitution moved was made, eleven members properly summoned, and having a plurality of the Senatorial votes in their respective counties, would refuse to

participate in the organization of the Senate. No attention having been paid to this protest, said eleven members did not participate in the further proceedings. The remaining twenty persons proceeded to vote for President of the Senate, and James D. Lamson received twenty ballots, which were cast by twelve members properly summoned, and by the eight persons first above enumerated.

Public protest was immediately made by a member duly summoned, against the election of James D. Lamson as President of the Senate, because he had received the votes of but twelve persons lawfully summoned.

The remainder of the officers of the Senate were elected in the same manner, and by the same persons as the President.

On the 12th day of January, 1880, the persons claiming to be the legally elected members of the Legislature, but having present less than seventy-six in number, attempted to meet in joint convention for the purpose of witnessing the administration of oaths to James D. Lamson, to qualify him to exercise the office of Governor, together with twenty members of the Senate, only twelve of whom appeared to be elected by the returns. On the same day sixty-two members of the House, to whom James D. Lamson, claiming to be President of the Senate, had refused to administer the oath, and who were properly summoned, together with John R. Eaton, William H. Thomas, A. F. Andrews, David M. Norton, Henry C. Baker, Charles A. Rolfe, A. B. Cole, Robert French, Cyrus A. Thomas, Hiram A. Steward and John Burnham, previously mentioned, together with the representatives of the cities of Portland, Lewiston, Saco, Rockland and Bath, met in the hall of representatives and organized by the choice of speaker, clerk and other officers, after being qualified by taking the oaths prescribed by the Constitution, before William M. Stratton, clerk of the courts for Kennebec county, and authorized by *dedimus potestatem* to administer oaths according to law. The speaker received eighty-two votes; the clerk received eighty votes; the assistant clerk received eighty-one votes. After organizing, the following members, Isaac Hanscom of Lebanon, Edward K. Hall of Newcastle, Robert M. Loring of Robbinston district, George S. Hill of Exeter, Frank C. Nickerson of Linneus, and Oliver P. Bragdon of Gouldsboro district, were admitted by resolution to act as members *prima facie* of said House of Representatives. On the same day in the Senate Chamber, eleven mem-

bers properly summoned, together with Andrew Hawes, David Duran, Henry C. Brewer of Cumberland county, Jeremiah W. Dearborn, George H. Wakefield of York county, George R. Fernald of Franklin county, Alden Bradford of Washington county, the facts concerning whose election have been hereinbefore stated, met together, and were called to order by Jeremiah Dingley, a Senator elect from Androscoggin county, on whose motion Austin Harris, Senator elect from Washington county, was chosen to preside as Chairman, and Charles W. Tilden was chosen Secretary *pro tem*. Upon resolution, Andrew R. G. Smith of Lincoln county, was admitted *prima facie* to a seat.

Upon motion, the members elect present proceeded to make a permanent organization by the election of President, Secretary, and other officers. Joseph A. Locke of Cumberland, was chosen President, receiving eighteen votes, and Charles W. Tilden was chosen Secretary, receiving nineteen votes. The members were qualified, before election of officers, by taking the oaths prescribed by the Constitution, before William M. Stratton, clerk of courts for Kennebec county, and authorized by *dedimus potestatem* to administer oaths. In the organization of both branches of the Legislature, the names of all the members elect, who appear by the uncorrected returns to be elected, were placed upon a roll, and were called before proceeding to organize the same, as herein last mentioned.

On the foregoing Statement the following Questions are submitted :

QUESTIONS.

1. Have the Governor and Council a right, under the Constitution, to summon a person to attend and take a seat in the Senate or House of Representatives, who by the official returns, under the decision of the Court, does not appear to be elected, but defeated or not voted for ; or would such summons be merely void as exceeding the power of the Governor and Council under the Constitution ?

2. Have the holders of any such summons a right to take a part in the organization or subsequent proceedings of either House to the exclusion of the members rightfully elected, as shown by said returns, under the decision of the Court, or does such right rest in said last named member, to the exclusion of the member summoned from the same district ?

3. If summonses were issued under the facts recited in the statement herewith submitted, to Lewis Voter of Farmington district, Daniel Snow of Skowhegan district, Alfred Cushman of Ashland district, James O. White of Jay district, Leonard H. Beal of Lisbon district, Osgood N. Bradbury of Stoneham district, George W. Johnson of New Sharon district, Lincoln H. Leighton of Cherryfield district, Allen H. Woodcock of Vanceboro district, Harper Allen of Fairfield district, Joshua E. Jordan of Searsport district, would such summonses give either of the above named persons a right to take part in the organization or subsequent proceedings of the House, or would such right rest in Cyrus A. Thomas of Farmington district, Hiram S. Stewart of Skowhegan district, John Burnham of Ashland district, John R. Eaton of Jay district, William H. Thomas of Lisbon district, A. F. Andrews of Stoneham district, David N. Norton of New Sharon district, Henry C. Baker of Cherryfield district, Charles A. Rolfe of Vanceboro district, A. B. Cole of Fairfield district, Robert French of Searsport district, to the exclusion of the persons summoned from the same districts?

4. If summonses were issued under the facts recited in the statement herewith submitted, to Daniel W. True, Edward A. Gibbs, William R. Field of Cumberland county, Rodolphus P. Thompson of Franklin county, James R. Talbot of Washington county, John Q. Dennett and Ira S. Libby of York county, would such summonses give either of the above named persons a right to take part in the organization or subsequent proceedings of the Senatê; or would such right rest in Andrew Hawes, David Duran, and Henry C. Brewer of Cumberland county, George R. Fernald of Franklin county, Alden Bradford of Washington county, George H. Wakefield and J. W. Dearborn of York county, to the exclusion of the persons summoned from the same districts?

5. Does the same rule apply, when the member summoned appears by the returns to be elected, only because of some error in the name or initials of the candidate not summoned, when such error is correctible by law, under the decision of the Court, and the official record states the name and initials correctly, under the facts of the Lincoln Senatorial District, and the Representative Districts of Exeter, Newcastle, Gouldsboro, Weston and Robbinston, as recited in the statement herewith submitted; or when the member

summoned appears by the returns to be elected, only by rejecting the returns of one town because unsigned by the town clerk, though a duly attested copy of the record of said town is seasonably offered as a substitute and rejected, under the facts as recited in the statement of the Lebanon district?

6. If the summons described in question 1 is void, and persons holding such summonses take part in the organization of either Senate or House of Representatives, and without the votes of such persons there are less than sixteen (16) members in the Senate and less than seventy-six (76) members in the House, voting for and against, any of the officers of the so-called Senate or House, have such bodies any legal organization or officers?

7. Without such legal organization in either House or Senate, or without sixteen (16) members in the Senate, and seventy-six (76) members in the House, present and voting on the given measure, can any valid law be enacted, any legal officer chosen, or any business whatever be legally done, except to adjourn; and if any business, what business?

8. Without a legal organization formed and legal officers chosen, by seventy-six (76) members present and voting in the House of Representatives, and sixteen (16) members present and voting in the Senate, can either House compel the attendance of absent members?

9. To make up the legal quorum required on any vote in either House, can the votes of any person be counted who, though summoned, does not appear to be elected by the official returns under the Constitution, and the decision of the Court?

10. Can the Governor and Council legally administer the qualifying oath to the members elect of the House of Representatives, when, on a yea and nay vote, as shown by the record, only seventy-three (73) members, both sides inclusive, vote on the motion to request the attendance of the Governor and Council for that purpose?

11. Can a valid organization of the House be made under the Revised Statutes, chapter 2, section 23, when, under the facts as stated in question 10, a protest was entered, at the time, that no quorum was manifest on the yea and nay vote, and, notwithstanding that protest, the clerk refused to put a motion to adjourn, and the Governor appeared and administered the oath?

12. Can the Governor and Council legally administer the qualifying oaths to the members elect of the Senate, when only twenty (20) members, both sides inclusive, vote on the motion to request their presence for that purpose, and of that twenty (20), eight (8), though summoned, did not appear to be elected by the official returns under the Constitution and the decision of the Court, and were not in fact elected?

13. At what date in the year eighteen hundred and eighty (1880), do the terms of office of the following State officers, elected in January, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine (1879), expire: The Governor, the Executive Council, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer, the Attorney General, and the Adjutant General?

14. When the terms of the Governor and Council have expired, or their offices are vacant, and there is neither Governor nor Council, can the members elect of the Senate and House of Representatives be legally qualified before a magistrate appointed and commissioned by the Governor, with advice of the Council, under a *dedimus potestatem*, by virtue of the Revised Statutes, chapter 2, sections 85 and 86, or by any other provision of law?

15. When the term of one Governor has expired by law and no successor has been chosen, can the President of the Senate become acting Governor, if, at his election, twenty (20) votes only are cast for and against him, and those twenty (20) votes are made up as described in question 12?

16. Can a legally chosen President of the Senate become acting Governor, until he has legally qualified as such, in addition to this qualification as President of the Senate?

17. Can such qualifying oaths be legally administered by a President *pro tempore* of the Senate, in joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives, when less than seventy-six (76) members of the House are present or voting on the motion to proceed to joint convention?

18. When twelve (12) persons are legally elected members of the House of Representatives from the five cities of Portland, Lewiston, Rockland, Bath and Saco, and that fact unmistakably appears on the official returns and by the decision of the Court, on the facts recited in the statement herewith submitted, have those twelve (12) members elect a right to take part in the organization and all subsequent proceedings of the House, without a summons from the Gov-

ernor and Council, no other persons holding summonses for the same seats?

19. Can a House of Representatives legally organize or act under a certified roll containing one hundred and thirty-nine (139) names only, and giving no representation to the five cities of Portland, Rockland, Lewiston, Bath and Saco, under the facts as stated in question eighteen (18), without admitting, at once, the twelve (12) members from said cities?

20. When persons are legally elected members of the House from the representative districts of Skowhegan and Farmington, and that fact unmistakably appears on the official returns, and by the decision of the Court, on the facts recited in the statement herewith submitted for those districts, have those members-elect a right to take part in the organization, and all subsequent proceedings of the House, without a summons—the persons summoned having returned their summonses, and declined to serve as representatives on the ground that they were not elected?

21. Can eleven members, duly elected and summoned, and seven other members, not summoned, “but appearing to be elected by a plurality of all the votes returned,” under the requirements of the Constitution and the decision of the Court, constitute and organize a legal Senate, provided said eighteen members each received, for Senator, a plurality of all the votes cast, and the official records, as well as the official returns, show that fact?

22. Can sixty-two (62) duly summoned members-elect of the House of Representatives, together with twelve (12) members-elect not summoned from the cities of Portland, Lewiston, Bath, Saco and Rockland, and two (2) members-elect not summoned from the towns of Farmington and Skowhegan, constitute and organize a legal House of Representatives, when the fourteen (14) members above enumerated were in fact elected, and that fact appears by the official returns, and by the decision of the Court, no other persons holding summonses for the same seats?

23. Can the seventy-six (76) members elect, enumerated in question 19, constitute and organize a legal House of Representatives, together with nine (9) other members elect, who were in fact elected, and appear by the official returns, and by the decision of the Court, to be elected, though the nine (9) seats aforesaid are claimed by other candidates who were summoned by the Governor

and Council, but were not in fact elected, and do not appear to be elected by said official returns, under the decision of the Court?

24. When the terms of office of the Governor and Council have expired, and the acting President of the Senate has refused to qualify the duly summoned members-elect, and the acting House of Representatives—made up of sixty-two (62) members legally summoned, and fourteen (14) others summoned, but not in fact elected, and not appearing to be elected by the official returns, under the decision of the Court—refuse to admit to seats the fourteen (14) members-elect, specified in question 19, or the nine (9) additional members-elect, specified in question 20, or any one of them, can the seventy-six (76) members specified by question nineteen, or the eighty-five (85) members specified by question twenty, after being called to order by one of their number, and a roll of the members-elect read as they appear by the official returns, be qualified before a Dedimus Justice, and thus constitute and organize a legal House of Representatives?

25. When the terms of office of the Governor and Council have expired, and the acting Senate—made up of twelve (12) members legally summoned, and eight (8) others summoned but not in fact elected, and not appearing to be elected, by the official returns under the decision of the Court—refuse to admit to seats the seven (7) members who were in fact elected, and who appeared to be elected by the official returns and the decision of the Court, can the seven (7) members thus denied seats, acting with eleven (11) members-elect, duly summoned, after being called to order by one of their number, and a roll of the members-elect read as they appear by the official returns and the decision of the Court, be qualified before a Dedimus Justice and thus constitute and organize a legal Senate?

26. When a person receives a summons as a member of the House of Representatives, and returns the same to the Governor, before the assembling of the Legislature, and resigns his seat, is it competent for him to recall and cancel that resignation, after the Legislature has assembled and organized, or can he be compelled to attend as a member?

27. In case the official returns of the votes cast for Governor should be lost, concealed, or inaccessible, by accident or fraud, is it competent to count the votes for Governor, by using certified copies of the official record of the several cities, towns and plantations in the State?

On motion, adjourned to meet Saturday, January 17th, 1880, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk of House.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ECOB of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

A communication from the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, was received, transmitting their opinion upon certain questions propounded to them by the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland, the communication and the opinion were read, and ordered to be spread upon the records of the House, and are as follows :

BANGOR, January 16, 1880.

The undersigned, Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, have the honor to submit the following answers to the interrogatories proposed and based upon the accompanying Statement of Facts :

QUESTION 1. Have the Governor and Council a right under the Constitution to summon a person to attend and take a seat in the Senate, or House of Representatives, who by the official returns under the decision of the Court, does not appear to be elected, but defeated or not voted for ; or would such summons be merely void as exceeding the power of the Governor and Council under the Constitution ?

ANSWER. An election has been had by the electors of this State. The rights of the several persons voted for, depend upon the votes cast. The result should be truly determined in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State. It was the duty of the Governor and Council thus to declare it. Any declaration of the vote not thus ascertained and declared is unauthorized and void. The Governor and Council examined the returns and undertook to declare the result as appeared by the returns. Various questions involving the

true construction of the Constitution and Statutes relating thereto arose, and the Governor, by virtue of his constitutional prerogative, called upon this Court for its opinion upon the questions propounded. By the provisions of the Constitution the Court was required to expound and construe the provisions of the Constitution and Statutes involved. It gave full answers to those questions. The opinion of the Court was thus obtained in one of the modes provided in the Constitution for an authoritative determination of "important questions of law." The law thus determined is the conclusive guide of the Governor and Council in the performance of their ministerial duties. Any action on their part in determining the vote as it appears by the returns in violation of the provisions of the Constitution and law thus declared is a usurpation of authority, and must be held void. It only remains to apply those principles to the subjects embraced in the questions propounded.

The Governor and Council have no right to summon a person to attend and take his seat in the Senate or House of Representatives, who by the returns before them was not voted for, or being voted for, was defeated. To summons one for whom no votes had been cast would be a deliberate violation of official duty. To summons those whom the returns show were not elected would be equally such violation. Either would be intruders without right into a legislative body. The summons thus given would be void, as in excess of any powers conferred by the Constitution. Grant this power, and the right of the people to elect their officers is at an end.

QUESTION 2. Has the holder of any such summons a right to take part in the organization, or subsequent proceedings of either House, to the exclusion of the members rightfully elected, as shown by said returns under the decision of the Court; or does such right rest in said last named member to the exclusion of the member summoned from the same district?

QUESTION 3. If summonses were issued, under the facts recited in the Statement herewith submitted, to Lewis Voter of Farmington district, Daniel Snow of Skowhegan district, Alfred Cushman of Ashland district, James O. White of Jay district, Leonard H. Beal of Lisbon district, Osgood N. Bradbury of Stoneham district, George W. Johnson of New Sharon district, Lincoln H. Leighton of Cherryfield district, Aaron H. Woodcock of Vanceboro district, Harper Allen of Fairfield district, Joshua E. Jordan of Searsport district,

would such summonses give either of the abovenamed persons a right to take part in the organization, or subsequent proceedings of the House; or would such right rest in Cyrus A. Thomas of Farmington district, Hiram S. Stewart of Skowhegan district, John Burnham of Ashland district, John R. Eaton of Jay district, William H. Thomas of Lisbon district, A. F. Andrews of Stoneham district, David M. Norton of New Sharon district, Henry C. Baker of Cherryfield district, Charles A. Rolfe of Vanceboro district, A. B. Cole of Fairfield district, Robert French of Searsport district, to the exclusion of the persons summoned from the same district?

QUESTION 4. If summonses were issued under the facts recited in the Statement herewith submitted, to Daniel W. True, Edward A. Gibbs, William R. Field of Cumberland county, Rodolphus P. Thompson of Franklin county, James R. Talbot of Washington county, John Q. Dennett and Ira S. Libby of York county, would such summonses give either of the abovenamed persons a right to take part in the organization or subsequent proceedings of the Senate; or would such right rest in Andrew Hawes, David Duran and Henry C. Brewer of Cumberland county, George R. Fernald of Franklin county, Alden Bradford of Washington county, George H. Wakefield and J. W. Dearborn of York county, to the exclusion of the persons summoned from the same district?

ANSWER. The second, third and fourth questions may be answered together. The answer to the first question covers much of the ground embraced by these questions. Holders of summonses which are void for the reason that the Governor and Council have failed to correctly perform the constitutional obligation resting upon them, have no right to take a part in the organization or in any subsequent proceedings of the House to which they are wrongfully certificated. They are not in fact members. But the members rightfully elected, as shown by the official returns, and the opinion of the Court upon the propositions heretofore by the Governor presented to the Court, are entitled to appear and act in the organization of the Houses to which they belong, unless the House and Senate, in judging of the election and qualification of members, shall determine to the contrary.

A member without a summons, who appears to claim his seat, is *prima facie* entitled to equal consideration with a member who has a summons.

He is not to be deprived of the position belonging to him, on account of the dereliction of those whose duty it was to have given him the usual summons. The absence of that evidence may be supplied by other evidence of membership. The House and Senate have the same right to consider and determine whether, in the first instance, such persons appear to have been elected, and finally, whether they were in fact elected, as they have of any and all the persons who appear for the purpose of composing their respective bodies.

Under the facts recited in the Statements submitted to us, we are of the opinion that Lewis Voter and associates, first named in question three, were not entitled to act, and that Cyrus A. Thomas and associates lastly named in the question were entitled to act in the House as members, and that Daniel W. True, and those first named in question four, were not entitled to act, and that Andrew Hawes and others with him named, were entitled to act as members of the Senate. In neither case did the Senate or House itself act upon the question of their membership. Both the Senate and House, (meaning the bodies assembled to be organized as such), were debarred from any action thereon, by the conduct of the presiding secretary and clerk. The assumption of such officers, that no question should be entertained relative to the rights of persons whose names are not upon the rolls furnished by the Secretary of State, but who were claimants of seats, was unwarrantable. The statute of 1869, embodied in the Revised Statutes, chapter 2, section 25, cannot preclude either the Senate or House from amending and completing the rolls of membership, according to the facts. Each House has the constitutional right to organize itself.

The form provided for aid and convenience in effecting the organization does not confer upon a temporarily presiding officer such conclusive power.

We have not failed to carefully consider the act of 1869, chapter 67, incorporated into the Revised Statutes, chapter 2, section 25; and, so far as it declares that "No person shall be allowed to vote or take part in the organization of either branch of the Legislature as a member, unless his name appear upon the certified roll of that branch of the Legislature in which he claims to act," we think it clearly repugnant to the Constitution, which declares that each House shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its

own members. It aims to control the action of each within its constitutional power till after a full organization, with a majority determined and fixed by the Governor and Council.

By their action in granting certificates to men not appearing to be elected, or refusing to grant certificates to men clearly elected, they may constitute each House with a majority to suit their own purposes, thus strangling and overthrowing the popular will as honestly expressed by the ballot. The doctrine of that act gives to the executive department the power to rob the people of the Legislature they have chosen, and force upon them one to serve its own purposes.

It poisons the very fountain of legislation, and tends to corrupt the legislative department of the government. It strikes a death blow at the heart of popular government, and renders its foundation and great bulwarks,—the will of the people, as expressed by the ballot—a farce.

Each House has the same power, and is charged with the same duty, to declare the election of its own members and organize in any legitimate way as before the passage of that act.

QUESTION 5. Does the same rule apply, when the member summoned appears by the returns to be elected, only because of some error in the name or initials of the candidate not summoned, when such error is correctible by law, under the decision of the Court, and the official record states the name and initials correctly, under the facts of the Lincoln Senatorial district, and the Representative districts of Exeter, Newcastle, Gouldsboro, Weston and Robbinston, as recited in the statement herewith submitted; or when the member summoned appears by the returns to be elected, only by rejecting the returns of one town because unsigned by the town clerk, though a duly attested copy of the record of said town is seasonably offered as a substitute and rejected, under the facts as recited in the statement of the Lebanon district?

ANSWER. In the answers of January 3, 1880, this Court held, that, in cases like those stated in this question, it is the duty of the Governor and Council to hear evidence and determine whether the record or return is correct, and, if they determine the record to be correct, to receive it or a duly certified copy of it, to correct the return, as is provided in chapter 212 of the Acts of 1877.

But in such case they are required to determine an issue of fact, whether the record or return is correct, and, so far as their action is concerned, in determining that fact, we think their determination is conclusive; subject of course, to be reversed by the House. If, however, they should refuse to hear evidence and determine the question, and should, by reason of such refusal, issue a summons to the candidate not elected, the case would fall under the rule above stated.

QUESTION 6. If the summons described in question 1 is void, and persons holding such summonses take part in the organization of either Senate or House of Representatives, and, without the votes of such persons, there are less than sixteen (16) members in the Senate, and less than seventy-six (76) members in the House, voting for and against any of the officers of the so-called Senate or House, have such bodies any legal organization or officers?

ANSWER. If objection was made to the admissibility of the illegally summoned persons, as set forth in the statement presented to us, and the Houses took no action thereon, then an organization of House or Senate, in the manner described in this question, would be illegal and void.

The Court expressed the opinion, on a former occasion, that the Senate could organize with less than a quorum of members, (35 Maine, 563) where less than a quorum were elected, a condition of things that might happen when it required a majority of votes to elect Senators—that decision met the necessities of that occasion. But the doctrine of that case cannot apply, when a quorum is in fact elected.

QUESTION 7. Without such legal organization in either House or Senate, or without sixteen (16) members in the Senate and seventy-six (76) members in the House, present and voting, on the given measure, can any valid law be enacted, any legal officer chosen or any business whatever be legally done, except to adjourn; and if any business, what business?

QUESTION 8. Without a legal organization formed, and legal officers chosen, by seventy-six (76) members, present and voting, in the House of Representatives, and sixteen (16) members, present and voting, in the Senate, can either House compel the attendance of absent members?

ANSWER. Without a legal organization formed and legal officers chosen, by seventy-six members, present and voting, in the House of Representatives, and by sixteen members, present and voting, in the Senate, upon the given measure, no officers can be chosen or law passed or business done, except to adjourn.

No less than seventy-six members can constitute a quorum of the House of Representatives, nor can less than sixteen members, (now that a plurality elects,) constitute a quorum of the Senate. Nor can either house, without a legal organization formed and without legal officers chosen, compel the attendance of absent members.

It is the House or Senate when formed and organized that has the power to compel such attendance, and it is not within the power of persons who are merely members elect to do so. The attendance may, under our Constitution, be compelled by such penalties as each House may provide. Until a legal organization has been effected, there is no House to provide penalties for such purpose. Until a legal organization is completed, there is no officer in either House to issue a warrant against the absent member. No such power was committed, or intended to be committed, into the hands of persons not comprising and acting as an organized and completed House. It has frequently happened in our history, that legislative bodies have been delayed days, and sometimes weeks, without being able to complete an organization for the want of a quorum.

QUESTION 9. To make up the legal quorum required on any vote in either House, can the votes of any person be counted who, though summoned, does not appear to be elected by the official returns under the Constitution, and the decision of the Court?

ANSWER. Not if the attention of the House is called to the fact that such persons are illegally summoned, and objection is seasonably made to the counting of such persons for the purpose of making up a quorum; and the House does not act upon the question of their admissibility.

By the Constitution, article 4, section 5, "the Senate shall, on the first Wednesday of January, annually, determine who are elected by a plurality of votes to be Senators in each district."

QUESTION 10. Can the Governor and Council legally administer the qualifying oath to the members elect of the House of Representatives, when, on a yea and nay vote, as shown by the record, only seventy-three (73) members, both sides inclusive, vote on the motion

to request the attendance of the Governor and Council for that purpose?

QUESTION 11. Can a valid organization of the House be made under the Revised Statutes, chapter 2, section 23, when, under the facts as stated in question 10, a protest was entered, at the time, that no quorum was manifest on the yea and nay vote, and, notwithstanding that protest, the clerk refused to put a motion to adjourn, and the Governor appeared and administered the oath?

QUESTION 12. Can the Governor and Council legally administer the qualifying oaths to the members elect of the Senate, when only twenty (20) members, both sides inclusive, vote on the motion to request their presence for that purpose, and of that twenty (20), eight (8), though summoned, did not appear to be elected by the official returns under the Constitution and the decision of the Court, and were not in fact elected?

ANSWER. These three questions, referring to the qualification of members by the administration of the required oath, may be answered together. By the Constitution, the oath is to be taken and subscribed in the presence of the Governor and Council. By the statute, Revised Statutes, chapter 2, section 23, the clerk of the preceding House shall preside until the representatives elect "shall be qualified and elect a speaker; and, if no quorum appear, he shall preside, and the representatives elect, present, shall adjourn from day to day, until a quorum appear and are qualified, and a speaker is elected." Thus, it will be seen that, while by the statute the clerk is to preside until a quorum shall appear and be qualified, it is not provided, either in the Constitution or the statute, that a less number than a quorum shall not be qualified. Nor can the yea and nay vote on the motion to request the attendance of the Governor and Council, for the purpose of administering the oath, be deemed of any importance. If the Governor and Council had appeared, without a motion or a vote, their authority would have been the same. We therefore answer, that the qualifying oaths under the Constitution or statute may be administered to the members elect of either branch in any numbers, though a quorum must appear and be qualified before proceeding to election of speaker; and if the whole number of votes for speaker is less than a quorum, and there is nothing upon the record to show that a quorum was present and acting, there would be no election.

QUESTION 13. At what date in the year eighteen hundred and eighty (1880), do the terms of office of the following State officers, elected in January eighteen hundred and seventy-nine (1879), expire: The Governor, the Executive Council, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer, the Attorney General, and the Adjutant General?

ANSWER. The Governor's term of office, and also that of his Council, expired at midnight following the first Wednesday of January, 1880. The term of the other officers mentioned in this question will expire when their several successors are elected, as provided in the Constitution.

QUESTION 14. When the terms of office of the Governor and Council have expired, or their offices are vacant, and there is neither Governor nor Council, can the members elect of the Senate and House of Representatives be legally qualified before a magistrate appointed and commissioned by the Governor, with advice of the Council, under a *dedimus potestatem*, by virtue of the Revised Statutes, chapter 2, sections 85 and 86, or by any other provision of law?

QUESTION 24. When the terms of office of the Governor and Council have expired, and the acting President of the Senate has refused to qualify the duly summoned members-elect, and the acting House of Representatives—made up of sixty-two (62) members legally summoned, and fourteen (14) others summoned, but not in fact elected, and not appearing to be elected by the official returns, under the decision of the Court—refuse to admit to seats the fourteen (14) members-elect, specified in question 19, or the nine (9) additional members-elect, specified in question 20, or any one of them, can the seventy-six (76) members specified by question nineteen, or the eighty-five (85) members specified by question twenty, after being called to order by one of their number, and a roll of the members-elect read as they appear by the official returns, be qualified before a Dedimus Justice, and thus constitute and organize a legal House of Representatives?

QUESTION 25. When the terms of office of the Governor and Council have expired, and the acting Senate—made up of twelve (12) members legally summoned, and eight (8) others summoned but not in fact elected, and not appearing to be elected, by the official returns under the decision of the Court—refuse to admit to

seats the seven (7) members who were in fact elected, and who appeared to be elected by the official returns and the decision of the Court, can the seven (7) members thus denied seats, acting with eleven (11) members-elect duly summoned, after being called to order by one of their number, and a roll of the members-elect read as they appear by the official returns and the decision of the Court, be qualified before a Dedimus Justice and thus constitute and organize a legal Senate?

ANSWER. To the 14th, 24th, and 25th questions proposed we answer as follows:

In the general provisions of the Constitution, article 9, certain oaths or affirmations are prescribed for persons elected, appointed or commissioned to the offices therein mentioned. It appears that those before whom the prescribed oaths were to be administered refused to act, and that now there is no existing Governor and Council before whom they can be administered. The oath is prescribed. The terms are the essential. Its binding force depends upon its terms, not on the magistrate by whom it is administered.

If there is no Governor and Council, or, being a Governor and Council, they refuse to administer the oath to one representative or to all—for there can be a refusal to all equally as to one—what is the result?

Is anarchy to triumph? Can the government be destroyed or its action paralyzed because there is no Governor and Council, before whom the prescribed oath is to be taken? We think not. The prescribed oath, from the necessity of the case, may be taken before a magistrate authorized to administer oaths. The members must be sworn before they can act. It is by their action that a Governor and Council, thereafter, is to be settled and the government continued.

It cannot be presumed that the framers of the constitution had in contemplation that the oath had better not be administered at all, than administered by any other officer than the one designated therein. This is one of the most reliable tests by which to distinguish a directory from a mandatory provision. *State vs. Smith*, 67 Maine, 328.

QUESTION 15. When the term of one Governor has expired by law and no successor has been chosen, can the President of the

Senate become acting Governor, if, at his election, twenty (20) votes only are cast for and against him, and those twenty (20) votes are made up as described in question 12?

ANSWER. Our reply to the fifteenth question is in the negative, that one, whose only title to the Presidency of the Senate is by virtue of such an election, cannot become the acting Governor, because he is not a legal President of the Senate. If, of the twenty voting at such choice of President of the Senate, eight did not appear to be elected by the official returns under the Constitution, and the decision of the Court, and were not in fact elected, there was then no legal quorum, and could be no valid election of permanent officers, notwithstanding the eight had been summoned by the Governor and Council. Without a legal quorum, and with these eight participating in the proceedings to the exclusion of those rightfully elected in their places, there could be no valid election of President of the Senate. To proceed with the organization of the Senate without first determining and declaring its own membership, when attention was properly called to the fact that persons were present and acting without right, and that members were excluded, the Secretary refusing to entertain a motion for the correction of the roll, and refusing to allow an appeal from his ruling, and the Senate taking no action although protest was made, was illegal and void.

QUESTION 16. Can a legally chosen President of the Senate become acting Governor, until he has legally qualified as such, in addition to this qualification as President of the Senate?

QUESTION 17. Can such qualifying oaths be legally administered by a President *pro tempore* of the Senate, in joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives, when less than seventy-six (76) members of the House are present or voting on the motion to proceed to joint convention?

ANSWER. Under the letter of the Constitution, it is at least doubtful whether the President of the Senate is required to take a new oath, before exercising the office of Governor, when that office has become vacant in the manner specified therein. The practice since the organization of the State, has, we believe, been uniform against requiring such new oath, and to such practical interpretation of the Constitution, in the absence of express provision or manifest intention to the contrary, we think effect should be given. To the

sixteenth question we reply, that a legally chosen President of the Senate may become acting Governor, without the administration of any other qualifying oath than that which he has taken in his office of Senator.

The answer to the sixteenth question renders a reply to the seventeenth unnecessary.

QUESTION 18. When twelve (12) persons are legally elected members of the House of Representatives from the five cities of Portland, Lewiston, Rockland, Bath and Saco, and that fact unmistakably appears on the official returns and by the decision of the Court, on the facts recited in the Statement herewith submitted, have those twelve (12) members elect a right to take part in the organization and all subsequent proceedings of the House, without a summons from the Governor and Council, no other persons holding summonses for the same seats?

ANSWER. To the 18th question we answer as follows :

It appears from the Statement of Facts, that the members from the five cities of Portland, Lewiston, Rockland, Bath and Saco, were duly elected, as well as by the returns before the Governor and Council ; that by law a summons should of right have been issued to them ; that in fact no summons was issued ; and that their names were not borne on the roll certified to the House as provided by Revised Statutes, chapter 2, section 25. A motion was seasonably made that these members appearing by the returns before the House to have been duly elected, should be permitted to participate in its organization, but the assistant clerk refused to put the motion and to entertain an appeal.

By the constitution the returns were before the House. By those returns the representatives abovenamed appeared to be elected. Their seats were not contested. The Governor and Council could not, without a violation of their constitutional duty, neglect to issue to them a summons, nor the Secretary of State to place their names on the certified roll, which it was his duty to furnish. The Governor and Council could not legally withhold their summonses from those appearing to be elected. They could not order a summons to issue to some appearing to be elected and withhold it from others. If they could, it would be in their power to select from the members appearing to be elected, those who should and those who should not take part in the organization of the House.

The section 25, Revised Statutes, chapter 2, restricts the vote to those whose names are borne on the certified roll. The restricting the vote to those *only* whose names are thus borne is at variance with the Constitution, in so far as it restricts and limits the action of the House to those whom the Governor and Council may select, and not to those appearing to be chosen, and to those the House may determine to be members.

The twelve members had a right to act in the organization of the House. Their election was patent on inspection of the returns. The House in no way denied their right. The question whether their names should be added to the roll was not submitted to its determination. Upon the facts set forth, they appeared to be and were elected, and it is not to be presumed that the House, knowing such facts, would have prohibited their action if the clerk had permitted the question to be put.

These members had a right to take part in the organization of the House, until it should otherwise determine.

QUESTION 19. Can a House of Representatives legally organize or act under a certified roll containing one hundred and thirty-nine (139) names only, and giving no representation to the five cities of Portland, Rockland, Lewiston, Bath and Saco, under the facts as stated in question eighteen (18) without admitting, at once, the twelve (12) members from said cities?

ANSWER. The House cannot legally organize or act under a certified roll of 139 names only, and giving no representation to the five cities named, provided the representatives from the cities appeared and claimed their seats, and the House took no action whatever upon the question of their right to participate in the organization, the clerk refusing to entertain a motion made for that purpose, and refusing to entertain an appeal from his ruling thereon.

QUESTION 20. When persons are legally elected members of the House from the representative districts of Skowhegan and Farmington, and that fact unmistakably appears on the official returns, and by the decision of the Court, on the facts recited in the Statement herewith submitted for those districts, have those members-elect a right to take part in the organization, and all subsequent proceedings of the House, without a summons—the persons summoned having returned their summonses, and declined to serve as representatives on the ground that they were not elected?

ANSWER. To question 20 we answer in the affirmative, unless the House has acted upon the question of their right to act as members and determined to the contrary.

QUESTION 21. Can eleven members, duly elected and summoned, and seven other members, not summoned, "but appearing to be elected by a plurality of all the votes returned," under the requirements of the Constitution, and the decision of the Court, constitute and organize a legal Senate, provided said eighteen members each received, for Senator, a plurality of all the votes cast, and the official records, as well as the official returns, show that fact?

QUESTION 22. Can sixty-two (62) duly summoned members-elect of the House of Representatives, together with twelve (12) members-elect not summoned from the cities of Portland, Lewiston, Bath, Saco and Rockland, and two (2) members-elect not summoned from the towns of Farmington and Skowhegan, constitute and organize a legal House of Representatives, when the fourteen (14) members above enumerated were in fact elected, and that fact appears by the official returns, and by the decision of the Court, no other persons holding summonses for the same seats?

ANSWER. It is the opinion of the Court that questions 21 and 22 may be conveniently answered together. Our answer is this:—Circumstances may exist which will justify, and render legal, such an organization of the Senate, and such an organization of the House. We think such organizations would be justified and rendered legal, by the existence of such circumstances as are recited in the Statement of Facts submitted to us; and that such organizations, effected under such circumstances, would constitute a legal legislature, competent to perform all the functions constitutionally belonging to that department of our government.

Tumult and violence are not requisites to the due assertion of legal rights. They should be avoided whenever it is possible to do so. They can never be justified, except in cases of the extremest necessity. Such peaceful modes of organization are far preferable to a resort to violence.

No rights should be lost by those who seasonably assert them, and appeal to the constitutional tribunals instead of resorting to force.

QUESTION 23. Can the seventy-six (76) members-elect, enumerated in question nineteen (19), constitute and organize a legal House

of Representatives, together with nine (9) other members elect, who were in fact elected, and appear by the official returns, and by the decision of the Court, to be elected, though the nine (9) seats aforesaid are claimed by other candidates who were summoned by the Governor and Council, but were not in fact elected, and do not appear to be elected by said official returns, under the decision of the Court?

ANSWER. It will follow from the answer to questions twenty-one and twenty-two, that this question, for the reasons and upon the circumstances there referred to, must be answered also in the affirmative.

QUESTION 26. When a person receives a summons as a member of the House of Representatives, and returns the same to the Governor, before the assembling of the Legislature, and resigns his seat, is it competent for him to recall and cancel that resignation, after the Legislature has assembled and organized, or can he be compelled to attend as a member?

ANSWER. One who, under such circumstances, returns his summons and resigns his seat, thereby makes a vacancy in the House which is to assemble, which vacancy "may be filled by a new election," under the provisions of Article IV, Part I, section 6, of the Constitution. That the proper steps may be taken by the municipal officers to that end, it is necessary to regard such resignation as irrevocable. If, when once made, it could be recalled at will, the municipal officers could never know that the seat was vacated by resignation. One who has thus resigned cannot be compelled to attend as a member. He is no longer a member. The language of the Court, touching the power of the House to compel the attendance of their members, in the constitutional opinion given in 35 Maine, 563, applies only to those who, without vacating their seats absent themselves from the sessions of the body to which they were elected. It would be alike contrary to the spirit of our institutions, and detrimental to public policy, to hold that a man might be compelled to accept an office of such a character. We therefore answer the question in the negative.

QUESTION 27. In case the official returns of the votes cast for Governor should be lost, concealed, or inaccessible, by accident or fraud, is it competent to count the votes for Governor, by using

certified copies of the official record of the several cities, towns and plantations in the State?

ANSWER. In our recent answer to questions presented by the Governor, we said, in substance, that one of the objects of the constitutional requirement of a record of the vote, to be made at the same time and authenticated in like manner with the return, was to guard against the possible result of mistake, accident, or fraud in the official returns of votes. When such returns of the vote for Governor are lost, concealed, or inaccessible by accident or fraud, the result of the election may still be ascertained by using certified copies of the official records mentioned in the question. Neither the carelessness nor the turpitude of the officers charged with the making, or the custody of the returns, can be suffered to defeat the will of the people, as expressed in the election, so long as the Legislature can ascertain it from the records thus made. True, the Constitution provides that the Secretary of State shall, on the first Wednesday of January, lay the lists before the Senate and House of Representatives, but this provision is directory, and a failure to comply with it cannot defeat the right of the Legislature to ascertain and declare the result of the election.

When the framers of our Constitution and our legislators have taken such pains to perpetuate the evidence of the votes cast, and to guard that evidence against the effect not only of accident, but of human fallibility or perfidy, it is not to be thrown away because the Secretary of State fails, or is unable to comply with this direction. The Constitution is to be construed, when practicable, in all its parts, not so as to thwart, but so as to advance its main object, the continuance and orderly conduct of government by the people. We answer the question in the affirmative.

The questions before us are attested in the usual mode, and purport to come from organized bodies.

They are of the utmost importance.

Our answers are entirely based on the assumption of the existence of the facts as therein set forth. We cannot decline an answer if we would. In a case like the present, the remark of Chief Justice Marshall, in *Cohens vs. Virginia*, is peculiarly applicable. "It is most true," he says, "that this Court will not take jurisdiction, if it should not, but it is equally true that it must take jurisdiction, if it should."

The Judiciary cannot, as the Legislature may, avoid a measure because it approaches the confines of the Constitution. We cannot pass it by, because it is doubtful. With whatever doubts or whatever difficulties a case may be attended, we must decide it, if it be brought before us. We have no more right to decline the exercise of jurisdiction, which is given, than to usurp that which is not given. The one or the other would be treason to the Constitution. Questions may occur which we would gladly avoid, but we cannot avoid them.

JOHN APPLETON,
CHARLES W. WALTON,
WILLIAM G. BARROWS,
CHARLES DANFORTH,
JOHN A. PETERS,
ARTEMAS LIBBEY,
JOSEPH W. SYMONDS.

To JOSEPH A. LOCKE, *President of the Senate*,
and GEORGE E. WEEKS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Augusta, Maine.

Immediately after the reading,

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the Statement of Facts and the Opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court upon Questions submitted, be printed for the use of this House.

Paper from the Senate.

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

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Bradford of Washington,
Coombs of Hancock,
Dingley of Androscoggin,
Lamson of Sagadahoc,

appointed on its part.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Goss of Auburn,
 Farrell of Van Buren,
 Verrill of Portland,
 Oliver of Freeman,
 Fennelly of Mt. Desert,
 Simonton of Rockland,
 Goulding of West Waterville,
 Rafter of Damariscotta,
 Davis of Woodstock,
 Cutler of Bangor,
 Jewett of Sangerville,
 Perkins of Madison,
 Goss of Bath,
 Nash of Addison,
 Mason of Limerick,

were joined on part of the House.

Subsequently the report of the Committee came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence, and is as follows :

Whole number of votes	138,806
Necessary for a choice	69,404
Daniel F. Davis had	68,967
Joseph L. Smith	47,643
Alonzo Garcelon	21,851
Bion Bradbury	264
S. D. Greenlief	29
Joshua L. Chamberlain	20
Stephen D. Greenlief	16
Horace R. Eaton	1
Francis Hathorn	1
John Allen	1
G. W. Quimby	1
Geo. E. Brackett	1
D. F. Davis	2
Aloi Goul	1
Sidney Perham	2
Donald F. Smith	3
W. R. Smith	1

Wm. W. Thomas.....	1
Andrew Jackson.....	1

No candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast and returned according to law, it was declared that no election of Governor had resulted from the popular vote, and Daniel F. Davis, Joseph L. Smith, Alonzo Garcelon and Bion Bradbury were the constitutional candidates.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,

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

On motion of Mr. SPRINGER of Yarmouth,

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

On motion of Mr. SMART of Deering,

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

Mr. CRANE of Winthrop, presented the following :

Ordered. That the Clerk be directed to invite the Rev. Messrs. Ecob, Tilden, Penney, Sterling, Sargent, Ricker and Thacher of Augusta ; Grosvenor, White, Fuller, Emmons and Redlon of Hallowell, and Bradley, Mason and Lindsey of Gardiner, to officiate in rotation as Chaplains of the House of Representatives during the present session.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter, the order was amended by the addition of the names of Rev. Messrs. Whitney and Upjohn, and the order was passed.

On motion of Mr. SMART of Deering,

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. GILMAN of Meddybemps.

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

On motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter,

Ordered, That the Speaker be directed to appoint Mr. Fred Hill of Corinth, as folder of this House.

On motion of Mr. McALLISTER of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the Messenger of the House the usual amount of stationery for the use of the officers and members of the House.

The time having arrived for election of Constitutional Candidates for Governor to be sent up to the Senate,

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the Speaker to receive, sort and count the votes for candidates for Governor, to be returned to the Senate pursuant to the Constitution, to be given in upon one ballot.

The SPEAKER appointed as the Committee,

Messrs. Hutchinson of Lewiston,

Parcher of Saco,

Powers of Houlton,

True of Portland,

Nickerson of Linneus,

Wilson of Albion,

Eaton of Wilton.

Subsequently the Committee, through its Chairman, Mr. HUTCHINSON, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes.....	88
Necessary for a choice.....	45
Daniel F. Davis had.....	88
Bion Bradbury.....	87
Alonzo Garcelon	1

Daniel F. Davis and Bion Bradbury, having each received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected by the House, Constitutional Candidates for the office of Governor.

On motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston, that gentleman conveyed a message to the Senate informing that branch of the Legislature of the election of Hon. Daniel F. Davis and Hon. Bion Bradbury as

Constitutional Candidates, from which the Senate was to elect a Governor for the current political year.

Subsequently a message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, informing the House of the election of Hon. Daniel F. Davis as Governor for the ensuing year.

The SPEAKER joined to the Committee on the part of the Senate to wait on the Hon. Daniel F. Davis and inform him of his election as Governor,

Messrs. Young of Brunswick,
Wentworth of Kittery,
Richards of Gardiner,
Hill of Exeter,
Cutler of Bangor,
Steward of Skowhegan,
Davis of Woodstock,
Maxey of Portland.

On motion of Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps, that gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate proposing a Joint Convention of the two branches of the Legislature forthwith, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State and seven Executive Councillors.

A message was received from the Senate concurring in the proposition for a Convention.

Thereupon the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. BRADFORD of the Senate,

Messrs. Bradford of Washington,
Smith of Lincoln,
Marble of Paris,
Jordan of Auburn,
Emmons of Embden,
Heald of Westport,

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

Having attended to the duty assigned it, the Committee reported:

Whole number of ballots.....	102
Necessary for a choice.....	52

Roscoe L. Bowers had.....	102
Frederic Robie.	102
Joseph T. Hinckley.....	102
William Wilson.....	102
James G. Pendleton.....	102
Lewis Barker.	102
Samuel N. Campbell.....	102

The report was accepted, and the Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederic Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell were declared duly elected Executive Councillors for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. CORNISH of Kennebec,

Messrs. Cornish of Kennebec,
Duran of Cumberland,
Parker of Lewiston,
Purington of Bowdoinham,
Goff of Gorham,
Thomas of Farmington,
Simonton of Rockland,

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

Having attended to the duty assigned it, the Committee reported :

Whole number of votes	105
Necessary for a choice	53
Sumner J. Chadbourne had.....	105

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

On motion of Mr. HARRIS of Washington, the Secretary was directed to notify the officers above elected of the fact of their election.

The Convention then dissolved and the Senate retired.

IN HOUSE.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee to wait upon the Governor elect and inform him of his election, reported that it had discharged the duty assigned it, and the Governor elect was pleased to say that he would attend the Legislature at any hour that they might designate for the purpose of taking the oaths necessary to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of the two branches of the Legislature forthwith, for the purpose of administering to the Hon. Daniel F. Davis, Governor elect, the necessary oaths of office, and receive from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

Mr. WILLOUGHBY of Rockland, was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, concurring in the proposition for a Convention.

Thereupon the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. BRADFORD of the Senate,

Messrs. Bradford of Washington,
Berry of Kennebec,
Thomas of Durham,
Boody of Windham,
Wyman of Augusta,
Sproul of Veazie,
Hall of Nobleborough,

were appointed a Committee to wait upon Hon. Daniel F. Davis, Governor elect, to inform him that 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 might be pleased to make.

Mr. Bradford from the Committee, 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.

The Committee was then directed to wait upon the Governor elect and conduct him to the hall.

Thereupon, Hon. Daniel F. Davis, Governor elect, came in, and in the presence of both branches of the Legislature, in Convention assembled, before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Thereupon Hon. JOSEPH A. LOCKE made the following proclamation :

PROCLAMATION.

The votes for Governor, which have been duly returned from the several cities, towns and plantations of this State, having been examined and counted by the Legislature, it appearing therefrom that no person had received a majority of all the votes given, and the House of Representatives having elected Hon. Daniel F. Davis and Hon. Bion Bradbury as the constitutional candidates for that office, from which the Senate has elected Hon. Daniel F. Davis, who, having in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature taken and subscribed the oaths prescribed by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge his official duties,

I now 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 Hon. Daniel F. Davis *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 briefly by address, as follows :

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

You meet under extraordinary circumstances. For nearly sixty years you and your fathers, representatives of the people, have assembled to deliberate upon the wants of the Commonwealth, and enact its laws.

In all these years the safeguards thrown around a Representative Government have proved strong enough to carry our good State safely through every danger.

Annually the persons elected by the people have been summoned by the proper authorities to meet and organize the Legislature, and those defeated by the people have quietly submitted to the will of the majority.

For the first time in our history, this rule in part has been reversed ; hence the unparalled excitement and popular indignation. The organization of the Legislature has, for that reason, been delayed.

Under such circumstances you have shown great forbearance. You have kept strictly within the law. Coming from law abiding

communities, you have waited till you could obtain the opinion of the Court.

That opinion has been rendered, and to-day you complete the organization of the Fifty-Ninth Legislature.

Believing that this solution of a difficult problem is a striking illustration of the strength of republican government, where only majorities can rule, and that all good citizens will hail it joyfully as such; I will only add that I shall take an early opportunity to express my views upon State affairs.

The Governor and suite then withdrew. The Convention dissolved and the Senate retired.

IN HOUSE.

A communication was received from the Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State elect, signifying his acceptance of that office.

Communications were received from the Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, James G. Pendleton, William Wilson, and Lewis Barker, signifying their acceptance of the office of Councillors.

A communication was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of the two houses forthwith, for the purpose of administering to the Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, James G. Pendleton, William Wilson and Lewis Barker, Councillors elect, the necessary oaths of office.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough, that gentleman was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, signifying the concurrence of the House in the proposition for a Convention.

Thereupon the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention notify the Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, James G. Pendleton, William Wilson and Lewis Barker, Councillors elect, that the two branches of the Legislature are now assembled in Convention for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution to enable them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Councillors elect were pleased to

say that they would forthwith attend. Thereupon the above named Councillors elect came in and took the necessary oaths of office.

The Councillors then retired.

On motion of Mr. HAWES of Cumberland,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, informing him of the election and qualification of the Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, James G. Pendleton, William Wilson and Lewis Barker, as Executive Councillors; and also of the election of Hon. Sumner J. Chadbourne as Secretary of State for the current political year.

The purposes of the Convention having been accomplished, the Senate retired, and the Speaker resumed the Chair, when,

On motion of Mr. HALE of Ellsworth,

The House adjourned to 11 o'clock A. M., Monday, Jan. 19th.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1880..

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

Communications were received from Hons. Frederic Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley and Samuel N. Campbell, Executive Councillors elect, signifying their acceptance, came from the Senate read, and were read in concurrence.

Ordered, The House concurring, that Sprague & Son be Printers to the State until otherwise ordered.

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

Ordered, The House concurring, there be appointed a Committee on State Valuation, of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and
Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,
Hill of Hancock,
Hawes of Cumberland,
appointed on its part.

Was read and passed in concurrence, and
Messrs. Hatch of Bangor,
Verrill of Portland,
Gouiding of West Waterville,
Parker of Lewiston,
Leach of Penobscot,
Nickerson of Linneus,
Twitchell of Bethel,
were joined on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That the Opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court, in reply to the request of Governor Garcelon be printed as an appendix to the Opinion of said Justices ordered to be printed for the use of this House.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter, the vote whereby an order for the appointment of Fred Hill as Folder was passed, was reconsidered, and the order laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. WILLOUGHBY of Rockland, the name of Rev. Dr. Quinby was added to the list of Chaplains.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

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, and one copy of Cushing's Manual, and the same to be returned to the Secretary of State at the close of the session.

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. Tilden, its Secretary, proposing a Convention in the Representatives' Hall, this day, forthwith, for the purpose of administering to Hons. Frederic Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley and Samuel N. Campbell, Councillors elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon their official duties.

A message was conveyed to the Senate, by the Clerk, concurring in a proposition for a Convention.

Thereupon the Senate came in, and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,
Jordan of Auburn,
Verrill of Portland,

were appointed a Committee to notify Hons. Frederic Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley and Samuel N. Campbell, Councillors elect, 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. Berry subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned it, and the Councillors elect were pleased to say that they would forthwith attend upon the Convention for the purposes indicated.

Thereupon the Hons. Frederic Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley and Samuel N. Campbell, Councillors elect, 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. EMERY of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention inform the Governor of the qualification of the Hons. Frederic Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley and Samuel N. Campbell, Executive Councillors for the current political year.

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

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, informing that body that this House is ready to go into Joint Convention for the purpose of electing the Attorney General and Adjutant General, and the hour of 11.50 is hereby fixed for this Convention, the same to be held in this hall.

A message was subsequently received from the Senate of the concurrence of that branch in the proposition for a Convention.

The time fixed for the Convention for election of Attorney General and Adjutant General having arrived, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,

Messrs. Hutchinson of Lewiston,
Smith of Lincoln,
Wakefield of York,
Butler of Vassalborough,
Cole of Cape Elizabeth,
Marble of Paris,
Jewett of Richmond,

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

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes	105
Necessary for a choice	53
Henry B. Cleaves had	105

The report was accepted, and Hon. Henry B. Cleaves was declared duly elected Attorney General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. COOMBS of Hancock,

Messrs. Coombs of Hancock,
Brewer of Cumberland,
Lord of Bangor,
Thomas of Durham,
Colburn of Pittston,
Twitchell of Bethel,
Dinsmore of Medford,

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

Having attended to the duty assigned it, Mr. COOMBS, from the Committee, reported :

Whole number of votes	99
Necessary for a choice	50
George L. Beal had	95
Samuel J. Gallagher	4

The report was accepted, and Hon. George L. Beal was declared duly elected Adjutant General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Lincoln, the Secretary was directed to inform Gen. George L. Beal of his election as Adjutant General, and Hon. Henry B. Cleaves of his election as Attorney General for the current political year.

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

IN HOUSE.

Communications were received from the Hons. George L. Beal and Henry B. Cleaves, signifying their acceptance of the offices to which they had been elected.

The following paper came from the Senate :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }
Augusta, January 19, 1880. }

To the Honorable President of the Senate and

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor to represent that upon being duly elected and qualified as Secretary of State, I served a formal written notice, in the absence of Hon. E. H. Gove, ex-Secretary of State, upon Prince A. Sawyer, Esq., ex-deputy Secretary of State, for a delivery to me of the possession of the several apartments, seal, archives and other public property pertaining to that office, but that gentleman refused to comply with the demand. I, therefore, after securing a key, entered the office of Secretary of State and took possession of such archives and public property as could be found in that office. The broad Seal of State was not in its usual place, nor have I been able to find it. The returns of votes for Governor, Senators and Representatives to the Legislature and county officers have not yet been found. A safe in the office *may* contain the above named seal and returns; but the key and combination are not in my possession.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. J. CHADBOURNE.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth,

Mr. SPEAKER: I have a joint resolution which I will read.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 19, 1880. }

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine and Legislature assembled: That the Secretary of State be and hereby is directed to procure a suitable seal in a similitude of the seal last in use and acknowledged as the Seal of the State, and that said seal when so completed be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, and the same shall become the Seal of the State.

I notice in the communication that has been received from the Secretary of State, Mr. Speaker, that he has not yet made an exhaustive search of the places where this seal may be lodged. I do not know, and he does not know but that the seal may be in the safe. The parties going out and not in possession of the office, have seen fit, in an unprecedented manner, to retain the keys of that safe. But it can be easily opened, Mr. Speaker, and will be opened. And because that can be done, and because it can then be known whether we need to get a seal better than we know now, I shall not offer this order to-day, but shall ask that the communication be laid upon the table, and between now and the next session of this House the contents of that safe will be disclosed. And it has been proved already that this Government can run, even if returns are taken away improperly. And it will soon be found out, sir, that the legal government of the State of Maine will not be obstructed one moment because parties have stolen the Seal of the State. I shall offer this to-morrow, if necessary, and I ask that the communication lay upon the table at present.

The communication was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,
The House adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

A communication was received from Wallace R. White, requesting an investigation of certain charges preferred against him by Representatives Swan of Minot, and Harriman of Kennebunkport.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the communication of Wallace R. White be referred to a Select Committee of five, with instructions to make investigation of the facts therein referred to, and that said Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and administer oaths.

The order was read and passed, and

Messrs. Hutchinson of Lewiston,
Hale of Ellsworth,
Wentworth of Kittery,
Harriman of Readfield,
Milliken of Burnham,

were appointed by the Chair.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, presented the following preamble and resolution :

WHEREAS, The Fifty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Maine, as elected by the people of the State at its last annual election, has met and has legally organized with a full quorum in each House, under the Opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and has duly and legally proceeded to elect a Governor and Executive Council, and other State officers, all of whom have been duly qualified, and have entered upon their respective duties in the customary places of the State House, where the business of the State is transacted, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate and House of Representatives will forthwith proceed to legislative business touching the varied interests of the people of Maine, their finances, their courts, their public schools, the fisheries, the adaptability of the laws to the new constitutional amendments, the fixing of a just and fair basis for the

coming valuation of all the property in the State, so that taxation may fall justly and fairly upon the people, and such other subjects as may naturally and fittingly come before the Legislature. And we desire and hereby give notice to all the people of the State that any bodies or collection of men outside of the Legislature, here and now duly and legally assembled and organized, as before mentioned, who may meet in any place, claiming to act as the Legislature of the State of Maine, are wholly without right or authority so to act, and are proceeding in violation of the Constitution and the laws of the State.

And on his motion the yeas and nays were ordered upon the passage, and the resolution received a passage by eighty-six yeas.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Gilman,	Norton,
Andrews,	Goff,	Parcher,
Baker of Orrington,	Goss of Auburn,	Parker,
Baker of Steuben,	Goss of Bath,	Partridge,
Benner,	Goulding,	Porter,
Boody,	Gray,	Purington,
Bradstreet,	Hale,	Rafter,
Bragdon,	Hall of Alfred,	Redlon,
Brooks,	Hall of Nobleboro',	Richards,
Burnham,	Hanscom,	Robbins,
Butler,	Harriman, Readfield,	Rogers,
Clay,	Hatch,	Rolfe,
Colburn,	Heal,	Rowell,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Hill of Exeter,	Simonton,
Cole of Smithfield,	Hilton of Embden,	Smart,
Cook,	Hutchinson,	Springer of Litchfield,
Crane,	Jewett of Richmond,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Cutler,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Sproul,
Davis,	Jordan,	Steward,
Dinsmore,	Leach,	Stratton,
Dunnell,	Lord of Bangor,	Strout,
Eaton,	Marble,	Thomas of Durham,
Emmons,	Mason,	Thomas, Farmington,
Fennelley,	Maxey,	Toothaker,
French,	McAllister,	True,
Getchell,	Nickerson,	Twitchell,

Verrill,	Wentworth of Kittery, Wilson, Columbia Fl's,
Wasson,	Willoughby, Wyman.—86.
Weeks,	Wilson of Albion,

Papers from the Senate.

The Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary on part of the Senate, came from that branch, and was joined on part of the House, and is as follows :

Messrs. Bradford of Washington,
 Berry of Kennebec,
 Strickland of Aroostook,
 of the Senate.

Messrs. Hale of Ellsworth,
 Strout of Portland,
 Hutchinson of Lewiston,
 Ingalls of Wiscasset,
 Wilson of Orono,
 McKusick of Calais,
 Bradstreet of Bridgton,
 of the House.

The SPEAKER also announced the following Standing Committees on Elections and on Leave of Absence.

The Committee on Elections is as follows :

Messrs. Hutchinson of Lewiston,
 Mason of Limerick,
 Hill of Corinth,
 Robbins of Eastport,
 McAllister of Bucksport,
 Partridge of Whitefield,
 Hills of Union,
 Milliken of Burnham.

On Leave of Absence:

Messrs. Hall of Alfred,
 True of Portland,
 Rafter of Damariscotta,
 Jewett of Richmond,
 Benner of Waldoborough,
 Springer of Litchfield,
 Stanley of Porter,
 Wasson of Brooksville.

The SPEAKER announced the Monitors of the House as follows :

1st Division	Hall of Nobleborough.
2nd	“Norton of Industry.
3d	“ Cole of Cape Elizabeth.
4th	“Getchell of Wells.
5th	“Toothaker of Pownal.
6th	“ Rolfe of Princeton,
7th	“Hilton of Embden.
8th	“Steward of Skowhegan.

Papers from the Senate.

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

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Hawes of Cumberland,
Cornish of Kennebec,
Fernald of Franklin,

appointed on its part.

Was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Rowell of Hallowell,
Redlon of Portland,
Lord of Bangor,
Marble of Paris,
Milliken of Burnham,
Robinson of Oldtown,
Andrews of Norway,

were joined on part of the House.

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

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Smith of Lincoln,
Lamson of Sagadahoc,
Wakefield of York,

appointed on its part.

Read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Hill of Corinth,
Goulding of West Waterville,
Dunnell of Westbrook,
Robbins of Eastport,
Brooks of Belfast,

were joined on part of the House.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of codifying all Constitutional provisions and statutes with reference to elections, for use of Municipal Officers.

Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps, offered the following, which was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Claims :

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to make up the pay of Asa Atwood, Messenger of the last House, for ——— days at two dollars per day, and the usual mileage.

Mr. BROOKS of Belfast, presented the following order, which was, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Claims :

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to make up the pay of Jesse H. Cook, First Assistant Messenger of the last House, for ——— days at two dollars per day and usual mileage.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any, and what, Legislation is necessary to prevent and punish the unauthorized abstraction, retention, and use of the State Seal, State Records, and other papers properly belonging to the office of the Secretary of State, or the doing of unauthorized acts in the name of the State, and report at once to this House.

The foregoing order was read and passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, presented "Resolve concerning a State Seal," and on his motion the rules were suspended, the resolve read twice, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in Legislature assembled :

That the Secretary of State be and hereby is directed to procure a suitable seal which shall be of the same form and device as the seal last in use, and acknowledged as the Seal of the State, and that said seal when so completed, be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, and that the same shall be the Seal of the State.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, The House concurring, that the Joint Rules and Orders of 1879 be adopted as the Joint Rules and Orders of this Legislature until otherwise ordered.

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

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance, came from the Senate and was joined on part of the House, and is as follows :

Messrs. Hawes of Cumberland,
Hill of Hancock,
Cornish of Kennebec,

on part of the Senate.

Messrs. Young of Brunswick,
 Mason of Limerick,
 Cutler of Bangor,
 Brooks of Belfast,
 Richards of Gardiner,
 Talbot of East Machias,
 Gushee of Appleton,

were joined on part of the House.

On motion, a recess was taken until 12 o'clock, at which time the Speaker resumed the Chair.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, Charles W. Tilden, Esq., proposing a Convention of the Legislature, this day, forthwith, for the purpose of electing a State Treasurer 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. BERRY of the Senate.

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,
 Brewer of Cumberland,
 Baker of Orrington,
 Rafter of Damariscotta,
 Rogers of Stetson,
 Harriman of Readfield,
 Wasson of Brooksville.

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	98
Necessary for a choice.....	50
S. A. Holbrook had	98

The report was accepted, and the Hon. S. A. Holbrook was declared duly elected Treasurer of State, for the current fiscal year.

The Secretary, on motion, was directed to notify the Hon. S. A. Holbrook 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. SMART of Deering,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State furnish the Messenger with one copy of the Acts and Resolves for 1879 for each member of the present House.

On motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Secretary of State be directed to send to the several cities, towns and plantations in the State a copy of the order in relation to the Valuation of Property in the State, passed on January 19th, 1880, and to notify said Assessors that the subject of such valuation is now before the Legislature.

This order was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WYMAN of Augusta,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. TILDEN of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

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

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what legislation may be necessary in order to remove from the position of County Attorney, County Treasurer and County Commissioner of Washington county, those persons who now hold said positions, in virtue of certificates alone, and not by election of the people, and report by bill or otherwise.

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

Ordered, That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed, to whom all matters relating to Temperance and the Prohibitory Laws will be referred.

This order came from the Senate read and passed, and

Messrs. Lamson of Sagadahoc,
Fernald of Franklin,
Lamson of Waldo,

appointed on its part.

Was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Crane of Winthrop,
Ingalls of Wiscasset,
Jewett of Sangerville,
Baker of Orrington,
Hills of Union,
Goss of Bath,
Heal of Westport,

were joined on part of the House.

Ordered, That, the House concurring, all petitions or orders for legislation save those for redress of wrongs, which may be presented to this Legislature after Monday, February 2d, be referred to the next Legislature, and that this order be published in the Daily Kennebec Journal, Maine Standard, Daily Eastern Argus, Bangor Daily Whig, Daily Commercial, Portland Daily Press, Portland Daily Advertiser and Lewiston Evening Journal, provided that this order may be suspended by a majority vote of the members.

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

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

On the Judiciary.

Messrs. Bradford of Washington,
Berry of Kennebec,
Strickland of Aroostook, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Hale of Ellsworth,
Strout of Portland,
Hutchinson of Lewiston,
Ingalls of Wiscasset,
Wilson of Orono,
McKusick of Calais,
Bradstreet of Bridgton, *of the House*.

On Legal Affairs.

Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,
Harris of Washington,
Ellis of Waldo, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Verrill of Portland,
Partridge of Whitefield,
Parker of Lewiston,
Robinson of Thomaston,
Nash of Addison,
Steward of Skowhegan,
Swan of Minot, *of the House*.

On Financial Affairs.

- Messrs. Hawes of Cumberland,
Hill of Hancock,
Cornish of Kennebec, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Young of Brunswick,
Mason of Limerick,
Cutler of Bangor,
Brooks of Belfast,
Richards of Gardiner,
Talbot of East Machias,
Gushee of Appleton, *of the House*.

On Federal Relations.

- Messrs. Parlin of Somerset,
Coombs of Hancock,
Patten of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Lord of Bangor,
Knight of Naples,
Hutchins of Lovell,
Plaisted of Lincoln,
Loring of Perry,
Bridgham of Plan. No. 14,
Getchell of Wells, *of the House*.

On Education.

- Messrs. Smith of Lincoln,
Parcher of Androscoggin,
Thompson of Knox, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Hill of Exeter,
Marble of Paris,
Springer of Yarmouth,
Crane of Winthrop,
Staples of Parsonsfield,
Howard of Montville,
Wilson of Albion, *of the House*.

On Railroads.

- Messrs. Harris of Washington,
Coombs of Hancock,
Lamson of Sagadahoc, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Wentworth of Kittery,
Hill of Corinth,
Thomas of Farmington,
Whitman of Harrison,
Parcher of Saco,
Jewett of Sangerville,
Whitten of Pittsfield, *of the House*.

On Commerce.

- Messrs. Coombs of Hancock,
Wakefield of York,
Ellis of Waldo, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Goss of Bath,
Colburn of Pittston,
Robbins of Eastport,
Benner of Waldoborough,
Hussey of Waldo,
Wasson of Brooksville,
Smith of Vinalhaven, *of the House*.

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

- Messrs. Hill of Hancock,
Duran of Cumberland,
Thompson of Knox, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Lord of Standish,
Lord of Bangor,
Cole of Cape Elizabeth,
Milliken of Burnham,
Redlon of Portland,
Hanscomb of Lebanon,
Jordan of Auburn, *of the House*.

On Banks and Banking.

- Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,
Cornish of Kennebec,
Brewer of Cumberland, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Hatch of Bangor,
Twitchell of Bethel,
True of Portland,
Wilson of Columbia Falls,
Purington of Bowdoinham,
Pendleton of Islesborough,
Wyman of Augusta, *of the House*.

On Manufactures.

- Messrs. Cornish of Kennebec,
Emery of York,
Linn of Somerset, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Wyman of Augusta.
Redlon of Portland,
Gray of Monson,
McAllister of Bucksport,
Boody of Windham,
Wentworth of South Berwick,
Abbott of Dexter, *of the House*.

On Agriculture.

- Messrs. Lamson of Sagadahoc,
Duran of Cumberland,
Dearborn of York, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Steward of Skowhegan,
Davis of Woodstock,
Rogers of Stetson,
Abbott of Dexter,
Stanley of Porter,
Springer of Litchfield,
Haskell of Turner, *of the House*.

On Military Affairs.

- Messrs. Flint of Piscataquis,
Fernald of Franklin,
Atwell of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Goulding of West Waterville,
Frederic of Starks,
Goss of Auburn,
Smart of Deering,
Knowles of Bradford,
Dinsmore of Medford,
Record of New Gloucester, *of the House*.

On Interior Waters.

- Messrs. Wakefield of York,
Atwell of Penobscot,
Harris of Washington, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Robbins of Eastport,
Twitchell of Bethel,
Dunnell of Westbrook,
Burnham of Sherman,
Porter of Dixmont,
Dickey of Fort Kent,
Smith of Buxton, *of the House*.

On State Lands and State Roads.

- Messrs. Barker of Penobscot,
Smith of Lincoln,
Flint of Piscataquis, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Farrell of Van Buren,
Hall of Alfred,
Harriman of Readfield,
Hilton of Embden,
Cole of Smithfield,
Bridgham of Falmouth,
Baker of Steuben, *of the House*.

On Ways and Bridges.

- Messrs. Parcher of Androscoggin,
Brewer of Cumberland,
Fernald of Franklin, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Parcher of Saco,
Long of Fort Fairfield,
Simonton of Rockland,
Heal of Westport,
Paine of Weld,
Hall of Nobleborough,
Wendall of Hartford, *of the House*.

On Fisheries.

- Messrs. Duran of Cumberland,
Rankins of Oxford,
Linn of Somerset, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Gilman of Meddybemps,
Clay of Bluehill,
Trafton of Georgetown,
Wilson of Columbia Falls,
French of Stockton,
Perkins of Madison,
Oliver of Freeman, *of the House*.

On Counties.

- Messrs. Ellis of Waldo,
Lamson of Sagadahoc,
Rogers of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Jordan of Auburn,
Hanscom of Lebanon,
Boody of Windham,
Washburn of Greene,
Hill of Corinth,
Hunnewell of Scarborough,
Temple of Eddington, *of the House*.

On Towns.

Messrs. Brewer of Cumberland,
Smith of Lincoln,
Rankins of Oxford, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Powers of Houlton,
Jewett of Richmond,
Andrews of Norway,
Bragdon of Sullivan,
Whitman of Harrison,
Baker of Orrington,
Heard of Biddeford, *of the House*.

On Indian Affairs.

Messrs. Patten of Penobscot,
Emery of York,
Bradford of Washington, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Rolfe of Princeton,
Sproul of Veazie,
Chadbourne of North Berwick,
McLaughlin of Carmel,
Toothaker of Pownal,
Hill of Howland,
Jewett of Sangerville, *of the House*.

On Claims.

Messrs. Fernald of Franklin,
Dearborn of York,
Barrett of Oxford, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Fennelly of Mt. Desert,
Dinsmore of Medford,
Sproul of Veazie,
Roundy of Benton,
Rafter of Damariscotta,
Chadbourne of North Berwick,
Wyman of Augusta, *of the House*.

On Pensions.

- Messrs. Atwood of Penobscot,
Flint of Piscataquis,
Barrett of Oxford, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Robinson of Oldtown,
Perry of Camden,
Thomas of Durham,
Leach of Penobscot,
Chesley of Oxford,
Loring of Perry,
Horn of Acton, *of the House*.

On Insane Hospital.

- Messrs. Dearborn of York,
Hawes of Cumberland,
Parlin of Somerset, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Eaton of Wilton,
Butler of Vassalborough,
Emmons of Limington,
Stratton of Hancock,
Waldron of Frankfort,
Whipple of Bingham,
Webb of Deer Isle, *of the House*.

On Reform School.

- Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,
Brewer of Cumberland,
Strickland of Aroostook, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Maxey of Portland,
Rowell of Hallowell,
Nickerson of Linneus,
Hills of Union,
Toothaker of Pownal,
Norton of Industry,
Hastings of Sidney, *of the House*.

On State Prison.

- Messrs. Emery of York,
Hill of Hancock,
Rogers of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Willoughby of Rockland,
Goff of Gorham,
Getchell of Wells,
Purinton of Bowdoinham,
Cook of Lewiston,
True of Portland,
Wales of Biddeford, *of the House*.

On Public Buildings.

- Messrs. Lamson of Waldo,
Hawes of Cumberland,
Parcher of Androscoggin, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Hall of Alfred,
Durham of Monroe,
Hilton of St. Albans,
Colburn of Pittston,
Thomas of Durham,
Howard of Westfield Plantation,
Hanscom of Lebanon, *of the House*.

On Library.

- Messrs. Rogers of Penobscot,
Wakefield of York,
Barker of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Springer of Yarmouth,
Crane of Winthrop,
Hatch of Bangor,
Wentworth of South Berwick,
Paine of Weld,
Boody of Windham,
Lewis of Springfield, *of the House*.
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The Speaker announced the Standing Committees of the House as follows :

On Bills in the Third Reading.

Messrs. Butler of Vassalborough,
Partridge of Whitefield,
Perry of Camden,
Dunnell of Westbrook,
Fennelly of Mt. Desert,
Wales of Biddeford,
Eaton of Wilton.

On Change of Names.

Messrs. Leach of Penobscot,
Wentworth of Kittery,
Goss of Bath,
Horn of Acton,
Hilton of Embden,
Strout of Portland,
Hill of Howland.

On Ways and Means.

Messrs. Young of Brunswick,
Mason of Limerick,
Cutler of Bangor,
Brooks of Belfast,
Richards of Gardiner,
Talbot of East Machias,
Gushee of Appleton.

On Business of the House.

Messrs. Smart of Deering,
Gilman of Meddybemps,
Ingalls of Wiscasset.

Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston, presented "resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution, so as to elect the Governor by a plurality instead of a majority of votes," and on his motion the resolve was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SMART of Deering,

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

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending section 2, chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to arrest and disclosure, by striking out in said section the word "ten" wherever it occurs, and inserting the word "twenty" in place thereof.

On motion of Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to examine into the provisions of the new constitutional amendments, and report to this House any changes that may be needed in adjusting the laws of the State to said amendments.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to the several monitors of this House, and to the several heads of the departments, each a copy of the Acts and Resolves of the State for each year from 1871 to 1879 inclusive, the same to be returned to the State Secretary at the close of the session by said monitors, and at the close of the present political year by the heads of departments.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be and is hereby authorized and directed to procure one hundred copies of the Maine Register for the use of the members of this House and the heads of the different departments; also, that the Secretary of State be and is hereby authorized and directed to procure twelve copies of the Revised Statutes for the use of the monitors of this House, and for the heads of the different departments, the same to be returned to the Secretary's office at the close of the session.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported on order, bill "an act in relation to the State seal, public records and documents, and to certain public officers and their duties."

Ordered printed under rule.

"Resolve providing for a seal of the State," having had two several readings and passed to be engrossed, was, under suspension of rules, finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By his own request, Mr. HALE of Ellsworth was excused from serving on the Committee to investigate certain charges against Wallace R. White, and Mr. McKUSICK of Calais was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. STERLING of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

Petition of Patrick McMannus, for an act to authorize the construction of a dyke or dykes ; also

Petition of Isaac Reynolds and others of Hanover, for an act to prevent the throwing of refuse into the stream leading from Howard's pond to Androscoggin river in the town of Hanover ; and

Petition of same, for an act to incorporate the Hanover Pond Reservoir Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 29, laws of 1869, concerning the militia," was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution of the State that the certificate of election of representatives to the House shall issue directly from municipal officers of representative districts.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Committee on Financial Affairs be authorized and instructed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of State.

On motion of Mr. ROLFE of Princeton,

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

On motion of Mr. ROGERS of Stetson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending the statute so that Supervisors of Schools in the several towns, shall, in case of vacancy occurring after the annual election, be filled for the remainder of the current year by the municipal officers.

On motion of Mr. REDLON of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the laws relating to liens, so that the remedy shall be plain and adequate.

On motion of Mr. CLAY of Bluehill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending by striking out the words "or sold" in the lien law on granite.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter,

Ordered, That the Librarian be instructed to deliver to the Messenger of this House one hundred copies of the Acts and Resolves of 1879, also sixty copies of the House Journal of 1879.

On motion of Mr. SMART of Deering,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be instructed to ascertain and report to this House whether the assessors of each city, town and plantation in this State have furnished the full original poll lists and valuation lists of their several cities, towns and plantations, as required by chapter 161 of the public laws of 1879.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported "resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution so

as to elect the Governor by a plurality instead of a majority of votes;" and on his motion the rules were suspended, and the resolve was read twice, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SMART of Deering,
Adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. TILDEN of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of citizens of Monson, Abbot and vicinity, for amendment of section 10, chapter 19, revised statutes, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Machias," with statement of facts accompanying, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 16 of chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to toll bridges, so that stockholders out of the State shall pay tax on their stock in the town or towns where the bridge is located.

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

On motion of Mr. WILLOUGHBY of Rockland,

Ordered, That when the House adjourn it be to meet at 11 o'clock A. M., Monday next.

Petition of C. H. Clement et als., for charter for wharf in tide waters of Seal Harbor, Mt. Desert, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps, the House took a recess for half an hour, at the expiration of which the SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

On motion of Mr. SMART of Deering,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any changes are necessary in chapter 67, revised statutes, concerning minors and guardians, and if any, what changes.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary ascertain and report what action, if any, should be taken in order to prevent any person or persons from falsely pretending to assume the functions and duties of any of the State officers.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the payment of the bonds of the State, due August 15th, 1880, by issuing new bonds therefor, payable as follows: One hundred thousand dollars payable in one year, one hundred thousand dollars payable in two years, and one hundred and seven thousand dollars payable in three years, at a rate of interest not exceeding $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, the payment of said several bonds to be provided for at maturity by taxation, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston presented the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, Information has been received that certain persons have been engaged in enrolling and enlisting men in a manner and for purposes unauthorized by the laws of this State, and

WHEREAS, such enlistment and organizations tend to the disturbance of the public peace, and to civil disorder and revolution, therefore

Resolved, That a Joint Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed by the Chair for the purpose of investigating the truth of such reports, and to ascertain what action, if any, should be taken, and make report of their doings to this House, said Committee to have power to send for persons and papers.

The foregoing was read and passed, and

Messrs. Hutchinson of Lewiston,
McKusick of Calais,
Butler of Vassalborough,
Ingalls of Wiscasset,
Robinson of Oldtown,
Lord of Bangor,
Twitchell of Bethel,

were appointed on the part of the House.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act in relation to the State seal, public records and documents, and to certain public officers and their duties," was read three times, under suspension of rules, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. WHITNEY of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Petition of Eben Wellman and others, of Augusta, for right to flow meadow lands, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

By his own request, Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps was excused from serving on the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. ABBOTT of Dexter, by his own request, was excused from serving on the Committee on Reform School.

The Speaker appointed Mr. ABBOTT of Dexter to the Committee on Agriculture, and Mr. ROWELL of Hallowell a member of the Committee on Reform School.

On motion of Mr. PARTRIDGE of Whitefield,

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Bridges inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 41, public laws of 1878, relating to town ways.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of continuing in force another year, chapter 131, laws of 1879, relating to Free High Schools.

On motion of Mr. BRADSTREET of Bridgton,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to investigate the matter of the loss of the State Seal, and the loss of official returns and other instruments and documents from the offices of Heads of Departments in the State House, and that said Committee be empowered to administer oaths, and send for persons and papers.

This order was read and passed, and

Messrs. Bradstreet of Bridgton,

Jordan of Auburn,

Rowell of Hallowell,

Loring of Perry,

Baker of Steuben,

were appointed on part of the House.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston,

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock P. M.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act providing for the recording in Registry of Deeds of judgments in real actions," came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was referred in concurrence.

Bill "an act amendatory of and additional to an act to incorporate the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FENNELLY of Mt. Desert,

Ordered, That the Clerk make up the pay of Bert Andrews, late Page of the House, for — days at \$1.50 per day and the usual mileage.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of removing by address all county officers not elected by the votes of the State, but wrongfully holding commissions from the Governor; also to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the filling of vacancies caused by removal by address or by Governor's warrants, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of same gentleman,

Ordered, That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 39, chapter 76, revised statutes, relating to the seizure and sale on execution of lands and other property of corporations, and report all necessary legislation thereon.

On motion of same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs examine and report what legislation is expedient in amendment of section 9, chapter 32, revised statutes, relating to days of grace on promissory notes and other commercial paper.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

“Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution so as to elect the Governor by a plurality instead of a majority of votes,” having had two readings and passed to be engrossed, was reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

A two-thirds vote being necessary to the final passage of the resolve, the yeas and nays were taken, and the following gentlemen voted yea, and the resolve received a unanimous passage.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Bradstreet,	Clay,
Andrews,	Bragdon,	Cole, Cape Elizabeth,
Baker of Orrington,	Brooks,	Cole, Smithfield,
Baker of Steuben,	Burnham,	Cook,
Boody,	Butler,	Crane,

Cutler,	Jordan,	Simonton,
Davis,	Leach,	Smart,
Dinsmore,	Lewis,	Springer of Litchfield,
Dunnell,	Lord of Bangor,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Eaton,	Loring,	Sproul,
Emmons,	Marble,	Steward,
Fennelly,	Mason,	Stratton,
French,	Maxey,	Strout,
Getchell,	McAllister,	Thomas of Durham,
Gilman,	Nickerson,	Thomas, Farmington,
Goff,	Norton,	Toothaker,
Goss of Auburn,	Parcher,	Trafton,
Goulding,	Parker,	True,
Gray,	Partridge,	Twitchell,
Hall of Alfred,	Payne,	Verrill,
Hanscom,	Porter,	Wasson,
Hatch,	Purington,	Weeks,
Heal,	Redlon,	Willoughby,
Hilton of Embden,	Robbins,	Wilson of Albion,
Hutchinson,	Rogers,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's,
Jewett of Richmond,	Rolfe,	Wyman.—80.
Jewett of Sangerville,	Rowell,	

On Motion of Mr. NORTON of Industry,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. UPJOHN of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Passamaquoddy Indians, for protection of lands and repair of chapel; and

Petition of same for purchase of land adjoining Pleasant Point;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Indian Affairs..

Ordered, That the pay of Leslie F. Keene, as Assistant Messenger, be made up for—days, with the usual mileage, and that this order be referred to the Committee on Claims.

This order came from the Senate read and referred to the Committee on Claims, and was read and tabled on motion of Mr. RICHARDS of Gardiner.

Report of Committee on State Valuation came from the Senate, reporting an order.

The report was read and accepted in concurrence, and tabled on motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor.

Petition of Caleb Fuller and 270 others of Woodstock, to be set off from the town of Woodstock and annexed to the town of Paris; also

Petition of Daniel T. Flint et als., to be set off from Bridgton Centre Village Corporation; and

Petition of Wellington O. Amazine of Garland;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Mellus Trafton; and

Petition of John Anderson, for stumpage due him from State;

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

Petition of S. Bowman and others, of Gardiner, for an act to make free the bridge across the Kennebec river at that place; and

Petition of L. W. Goodspeed and 220 others, of Gardiner and Pittston, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of H. W. Wight and others, praying for change of statute in reference to fees of inspectors of lime, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Simeon Allen and others, for repeal of eel law in Bagaduce river, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SPRINGER of Yarmouth,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire what legislation is necessary or desirable to equalize taxation on real estate and loans secured by mortgage on the same, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire what amendments of the insolvent laws are necessary or desirable, particularly in reference to matters of appeal.

On motion of Mr. LEACH of Penobscot.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. THACHER of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of an act, or an act amendatory of an act, whereby any officer of the State may be compelled to deliver to his successor in office any and all property and papers in his hands belonging to the State or said office, and report by bill or otherwise.

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

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting a statement as to delinquent towns, as regards compliance with valuation law.

Petition of Anson Bowler and Martha Y. Bowler, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Credentials of Lewey Mitchell, Representative from the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians ; and

Credentials of Lola Cola, Representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians ;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of Fred Coombs and 60 others, for repeal of chapter 96, public laws of 1879 ; and

Bill "an act for the protection of smelts in Pleasant river in the County of Washington ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Carleton, Norwood & Co., for reduction of fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Moses O. Olliver and others, for an act of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

"An act to amend the charter of the Eliot Bridge Company ;" and

Petition of Selectmen of Yarmouth and Freeport, for a stationary bridge across Cousins' river ; and

Remonstrance of Lucien J. Blaisdell against the same, were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad," was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That, the Senate concurring, the Opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, rendered January 27, 1880, declaring the House and Senate now holding sessions in the State House the legal Legislature of Maine, be printed with the Opinion of the Court already ordered.

On motion of Mr. SPRINGER of Yarmouth,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of abolishing Latin and Greek from all High Schools out-

side of cities and towns able to provide separate departments and suitable teachers for those studies.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter,

Ordered, That the Committee on Financial Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the present statute relating to mileage, that members of the Legislature hereafter receive only their actual expenses in coming to and going from the Capital, instead of the mileage to which they are now entitled.

On motion of Mr. BRADSTREET of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether the contract for the purchase of the Digest of the Maine Reports, authorized by resolve of 1878, is still binding upon this State, and what, if any, action is necessary in relation thereto; also, to inquire whether it is expedient for the State to purchase any, and if so, how many of Hopkins' Digest, and at what expense.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to notify the assessors of each and every delinquent city, town and plantation, of any deficiency in the return of lists required by chapter 161 of the laws of 1879, in relation to the State Valuation, and request them to forward the same forthwith.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. EATON of Wilton presented the following, which was laid on the table on motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Speaker of the House be respectfully requested to join to the Senate Committee to consider the matter of State Valuation, one member from each county.

"Resolve for Commission to revise the militia laws," was presented by Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston, and under suspension of rules was read once, and to-morrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported on petition, bill "an act amendatory of and additional to 'an act to incorporate the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company.'"

This report was read and accepted, bill read twice.

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes, relating to days of grace."

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act relating to State officers."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under Joint Rule.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. QUINBY of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Passamaquoddy Indians for right to let canoes on waters of Bar Harbor, and for right to kill deer, was referred in concurrence to Committee on Indian Affairs.

Ordered, The House concurring, that the questions propounded to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court by A. G. Andrews and H. H. Cheever, Esq., with the answer of the Court thereto, be printed with the Opinions already ordered to be printed by the Senate and House.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the Constitution of the State by abolishing the Council, providing for the election of an auditor, and constituting the heads of departments the advisers of the Governor.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 6, section 40, of the revised statutes, so that the poll tax shall not exceed two dollars.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law in relation to promissory notes, that innocent parties may be better protected when said notes are procured by fraud.

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

Petition of Soccabasin Swassin and others, of the Penobscot Indians, for an appropriation to build a school house on Indian island, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of P. B. Friend and others, for a law to prevent taking eels in Brooklin and Sedgwick ; and

Petition of Johnson Pettygrove and others, for exemption under fish laws ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

“An act to incorporate the Seboois Log Driving Company ;” and

Petition of Thomas N. Egery and others, for an amendment of the charter of the Katahdin Dam, so as to reduce the toll on logs ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

“An act additional to chapter 64, revised statutes, enlarging the duties of judges of probate ;” also

Petition of J. L. Brown and others, members of the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards ; and

Petition of S. N. Ellengwood, Henry Lindsey and William N. McLaughlin, in aid of the same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

“An act additional to chapter 154, public laws of 1877, relating to corporations,” was referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Nathan Bartlett, asking for a pension for the year 1875 ; and

Petition of Francis Albert, for increase of State pension, were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of W. P. Young and others, for renewal of Free High School law, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Merit Sawyer and others, for the location of a way over tide waters in the town of South Thomaston, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

“Resolve for the purchase of a safe for the office of Secretary of State,” was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Petition of city of Bangor for amendment of charter and water acts, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PARKER of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending section 65, chapter 6 of the revised statutes,

so as to provide a further penalty for the neglect of tax payers to make and bring in a list of their polls and estates to the assessors.

On motion of Mr. JORDAN of Auburn,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be requested to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of Pension Agent and transferring the duties of that office to the Adjutant General's office.

On motion of Mr. GOULDING of West Waterville,

Ordered, That the names of the Joint Standing Committees be printed daily in the Daily Kennebec Journal and Maine Standard until the 5th of February, for the information of the members of the Legislature and the public generally.

Mr. HATCH of Bangor, presented the following, which received a passage :

WHEREAS, It is of the highest importance in establishing the State valuation for the next decade, as a basis of taxation, that there should be a full, just and equal valuation of all property of the State, and to prepare such a valuation more time and thought should be given to the subject than it is possible for a Legislative party to give during the session of the Legislature, therefore

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the legality of taking as a basis of State taxation for the ensuing year the valuation of the State as now established ; said Committee are further requested to examine the acts and resolves of 1879, relating to the State valuation, and report what changes or additions, if any, are necessary, should the present State valuation be taken as a basis of taxation for 1880.

On motion of Mr. McALISTER of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 13, chapter 141 of the revised statutes, so that towns liable for the support of persons sentenced to the House of Correction for drunkenness shall not be liable for more than two dollars per week for persons so committed.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on order relating to arrests and disclosures.

Mr. BROOKS, from the Committee on Finance, reported leave to withdraw on petition of inhabitants of town of Orneville.

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

Printed bill "an act to amend section 9, chapter 32, revised statutes, relating to days of grace;" and

Printed bill "an act relating to State officers;"

Were read twice, and to-morrow assigned for third reading.

Mr. CRANE, from the Committee on Education, reported on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 173 of the public laws of 1877, relating to the election of Superintending School Committees."

Mr. STROUT of Portland, reported bill "an act to amend section 16, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to the removal of electors from one ward to another."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under Joint Rule.

Bill "an act in relation to the State seal, public records and documents, and to certain public officers and their duties," 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.

On motion of Mr. BOODY of Windham,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GROSVENOR of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Penobscot Indians for salary of officers, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Bill "an act to repeal a part of section 75, chapter 4, revised statutes, relating to returns of votes from plantations," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to consider the propriety of abolishing the office of Commissioner of Fisheries.

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of providing by law for a uniformity of text books throughout the common schools of the State.

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

Petition of inhabitants of Monticello, for aid to build bridge to accommodate settlers on State Lands ; and

Petition of D. R. Hastings and others, for charter to make improvements on Swift river and Black brook and branches in Oxford County ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Selectmen of Caribou, for right to hang booms on the shores of Aroostook river ; and

Petition of Matthew Oliver, for authority to County Commissioners of Penobscot County to lay out a road to his farm in Orono and Bradley ;

Were referred to Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of inhabitants of Connor Plantation, for settlement of possession ; and

Petition of inhabitants of Van Buren, for aid in building road ;

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

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Petition of Soccabasin Swassin and others, of the Penobscot Indians, for an appropriation to repair their church; and

Petition of same for appropriation for schools;

Were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to establish a police court in the city of Rockland,'" approved March 14, 1864; and

Petition of Jacob Hardison and others, for amendment of law relating to toll for grinding grain;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Sewall R. Fletcher, for leave to build a wharf in tide waters in Islesboro', was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Portland Turnverein,'" was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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

Petition of M. S. Drummond and Wm. H. McCrillis, for incorporation of Log Driving Company, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. JORDAN of Auburn,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the propriety of the various Legislative Committees visiting the several public institutions of the State, and report to the House as soon as may be, whether there be corresponding good results for the expenditure incurred thereby, and if so, whether or not a sub-committee of three may not serve as well the public good.

Which, on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, was tabled.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of abolishing the Calais Municipal Court.

On motion of Mr. PARKER of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Elections inquire whether or not the seats of the representatives from the Minot and Kennebunkport districts have become vacant by operation of the law or otherwise, and if vacancies are found to exist, to report a resolution declaring the facts and ordering a new election in said districts.

On motion of Mr. BROOKS of Belfast,

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Bridges inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 206, section 65, as amended,

by inserting in line ten, after the words "actual notice," the words "in writing;" also of amending chapter 156, section 3, fifth line, by inserting after word "notified," the words "in writing."

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what amendment, if any, is necessary to chapter 49 of the revised statutes, for the protection of holders of policies of life insurance.

On motion of Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to provide for a uniformity of text books in our common schools, and to prevent their too frequent change.

On motion of Mr. SPRINGER of Yarmouth,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire what amendments of the statutes concerning the organization of mining and manufacturing corporations under the general law are expedient or desirable; also, that the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 65, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, so as to authorize graduates of our several normal schools to teach in any school in the State below the High School without a certificate from the Superintending School Committee or Supervisor, and not be subject to the penalties mentioned in the section above referred to.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That all educational matters concerning the State College be referred to the Committee on Education, and that they inquire as to the present condition of that institution, and what changes, if any, are expedient or desirable.

On motion of Mr. PERRY of Camden,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the necessity of repealing section 25, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, which reads as follows: "No person shall be allowed to vote or take part in the organization of either branch of the Legislature as a member, unless his name appears on the certified roll of that branch."

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. FARRELL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, with statement of facts, "resolve in favor of John Anderson of Island Falls."

The foregoing report was read and accepted, resolve laid over to be printed under Joint Rule.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported on order, relating to State Valuation, a statement, which was ordered printed, on motion of Mr. HUTCHISON of Lewiston.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 173 of the public laws of 1877, relating to the election of superintending school committees."

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

Bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes, relating to days of grace," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and tabled on motion of Mr. JEWETT of Richmond.

Bill "an act relating to State officers," was reported from same Committee, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act to amend section 16, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to the removal of electors from one ward to another," was read three times, under suspension of rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath, the name of Rev. John P. Fogg was added to the list of Chaplains.

On motion of Mr. JEWETT of Richmond,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it be to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Bill "an act to amend section 16, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to the removal of electors from one ward to another," 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.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Burnham, asked to be excused from serving on the Committee to investigate charge of bribery of members, and the House voted to excuse him.

The SPEAKER appointed Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset in place of Mr. Milliken on the Committee.

Mr. STROUT of Portland, presented the following :

Resolved, That we extend to the Assembly and Senate of the State of Wisconsin, and through them to the people whom they represent, our grateful acknowledgements for their clear appreciation of the gravity and importance to ourselves, and the people of the whole country, of the event through which we have just passed, as expressed in the Resolutions transmitted by the Governor to this Legislature, and for the sympathy and encouragement therein tendered to us and to the people of this State.

Resolved, That in return we tender to them and to the country our congratulations that these questions which are so vital to the maintenance of representative government have been peacefully settled by the proper legal tribunal without violence or an appeal to arms, thereby adding another proof of the disposition and capacity of the people of this country to maintain, under the law, the spirit and purpose of republican institutions, and to enforce and uphold the essential principle upon which the Republic rests, that the will of the people when ascertained shall be respected and obeyed.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to his Excellency, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, with the request that he will transmit them to the Assembly and Senate of that State.

Mr. SPEAKER: I do not offer these Resolutions in any spirit of partisanship. The political events which have transpired within the past three months have a deeper significance and an influence far more enduring than party aims or purposes. Political organizations are formed and dissolved, and party associations change, whilst the essential features of a representative form of government remain unchanged and unchangeable.

In the hour of our greatest anxiety for the permanence of our institutions and a peaceful solution of the difficulties by which we were surrounded, and when the whole world awaited the result with troubled solicitude, the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin passed resolutions congratulating the people of this State upon the stand they had taken for the vindication of their right to command the respect of all parties, for their expressed will, and that they had submitted their controversies to the courts, rather than to the

arbitrament of arms, and the fatal folly of civil strife and contention. In acknowledgement of this kindly and sympathetic act of a distant State, which proved so grateful at a moment when patriotic men everywhere stood watching and waiting, hoping and praying that domestic violence might be averted, and that the State and its institutions might be saved, these resolutions are offered, and I move that they have a passage.

The resolutions then received a passage.

On motion of Mr. PARTRIDGE of Whitefield,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY JANUARY 31, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting report of the Commissioners of Fisheries; and

Communication from same, transmitting annual report of Managers of Industrial School for Girls;

Came from the Senate read, and the reports referred to the appropriate Committees, and were read and reports referred in concurrence.

Petition of B. M. Nutter, for State pension, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Pensions.

Petition of executor of Alfred Veazie, for reimbursement of money paid the State for land in Township E, in Franklin County, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of H. W. Wight and others, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Township 18, Range 4, Aroostook county, to be quieted in their title to land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of John White and others, of Levant, to correct mistake in school returns, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Statement of facts from the Assessors of town of Acton, was referred to the Committee on State Valuation.

Petition of Sarah C. Preston, for repeal of section 99, chapter 82, revised statutes, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of S. D. Warren and others, for incorporation of Gardiner Water Power Company, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John M. Milliken and others, of Scarborough, for the abrogation of the charter of the Southgate Dyking Company, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

On motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset,

Ordered, That the Committee on Elections be instructed to report to the House the votes upon the resolves providing for certain amendments to the Constitution of the State of Maine, approved February 9, 1877; also, the votes upon the resolutions concerning the amendment to the Constitution of Maine, approved March 4, 1879.

On motion of Mr. BURNHAM of Sherman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 52, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to the duties of plantation clerks.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Orono,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be directed to inquire into the propriety of abolishing imprisonment for debt in all cases except for fraud and the wages of the laborer; also, that the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency and justice of a repeal of the existing law as to interest, and the restoration of the former law, absolutely prohibiting the paying or the receiving, directly or indirectly, a larger sum than six per cent. interest; also, that the same Committee be directed to inquire if some more effectual law cannot be enacted to compel individuals and corporations to make, deliver and return to the assessors of the several cities and towns a more full and perfect inventory of their

real and personal property liable to taxation, and that it shall be compulsory upon the said assessors to require such inventory to be signed and given under oath.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of changing the time of the meeting of the County Commissioners of Washington county, so that they shall be required to meet on the first Tuesday of October and January at Machias, and on the fourth Tuesday of April at Calais, instead of meeting on the first Wednesday next after the first Tuesday of October and January at Machias, and the first Wednesday next after the fourth Tuesday of April at Calais.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Printed "resolve in favor of John Anderson," was read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned under Rule.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 173 of the public laws of 1877, relating to the election of Superintending School Committees;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company;"

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,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. —

Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of G. A. Mathews and others, for an act to incorporate the Monson and Dexter Railroad Company, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Jonathan Spear and others, of Rockland, praying that the Seventh ward may be set off from the city of Rockland and incorporated into a separate town, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

“Resolve to purchase certain farms or settlers’ lots in Township 17, Range 7;” and

“Resolve in favor John W. Thurlough;”

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

Petition of George W. Young and others, to be annexed to the Knox Agricultural Society, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Somerset Bar, for restoration of the salary of judges of the Supreme Judicial Court and of the original number prior to law of 1879; also

Bill “an act in relation to service on process on Domestic Corporations;” also

Petition of George E. B. Jackson, for an act to change name of the Trustees of the Fund for the Support of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine; also

Petition of Davis Tillson and others, for charter of company to furnish water for city of Rockland; also

Bill “an act to amend the ‘act relative to the Municipal Court of the city of Lewiston;” also

Petition of owners of Cumberland and Oxford Canal, for right to sell their property; also

Bill “an act to repeal chapter 67, acts of 1878, relating to dis-closures;” also

Bill "an act to amend chapter 106, acts of 1879, limiting costs to three terms of court;" also

Bill "an act to prevent the practice of maintenance;" also

Bill "an act to promote the efficiency of the police force of the city of Lewiston;" also

Petition of Frederick M. Laughlin and others, for "an act to incorporate the Hampden Silver Mining Company;" also

Petition of Lorenzo Taylor, for extension of time of organization of the Maine Mining Company; also

Petition of C. W. Gilbert and others, for amendment of section 1, chapter 120, laws of 1879; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Orchard Beach Wharf and Steamboat Company;" and

Petition of citizens of North Yarmouth, for an act to legalize doings of a certain meeting held March 24, 1879;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Thomas Fosset and 380 others, for repeal of law relating to menhaden; also

Petition of W. J. Adams and 416 others of Boothbay; also

Petition of Joseph Barry and others of Bremen; also

Petition of Charles E. Purington and 72 others, for amendment of fish laws of 1879; also

Petition of S. L. Goodale and others, for change of fish laws relating to the taking of menhaden; also

Petition of S. E. Spring and others;

Petition of Charles M. Moses and others of Biddeford;

Petition of B. D. Metcalf and others of Damariscotta;

Petition of Edwin Flye and others of Newcastle;

Petition of John L. Case and 40 others of Rockland;

Petition of F. P. Gott and others;

Petition of John K. Coombs and others of Harpswell;

Petition of G. E. Snow and others of Brunswick, in aid of same; and

Petition of Elias Fowler and others, for an act to prohibit the taking of pickerel or pike from Lovejoy's pond in the town of Albion for certain months;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of George F. Calef and others, for an act of incorporation of the York County Game and Fish Protection Society; and

Petition of E. F. Webb and others, asking that a Municipal Court be established at Waterville, with bill accompanying ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of city government of Portland, for a new division line between that city and the town of Cumberland ; also

Remonstrance of George Gregory and 100 others, against the division of the city of Rockland ; also

Remonstrance of John S. Case and others, in aid of same ; and

Petition of J. P. Mallett and others, of Winn, praying that Lot No. 8, Range 12, in School District No. 7, in the town of Lee, be set off to District No. 4, in the town of Winn ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Horace C. Haskell, for renewal of charter of the Livermore Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of the Trustees of the Reform School, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Reform School.

Petition of Mercy Ramson for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of S. E. Bryant and others, for railroad from Kennebunk village to Kennebunkport village ; and

Petition of Wm. F. Perry and others, for a charter for a railroad between Bridgton and Portland or intermediate points ;

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of F. A. A. Heath and 700 others, for amendment to the prohibitory law, so as to include cider among other intoxicating liquors, was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Petition of Benjamin Smith, for pension, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of William Emery, County Attorney of York county, for an act to establish the compensation of the County Commissioners and County Treasurer of said county, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of John Sinnett, for authority to build bridge over tide waters between Bailey's island and Orr's island in Harpswell, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to in-

quire into the expediency of providing by law for more speedy hearing and trial of cases where the rights of persons holding public offices are involved.

On motion of Mr. BRADSTREET of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to investigate the expediency and necessity of so amending the existing law as to make examinations for admission to the Bar uniform throughout the State; also, that this Committee consider what that standard shall be.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the necessity of making a small appropriation to repair the road and bridges leading from Fish River Mills to the Daigle Mill in Township 17, Range 6.

On motion of Mr. HALE of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 90 of the public laws of 1879, so far as the same touches the costs and compensation and expenditures in the trial of cases formerly capital; also, that the time fixed for the reception of legislative petitions and other business before this Legislature be extended one week from this day.

On motion of Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of the suspension of the operation of the Free High School laws for the present year.

On motion of Mr. GRAY of Monson,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing towns to raise money by taxation or otherwise, to be expended by a School Committee or Supervisor at their discretion in providing for the conveyance of children to and from the public schools.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire what changes, if any, are necessary to be made to chapter 204 of the laws of 1877, relating to pharmacists.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire what revision, if any, of the laws relating to the militia of this State is required, or what additional legislation is necessary in relation thereto.

Mr. SMART, of Deering, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Claims :

Ordered, That the Clerk be requested to make up the pay of Edward D. Sullivan, late Page of the House, for — days' service at two dollars per day and the usual mileage.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the election laws that the penalty for a violation of said laws by municipal officers shall fall upon said officers and not upon the constituents.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of Land Agent, and transferring his duties to the office of Secretary of State, and the transfer of all notes and demands belonging to the State in the hands of said agent to the Treasurer of State for collection and credit.

On motion of Mr. PARTRIDGE of Whitefield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 137 of the laws of 1879, concerning mills and mill dams.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HUNNEWELL of Scarborough,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Farmington.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of South Berwick, against the petition of the Elliot Bridge Company, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of J. C. Cleveland and 13 others, praying that Ward 7, Rockland, may be set off and incorporated into a separate town, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Reuben Sherer and 39 others, citizens of Rockland, praying that the territory comprising the seventh ward of said city, be set off and incorporated into a separate town ; and

Remonstrance of Maynard Sumner and 97 others of Rockland, against setting off ward 7 ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of A. C. Hamlen and others, to be incorporated into an electric light company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Seth Sprague and others of Milo, for the incorporation of the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards, State of Maine, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, regarding their Agent, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of A. H. Burbank and others, for the passage of a law for the settlement of certain cases by arbitration, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Louis Mitchell, of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, asking for compensation for land, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of Frontier Guards of Eastport, a company of State light infantry, asking for a uniform and other aid, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of Mary Dana, aged 82, for relief for services rendered in the war of 1812, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The foregoing were referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition of Charles W. Howard, referred from last Legislature, bill "an act extending the right to navigate Rangely Lake by steam," came from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of same Committee, reporting on petition of Patrick McMannus, bill "an act authorizing Patrick McMannus to build a dyke or dykes on Duck Pond creek," 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.

Petition of W. J. Corthell and others, teachers of Gorham Normal School, for payment of salary due ; also

Petition of Grace J. Haynes, of Gorham Normal School ; and

Petition of Bessie H. Read, of Gorham Normal School, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of E. Davis and 57 others, for charter of a company to supply the city of Rockland with water ; also

Petition of O. E. Hahn and 131 others, in aid of same ; and

Bill "an act to make valid the marriage of Addison Monk and A. Josie Hammond ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of President and Trustees of the People's Twenty-five Cent Savings Bank of Bath, for a reduction of interest on deposits, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Remonstrance of G. G. Dow and others, against petition of Caleb Fuller and others to be set off from town of Woodstock and annexed to town of Paris, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Morrill Sprague and 80 others, in regard to taking fish from Dexter pond, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of citizens of Silver Ridge plantation, in favor of Jesse Smith for services of his son in the war of the Rebellion, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Antoine Ouillette and 75 others, asking that refuse lumber may not be thrown into Viollette brook in Van Buren, and bill accompanying; also

Petition of George E. Wilson and others, to navigate the waters of Newport pond with steam; and

Petition of John F. Whitcomb and Charles H. Haynes, for charter to maintain a dam at the outlet of Beach Hill pond in the town of Otis, with bill accompanying;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Salome S. Sumner and Samuel Leighton, to secure rights in certain lots of land in Aroostook county, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Selectmen of Sherman, asking for a State pension for Margaret Finnigan, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of Albert Homer Thorne of Lewiston, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PLAISTED of Lincoln,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed for the purpose of investigating the charges of attempting bribery of members of this House, and which now consists of five, be increased by the addition of two members, and that said committee be instructed to proceed at once with said investigation, and report to this House as soon as possible.

The order was read and passed, and

Messrs. Plaisted of Lincoln,

Perkins of Madison,

joined to the Committee.

On motion of Mr. HUNNEWELL of Scarborough,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution of the State, that the right of suffrage shall be limited to those who are able to read and write the English language.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire as to the expediency of amending chapter 113 of the laws of 1879, by striking out the word "six" in the second line, at the bottom of said act, and inserting instead the word "ten"; and by striking out the words "upon presentation of an invoice or inventory of the property

to be sold," and inserting instead thereof the words "upon application in writing."

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FARRELL of Van Buren,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. EMMONS of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Erastus Masters and others, for right to build a bridge over Georges river ;

Petition of O. P. Hix and others, in aid of same ;

Petition of John S. Stevens and others, in aid of same ;

Petition of Wm. Newbert and others, in aid of same ;

Petition of A. L. Watts and others of Waldoborough ;

Petition of John Burnheimer and others of Waldoborough ;

Petition of George G. Benner and others of Waldoborough ; and

Petition of Zenus Cook and others of Friendship, in aid of same ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of citizens of Rangely and vicinity, to grant to Charles W. Howard extension of charter to navigate Rangely Lake by steam ;

Petition of citizens of Franklin county ;

Petition of proprietors of hotel at Rangely lakes ; and

Petition of citizens of Rangely, in aid of same ;

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

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of reducing the salary of the Judge of Probate of Cumberland county.

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

Petition of J. C. Ingraham and others, for charter to company to supply Rockland with water ; also

Petition of A. T. Crockett and others ;

Petition of Edwin Sprague and others ; and

Petition of A. R. Bills and others, in aid of same ; also

Petition of members of Penobscot Bar, for repeal of law of 1879, decreasing the number of Supreme Judges ; also

Petition of Lincoln Bar, in aid of same ; and

Petition of Trafton Hatch and other officers of the Wells Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for an act to make valid certain doings of said Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Fremont J. Sprague and others, for bounty on bears,

was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of John M. Sherer and other citizens of Rockland, for incorporation of Seventh ward of said city as a town ;

Petition of S. M. Bird and others, in aid of same ; and

Petition of Timothy Driscoll and others, for an act to set off a portion of the town of Berwick and annex the same to the town of South Berwick ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of C. O. Kilbourne and others, for extension of time for taking fish from Otter creek ; also

Petition of John Haley and others, for protection of blue-backed trout ; also

Petition of C. F. Richardson and others, for protection of fish in various bodies of water ; also

Petition of citizens of Bangor, Veazie and Orono, for protection of salmon fisheries ; and

Petition of Nahum Warren and others, relating to same ; also

Petition of Alexander Thompson and others, that the stream at Pemaquid Falls be restocked with alewives ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Managers of Bangor Children's Home, for an appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans therein ; and

Petition of T. W. Porter, for reimbursement of money furnished soldiers in 1861 ;

Were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

“Resolve in favor of Fort Kent,” with Statement of Facts, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Richardson Wharf Company, for right to increase capital stock, with bill accompanying and order of notice, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by statute for uniformity of ballots in size and appearance, to be used at all elections of State and county officers.

On motion of Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of proposing amendments to the Constitution, providing for a reduction of the Council from seven to three members, or for its abolition, and a provision for the election of State Auditor.

On motion of Mr. COLE of Smithfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 6, section 70 of the revised statutes, by inserting the words “on or before the first day of June” after the word “hands” in the seventh line of said section.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be required to consider the expediency of amending section 7 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, by striking out the word “twenty” in the third line of said section, and inserting in its place the words “twenty-five.”

On motion of Mr. ROLFE of Princeton,

Ordered, That the Governor and Council be requested to inquire into the expediency of allowing William Steward of Topsfield, the sum of \$19, as compensation for the amount expended by him for repairs on the Houlton and Baring road in the county of Washington, after the appropriation allowed by the Legislature for said purpose had been expended, as per bills on file in the office of the Secretary of State for 1879.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PERRY of Camden,

Ordered, That the opinion of Judge Virgin, on the petition of

Andrew R. G. Smith and others *vs.* Edward H. Gove, Secretary of State, be published with the three opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court recently given and ordered published by this House.

This order was refused a passage.

On motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset,

Ordered, That the Special Committee to investigate the facts referred to in the communication of Wallace R. White, be instructed to investigate all other charges of attempted bribery of members of this House, and that said committee be authorized to employ a stenographer.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House add the name of Rev. John Allen of Farmington, to the number of chaplains already chosen, and notice be given Mr. Allen of the same.

Mr. INGALLS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported **reference** to the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of C. H. Edbert and others.

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Gardiner Water Power Company."

Mr. HALE, from same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to ratify and confirm the mortgage of the Bangor and Bucksport Railroad Company."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported ought to pass, on "resolve for the purchase of a safe for the Secretary of State's office."

The report was read and accepted, and resolve ordered printed under the rule.

Bill "an act authorizing Patrick McMannus to build a dyke or dykes on Duck Pond Creek," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of John Anderson of Island Falls," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes, relating to days of grace."

The foregoing was, on motion of Mr. JEWETT of Richmond, taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, presented bill "an act to amend chapter 161, section 2 of the public laws of 1879, in relation to the State valuation," and on his motion the rules were suspended, the bill received three several readings, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston, presented "resolve in reference to new State seal," and on his motion the rules were suspended, the resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to State officers," was reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

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

Messrs. Partridge of Whitefield,
Emmons of Limington,
Goss of Auburn,
Hills of Union,
Goulding of West Waterville,
Thomas of Farmington,
Gilman of Meddybemps,
Jewett of Richmond,
Lord of Standish,
Long of Fort Fairfield,
Lewis of Springfield,
Gray of Monson,
Whitten of Pittsfield,
Hussey of Brooks,
Wasson of Brooksville,
Davis of Woodstock.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of Buxton,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. REDLON of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

“Resolve to provide for a State valuation,” was referred in concurrence to the Committee on State Valuation.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary take into consideration the propriety of repealing the law providing for imprisonment for life as penalty for certain offences, and restoring the death penalty.

Ordered, That the Committees on Agriculture and Education be constituted a Joint Committee to inquire into the educational department of the Agricultural College, and report what changes, if any, are necessary to be made in the course of study pursued.

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

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting reference to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of inhabitants of Monticello.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient, on memorial of M. S. Palmer, for enlarging the figure of the pine on the seal of the State, referred from the last Legislature.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Printing and Binding, reporting a contract with Sprague and Son for doing the State printing, and with H. E. Smith and W. H. Reid for doing the State binding.

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, and the contracts approved.

The report was read, when Mr. MILLIKEN of Burnham, presented minority report, and moved it be substituted for the majority report.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, the two reports were laid on the table.

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

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting returns of votes for Representatives, was read, and

On motion of Mr. HALE of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That, the Senate concurring, a Committee of ten, consisting of seven members of the House of Representatives, be selected by the Speaker, and three members of the Senate be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine into the condition of the election returns lately given up to the Secretary of State, and warrant and appropriation books, and all other books and papers of the Governor and Council for the year 1879, and extending to the first Wednesday of January, 1880, and to report to this Legislature what suppressions or alterations, if any, have been made in said returns, and what means have been resorted to for such purposes, and also in what cases and in what manner the will of the people as shown in the last annual election has been disregarded and attempted to be defeated, either by illegal construction of said returns or changing or tampering with them, and by whom the same has been done or attempted to be done. Said Committee shall further report to this Legislature upon all undue and illegal expenditures of the money of the State, by or under the direction of the Governor and Council for the period before mentioned, or by any officer of the State or any employee of or contractor with the State during said time; and for such purposes said Committee shall have power to send for persons and papers and to employ such clerical and stenographic force as may be necessary.

Communication was received from Hon. S. A. Holbrook, State Treasurer, transmitting his official bond. The communication was read, and the bond referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of Lewis Libby and others, of District No. 13, Gorham, for authority to build a hall in school-house in said district; also

Petition of F. B. T. Young and 32 others, praying that a charter may be granted to supply the citizens of Rockland with water taken from natural springs or artesian wells; also

Petition of Levi E. Bow and others, in aid of same; also

Petition of Lewiston Gas Light Company, to decrease its capital stock; also

Petition of Hill Manufacturing Company, for authority to increase its capital stock ; also

Bill “ an act in relation to frivolous exceptions ;” and

Petition of Androscoggin Bar, in relation to number and compensation of judges ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of M. G. Palmer and others, of Portland, for repeal of law relating to the taking of menhaden ; also

Petition of R. D. Clark and others, in aid of same ; also

Petition of J. H. Burke and others, for an act to regulate the taking of fish from Rangely lake ; also

Petition of W. L. Mansfield and 140 others, for repeal of chapter 96, laws of 1879 ; and

Petition of Henry Carvill and others, of Brunswick, in relation to the law of 1878, in reference to the taking of smelts ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Frederick Frye and others, of the town of Dedham, for a division of said town, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Selectmen of Rangely, praying that Francis C. Hewey may have authority to run a steamboat on Rangely lake, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Charles D. Sprague and others, for incorporation of the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WEBB of Deer Isle,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the matter of sales of Folly Island to Ira L. McFarland and Chas. C. Cousins by the State in 1876, and ascertain if said purchasers are entitled to be reimbursed for money paid therefor on account of failure of title.

On motion of Mr. SMART of Deering,

Ordered, That all matters relating to the reduction of salaries and emoluments of county officers in the several counties be referred to their respective county delegations.

On motion of Mr. PARKER of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Printing and Binding be directed to inquire whether the several heads of the departments have made their annual reports, and if not, why not. Also, whether the State

printer has been paid for printing reports which have not been laid before this Legislature.

On motion of Mr. SWAN of Minot,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending the insolvent laws, so that a discharge if granted shall discharge all debts contracted since said law was enacted, and bar all actions commenced in any courts of the State on debts contracted prior to the enactment of said law.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. SWAN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, in new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the York County Game and Fish Society."

The report was read and accepted, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. McALISTER, from the Committee on Elections, reported on order, relating to the Kennebunkport and Minot election districts, that the seats were not vacant, as the members from those towns are in their seats.

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of section 65, chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to poll lists;

Mr. PARKER, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to lists of taxable property;

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to equalization of taxation; and

Mr. VERRILL, from same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Moses O. Oliver and others;

Were read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to ratify and confirm the mortgage of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad Company;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Gardiner Water Power Company;"

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.

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. Tilden, its Secretary, proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legis-

lature, this day, at 11.15 A. M., in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of receiving a communication from the Governor.

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. HAWES of the Senate,

Messrs. Hawes of Cumberland,
Rogers of Penobscot,
Richards of Gardiner,
Cook of Lewiston,
Dickey of Fort Kent,

were appointed a Committee to wait upon Hon. DANIEL F. DAVIS, Governor, to inform him that the two branches of the Legislature were in Convention assembled in the Representatives' Hall, and ready to receive from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

Mr. Hawes subsequently reported that the Committee had delivered the message with which they were charged, and the Governor was pleased to say he would forthwith attend upon the Convention.

Whereupon, the Governor, attended by the Executive Council and heads of departments, came in, and communicated to the Convention by address, as follows :

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

As we commence the active duties of the session under most extraordinary circumstances, it is well to pause for a moment to recognize that beneficent Father whose watchful providence ever controls the destinies of nations ; and while we see His hand in all the startling events of States and peoples, to remember, also, that not a sparrow falleth to the ground without His notice.

In the duties now before you it is not in my power at this time to give you the information I could desire, not having received the Treasurer's report for 1879, until last evening, or, with few exceptions, any of the reports from the departments or institutions of the State. I therefore refer you to them for your careful consideration when they shall be laid before you.

THE NATIONAL CONDITION.

For the reason that the financial affairs of the Nation entered largely into the discussion of the last two political campaigns, it is proper to refer to them, and consider some of the leading facts that characterize the present condition of the whole country. The variety and extent of speculations immediately following the close of the war were without parallel in our history. Taking three millions of men from their accustomed vocations of producing property to respond to the demands of war with its necessary destruction of property, left the country much poorer than it otherwise would have been. During the struggle the government purchased the people's products at the highest prices. The close of the war stopped those purchases, and left the people dissatisfied with the old modes of business and the low prices of former days, and drove them to speculations where they sought to obtain and keep up the prices and profits of war times.

This course was largely induced by a cheap and fluctuating paper currency. All classes ran recklessly in debt. The crash of 1873 commanded a halt. Great depression of business immediately followed in nearly all the States. Bankruptcy prevailed to an alarming extent. There was great lack of confidence among business men. All sought to ascertain the causes of the wide-spread depression. Many who had been led by too sanguine hopes in the days of cheap currency to contract debts which they were unable to pay, blamed the government; and as a relief for their misfortunes demanded a further issue of the same kind of currency, the wrong use of which had brought those misfortunes upon them.

Men have honestly taken different views, have honestly predicated different results. It has not been, however, so much a question of who was honest as of who was right. Events have developed what was right and best for the people. The great question of the resumption of specie payments has been settled. One year ago in the minds of many it was an experiment—to-day it is an accomplished fact. The effect has been to make the paper which promises to pay a dollar equal to the dollar in coin,—the dollar of the laboring man equal to the gold of the capitalist or the bond of the bondholder. It has destroyed the speculations in gold, and abolished the gold gambling offices which existed so long as there was a difference in value between the greenback and gold. It has estab-

lished national credit, and most of all has created confidence between man and man. The result of all this is that the accumulated capital of the country has been let loose at low rates of interest, and has found employment; the wheels of industry are in motion; bankruptcy is fast disappearing from our midst; the great army of tramps is going to work; stocks of all kinds are advancing in value; old liabilities are being settled; business is reviving and large numbers of the trading classes have left their uncertain employments to join the producers.

Agriculture, the greatest source of a nation's wealth, strength and happiness, has received a stimulus hitherto unknown. The surplus from our golden harvests of grain is readily exchanged for the real gold of Europe at prices that make glad the hearts of our farmers, and fill our marts with abundance of money.

With an agriculture that excels that of any other country; pastures that from their surplus supply even Europe with meat; manufacturing that successfully compete in the markets of the world; lumber enough for the demands of a great nation; quarries of slate and stone sufficient for all time; mines of coal and iron inexhaustible in extent; deposits of gold and silver such as never blessed a nation before, and with a vast and growing commerce, our people believe that we have passed the crisis which was followed by the hard times, and have entered upon an era of solid prosperity.

In 1860 government securities sold at a discount of from 6 to 12 per cent., and in February, 1861, six per cent. government bonds sold at an average discount of 9 1-2 per cent. To-day the national credit is such that our four per cent. bonds are among the best securities in the world. In 1865, the national debt, including the unascertained outstanding claims, was nearly three billions of dollars; to-day it varies but little from two billions. In 1865, the annual interest claim was 150 millions; to-day it is less than 83 millions, while the annual burden of taxation has been reduced more than 300 millions. No nation in the world's history ever before paid its debts so rapidly, and none ever sustained a better reputation for honesty.

We now have the best currency the country has ever had, the people feel safe with it, business has become adapted to it, and it would seem good judgment to give the country a rest for the present from further disturbing financial schemes or distracting discussions.

STATE DEBT.

For a detailed statement of the condition of the treasury, I refer you to the Treasurer's report. The report shows that the receipts of the State treasury the past year, including \$157,256.20 on hand December 31, 1878, were \$1,385,417.14; and that the expenditures during the same period were \$1,316,003.67, leaving a balance in the treasury, December 31, 1879, of \$69,413.47. On the first day of January, 1880, as appears by the report, the bonded debt of the State amounted to the sum of \$5,848,900, from which, deducting the present amount of the sinking fund, \$1,166,159, leaves the debt at \$4,682,741.

On August 15, 1880, there will fall due of the public debt, bonds to the amount of \$307,000; on March 1, 1883, \$385,000; on June 1, 1889, \$2,330,000; and on October 1, 1889, there will become due \$2,826,900. The last named sum is provided for by the sinking fund of 1868. The other sums named are not provided for, and must be paid or renewed as they mature. The act of February 24, 1875, as amended by chapter 56, laws of 1878, authorizes the State Treasurer to issue new bonds for the purpose of renewing and extending the bonds falling due as before stated, except those provided for by the sinking fund, the bonds so issued to be payable to the amount of \$200,000 in 1890, and to the amount of \$200,000 each succeeding year. No steps have been taken by the Treasurer to renew and extend any of the State bonds. The bonds falling due August 15, to the amount of \$307,000, must be paid or renewed.

It would be gratifying to pay the whole amount falling due this year, as it matures, but owing to the present condition of the treasury and the expense forced upon the State by the recent political complications, it may be difficult to do so. I would therefore recommend the renewal of the bonds maturing this year so that \$100,000 be made payable in one year, \$100,000 in two years, and \$107,000 in three years, at a rate of interest not exceeding $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and advise their payment at maturity by taxation. This will necessitate the raising of one hundred thousand dollars for that purpose this year, and may seem to many burdensome, but the policy of our State has long been to pay its debts at maturity. By that course the credit of the State has been maintained. All measures tending to an early payment of our debt not only reduce the interest charge, but in the end are best for the real good of the people.

TAXATION AND ECONOMY.

The burdens of taxation press heavily upon the people. Every species of property, whether owned by individuals or corporations, should bear its part of the public burden. I submit whether there should not be some more definite system of taxation in regard to railroad companies, and that express and telegraph companies should pay a revenue to the State, where not now provided for by law. If there is any property in the State not yet reached by the tax gatherer, or which does not bear its proportionate part, it is your province to ascertain that fact, and make such changes in the laws as may be necessary. The strictest economy should be practiced in all the departments of the State, and if there are any unnecessary State expenses it is your duty to cut them off.

STATE VALUATION.

The decennial valuation of the State comes before you as one of the most important questions upon which you are called to act. Many, if not all the members of the Legislature, have been selected by their constituents with special reference to this matter. If a commission can be selected at once to act in conjunction with the Legislature, I have no doubt this work, so vital to every part of the State, can be well advanced during the present session. It is for the interest of the State that the work of valuation should be commenced at once.

BIENNIAL SESSIONS.

The Constitution has been so amended that our annual elections and the sessions of the Legislature are changed to biennial elections and sessions. The duty will devolve upon you to examine the laws in regard to the tenure of office of many of our county and State officers, and to make such changes as may be necessary, so that the laws will fully conform to the Constitution as amended.

EDUCATIONAL.

In a Nation like ours, where the source of all power is in the people, universal education is the surest guaranty of good government.

The prosperity and moral standing of a State depend upon the intelligence of its people. Education lifts up the masses and gives

all classes an equal chance in the battle of life. It gives self reliance, and independence of thought and action; while ignorance causes weakness and dependence. Here, where every man has just as many rights as every other man, and liberties better than those enjoyed by any other people, he has the responsibility resting upon him, commensurate with those rights and liberties, of being obliged to help shape the government under which he lives.

Other republics have felt the dangers that result from the want of general education, where corrupt and ambitious men play upon the prejudices of the ignorant. Our hope is in the intelligence of the people. This fabric of Constitutional government depends for its perpetuity upon universal education. To secure this result we rely chiefly upon our common school system. With our State, county, town and school district organizations—each of itself a miniature republic—the last is a very important factor in our system of government, and the district schools demand the earnest support and protection of the people. They educate the people, and should prepare them to well fill the office of citizenship. Money raised for their support is appropriated for the advancement of general knowledge.

As we progress in civilization, so art and science advance, and the mind of man reaches out to grasp the truths which make him more a man. We are yearly acquiring more fully a knowledge of the reasons of inferiority as well as of superiority of citizenship, and are beginning to know that the common school, through which the masses move, is the lever that may raise our State, our nation, to that perfection of political existence where universal intelligence marks the universal loyalty of a people.

If there is any fault in our school system it is that the district schools do not meet more fully the wants of a general education. They should furnish opportunities not only for primary and intermediate studies, but a systematic course that will fit the pupil for the business of life, so that the poor man's child may have without extra expense many of the school advantages now enjoyed only by those in more favored circumstances.

The common school system of our State is among the very best in the Union. We may well speak with pride of the intelligence of our people; but as great improvements have been made in the past in this particular, so may great progress be made in the future.

While schools of a higher order call for your careful consideration, I leave it to your good judgment to protect and encourage the common schools of the State.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

There are now in successful operation three Normal Schools, enough for all the wants of the State. All the expense incident to their establishment has been paid. They are institutions of the State, and were designed specially for the education of teachers. The good results of their instruction are becoming marked in our common schools. They are institutions worthy the patronage and support of the people, and while I would not advocate the establishment of others, it appears to me that the interests of the State are best subserved by carefully protecting those we have, by making them what it was originally designed they should be.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

These schools were intended to meet a demand not supplied by the common schools, academies or normal schools. The best information gathered from all parts of the State shows that this class of schools has not proved all that was hoped for it. The law appropriating money for their support was suspended in 1879 for one year. The people have considered the advantages and disadvantages of the system, and I leave it to you, their representatives, to carry out their wishes.

STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS.

The report for the year 1879 of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts shows a careful and economical management of this institution in all its departments. It does not and should not interfere with other colleges. It was designed by its special application to reach a class who intend to follow the vocations of agriculture and mechanics, and to furnish a practical education to many who would not otherwise be reached. The college has gone through the early years of struggle for existence, has passed through the depressing period of hard times, and now stands almost self supporting. An institution representing the leading interests of the State, owned and paid for by the State, and now demanding but little for its support, merits your favorable consideration.

INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS.

It is a gratifying fact that more interest is felt in the discussion of all questions relating to agriculture than ever before.

General attention for the past six years has been turned to the land. Our soil is above the average in fertility, and our people are beginning to appreciate the fact that farming can be made to pay. While many other kinds of business have not been profitable during the depressed times that have swept over the country, farming has proved a success, and while a large portion of business men have failed or been compelled to go out of business, the average farmer in this State has found ample remuneration for his toil. The payment of old debts that accumulated in the days of an inflated currency, has been burdensome, but that does not detract from the truth of the proposition. A glance over the State shows more good barns and more good houses, better furnished, than ever before.

Much of the low land that was formerly considered worthless, is being taken up, and is found to be the very best grass land in the State. The culture of fruit is becoming a source of wealth, live stock is of excellent grade, and farm implements are among the best in use. The sixty thousand farmers of Maine, upon whom largely rests the future prosperity of the State, are now receiving more real value for their products than when they sold them for a high price in an inflated currency, and they may well feel encouraged in their present condition and future prospects.

Our wide extended sea coast, with its many harbors, our forests of timber, suitable for ship-building, and our skilled mechanics, make Maine one of the most advantageous States for this great industry in the Union. The revival of business has increased our coast-wise carrying trade, and capital is attracted to this State to build vessels suited to this branch of our commerce. Our ships engaged in foreign trade are acknowledged to be among the finest in any country, and it is confidently expected that this class of navigation will also be remunerative, and a fresh impetus be given to this great and important branch of our industries.

Our natural advantages for manufacturing are not excelled, and they are being utilized, not rapidly, but surely. The numerous manufactories of the State are nearly all in successful operation, running on full time, and on a solid basis.

The lumber business looks better than it has before since 1873.

No business interest has suffered more than this, and its revival may well be hailed with joy by all classes. The time is not far distant when the timber lands of the State will possess a value hitherto unknown. Not only the soft woods but all the hard woods will command a ready market. When we take into consideration the fact that many of the farms taken up on the plains or prairies of the great West must be fenced and all the buildings constructed from lumber not produced there; that railroads in those localities must be furnished with timber from outside, and the numerous other wants of a great nation, we can account for the enormous home demand for lumber. When we consider that the mechanical and farm implements that fifty millions of people must have, the vast number of carriages and railway cars that are being manufactured in this country for home and foreign use, we can but realize that the supply of hard woods which are more abundantly produced in this than in any other State will all in time be profitably utilized. The granite, slate, iron, and ice business occupy important places among our industries. The ice business alone this year employs some five thousand men, while the granite industry during the past year gave employment to nearly the same number.

The mineral resources of the State are now attracting unusual interest. That Maine possesses mineral deposits of great value there can be no doubt. The actual development of those newly-discovered resources is a matter in which the people cannot fail to be deeply interested. While we should earnestly deprecate all tendency toward unhealthy and illegitimate speculation, which can only lead to disastrous results, every well-directed effort to develop our mineral treasure and give employment to labor and capital should be encouraged.

At the present time nearly all the industries of the State are active, and labor is well employed.

BENEFICIARY INSTITUTIONS.

The beneficiary institutions of the State have strong claims upon its protecting care. The insane, the deaf and dumb, the inmates of the General Hospital and orphans of those who died for a common country, have claims which the State can ill afford to neglect. The reports from these institutions will soon be laid before you, and while economy demands the strictest scrutiny, and the most careful inves-

tigation into all the claims that draw upon the treasury, the real wants of the wards of the State, and all those who have claims upon its fostering care, should be fully supplied.

TEMPERANCE.

All agree that intemperance is one of the worst evils that can afflict a people. The way to eradicate it is a question that should address itself to all classes. The women's temperance movement, the Reform Clubs and the other temperance organizations have accomplished a great and lasting work. Like all other evils intemperance will succumb, at least in part, to true moral force, well directed. It is to be regretted, however, that there are those whom moral forces will not reach. To restrain this class, prohibitory laws have been found necessary. The principle of prohibition has been so long the settled policy of the State, and has been found so useful and effective in suppressing the liquor traffic, that no party or class of men now dare assail it. A proper and vigorous enforcement of the law upon this subject is reasonably demanded by the friends of temperance. None of the agencies which can be invoked for the suppression of intemperance should be impaired.

THE MILITIA.

The militia of the State consists of one regiment of ten companies, Lieut. Col. Daniel White commanding, also the following unattached companies, viz: Portland Montgomery Guards, Biddeford Light Infantry, Richards Light Infantry of Gardiner, and the Androscoggin Light Artillery of Lewiston and Auburn, numbering in all about 700 effective men. There are also the following independent organizations: The Piscataquis Veteran Battalion of ten companies, of about forty men each, Col. J. B. Peaks commanding; the Somerset Battalion of seven companies, of about forty men each, Col. Knowles commanding; also two companies at Paris, and one each in Eastport, Lewiston and Waterville, and six companies of cadets. The independent companies are organized by permission of the Executive under special statute. They are not connected with the militia, and have only the right to parade with arms in public, and are armed and equipped at their own expense.

During the recent political excitement our State militia was subjected to exceptionally severe tests of subordination, discipline and

loyalty, and it is in the highest degree creditable to all of our citizen soldiery that throughout the critical period, and in despite of conflicting assumptions of authority that might well have confused them, they were unshaken in their allegiance to the Constitutional authorities, and without regard to personal or political bias held themselves constantly in readiness to aid in upholding the laws.

The soldier's discipline and patriotism imbue him with a profound respect for law. Whoever else may disobey or disregard the law, the soldier respects and obeys it, and if necessary will see to it that others obey. A large State in territorial extent, with a great stretch of sea coast and a long frontier line, the interests of Maine demand an efficient militia force—not large, to be kept up at great expense, but enough to insure confidence and give security.

USURPATION OF POWER.

Our government is one of checks and balances. It is divided into three departments, the Executive, Legislative and Judicial. Each in its own domain has duties peculiar to itself, but each is amenable to law. For the first time in the history of our government the Executive department usurped power never delegated to it. Instead of giving expression to the voice of the people by counting returns of votes according to law and the plainest dictates of common sense, the attempt was made to subvert the will of the people, as expressed at the polls on the 8th day of September last. The attempt did not succeed, but it did plunge the State into disgrace and almost revolution, only averted by the patriotic and law-abiding qualities of our citizens. There can be no half-way ground in regard to this great public wrong—it should be no question of party, but should receive the condemnation of every honest and patriotic citizen, that it may serve as a warning in the future to those who, under a free government, may attempt to trample upon the rights of the people. I would recommend an investigation of the whole subject of the arranging, tabulating, and counting the returns of votes of the last State election, that the facts, so far as they can be ascertained, may be made public.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I congratulate you and the people of the State, that in all the excitement of the past four weeks, no act of violence has been committed—that through all and over all, the majesty of

the law has been sustained. Our fathers brought to this continent two noble principles ; one the love of liberty, and the other a respect for law. These qualities, working together, have built up the grandest government the world has ever known. The love of liberty sometimes leads beyond the liberty to do right. The respect for law checks and regulates this spirit ; it has ever been our guide in all the history of our State ; it has triumphed in the great crisis through which we have just passed, and it is a credit to the law-abiding citizens of all parties that such is the case. Representative government is stronger for this test. The history of this period will mark one of the bulwarks of Constitutional liberty ; it will serve as a beacon light shining down through the ages to keep the ship of State from the reefs and rocks that lie along her course.

Immediately upon the close of the address, the Governor and suite retired, and the Convention was dissolved.

The SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That a Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed, to consider the Governor's message, and report a reference of its several subjects to the appropriate Committees.

On motion of Mr. ROWELL of Hallowell, the reports upon State Printing and Binding were taken from the table, and to-morrow assigned for further consideration.

Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby an order was passed providing for the printing of Judge Virgin's decision in the Mandamus case, and on his motion this motion was laid upon the table.

The report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting upon the official bond of the State Treasurer, recommending the approval, came from the Senate read and accepted, and bond approved, was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bond approved by the House.

On motion of Mr. HALE of Ellsworth,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GROSVENOR of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Remonstrance of H. R. Taylor and others, against permitting the killing of deer contrary to law; and

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting returns given in on the eighth day of September for and against certain amendments to the Constitution, came from the Senate, and was read in concurrence.

Ordered, That the company known as the Biddeford Cadets, be made subject to all the duties and granted all the privileges of the volunteer companies of the militia of this State.

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

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to amendment of chapter 106, laws of 1879.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of A. H. Burbank and others.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, bill "an act to compel certain officers whose terms of office have expired, to deliver money and other property to their successors."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted in concurrence, bill ordered printed under Joint Rule.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, reporting that Francis Albert should have increase of pension. Pending acceptance, tabled.

Petition for abolition of municipal court of Calais ; also

Petition of Josiah Crosby and others, of Dexter, for increase of salary of Supreme Judges ; and

Petition of D. N. Mortland and 33 others, for change of charter of police court of Rockland ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Wilson and Woodward, to amend the charter of Katahdin Dam Company ; and

Bill " an act to incorporate the Dudley Brook Dam Company ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill " an act to incorporate the Waterville Telegraph Company ;" and

Petition of E. H. Elwell and others, of the town of Deering, for a special sewerage ;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Orchard Beach Railroad Company, for right to build wharf, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of Assessors of Crystal Plantation, for State pension for Reuben Burnham, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

" Resolve in favor of ' an act of Congress granting pensions to veterans of the Mexican war, ' " was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the Address of Governor Daniel F. Davis be printed for the use of this House.

On motion of Mr. ROWELL of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the fifth annual report of the managers of the Maine Industrial School for Girls be referred to the Committee on Reform School.

On motion of Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton,

Ordered, That the parties having in charge the printing of the Opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court upon certain matters, be requested to suspend further action upon the matter until the order of Mr. Perry of Camden, with respect to the decision of Judge Virgin in the mandamus case, is disposed of.

On motion of Mr. CRANE of Winthrop,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the public laws relating to the employment of children in cotton and woolen manufactories.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL of Bethel,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to consider the expediency of amending chapter 99 of the revised statutes, so that mortgages of personal property to secure a debt for any sum shall be required to be recorded in the town clerk's office.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to enable the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation to make sale of its property to be used for railroad purposes."

Mr. HALE, from the same Committee, reported, on petition of Frederick M. Laughton and others, bill "an act to consolidate the Hampden Silver Mining Company of Hampden, Maine."

Mr. WENTWORTH, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad."

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition of the Richardson Wharf Company, bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company,'" approved April 2, 1856.

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

Mr. SMART, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Thomas W. Porter.

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same on petition of Sarah C. Preston.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported reference to the York County Delegation, on petition of William Emery, Attorney for the county of York.

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act relating to corrupt agreements."

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

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported on petition, bill "an act to prevent the destruction of smelts and eels in Salt pond and its tributaries, in the towns of Bluehill, Sedgwick and Brooklin."

The foregoing report was read and accepted, and on motion of same gentleman the bill was ordered printed.

Mr. INGALLS from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Artesian Water Company."

The foregoing report was read and accepted, bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported on petition, bill "an act to amend chapter 84 of the public laws of 1879, relating to river fisheries."

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported on order, bill "an act amendatory of and additional to section 2, chapter 65 of the public laws of 1876."

Mr. HARRIMAN, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of John M. Thurlough."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills and resolve ordered printed under Joint Rule.

"Resolve for the purchase of a safe for the Secretary of State's office," was read twice under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to incorporate the York County Game and Fish Society," was read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 173 of the public laws of 1877, relating to the election of Superintending School Committees."

Bill "an act authorizing Patrick McMannus to build a dyke or dykes on Duck Pond Creek."

Bill "an act amendatory of and additional to the act to incorporate the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company."

"Resolve in reference to new State Seal."

These 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.

Majority and minority reports upon the matter of State printing and binding came up by special assignment. The question being upon substituting the minority for the majority report, and upon that question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to substitute by yeas 43, nays 83.

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Brigham of Falmouth,	Howard of Westfield,	Record,
Chesley,	Hunnewell,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Durham,	Hussey,	Roundy,
Frederic,	Ingalls,	Smith of Buxton,
Glidden,	Knowles,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Gushee,	Lewis,	Stanley,
Harriman, Ken'bunkp't,	Long,	Swan,
Haskell,	McLaughlin,	Temple,
Hastings,	Mendall,	Waldron,
Heard,	Milliken,	Washburn,
Hill of Corinth,	Nash,	Webb,
Hills,	Oliver,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Hilton of St. Albans,	Pendleton,	Whitten,
Horn,	Perkins,	Wilson of Orono.—44.
Howard of Montville,	Plaisted,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Getchell,	Maxey,
Andrews,	Gilman,	McAllister,
Baker of Orrington,	Goff,	McKusick,
Baker of Steuben,	Goss of Auburn,	Nickerson,
Boody,	Goss of Bath,	Norton,
Bradstreet,	Goulding,	Parcher,
Bragdon,	Gray,	Parker,
Brooks,	Hale,	Partridge,
Burnham,	Hall of Nobleboro',	Payne,
Butler,	Harriman, Readfield,	Porter,
Clay,	Hatch,	Purington,
Cole of Smithfield,	Heal,	Redlon,
Cook,	Hill of Exeter,	Richards,
Crane,	Hilton of Embden,	Robbins,
Cutler,	Hutchinson,	Rogers,
Davis,	Jewett of Richmond,	Rolfe,
Dinsmore,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Rowell,
Dunnell,	Jordan,	Simonton,
Eaton,	Leach,	Smart,
Emmons,	Lord of Bangor,	Springer of Litchfield,
Fennelly,	Loring,	Springer of Yarmouth,
French,	Mason,	Sproul,

Steward,	True,	Wentworth of Kittery,
Stratton,	Twitchell,	Willoughby,
Strout,	Verrill,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's,
Thomas of Durham,	Wales,	Wyman,
Thomas, Farmington,	Wasson,	Young—83.
Toothaker,	Weeks,	

The question recurring upon the acceptance of the majority report, Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton moved, and the House ordered the yeas and nays upon the question, and the report was accepted, 84 gentlemen voting in the affirmative, and 43 in the negative.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Gray,	Redlon,
Andrews,	Hale,	Richards,
Baker of Orrington,	Hall of Nobleboro',	Robbins,
Baker of Steuben,	Harriman, Readfield,	Rogers,
Boody,	Hatch,	Rolfe,
Bradstreet,	Heal,	Rowell,
Bragdon,	Hill of Exeter,	Simonton,
Brooks,	Hilton of Embden,	Smart,
Burnham,	Hutchinson,	Springer of Litchfield,
Butler,	Jewett of Richmond,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Clay,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Sproul,
Cole of Smithfield,	Jordan,	Steward,
Cook,	Leach,	Stratton,
Crane,	Lord of Bangor,	Strout,
Cutler,	Loring,	Thomas of Durham,
Davis,	Mason,	Thomas of Farmington
Dinsmore,	Maxey,	Toothaker,
Dunnell,	McKusick,	Trafton,
Eaton,	Nickerson,	True,
Emmons,	Norton,	Twitchell,
Fennelly,	Oliver,	Verrill,
French,	Parcher,	Wasson,
Getchell,	Parker,	Weeks,
Gilman,	Partridge,	Wentworth of Kittery,
Goff,	Payne,	Willoughby,
Goss of Auburn,	Perkins,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's,
Goss of Bath,	Porter,	Wyman,
Goulding,	Purington,	Young—84.

Those who vetoed in the negative were Messrs.

Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.	Hunnewell,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Chesley,	Hussey,	Roundy,
Durham,	Ingalls,	Smith of Buxton,
Frederic,	Knowles,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Glidden,	Lewis,	Stanley,
Gushee,	Long,	Swan,
Harriman, Ken'bnkp't,	McAlister,	Temple,
Haskell,	McLaughlin,	Waldron,
Hastings,	Mendall,	Wales,
Heard,	Milliken,	Washburn,
Hill of Corinth,	Nash,	Webb,
Hilton of St. Albans,	Pendleton,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Horn,	Plaisted,	Whitten,
Howard of Montville,	Record,	Wilson of Orono—43.
Howard of Westfield,		

On motion,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. TILDEN of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Charles H. Goodwin, for arrears of State Bounty, with statement of facts, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of J. W. Porter, for repeal of law for imprisonment for debt, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Auburn Aqueduct Company, for amendment of charter; and

Petition of Edwin O. Clarke and others, for an act of incorporation as the Forest Lake Ice Company;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 29, laws of 1869, concerning the militia," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Military Affairs.

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. Smith of Lincoln,
Hill of Hancock,
Rogers of Penobscot,

appointed on its part.

The order was read and accepted in concurrence, and

Messrs. Rowell of Hallowell,
Jordan of Auburn,
Smith of Buxton,
Hatch of Bangor,
Wales of Biddeford,
Eaton of Wilton,
Rolfe of Damariscotta,

were joined on part of the House.

The SPEAKER announced the Committee called for by order of Mr. HALE, passed February 5th, as follows :

Messrs. Hale of Ellsworth,
Strout of Portland,
Lord of Bangor,
Ingalls of Wiscasset,
Springer of Yarmouth,
Cook of Lewiston,
Hill of Corinth.

The order was then sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting reference to the Cumberland County Delegation, on order relating to salary of Judge of Probate for said county.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting reference to the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition and bill "an act relating to throwing of refuse lumber into the Presumpscot river," referred from the last Legislature with order of notice.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to the abolition of the office of Fish Commissioner.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting same, on order relating to rate of interest.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Carleton, Norwood and Company.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

“Resolve for a Commission to revise the militia laws,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

House receded and referred the resolve in concurrence.

Petition of E. G. Dunn and others, asking to be incorporated as the Pond’s Sheer Boom Company ;

Bill “an act to incorporate the State of Maine Consolidated Mining Company and other purposes ;”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Garden Valley Copper Mining Company ;”

Petition of Nathan Webb and others, in relation to the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Saint Xavier School and Asylum,” was referred to the Committee on Education.

“Resolve in favor of town of Exeter,” was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of Assessors of Reed Plantation, that the doings of certain meetings of that plantation be made valid, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of F. N. Dow, for change of name of certain persons, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Presumpscot River Railroad Company,” was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus,

Ordered, That the House meet on Saturdays at 9 o’clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. JEWETT of Richmond, the House voted that when it adjourns it should be to meet on Monday, at 4 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. ROLFE of Princeton,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to place before this House the reports of the agents of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, for the use of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Orono,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the necessity of further legislation as to testimony by executors or administrators of parties presenting claims against the estates of deceased persons, more particularly where the executor or administrator shall decline or refuse to testify.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of additional legislation in regard to the acknowledgement of deeds by notary public.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws on fire insurance that the companies shall pay the amount of policy in full when there is a total loss.

On motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire and report to this House, on Monday next, whether, in the opinion of said Committee, in the appointment of Commissioners to make the State valuation it is necessary that the appointment should be confirmed by the Council.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps, gave notice that on Monday he would move to amend the first Joint Rule, so that the Committee on Fisheries shall be the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. HILL, from the Committee on Education, on petition, reported a "resolve in favor of the town of Levant." Printed under rule.

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported legislation inexpedient on order relating to amendment of law in regard to town ways;

Mr. SPRINGER, from the Committee on Education, reported same, on order relating to amendment of section 7, chapter 11 of the revised statutes ;

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to make valid the marriage of Addison Monk and A. Josie Hammond ;"

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

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act to regulate the taking of fish from Dexter pond."

Mr. PAYNE, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to 'an act of 1868, chapter 453, to establish a ferry across Penobscot river between Ayer's Falls and Marsh Rips.'"

Mr. LONG, from same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Caribou to build and maintain piers and booms for the protection of the bridge over the Aroostook river in said town."

Printed bill "an act to prevent the destruction of smelts and eels in Salt Pond and its tributaries, in the towns of Bluehill, Sedgwick and Brooklin."

Printed bill "an act amendatory of and additional to section 2, chapter 65 of the public laws of 1876."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 84 of the public laws of 1879, relating to river fisheries."

Printed bill "an act to compel certain officers, whose terms have expired, to deliver money and other property to their successors."

Printed bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the city of Bangor,' approved February 12, 1834."

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

"Resolve in favor of John M. Thurlough," was read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to enable the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation to make sale of its property to be used for railroad purposes."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company.'"

Bill "an act to consolidate the Hampden Silver Mining Company and the Dunton Silver Mining Company of Hampden, Maine."

Bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad."

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.

Report of the Committee on State Valuation, reporting a resolve, came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, and amended as per sheets A, B, C, D, and passed to be engrossed.

Report was read and accepted, and the resolve read twice, under suspension of rules.

Pending adoption of Senate amendments, Mr. HATCH moved to non-concur in adoption of amendment A, and upon that question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to non-concur, by yeas 25, nays 69.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Bradstreet,	Knowles,	True,
Cook,	Lord of Bangor,	Verrill,
Cutler,	Maxey,	Weeks,
Dunnell,	Parker,	Wilson of Albion,
Goff,	Redlon,	Wilson of Orono,
Hatch,	Smart,	Wyman,
Hill of Corinth,	Springer of Yarmouth,	Young—25.
Hunnell,	Stanley,	
Hussey,	Strout,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Andrews,	Fennelly,	Hill of Exeter,
Baker of Steuben,	Frederic,	Hill of Howland,
Bragdon,	French,	Hilton of Embden,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.	Gilman,	Horn,
Burnham,	Glidden,	Howard of Montville,
Butler,	Goss of Auburn,	Howard of Westfield,
Chesley,	Goulding,	Hutchinson,
Clay,	Gray,	Ingalls,
Cole of Smithfield,	Hale,	Jewett of Richmond,
Davis,	Hall of Nobleboro',	Jewett of Sangerville,
Dinsmore,	Harriman, Kenbnk'pt,	Jordan,
Emmons,	Harriman, Readfield,	Leach,

Lewis,	Oliver,	Rowell,
Long,	Partridge,	Stratton,
Loring,	Payne,	Temple,
McAllister,	Pendleton,	Thomas, Farmington,
McKusick,	Perkins,	Toothaker,
McLaughlin,	Porter,	Twitchell,
Mendall,	Purington,	Wasson,
Milliken,	Record,	Webb,
Nash,	Robbins,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Nickerson,	Robinson of Oldtown,	Whitten,
Norton,	Rolfe,	Wilson, Columbia Ff's.

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Senate amendments "B," "C," and "D," were then adopted, resolve further amended as per sheet "E," passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

In the absence of the Speaker, the House was called to order by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Speaker, S. J. Young, Esq., of Brunswick, be Speaker *pro tem.*

Mr. YOUNG was conducted to the chair by Mr. Cook.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. LINDSEY of Gardiner.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that branch of the election of Stephen J. Young, Esq., of Brunswick, as Speaker *pro tem.*

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to amend an

act for supplying the city of Bangor with water,' approved February 22, 1875,' approved February 11, 1876.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Portland Turnverein.'"

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

Bill "an act in relation to service of process on Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Coronors and Constables, in certain cases;" also

Bill "an act to amend chapter 74, laws of 1878, relating to the Insolvent Laws of Maine;" also

Bill "an act to abolish the use of private seals upon certain instruments in writing;" also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Club;" also

Bill "an act to make women eligible to any office;" also

Petition of D. N. Mortland and others, to amend the charter of the city of Rockland, relating to the election of mayor; also

Petition of the Washington County Bar, for restoration of number and pay of Judges; and

Petition of D. W. Hastings and others, of Oxford County Bar, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John B. Bean and others, relating to taking of menhaden; also

Petition of George C. Lord and others; also

Petition of William Duncan and others, in aid of same; also

Remonstrance of J. C. Condon and 117 others, against altering or repealing the law regulating the fisheries; also

Remonstrance of James R. Long and 94 others, in aid of same; also

Petition of Volney A. Sprague and others, for repeal of chapter 249, special laws of 1873; also

Bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 75, public laws of 1878, relating to fisheries;" also

Bill "an act to allow David Masterman of Weld, to construct and maintain a fish pond in said town;" also

Petition of David Masterman of Weld, for leave to construct a fish pond; also

Petition of A. D. Russell and others of Weld, in aid of same ; also

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 75, public laws of 1878, relating to fisheries ;" also

Bill "an act to enlarge the powers and duties of the Commissioners of Fisheries ;" and

Petition of Thomas W. Hyde and 33 others, for repeal of the porgie law ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of W. P. Hubbard and others, for right to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Blue Hill ; also

Petition of Foster & Spaulding of Richmond, for authority to build and maintain dams on Parlin stream ; also

Remonstrance of George L. Smith and others, against petition of Isaac Bagnal ; and

Petition of William Seavy and others, for an act to prevent putting rocks into Swett's Pond in the town of Orrington ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of L. Lundavall and 50 others of New Sweden, for aid to build a bridge in said plantation, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Female Orphan Asylum for aid ; and

Petition of James A. Healy for aid for St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum ;

Were referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of J. H. Whitten and others of Etna, for the more thorough organization of the military, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of H. M. Kimball of Gorham Normal School, for balance of salary ; also

Petition of H. A. Deering of Gorham Normal School ; and

Petition of C. W. Fenn for same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 215, special laws of 1867 ;" was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the statute that superintending school

committees and supervisors of schools shall receive a fixed amount for their services, instead of \$1.50 per day and necessary expenses as at present provided.

On motion of Mr. MAXEY of Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire if any further legislation is required relating to process of forcible entry and detainer.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the charter of the city of Calais in relation to the election of assessors of taxes; also that the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending the law relating to administrators.

On motion of Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the first joint rule relating to the Joint Standing Committees be and hereby is changed by making the Committee on Fisheries read, on Fisheries and Game; and the Committee heretofore known as the Committee on Fisheries shall hereafter be known as the Committee on Fisheries and Game; also that the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to examine the laws relating to sanitary measures and ascertain if any additional legislation is necessary to prevent disease.

On motion of Mr. STEWARD of Skowhegan,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs ascertain what legislation is necessary to make legal a tax assessed upon the wild lands in Somerset county for the year 1879.

On motion of Mr. BRADSTREET of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of revesting all rights and property heretofore invested in the Cumberland and Oxford land corporation and its mortgages between Gambo Falls and Portland in said corporation and its mortgages.

On motion of Mr. MARBLE of Paris,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance inquire what legislation is necessary in relation to taxes assessed in 1879 on unincorporated townships and tracts of land in the county of Oxford.

On motion of Mr. STEWART of Skowhegan,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what legislation is necessary in relation to proceedings in equity cases.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs on order, reported bill "an act to amend section 93, of chapter 6, of the revised statutes, relating to taxes."

Mr. CRANE, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 1, of chapter 11, of the revised statutes, authorizing the consolidation of schools in certain cases."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed.

Bill "an act to compel certain officers, whose terms have expired, to deliver money and other property to their successors;"

Bill "an act to prevent the destruction of smelts and eels in Salt Pond and its tributaries in the towns of Bluehill, Sedgwick and Brooklin."

Bill "an act to regulate the taking of fish from Dexter Pond."

Bill "an act to authorize the Inhabitants of the town of Caribou to build and maintain piers and booms for the protection of the bridge over the Aroostook river in said town."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 453, to establish a ferry across Penobscot river, between Ayer's Falls and Marsh Rips."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, the first in concurrence, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 161, section 2 of the public laws of 1879, in relation to the State valuation."

Bill "an act to amend section 9, of chapter 32 of the revised statutes, relating to days of grace."

"Resolve in favor of John Anderson of Island Falls."

These bills and resolves 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. BUTLER of Vassalborough, the House took up his motion to reconsider the vote passing the order to have printed Judge Virgin's decision in the Mandamus case, with the opinions of the full Court ordered printed by the House.

On motion of Mr. HILLS of Union, the yeas and nays were taken, resulting in the affirmative as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Goff,	Parker,
Andrews,	Goss of Auburn,	Porter,
Baker of Steuben,	Goulding,	Richards,
Boody,	Gray,	Robbins,
Bradstreet,	Hale,	Rolfe,
Bragdon,	Harriman, Readfield,	Rowell,
Brooks,	Hatch,	Simonton,
Burnham,	Heal,	Springer of Litchfield,
Butler,	Hill of Exeter,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Clay,	Hilton of Embden,	Steward,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Jewett of Richmond,	Stratton,
Cole, Smithfield,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Strout,
Cook,	Jordan,	Thomas of Durham,
Crane,	Leach,	Thomas, Farmington,
Cutler,	Loring,	Toothaker,
Davis,	Marble,	True,
Dinsmore,	Mason,	Twitchell,
Dunnell,	Maxey,	Wasson,
Emmons,	McKusick,	Wilson of Albion,
Fennelly,	Nickerson,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's,
French,	Norton,	Wyman,
Getchell,	Parcher,	Young—67.
Gilman,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Baker of Orrington,	Hills,	Pendleton,
Benner,	Hilton of St. Albans,	Perkins,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Horn,	Record,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.	Howard of Montville,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Chadbourn,	Howard of Westfield,	Roundy,
Chesley,	Hunnewell,	Smith of Buxton,
Durham,	Knowles,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Farrell,	Lewis,	Stanley,
Frederic,	Long,	Staples,
Glidden,	McLaughlin,	Swan,
Gushee,	Milliken,	Temple,
Harriman, Kenb'kpt,	Nash,	Waldron,
Haskell,	Oliver,	Washburn,
Hastings,	Partridge,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Heard,	Payne,	Wilson of Orono—46.
Hill of Howland,		

The order was then indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston, by a vote of 67 to 32.

Mr. HATCH of Bangor then presented the following :

Ordered, That 2000 copies of Judge Virgin's opinion in the case of Smith vs. Gove, Secretary of State, be printed for the use of the House.

The order was laid on the table on motion of Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton.

"Resolve relating to State valuation," came from the Senate amended. House amendment "E" adopted, further amended as per sheet "F," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HILLS of Union,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

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

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of Mark Marshall and others of St. George, for change in lobster law ; and

Remonstrance of E. W. Cleaves and 39 others, against the repeal of chapter 112, public laws of 1879 ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of certain citizens of So. Berwick to be set off from said town, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Zechariah Chaffee, Trustee, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of J. M. Marshall and others, to incorporate the South Buxton Cemetery Association, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the holding of

one term of the Supreme Judicial Court at Caribou, in the county of Aroostook, and report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs inquire into the expediency of making a geological survey of the State of Maine.

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

Petition of W. W. Thomas and others of Portland, for restoration of the number of Judges and their salary ; also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company ;" also

Petition of Hallet Hamlin and others, for sealed ballot ; and

Petition of James Benner and 45 others of Waldoboro', in aid of same ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Communication of Secretary of State, transmitting Annual Report of the Attorney General ;

The communication was read, and the report was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the city of Bangor,' approved Feb. 12, 1834 ;"

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, passed to be engrossed, was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for third reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of the town of Machias," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed, was read and accepted in concurrence, resolve read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended, as per sheets "A," "B," "C," "D," "E," "F," and "G," and was passed to be engrossed.

The bill, pending the acceptance of amendments, was tabled, on motion of Mr. SMART of Deering.

Petition of J. G. Soule and others, for the restoration of the salary of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court ; also

Petition of Walter Manson and others, for an act to supply the town of Houlton with pure water ; also

Petition of C. G. Maffitt and others, for change of charter of Rockland ; also

Petition of Bath City Council, for amendment of chapter 91, section 4 of acts of 1878 ; and

Petition of H. D. Hadlock and others, of Hancock county, for restoration of salary of Supreme Judges ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of William L. Prince and others, of the town of Cumberland, against any change of division line of Portland ; and

Remonstrance of A. R. Littlefield and others, of same town, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of G. B. Daggett and others, that Ward 7 may be set off from the city of Rockland and incorporated into a separate town ; also

Petition of G. L. Farrand and others, in aid of the same ; and

Petition of J. G. Record and others, that part of the land owned by said Record in Crystal plantation may be set off and annexed to Sherman ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of W. H. Hodgman and others, for an act prohibiting building fish weirs in a certain portion of Georges river ; also

Petition of A. G. Hunt and others, for a law prohibiting the catching of fish in certain lakes in Aroostook county ; and

Petition of William T. Pearson and others, for repeal of sections 9 and 21 of chapter 143, relating to fisheries and the propagation of fish, and a change in the close time for taking fish ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of J. E. Burnham and others, that chapter 200 of the laws of 1877, relating to mischievous dogs, be re-enacted ; and

Petition of Edwin Flye and others, for further protection of agricultural societies ;

Were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Albert Worthly and others, for a change of game law, so that moose and deer may be taken in certain months ; and

Bill "an act authorizing Frank S. Chase and James J. Pray to dredge bars, remove boulders, and navigate Messalonskee stream by steam ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of J. F. Sprague and others, of Monson, for incorporation of the Eastern Slate Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

“Resolves passed by the town of South Thomaston against bridging tide waters from Elwell’s Point to Spruce Head Island in the town of South Thomaston;” and

Remonstrance of H. P. Babb and others, against bridging tide waters from Elwell’s Point to Spruce Head Island in the town of South Thomaston;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

“Resolves for the better enforcement of the prohibitory law;” and

Petition of R. D. Richardson and others, members of reform clubs in Clinton, for an amendment to the prohibitory law so as to include cider among intoxicating liquors, thus prohibiting its sale;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

“Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud,” was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill “an act to amend section 1, chapter 256, laws of 1874,” was referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps, the rule limiting the time for the reception of private legislation to yesterday, was suspended for to-day.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Federal Relations be directed to inquire into the necessity of procuring copies of the maps of the survey of the Eastern boundary of the State, and report all the facts and probable expense.

On motion of Mr. BRADSTREET of Bridgton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether and how the laws should be amended in relation to taxation of railroads.

On motion of Mr. PARCHER of Saco,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending section 25, chap. 49 of the revised statutes.

On motion of Mr. HASKELL of Turner,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs ascertain what legislation, if any, is necessary for the protection of persons whose notes are obtained by fraud.

Mr. BROOKS of Belfast, presented the following order, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to make up the pay of W. J. Smith, Folder of the last House, for ——— days at two dollars per day, with the usual mileage.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws, so as to prevent money being drawn from any appropriation for other purposes than that for which the appropriation was made.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

Bill “an act to amend section 1 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, authorizing the consolidation of schools in certain cases.”

Printed bill “an act to amend section 93 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes relating to taxes.”

“Resolve in favor of the town of Levant.”

These bills were read twice, and the resolve once. The first tabled on motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset.

The second assigned to-morrow for its third reading.

The resolve laid over to Wednesday of next week.

Mr. HALE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order, reported bill “an act to amend chapter 90 of the public laws of 1879.”

The foregoing report was accepted, and bill ordered printed.

Bill “an act to amend ‘an act to incorporate the Portland Turnverein;’” also

Bill “an act to incorporate the Artesian Water Company;” also

Bill “an act amendatory of and additional to section 2, chapter 65 of the public laws of 1876;” and

Bill “an act to amend chapter 84 of the public laws of 1879, relating to river fisheries;”

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 to incorporate the Gardiner Water Power Company;” and

Bill “an act to ratify and confirm the mortgage of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad Company.”

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.

Mr. SWAN of Minot, presented the following order :

Ordered, That the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court which is published in the 68th Maine Reports, on pages 587 and 588, be published with the three recent opinions which have been ordered published by this House.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, moved the indefinite postponement of this order, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the order indefinitely postponed by yeas 82, nays 38, as follows :

The gentlemen who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Goss of Auburn,	Perkins,
Andrews,	Goss of Bath,	Porter,
Baker of Orrington,	Goulding,	Purington,
Baker of Steuben,	Gray,	Redlon,
Boody,	Hale,	Richards,
Bradstreet,	Hall of Alfred,	Robbins,
Bragdon,	Harriman, Readfield,	Rogers,
Brooks,	Hatch,	Rolfe,
Burnham,	Heal,	Rowell,
Butler,	Hill of Exeter,	Simonton,
Clay,	Hilton of Embden,	Smart,
Colburn,	Jewett of Richmond,	Springer of Litchfield,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Cole of Smithfield,	Jordan,	Sproul,
Cook,	Leach,	Steward,
Crane,	Lord of Bangor,	Stratton,
Cutler,	Loring,	Thomas of Durham,
Davis,	Marble,	Thomas of Farmington
Dickey,	Mason,	Toothaker,
Dinsmore,	Maxey,	True,
Dunnell,	McAllister,	Twitchell,
Eaton,	McKusick,	Wasson,
Emmons,	Nickerson,	Weeks,
Fennelly,	Parcher,	Willoughby,
French,	Parker,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's,
Getchell,	Partridge,	Wyman,
Gilman,	Payne,	Young—82.
Goff,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Benner,	Hills,	Rafter,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Hilton of St. Albans,	Record,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.,	Horn,	Roundy,
Chadbourn,	Howard, Montville,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Chesley,	Howard, Westfield,	Stanley,
Durham,	Knowles,	Staples,
Farrell,	Lewis,	Swan,
Frederic,	Long,	Temple,
Gushee,	McLaughlin,	Waldron,
Harriman, Ken'bnkp't,	Nash,	Washburn,
Haskell,	Pendleton,	Whitten,
Hastings,	Perry,	Wilson of Orono—38.
Heard,	Plaisted,	

On motion,

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. MANSON of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following :

AUGUSTA, Feb. 11, 1880.

HON. GEORGE E. WEEKS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I hereby tender my resignation as Assistant Clerk of the House. I would not be doing justice to my feelings did I not, as I now do, tender to you, Mr. Speaker and the Clerk, with whom I have been so pleasantly associated for four years, and to each and every officer and member of the House, my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many courtesies received at their hands.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWIN C. BURLEIGH.

The resignation was accepted.

On motion of Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps,

Ordered, That the House proceed immediately to the election of an Assistant Clerk to fill the vacancy existing by reason of the resignation of E. C. Burleigh.

Mr. GILMAN then presented as a candidate for the position the name of Frank L. Patten of Newport, and said he was highly recommended as a competent person for the position.

On motion of Mr. ROLFE of Princeton, that gentleman, with Messrs. Stratton of Hancock, Boody of Windham, Hill of Howland, Roundy of Benton, Colburn of Pittston, and Hunnewell of Scarborough, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for an Assistant Clerk.

Having attended to the duty assigned it, the Committee reported as follows :

Whole number of votes.....	85
Necessary for a choice.....	43
Frank L. Patten had.....	83
Ezra C. Brett.....	2

The report was accepted, and Frank L. Patten was declared duly elected Assistant Clerk for the current political year.

Mr. BRADSTREET of Bridgton was charged with, and discharged the duty of conducting him to the Secretary of State's office, where he took the necessary oaths of office.

Subsequently, Mr. Patten appeared and assumed the duties of his position.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, presented the following, which received a unanimous passage :

Resolved, That this House hereby recognizes the faithfulness and ability with which its late Assistant Clerk, Edwin C. Burleigh, has performed the duties of his office, and extend to him its good wishes in his future course.

Papers from the Senate.

Remonstrance of Samuel Bibber and others, against the repeal of the porgie law, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of William McAllister and others of Aroostook county, that the February term of the Supreme Court of that county may be holden at Caribou ;

Petition of W. A. Vaughn and others, in aid of same ;

Petition of N. S. Lufkin and others ;

Petition of Philander S. Good and others ;

Petition of Levi Day and others ;

Petition of J. Cary and others ; and

Petition of A. S. Ireland and others, in aid of same ;

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and were tabled in the House, on motion of Mr. POWERS of Houlton.

Petition for incorporation of the Ragged Lake Dam Company, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire whether further legislation is necessary in regard to the Board of Agriculture, and bounties to agricultural societies, and report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance inquire if the expenses or appropriations for the State can in any way be curtailed, that more money may be appropriated for school purposes, and in what direction.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law that copies of the deeds from the State records in the Land Office may be recorded in the Registry of Deeds in the county where the land lies, with the same effect as if the original deeds had been recorded.

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

Petition of A. Thompson and others, for reimbursement of money over-paid for lot of land purchased by the State, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of W. R. Close, for permission to build wharf at Owl's Head, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petition of Hollis Bowman, President of the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of W. M. Walker and 68 others, for amendment of the Elliot Bridge Company charter, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Joseph Granger, in reference to Judges of Supreme Court, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Margaret C. Small and 386 others, that the Legislature should pass certain resolutions, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of Julia M. Carter, for an act to authorize the town of Bradley to pay her for services as school teacher, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of C. H. Hebbard and others, for protection of migratory quails, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PARCHER of Saco,

Ordered, That any question that shall give rise to debate shall not be discussed until after the expiration of the morning hour.

On motion of Mr. PARKER of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire whether the law relating to fees of trial justices and other officers, may not be amended so as to prevent the issuing of warrants and other papers in cases without sufficient cause, and thus save the large amounts now paid out by the counties under the present practice.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature be requested to report finally upon all matters before them on or before the 25th inst.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Orono,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of requiring students of the State Normal Schools to pay a tuition, so as to pay in part the salaries of the teachers of those schools.

On motion of Mr. HOWARD of Montville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to examine the law in relation to certificating teachers for the public schools, and report whether any additional legislation is needed to render said law better defined and more explicit.

The foregoing orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. JEWETT, from the Committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of the City Government of Portland.

Pending acceptance, tabled, on motion of Mr. TRUE of Portland.

Mr. HILL, from the Committee on Education, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the St. Xavier's School and Asylum."

Pending acceptance, tabled, on motion of Mr. CUTLER of Bangor.

Mr. JEWETT, from the Committee on Towns, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Frederick Frye and others, from the town of Dedham.

Mr. FENNELLY, from the Committee on Claims, reported same on petition of Nathan Bartlett and others, of town of Grafton.

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of Mrs. Samuel Lamson for timber cut on her lot.

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on "resolve in favor of St. Croix and Penobscot Railway Company."

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

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition of D. N. Mortland, relating to election of Mayor of city of Rockland, bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the city of Rockland.'"

Mr. INGALLS, from the same Committee, reported, on petition of G. E. B. Jackson, bill "an act to change the name of the Trustees of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine."

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 90 of the public laws of 1879."

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

Bill "an act to amend section 93 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxes," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the city of Bangor,' approved February 12, 1834 ;"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to amend an act for supplying the city of Bangor with pure water, approved February 22, 1875,' approved February 11, 1876 ;"

Were reported from the same Committee, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve to provide for a State valuation;” also

“Resolve for the purchase of a safe for the Secretary of State’s office;” and

Bill “an act to incorporate the York County Game and Fish Society;”

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the resolves were finally passed, bill passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER announced the name of Mr. SMITH of Buxton, as a member of the Committee on Insane Asylum, to fill the vacancy caused by the continued absence of Mr. Whipple of Bingham; also

The name of Mr. LONG of Fort Fairfield, on the Committee on Financial Affairs, in place of Mr. Talbot of East Machias, absent.

On motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset, bill “an act to amend section 1, chapter 11, revised statutes, authorizing the consolidation of schools in certain cases,” was taken from the table, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed; subsequently vote reconsidered, bill tabled on motion of Mr. HOWARD of Montville.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Farmington.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill “an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Knox county to locate and lay a highway over Georges river,” was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Remonstrance of Freeman G. Pierce, against making valid the doings of Reed Plantation, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of C. W. Larrabee and others, of Sagadahoc county, for restoration of the number and salary of the Judges ; and

Petition of J. C. Ingraham and others, of Portland, for a sealed ballot ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of executors of Alfred Veazie," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve indefinitely postponed, report was read and accepted in concurrence, and tabled on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Report of the Committee on Governor's Message, came from the Senate amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and accepted, amendments were adopted, and the report accepted in concurrence.

Petition of C. A. Cushman and 31 others, that the pension of Elvira E. Cobb, which expires on the 16th of May next, be continued, was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petition of A. L. Rice and others, of Knox County Bar, to increase the number of Judges, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WYMAN of Augusta,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so changing the trustee law as to make the lowest sum for which a party may be trustee, ten dollars instead of five dollars, as now provided by law.

Mr. HILL of Corinth, presented the following :

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws relating to poor debtors, so that any who are entitled to take the oath as by law provided, shall be entitled to have said oath administered without cost to said debtor, unless said debtor discloses property not by law exempt.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of chapter 206, section 65, revised statutes.

Mr. SWAN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported reference to the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to uniformity of ballots.

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend 'an act relating to a municipal court in the city of Lewiston.'"

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

Mr. ROLFE of Princeton, presented "resolve in favor of Lewey Mitchell," and "resolve in favor of Lōla Cola," representatives of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, and on his motion the rules were suspended, the resolves read twice, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. McKUSICK reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, bill "an act providing for the trials of causes involving the rights of parties to hold public offices."

Mr. MAXEY, from the Committee on Reform School, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act in relation to the Reform School."

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to establish a municipal court in the town of Waterville."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under Joint Rule.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 90 of the public laws of 1879;" also

Bill "an act to change the name of the Trustees of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine;" and

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the city of Rockland;'"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of John M. Thurlough," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and tabled on motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston.

Bill "an act amendatory of and additional to section 2, chapter 65 of the public laws of 1876," passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate amended per sheet "A."

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company,' approved April 2, 1856;" also

Bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad;" also

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Portland Turnverein;" and

Bill "an act to compel certain officers whose terms have expired, to deliver money and other property to their successors;"

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 incorporate the Ocean Street Railway Company," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. SMART of Deering, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. PLAISTED of Lincoln submitted the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on attempted bribery of members of this House, be instructed to include in their investigation the cases of James W. Clark of Nobleborough, and Alfred Cushman of Sherman; also, that when said Committee commence meeting they shall then proceed to hold daily and evening sessions upon three days of each week, viz: Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, until all cases have been thoroughly and completely investigated, and the facts relating thereto laid before this House. Also, that the Committee be instructed to proceed with the examination of witnesses in the so-called Wallace R. White case, without further delay.

Mr. WENTWORTH of Kittery, moved the indefinite postponement of the order.

The yeas and nays were taken, on motion of Mr. PERRY of Camden, resulting in the affirmative, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Andrews,	Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Getchell,
Baker of Orrington,	Cole of Smithfield,	Goff,
Baker of Steuben,	Cook,	Goss of Auburn,
Boody,	Cutler,	Goss of Bath,
Bragdon,	Dinsmore,	Goulding,
Brooks,	Dunnell,	Gray,
Burnham,	Emmons,	Hale,
Butler,	Fennelly,	Hall of Alfred,
Clay,	French,	Hall of Nobleborough,

Harriman, Readfield,	McAlister,	Sproul,
Hatch,	McKusick,	Steward,
Heal,	Nickerson,	Stratton,
Hilton of Embden,	Parcher,	Strout,
Hunnewell,	Parker,	Thomas of Farmington
Hutchinson,	Partridge,	Toothaker,
Jewett of Richmond,	Payne,	Trafton,
Jewett of Sangerville,	Porter,	Twitchell,
Jordan,	Purington,	Verrill,
Leach,	Redlon,	Wasson,
Lord of Bangor,	Robbins,	Weeks,
Lord of Standish,	Rolfe,	Wentworth of Kittery,.
Loring,	Roundy,	Willoughby,
Marble,	Rowell,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's.,
Mason,	Simonton,	Wyman—75.
Maxey,	Smart,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Bridgham, Falmouth,	Hill of Corinth,	Pendleton,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.	Howard of Westfield,	Perry,
Chadbourn,	Hussey,	Plaisted,
Chesley,	Ingalls,	Rafter,
Dickey,	Knowles,	Record,
Durham,	Long,	Robinson of Oldtown,.
Farrell,	McLaughlin,	Smith of Buxton,
Frederic,	Mendall,	Smith of Vinalhaven,.
Glidden,	Milliken,	Waldron,
Gushee,	Nash,	Washburn,
Harriman, Ken'bnkp't,	Oliver,	Wentworth, S. Berwick.
Hastings,		—34.

So the order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. PURINGTON of Bowdoinham,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting leave to withdraw on petition of M. S. Drummond and W. H. McCrillis of Bangor.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting same, on petition of the President and Trustees of the Twenty-five Cent Savings Bank of Bath.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting same, on petition of H. N. Egery and others, for amendment of the charter of the Katahdin Iron Company.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of chapter 6, section 40, revised statutes.

Tabled on motion of Mr. PARKER of Lewiston.

Report of the Cumberland County Delegation, in relation to salary of Judge of Probate, reporting legislation inexpedient, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

“Resolve for the appointment of a commission to revise the militia laws,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendment “A,” and passed the resolve in concurrence.

Bill “an act to protect ducks;” and

Bill “an act to protect quail;”

Were referred to the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

Bill “an act to provide for danger signals on railroads in certain cases;” also

Remonstrance of John Sincock and others, against repealing law relating to toll on grain; and

Petition of members of the Piscataquis Bar, for restoration of the salary of Judges ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of O. W. Davis and others, against turning waters of Pleasant River into Kennebec river, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of citizens of Mapleton plantation, for incorporation as a town, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Corinth,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution that the Council shall be elected by the people of the several councillor districts by a plurality vote ; also, as to the expediency of having all State officers elected by a plurality vote of the people.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that the inspectors and warden of the State Prison, with the approval of the Governor and Council, may lease the labor of the convicts in said prison.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PURINGTON of Bowdoinham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Leave of Absence ascertain what members, if any, of this House have not taken their seats at this session of the Legislature, and report forthwith to this House.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported ought to pass, on " resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud."

Mr. BAKER, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported on order, " resolve in favor of road leading from Fish river mills to Daigle mills in Township No. 17, Range 6, Aroostook county."

Mr. COLE, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on " resolve for the purchase of certain farms or settlers' lots in Township No. 17, Range 7."

Mr. HARRIMAN, from the same Committee, reported, on order, " resolve in favor of the Houlton and Baring road across Indian township, and Grand Lake Stream road in Washington county."

Mr. FARRELL, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, " resolve in favor of Salome S. Sumner."

Mr. STROUT, from the Judiciary Committee, reported, on order, "an act to supply the people of Houlton with pure water."

Mr. PARKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, "an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, on elections."

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, "an act authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, and the bills and resolves ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

Mr. ROBBINS, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act authorizing the erection of a wharf into the tide waters in the town of Bluehill."

Printed bill "an act in relation to the Reform School."

Printed bill "an act to establish a Municipal Court in the town of Waterville."

Printed bill "an act providing for the trials of causes involving the right of parties to hold public offices."

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

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on order instructing the Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of State, reported that they had carefully examined the books and accounts in the Treasurer's office, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched. And the cash on hand was by certificates shown to be deposited in sound and reliable banks, and amounted to \$69,413.47, including \$1,432.62 in the treasury vaults. They have also, in compliance with law, destroyed by burning the coupons paid by the State Treasurer during the year 1879, amounting to the sum of \$224,154, as charged by him in his report, exclusive of \$126,960 interest paid on registered bonds, and have made due record of such destruction as required by law.

The report was ordered to be spread upon the record on motion of Mr. YOUNG.

Mr. PARKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, submitted a minority report, on order relating to poll tax, and on his motion the report, pending acceptance, was tabled, with the majority report from the Senate.

Mr. MASON, from the York County Delegation, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Wm. Emery, County Attorney of York county.

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

Bill "an act to amend 'an act relating to a Municipal Court for the city of Lewiston,'" was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to regulate the taking of fish in Dexter pond;" also

Bill "an act to consolidate the Hampden Silver Mining Company and the Dunton Silver Mining Company of Hampden, Maine;" also

Bill "an act to authorize the inhabitants of Caribou to build and maintain piers and booms for the protection of the bridge over the Aroostook river in said town;" also

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to amend an act for supplying the city of Bangor with pure water, approved February 22, 1875,' approved February 11, 1876;" and

Bill "an act to prevent the destruction of smelts and eels in Salt pond and its tributaries in the towns of Bluehill, Sedgwick and Brooklin;"

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 section 1, chapter 11, revised statutes, authorizing the consolidation of schools in certain cases," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. CRANE of Winthrop, and re-tabled on motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath.

"Resolve in favor of John M. Thurlough," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton, submitted the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee on Attempted Bribery of Members of this House, be authorized to include the cases of James W. Clarke of Nobleborough, and Alfred Cushman of Sherman, in their investigation.

Mr. WENTWORTH of Kittery, raised the point of order that the matter had been definitely settled, and could not be acted upon.

The point was sustained.

Mr. GUSHEE gave notice that he would introduce the motion at the expiration of three days, as required by rule.

Mr. GOSS of Bath, submitted the following :

Ordered, That the Committee on Federal Relations be requested to examine the pilot laws of the several seaboard States, so far as practicable, and such papers as may be presented on the subject, and if upon careful examination said pilot laws shall be found unjust and detrimental to the shipping interest, that instructions may be sent by the Legislature to our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best endeavors to secure the enactment of a national pilot law by Congress that shall be just and equitable to all.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of A. H. Walker and others, of Lovell, for restoration of number of judges ; also

Petition of D. R. Hastings and others, in aid of same ; and

Petition of John F. Sprague, for lien for moving slate ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought not to pass, on "resolve to provide for a State valuation."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting same on bill "an act to authorize F. C. Hewey to navigate Rangely lake by steam."

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting same, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Elliot Bridge Company."

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend 'an act to incorporate the Auburn Aqueduct Company.'"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend 'an act to establish a Police Court in the city of Rockland,' approved March 14, 1861."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice and passed to be engrossed, reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and Monday assigned.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Seboois Log Driving Company," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, reporting, on petition, bill "an act regulating the fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks, and their deputies."

This report came from the Senate accepted, bill amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and Monday assigned.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, referring reference to the Committee on Federal Relations, on petition of Margaret E. Small and others, relating to the right of suffrage, came from the Senate read and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Charles H. Gilbert and others, for charter of Caribou Bridge Company; and

Petition of members of Piscataquis Bar;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of municipal officers of the town of Kingsbury, for relief from alien pauper expenses, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 164, special laws of 1862," was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Remonstrance of Lewis McKenney and 96 others, against petition

of J. M. Milliken and others to abrogate the charter of the Southgate Dyking Company ; and

Remonstrance of Ezra Carter and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. BROOKS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to the repeal of the insolvency laws of Maine.

Mr. RICHARDS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to abolition of the Pension Agency.

These reports were accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act for the protection of blue-backed trout."

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, in new draft, on bill "an act to abolish the Calais Municipal Court, and for other purposes."

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act to repeal chapter 422, laws of 1874, entitled 'an act to prevent the taking of eels in Southern Bay in the towns of Brooksville and Penobscot.'"

"Resolve in favor of Salome S. Sumner."

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud."

"Resolve in favor of the Houlton and Baring road across Indian Township and Grand Lake Stream road in Washington county."

Bill "an act authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes."

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

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon in Rangely, South Bog, Bemis, Cupsuptic and Kennebago streams."

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 113 of the laws of 1879, relating to auctioneers."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under rule.

Bill "an act providing for the trials of causes involving the rights of parties to hold public offices."

Bill "an act authorizing the erection of a wharf into the tide waters in the town of Bluehill."

Bill "an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company.'"

Bill "an act in relation to the Reform School."

Bill "an act to establish a Municipal Court in the town of Waterville."

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 to amend section 93 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxes."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 84 of the public laws of 1879, relating to river fisheries."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Artesian Water Company."

"Resolve in favor of Lola Cola, representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

Bill "an act amendatory of and additional to section 2, chapter 5 of the public laws of 1876, relating to business corporations."

"Resolve in favor of Lewy Mitchell, representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians."

"Resolve for the appointment of a commission to revise the militia laws."

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.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock P. M., on Monday.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

In the absence of the Speaker, the House was called to order by the Clerk, Oramandal Smith.

On motion of Mr. MASON of Limerick,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Speaker, Hon. S. C. HATCH, of Bangor, be Speaker *pro tem*.

Mr. HATCH was conducted to the chair by Mr. Mason, and addressed the House as follows :

Gentlemen of the House :

I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me ; and during the brief time that I occupy the chair I will endeavor to discharge its duties impartially.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GROVENOR of Hallowell.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of David T. Landers and others, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill "an act to prevent the obstruction of business on certain public corporations," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Railroads.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on order relating to payment of W. J. Smith, Folder of the last House, was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to appropriation of money for school purposes.

Same Committee, reported same, on order relating to mileage of members of the Legislature.

The first report was accepted in concurrence, the last one tabled, pending acceptance.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 90, public laws of 1879," passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendment "A," and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of John P. Perley, Wm. F. Perry, and 344 others, for right to build a railroad between Bridgton and Portland, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Remonstrance of H. S. Alexander and others, against a bridge across Willis' Straits; also

Remonstrance of Samuel S. Toothaker and others;

Remonstrance of Lewis Leeson and others;

Remonstrance of George R. Skolfield and others;

Remonstrance of Shubael Merriman and others;

Remonstrance of George D. Merrill and others;

Remonstrance of Moses Bailey and others, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Remonstrance of Sewall Milliken and 54 others, against petition of John M. Milliken for abrogation of charter of Southgate Dyking Company; and

Remonstrance of W. C. Hammond and others, against petition of Antoine Ouilette, relative to mills on Violette brook in Van Buren;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act relating to testimony of witnesses in court," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Remonstrance of Ed. Beaumont and others, against repeal of the porgie law, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Petition of C. K. Evans and others, against the liquor traffic; also

Petition of John F. Berry and others;

Petition of Edwin B. Morrill and others;

Petition of George A. Winship and others;

Petition of Y. L. Wilson and others;

Petition of N. B. Buxton and others; and

Petition of W. H. Spear and others, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company;" also

Petition of J. Baker and others, relating to salary and number of Judges; and

Petition of E. E. Livermore, Chas. Sargent and others, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that body of the election of Hon. S. C. Hatch as Speaker *pro tem*.

On motion of Mr. HALE of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to examine into and report to this Legislature as to what change is needed to be made so that railroad and other corporations of the State may be made to bear their proper share of the burden of taxation.

On motion of Mr. ROUNDY of Benton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Interior Waters be requested to inquire into the expediency of legislation charging the building support of bridges on all rivers within the several counties to such counties, instead of the towns as now provided by law.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of changing the law in reference to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and quorum.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill "an act to make valid the acts and doings of the Wells Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

Printed bill "an act to supply the people of Houlton with pure water."

Bill "an act for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon in the Rangely, South Bog, Bemis, Cupsuptic and Kennebago streams."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 113 of the laws of 1879, relating to auctioneers."

The report was read and accepted, bills read twice and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

"Resolve to purchase certain farms or settlers' lots in Township No. 17, Range 7," was read once, and tabled on motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter.

Bill "an act regulating the fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks, and their deputies."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Seboois Log Driving Company."

Bill "an act additional to the acts establishing the Auburn Aqueduct Company, and to increase the capital stock of said company, and make valid certain acts of said company."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to establish a Police Court in the city of Rockland,' approved March 14, 1861."

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 authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Somerset, to re-assess certain taxes."

Bill "an act to abolish the Municipal Court in the city of Calais, and for other purposes."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 422, laws of 1874, approved February 4, 1874."

Bill "an act for the protection of blue-back trout."

These 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 to incorporate the Ocean Street Railway Company."

This bill 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.

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, authorizing the consolidation of schools in certain cases;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the St. Xavier's School and Asylum;"

Were taken from the table, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of the city of Portland for a new division line, was taken from the table, pending acceptance, recommitted and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

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

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of N. Q. Wheeler and others, relating to a sewer act, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Communication from the Governor, relating to the payment of men employed in preserving the peace at the State Capitol, came from the Senate and was read in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report of the Visiting Committee of the Maine Insane Hospital; also

Reports of the trustees and resident officers of the Maine Insane Hospital;

Came from the Senate read, and reports referred to the Committee on Insane Asylum, and the House concurred.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to insurance;" also

Bill "an act relating to railroads and their liabilities;" also

Bill "an act relating to railroads;" also

Bill "an act relating to life insurance;" also

Petition of members of the Aroostook Bar, for restoration of judges and their salary;" also

Bill "an act to amend chapter 114 of the revised statutes, relating to new trials in capital offenses;" and

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta, approved July 23, 1849;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of Perez Mullen and others, of Camden, relating to shore fisheries, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of A. F. Drinkwater and others, for a charter to build a narrow guage railroad from Bucksport to Ellsworth, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Remonstrance of citizens of Hallowell, against petition for a second bridge over the Kennebec river ; and

Remonstrance of Elias Milliken and others, against a new bridge over the Kennebec river ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Bill "an act to authorize collectors of taxes to sue in their own names," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. NICKERSON of Linneus,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of binding in permanent form convenient for preservation and future use and reference, and indexing, any such papers and records pertaining to the lands in Maine, as are now in the Land Office of the State.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the election laws as to allow soldiers who are public beneficiaries to vote in the towns and cities in which they reside.

On motion of Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing for a reduction of the mileage of members of the Legislature and State officers.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

The same gentleman submitted the following :

Ordered, That the Special Committee appointed to investigate certain charges of attempted bribery of members of this House, be requested to investigate the cases of James W. Clarke of Nobleborough, and Alfred Cushman of Sherman.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, moved to indefinitely postpone.

The order exciting discussion, it went over under the rule.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported, on order, that the following members have not occupied seats since the organization of the House, viz : Messrs. Whitman of Harrison, Hutchins of Lovell, Knight of Naples, Robinson of Thomaston, and Talbot of East Machias.

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. COLE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported inexpedient, on order relating to sale of Folly Island.

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

Mr. PARKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, in new draft, on bill "an act to incorporate the Waterville Telegraph Company."

The report was read and accepted, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. JEWETT, from the Committee on Towns, reported, on order, bill "an act to set off the homestead farm of Caleb Fuller from the town of Woodstock and annex the same to the town of Paris."

The report was read and accepted, bill read once, and tabled on motion of Mr. DAVIS of Woodstock.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, reported bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the Insane Hospital."

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 113 of the laws of 1879, relating to auctioneers."

Bill "an act to supply the people of Houlton with pure water."

Bill "an act to make valid the acts and doings of the Wells Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

Bill "an act for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon in the Rangely, South Bog, Bemis, Cupsuptic and Kennebago streams."

These 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 to amend 'an act to incorporate the city of Rockland.'"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the city of Bangor,' approved February 12, 1834."

Bill "an act to change the name of the Trustees of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine."

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.

“Resolve in favor of the executors of Alfred Veazie,” was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. JEWETT of Richmond, and assigned for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, on motion of Mr. HALE of Ellsworth.

The order presented by Mr. Gushee was taken from the table. Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, moved its indefinite postponement, and upon that question the previous question was ordered, and upon the main question the yeas and nays were taken, and the order indefinitely postponed, by yeas 82, nays 46.

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Hanscom,	Richards,
Baker of Orrington,	Harriman, Readfield,	Robbins,
Baker of Steuben,	Hatch,	Rogers,
Bradstreet,	Heal,	Rowell,
Bragdon,	Hill of Exeter,	Simonton,
Brooks,	Hilton of Embden,	Smart,
Burnham,	Hutchinson,	Springer of Litchfield,.
Butler,	Jewett of Richmond,	Springer of Yarmouth,.
Clay,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Sproul,
Cole of Cape Elizabeth,	Jordan,	Steward,
Cole of Smithfield,	Leach,	Stratton,
Cook,	Lord of Bangor,	Strout,
Crane,	Lord of Standish,	Thomas of Durham,
Cutler,	Loring,	Thomas, Farmington,.
Davis,	Marble,	Toothaker,
Dinsmore,	Mason,	Trafton,
Eaton,	Maxey,	True,
Emmons,	McKusick,	Twitchell,.
Fennelly,	Nickerson,	Verrill,
Getchell,	Norton,	Wasson,
Gilman,	Parcher,	Weeks,
Goss of Auburn,	Parker,	Willoughby,
Goss of Bath,	Partridge,	Wilson of Albion,
Goulding,	Payne,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's,.
Gray,	Porter,	Wyman,
Hale,	Powers,	Young—82.
Hall of Alfred,	Purington,	
Hall of Nobleboro',	Redlon,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Benner,	Hills,	Rafter,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Hilton of St. Albans,	Record,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.,	Howard of Montville,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Chadbourn,	Howard of Westfield,	Roundy,
Chesley,	Hussey,	Smith of Buxton,
Dickey,	Ingalls,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Farrell,	Knowles,	Stanley,
Frederic,	Long,	Staples,
Glidden,	McLaughlin,	Swan,
Gushee,	Milliken,	Temple,
Harriman, Ken'bukp't,	Oliver,	Washburn,
Haskell,	Pendleton,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Hastings,	Perkins,	Whipple,
Heard,	Perry,	Whitten,
Hill of Corinth,	Plaisted,	Wilson of Orono.—46.
Hill of Howland,		

On motion of Mr. RICHARDS of Gardiner,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. FULLER of Hallowell.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act to prevent fast driving upon certain roads," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Remonstrance of R. J. Bradbury and others, against granting exclusive right to Auburn Spring Company to navigate Wilson Pond, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of William A. Holbrook and others, for change in law relative to taking smelts in Casco Bay, was referred to Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending the statutes that the people may be more effectually protected against vagrants and tramps.

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to inquire whether any change in section 36, of the laws of 1877, relating to Saving Banks is necessary in order to enable the courts to make a pro rata dividend provided for by said section.

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

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting legislation inexpedient, on petition relating to appropriation for bridge across the Androscoggin river at Dixfield, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to provide for danger signals on railroads in certain cases," came from the Senate read and accepted and was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the Lake Auburn Mineral Spring

Company to navigate Wilson pond," came from the Senate recommitted and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting on petition of citizens of Monson and vicinity, bill "an act to amend section 10 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 24 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the law of roads," came from the Senate recommitted and was recommitted in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of John M. Thurlough," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate non-concurred and indefinitely postponed.

House insists, and proposes a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Harriman of Readfield,
Farrell of Van Buren,
Gilman of Meddybemps,

on its part.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 67, revised statutes, concerning minors and guardians."

Report of the Committee on Pensions, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bill and resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, resolve once, to-morrow assigned for third reading of bill and Wednesday of next week assigned for second reading of resolve.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Deer Isle and Green's Landing Telegraph Company;" also

Bill "an act to incorporate the National Bell Telephone Company;" and

Bill "an act in relation to defenses in actions involving contracts made on Sunday;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of assessors of Plantation of Oakfield, for reimbursement of funds in the State Treasury, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Bill "an act to amend section 16, chapter 71, revised statutes, relating to money and property held in trust," was referred to the Committee on Legal affairs.

Petition of J. H. Crandon and 61 others, relating to fisheries in Pleasant river; also

Remonstrance of E. A. Bowden and others, relating to the porgie law of 1879; and

Remonstrance of E. A. Austin, relating to fisheries in Pleasant river;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill "an act to provide for the registry of deeds from the State," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be required to ascertain what changes, if any, are necessary in reference to the capital stock of corporations formed under the general law.

This order was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State furnish to each member of the Valuation Commission, and to the chief clerk, one copy of the Kennebec Journal and one copy of such other daily paper published in the State as they may select.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act in relation to frivolous exceptions."

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to process of forcible entry and detainer."

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported on order, bill "an act to amend section 17 of chapter 132 of the revised statutes, relating to fees of trial justices."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under rule.

Mr. FENNELLY, from the Committee on Claims, reported ought not to pass, on "resolve in favor of Fort Kent."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of citizens of Silver Ridge Plantation.

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, in new draft, on bill "an act to decrease the capital stock of the Lewiston Gas Light Company."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Hill Manufacturing Company."

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter."

Printed bill "an act additional to chapter 67 of the revised statutes, concerning minors and guardians."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, on elections."

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

"Resolve in favor of road leading from Fish River mills to Daigle mills in township No. 17, range 6, Aroostook county," was read once, amended as per sheet "A," and Wednesday of next week assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the Insane Hospital," was read twice, and re-committed to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Waterville Telegraph Company;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Levant;"

"Resolve in favor of Salome S. Sumner;"

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud;" and

"Resolve in favor of the Houlton and Baring road across Indian Township and Grand Lake stream road in Washington county;"

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.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Machias," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of executors of Alfred Veazie," came up by special assignment.

Amended, per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. EMMONS of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to railroads ;"

Bill "an act relating to railroads and their liabilities ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 49, revised statutes, relating to insurance ;" and

Bill "an act relating to life insurance," referred in the House to the Committee on the Judiciary, came back from the Senate, non-concurred, the first two referred to the Committee on Railroads, the last two referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The House recessed and concurred.

Remonstrance of Henry Nash and 58 others, against the repeal of the porgie law ; and

Remonstrance of Stephen L. Kingsley and others, against the repeal of the porgie law ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of J. Manchester Haynes and others, for charter as log driving company on Dead river, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Bill "an act to further provide for safety of travel on railroads," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Railroads.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what change is necessary in relation to law of attachments of property on suit.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of the Constitution of

the State, so as to limit the right of suffrage to those who can read and write; and

Report of the same Committee reporting reference to the Committee on Agriculture, on remonstrance of John Sincock, relating to toll on various kinds of grain;

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 legislation inexpedient, on order relating to sale of Folly Island, accepted in the House, came from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to abolish the Calais Municipal Court and for other purposes," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 422, laws of 1874, approved Feb. 4, 1874," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, and concurred in adoption of amendments to each bill, and passed the bills in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting on communication from the Governor, "resolve for an appropriation for the payment of liabilities incurred in the preservation and protection of the public property and institutions of the State," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Report was read and accepted in concurrence.

A motion to commit, was made by Mr. PERRY of Camden.

Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, raised the point of order, that there was no paper before the House to commit, as the resolve under rule must go to the printer. The rule must be suspended before it could be committed.

The point was sustained.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, the yeas and nays were ordered and taken on suspending the rules, resulting in the affirmative, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Baker of Steuben,	Burnham,
Baker of Orrington,	Brooks,	Butler,

Clay,	Heal,	Robbins,
Colburn,	Hill of Exeter,	Rogers,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Hilton of Embden,	Rowell,
Cole of Smithfield,	Hutchinson,	Simonton,
Cook,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Smart,
Crane,	Jordan,	Springer of Litchfield,
Cutler,	Leach,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Davis,	Lord of Bangor,	Sproul,
Dinsmore,	Loring,	Steward,
Dunnell,	Marble,	Stratton,
Emmons,	Mason,	Strout,
Fennelly,	Maxey,	Thomas, Farmington,
French,	McAllister,	Toothaker,
Getchell,	McKusick,	Trafton,
Gilman,	Nickerson,	True,
Goff,	Norton,	Twitchell,
Goss of Auburn,	Parcher,	Verrill,
Goss of Bath,	Parker,	Wasson,
Goulding,	Partridge,	Weeks,
Gray,	Payne,	Wentworth of Kittery,
Hale,	Perkins,	Willoughby,
Hall of Alfred,	Porter,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's.
Hall of Nobleboro',	Purinton,	Wilson of Orono,
Hanscomb,	Redlon,	Wyman,
Hatch,	Richards,	Young—81.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.	Howard of Montville,	Plaisted,
Chadbourn,	Howard of Westfield,	Record,
Chesley,	Hussey,	Roundy,
Durham,	Hutchins,	Smith of Buxton,
Frederic,	Long,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Gushee,	McLaughlin,	Staples,
Haskell,	Nash,	Waldron,
Heard,	Oliver,	Washburn,
Hills,	Pendleton,	Whipple,
Hilton of St. Albans,	Perry,	Whitten,—30

Mr. SMITH of Vinalhaven, moved to table.

Lost.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of D. C. Palmer and others of Gardiner, against the repeal of law of 1879, for protection of shore fisheries ; also

Remonstrance of C. C. Humphreys and others, in aid of same ; and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rangely Lake, Fish and Game Association ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Sidney Cook, president of Aroostook Steamboat Co., for change of charter, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of B. R. Lunt and others, for incorporation of a Plantation in Hancock county, was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Bill "an act to authorize the Knox and Lincoln Railroad Company to change its location," was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petition of inhabitants of Saccarappa, against the liquor traffic ; and

Petition of Col. Fred Robie and others, against the liquor traffic ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to enlarge the powers and duties of the Commissioners of Fisheries and Wardens."

Mr. RICHARDS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act authorizing the county of Oxford to re-assess certain taxes on unincorporated townships and tracts of land in said county."

Mr. CLAY, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to protect ducks."

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported, on petition, bill "an act to protect fish in Lovejoy pond."

Mr. PARKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards and State of Maine branch of Druidic University of America."

Mr. RICHARDS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of the town of Exeter."

Mr. CLAY, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to protect quails."

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 75 of the public laws of 1878, relating to fisheries."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bills and resolve ordered printed under rule.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition of Isaac Bagnoll and others, leave to withdraw.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on petition of citizens of North Yarmouth.

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported same, on petition of W. F. Mansfield.

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on Towns, reported same, on petition of Timothy J. Driscoll and others.

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act additional to chapter 64, revised statutes, enlarging powers of Judges of Probate."

Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on order relating to building and support of bridges in the several counties.

Mr. PERRY, from the Committee on Pensions, reported reference to the Governor and Council, on petition of Selectmen of Sherman, for pension for Margaret Finnegan.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Pensions, reported same, on petition of Assessors of Crystal plantation, for a pension to Reuben Burnham.

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

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the Insane Hospital;"

And on his motion, the rules were suspended, bill read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 164 of the private and special laws of 1862, concerning the proprietors of Sheepscot bridge."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to process of forcible entry and detainer."

Bill "an act to amend section 17 of chapter 132 of the revised statutes, relating to fees of trial justices."

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges,

reported, on petition, referred from the last Legislature, bill "an act authorizing the location of a way over tide waters between Elwell's point and Spruce Head island."

The reports were read and accepted, bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition of David R. Hastings, bill "an act to incorporate the Black Brook and Swift River Improvement Company."

Pending acceptance, tabled on motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston.

Bill "an act to decrease the capital stock of the Lewiston Gas Light Company;"

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Hill Manufacturing Company;" and

Bill "an act additional to chapter 67 of the revised statutes, concerning minors and guardians;"

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 additional to chapter 4, revised statutes, relating to elections," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and tabled on motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset.

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to establish a Police Court in the city of Rockland,' approved March 14, 1881;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Seboois Log Driving Company;"

Bill "an act regulating the fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks and their deputies;"

Bill "an act additional to the act establishing the Auburn Aqueduct Company, and to increase the capital stock of said company, and to make valid certain acts of said company;"

Bill "an act to establish a Municipal Court in the town of Waterville;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 90 of the public laws of 1879, relating to crimes formerly capital;" and

Bill "an act authorizing the erection of a wharf into the tide waters in the town of Bluehill;"

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.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Remonstrance of W. L. Guptill and others, against repeal of porgie law ; and

Remonstrance of S. B. Johnson and others, in aid of same ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to support of persons sentenced to house of correction.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to labor of convicts.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to hawkers and pedlers.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to change of sanitary laws.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting reference to the next Legislatnre, on petition of J. E. Burnham and others.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Albert Worthing and others.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, reporting reference to the Governor and Council, on petition of C. A. Cushman and others.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to change of trustee law.

Report of same Committee, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Ephraim Thompson and others.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting same, on petition of J. M. Milliken and others of Scarborough.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone Company;" and

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Ragged Lake Dam Company," came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice and passed to be engrossed, were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting ought to pass, in new draft, on bill "an act authorizing Chas. W. Howard to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed, was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and tabled by Mr. VERRILL of Portland, and Tuesday assigned.

Report of the Committee on State Year Book, came from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence. •

Petition of William Howland, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 117, public laws of 1879, relating to suits involving tax titles," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Remonstrance of D. A. Pinkham and others of Harpswell, against repeal of the porgie law ;

Remonstrance of Newhall Osgood and others ;

Remonstrance of David Rodick and others ;

Remonstrance of M. K. Chase and others of Bluehill ;

Remonstrance of citizens of Hallowell ;

Remonstrance of citizens of Kittery ;

Remonstrance of R. Rand and others, against repeal of porgie law ;

Remonstrance of Selectmen of Bridgton, relating to fishing in Otter pond ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. HILLS of Union, submitted the following :

Ordered, That the Governor and Council be requested to furnish this House with a statement of the amount of the expense of each military company, and also of the police force, and other general expenses incurred in protecting the public property, as provided by resolve before this Legislature.

This order was tabled until close of the morning hour, when it was taken up and received a passage.

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act granting permission to locate and construct the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad."

Mr. RICHARDS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Female Orphan Asylum of Portland."

Mr. BROOKS, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in aid of the Maine General Hospital."

Mr. CUTLER, from same Committee, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of the St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland."

Mr. GUSHEE, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 115, section 6 of revised statutes, relating to compensation of the members of the government."

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend the Insolvency Laws of Maine."

Mr. HILTON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition, "resolve in aid of George A. Sponburg."

Mr. HALE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act in relation to defences in actions involving contracts made on Sunday."

Mr. McKUSICK, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 78 of revised statutes, in relation to the time of meeting of County Commissioners of Washington county."

Mr. HALE, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, in a new draft, on bill "an act in relation to service on process on domestic corporations."

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from same Committee, reported, on order,

bill "an act amendatory to 'an act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries.'" .

Mr. PARKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to provide for the registry of deeds from the State."

Mr. VERRILL, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to abolish the office of Land Agent." .

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the State of Maine Consolidated Mining Company."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property."

Mr. STROUT, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the National Bell Telephone Company."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bills ordered printed under rule.

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported reference to the Commissioners of Fisheries, on petition of Alex. Thompson and others, of the town of Bristol.

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 75, public laws of 1878," referred from last Legislature.

Mr. NASH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 215, special laws of 1867."

Mr. FARRELL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of inhabitants of Van Buren, Bangor and Calais.

Mr. BRIDGHAM, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of inhabitants of Van Buren.

Mr. NASH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on petition relating to amendment of insolvency laws.

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on order relating to change of law relating to practice of medicine.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Hallet Hamlin and others, for a sealed ballot.

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

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Club."

Mr. INGALLS, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Garden Valley Copper Mining Company."

Mr. STROUT, from the same Committee, reported, on petition of Lorenzo Taylor, bill "an act to extend the time for organization of the Maine Mining Company."

Mr. WENTWORTH, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act granting permission to G. A. Mathews and others, to locate and construct a railroad from Monson to Dexter on certain conditions."

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported, on petition, bill "an act to repeal chapter 249, special laws of 1873, for the preservation of water fowl in the ponds and streams in the town of Plymouth."

Mr. JORDAN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend and revise 'an act to incorporate the Livermore Fire Insurance Company.'"

Mr. DICKEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Katahdin Iron Company.'"

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported, on petition, bill "an act to change the names of Albert Homer Thorne, Mercy Ramson, Frank C. Knowlton, Isaiah Frye Hanson and John Warren Hanson."

Printed bill "an act to enlarge the powers and duties of the Commissioners of Fisheries and Wardens."

Printed bill "an act to protect the fish in Lovejoy pond, in the town of Albion, county of Kennebec."

Printed bill "an act in relation to frivolous exceptions."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 75 of the laws of 1878, relating to fisheries."

Printed bill "an act to protect ducks."

Printed bill "an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Oxford county to re-assess certain taxes."

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

Bill "an act to amend section 17 of chapter 132 of the revised statutes relating to fees of trial justices."

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 154, private and special laws of 1862, concerning the proprietors of Sheepscot River Bridge."

Bill "an act authorizing the location of a way over the tide-waters between Elwell's Point and Spruce Head Island in South Thomaston."

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 to amend section 2, chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to process of forcible entry and detainer," was reported from the same Committee, read three times, and tabled on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Bill "an act additional to the act of 1868, chapter 453, to establish a ferry across Penobscot river, between Ayer's Falls and Marsh Rips," 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.

The SPEAKER appointed Mr. Record of New Gloucester, on the Committee on Legal Affairs, in place of Mr. Robinson of Thomaston, who has not appeared to take his seat in this House.

On motion by Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset,
Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ecob of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of A. S. Flanders and others, of Mayfield, for an appropriation, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

“Resolve in favor of printing insurance laws,” was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to take into consideration the expediency of amending section 49 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, so as to include labor in the punishment for drunkenness.

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

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Tilden, its Secretary, informing the House of the election of Hon. Austin Harris as President *pro tem*.

Communications from the Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of the Trustees of the State Reform School; also

Annual report of the Inspectors and Warden of the State Prison;

Were received from the Senate, read and reports referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting ought not to pass, on bill “an act to prevent fast driving in public streets.”

Report of the same Committee, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Edwin O. Clark, for incorporation of the Forest Lake Ice Company.

Report of the same Committee, reporting ought not to pass, on bill “an act to amend section 36, chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to the number of hours for a legal day’s work.”

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on bill "an act to make women eligible to any office."

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Mark Marshall and others.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to the Committee on Commerce, on petition of William Duley for incorporation of the Bath Ship Fasteners' Union.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

House refused to concur, laid the report on the table, and assigned Tuesday for further consideration.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting, on petition, bill "an act in relation to the bridge over the east branch of Cousins river."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed, was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and Monday assigned for its third reading.

Remonstrance of Daniel Strout and others, against repeal of the law for protection of shore fisheries ;

Remonstrance of Edward B. Hill, against the same ;

Remonstrance of Nelson Bibber of Falmouth, against the same ;

Remonstrance of B. W. Pickett and others, of Cape Elizabeth, against the same ;

Remonstrance of W. F. Teague and others, against the same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Petition of Fountain Rodick and others, for charter, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Stephen B. Adams for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of David Rodick and others, of the town of Eden, for bridge charter, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

"Resolve in relation to the binding of the acts and resolves of the State," and

Remonstrance against petition of William F. Holland, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of citizens of Bangor.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to allow David Masterman, of Weld, to construct and maintain a fish pond in said town."

Mr. FENNELLY, from the Committee on Claims, reported ought to pass, on certain orders relating to payment of certain persons, officers of the last House; the report was accepted and the orders passed.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on State Printing and Binding, reported a statement of facts as to the condition of the several annual reports in process of publication.

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

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize collectors of taxes to sue in their own names."

Mr. INGALLS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, "resolve relating to the purchase of Hopkins' Digest of the Maine Reports."

Mr. DINSMORE, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported, on petition, "resolve making appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans at the Bangor Children's Home."

These reports were read and accepted, bill and resolves ordered printed under rule.

Printed bill "an act to protect quails."

Bill "an act amendatory to 'an act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries.'"

Bill "an act in relation to defences in actions involving contracts made on Sunday."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company."

Printed "resolve in favor of the town of Exeter."

These bills were read twice, resolve once, and Monday next assigned for the third reading of the bills, and Wednesday next for the second reading of the resolve.

Bill "an act to extend the time for organizing the Maine Mining Company."

Bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 75, laws of 1878, relating to fisheries."

Bill "an act in relation to frivolous exceptions."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Garden Valley Copper Mining Company."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Katahdin Iron Company.'"

Bill "an act to amend and revive an act to incorporate the Livermore Fire Insurance Company."

Bill "an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Oxford county to re-assess certain taxes."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 249, special laws of 1873, relating to the preservation of water fowl in the ponds and streams of the town of Plymouth."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ragged Lake Dam Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company."

The foregoing bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, the last two in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Club," was reported from the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read the third time, and ordered printed.

Bill "an act to protect the fish in Lovejoy pond, in the town of Albion, county of Kennebec," was reported from same Committee, read three times, pending passage to be engrossed was tabled, and Monday assigned.

Bill "an act to protect ducks," was reported from the same Committee, pending third reading tabled, on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Bill "an act for the protection of blue-backed trout;" also

Bill "an act to incorporate St. Xavier's School and Asylum;" also

Bill "an act authorizing the County Commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes;" also

"Resolve in favor of the town of Machias;" also

Bill "an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company;" also

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Wells Mutual Fire Insurance Company;" also

Bill "an act to supply the people of Houlton with pure water;" and

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, authorizing the consolidation of schools in certain cases;"

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, resolve finally passed, bills passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1880.

In the absence of the Speaker, the House was called to order by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. SIMONTON of Rockland,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Speaker, L. H. HUTCHINSON, Esq., of Lewiston, be Speaker *pro tem*.

Mr. HUTCHINSON was conducted to the chair by Mr. Simon-ton of Rockland.

Prayer by the Rev. JOHN ALLEN of Farmington.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that branch that in the absence of the Speaker the House had made choice of L. H. Hutchinson, Esq., as Speaker *pro tem*.

Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to attachment of property on suit.

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

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reporting, on order, bill "an act to amend an 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,'" came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice,

passed to be engrossed, was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

On motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 29 of the laws of 1878, relating to developing the mining interests of the State.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Remonstrance of W. C. Todd and others, of the town of Georgetown, against repeal of the porgy law ;

Remonstrance of Freeman C. Oliver of Georgetown ;

Remonstrance of Benjamin F. Hinkley and others ;

Remonstrance of Abiather Leavitt and others, of Saco ;

Remonstrance of Richard Leavitt and others, of Scarborough ;

Remonstrance of Moses Bailey and others ;

Remonstrance of James Thomas and others, of Harpswell ; and

Remonstrance of Samuel Bryant and others, of Scarborough ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

“ Resolve concerning the transportation of certain books from the State library,” was referred to the Committee on State Library.

Bill “ an act authorizing the city of Bangor to sell and convey its interest in the Bangor and Piscataquis Railway,” was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Remonstrance of R. S. Hildreth and others ; and

Remonstrance of Frank E. Yeaton and others, against a bridge at Gardiner ;

Were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. STEWARD, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Fremont J. Sprague and 125 others.

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported, on bill “ an act to amend section 1 of chapter 75 of the public laws of 1878,” and that the same be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill “ an act to incorporate the Rangely Lake Fish and Game Association.”

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of William H. Hodgman and others.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of Albert Worthley and others.

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

Printed bill "an act to abolish the office of Land Agent."

Bill "an act in relation to service on domestic corporations."

Bill "an act to incorporate the State of Maine Consolidated Mining Company."

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company."

Printed bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 78 of the revised statutes, in relation to the time of meeting of the County Commissioners of Washington county."

Bill "an act to amend section 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property."

Bill "an act to incorporate the National Bell Telephone Company of the State of Maine."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards and State of Maine Branch of the Druidic University of America."

"Resolve in favor of St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland."

"Resolve in aid of the Maine General Hospital."

"Resolve in aid of George A. Sponburg."

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

Printed bill "an act granting permission to John P. Perley, William F. Perry and others to locate and construct a railroad from Bridgton to some point on the line of the Portland and Ogdensburg or Portland and Rochester railroads, not nearer Portland than the village of Saccarappa," was read twice and Thursday assigned for a third reading.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 115, section 6, of the revised statutes, relating to the compensation of members of the government," was read once and tabled on motion of Mr. McKUSICK.

Bill "an act granting permission to G. A. Mathews, G. F. Jackson and C. S. Pullen to locate and construct a railroad from Monson to Dexter, on certain conditions."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company."

Bill "an act amendatory to 'an act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries.'"

Bill "an act in relation to defences in actions involving contracts made on Sunday."

Bill "an act to protect quails."

Bill "an act to change the names of Albert Homer Thorne, Mercy Ramson, Frank C. Knowlton, Isaiah Frye Hanson and John Warren Hanson."

These 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.

"Resolve for an appropriation for payment of certain liabilities."

Bill "an act to decrease the capital stock of the Lewiston Gas Light Company."

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the Insane Hospital."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ragged Lake Dam Company."

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Hill Manufacturing Company."

"Resolve in favor of the Houlton and Baring road across Indian Township and Grand Lake Stream road in Washington county."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Waterville Telegraph Company."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 113 of the laws of 1879, relating to auctioneers."

Bill "an act additional to chapter 67 of the revised statutes, concerning minors and guardians."

"Resolve in favor of Salome S. Sumner."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Levant."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 422 of the private and special laws of 1874, 'To prevent the taking of eels in Southern Bay.'"

"Resolve in favor of Executors of Alfred Veazie."

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.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McWHINNIE of Portland.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Remonstrance of Wm. E. Hyler and 37 others, against the building of fish weirs in certain cases ;

Remonstrance of Charles Walker and 136 others ;

Remonstrance of William M. Hyler and 135 others ;

Remonstrance of Harris Stackpole and 46 others ; and

Remonstrance of B. Smalley and 75 others, in aid of same, with a statement of facts ;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the statutes, that towns shall fix the per diem pay of town officers so that it shall not exceed the amount allowed by law.

Ordered, That the State Librarian furnish the town of Eastport with copies of the Maine Reports, to replace those destroyed by fire, if the same are in the library.

These orders were passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting, on petition, bill "an act relating to Bridgton Centre Village Corporation."

Report of the Committee on Pensions, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve continuing in force 'a resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb of Lee.'"

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bill and resolve read twice, passed to be engrossed, were read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, resolve once, to-morrow assigned for the third reading of bill, and second reading of resolve.

Bill "an act relating to suits against sureties on official bonds," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of A. E. Houghton and 43 others, for repeal of special laws for taking fish in Webb's pond and tributaries in the town of Weld ; and

Petition of C. V. Ramsdell and others, for protection of moose and deer ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

“Resolve abating State tax on Township No. 4, Range 5,” was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill “an act for the better regulation of payments to employees,” was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HILLS of Union,

Ordered, That the Committee on Business of the House, be requested on Tuesday next, and each alternate 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.

On motion of Mr. FARRELL of Van Buren,

Ordered, That the State Librarian be instructed to furnish to this House fifty copies of the Acts and Resolves of 1879, and the same be delivered to members who have received none.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That the opinions of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, printed for the use of this House, be delivered to the Clerk of the House, and that they be distributed *pro rata*.

On motion of Mr. SPRINGER of Yarmouth,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire whether any further legislation is required relating to actions in behalf of the State.

Mr. GOSS of Bath, presented the following :

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to draw up resolutions for the consideration of this Legislature, instructing our Congressional Delegation to use their efforts to have the suspension bridge connecting the cities of New York and Brooklyn placed at such a height that it shall not obstruct the navigation of East river by our largest ships, or subject them to the expense of striking their topmasts.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER appointed Mr. Hastings of Sidney, on the Committee on Towns, in place of Mr. Whitman of Harrison, absent, who has not appeared to take his seat.

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Joshua Pettigrow and others.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of C. O. Kilbourne and E. A. Gibbs.

These reports were sent to the Senate.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported, on petition, bill "an act relating to the town of Lincolnville."

Printed bill "an act to amend the insolvency laws of Maine."

Printed bill "an act to authorize collectors of taxes to sue in their own names."

"Resolve making an appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans at the Bangor Children's Home."

"Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland."

This report was read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and to-morrow assigned for their third reading, and Wednesday of next week assigned for the second reading of resolves.

"Resolve providing for the purchase and distribution of Hopkins' Digest of the Maine Reports."

This resolve was read once and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. COOK of Lewiston.

Bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 78 of the revised statutes, in relation to the time of meeting of the County Commissioners of Washington county."

Bill "an act in relation to service on domestic corporations."

Bill "an act to incorporate the State of Maine Consolidated Mining Company."

These 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 to abolish the office of Land Agent;" and

Bill "an act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time and tabled on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Bill "an act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property," was reported from same Committee, read third time, tabled, and to-morrow assigned, on motion of Mr. HILLS of Union.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards and State of Maine Branch of the Druidic University of America," was reported from the same Committee, and pending the third reading was tabled, on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Bill "an act to incorporate the National Bell Telephone Company of the State of Maine," was reported from the same Committee, read third time, amended per sheet "A," and tabled on motion of Mr. JEWETT of Richmond.

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, was taken from the table.

House insisted upon its vote passing the same to be engrossed, proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Farrell of Van Buren,
Norton of Industry,
Gushee of Appleton,

on its part. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to protect the fish in Lovejoy's pond in the town of Albion, county of Kennebec," was taken from the table, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 311, special laws of 1876, entitled 'an act authorizing Charles W. Howard to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam,'" was taken from the table, read the third time, Senate amendment "A" adopted and bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to set off the homestead farm of Caleb Fuller from the town of Woodstock, and annex the same to the town of Paris," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 4, revised statutes, on elections," was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset, when Mr. GILMAN submitted amendment "A," pending adoption of which the bill was tabled, on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1880.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PARK of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of a large meeting in Portland against the liquor traffic, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Temperance.

Majority and minority reports from the Committee on Towns, reporting, on petition of John Spear and others of Rockland, came from the Senate, minority substituted for the majority report, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed, under suspension of rules.

House refused to substitute the minority for the majority, and accepted the majority report, giving the petitioners leave to withdraw.

The vote on substitution was taken, by yeas and nays, and resulted as follows, yeas 54, nays 74.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Benner,	Hill of Howland,	Partridge,
Bradstreet,	Hilton of St. Albans,	Pendleton,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Horn,	Perkins,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.	Howard of Montville,	Perry,
Chadbourn,	Howard of Westfield,	Plaisted,
Chesley,	Hunnewell,	Record,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Hussey,	Roundy,
Cole, Smithfield,	Hutchins,	Smith of Buxton,
Dickey,	Knowles,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Durham,	Lewis,	Stanley,
Farrell,	Long,	Swan,
Frederic,	Lord of Standish,	Temple,
Glidden,	Marble,	Thomas, Farmington,
Gushee,	Mason,	Twitchell,
Haskell,	McLaughlin,	Wa'dron,
Hastings,	Nash,	Washburn,
Heard,	Norton,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Hill of Corinth,	Oliver,	Whitten—54.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Harriman, Readfield,	Rolfe,
Andrews,	Hatch,	Rowell,
Baker of Orrington,	Hill of Exeter,	Simonton,
Baker of Steuben,	Hilton of Embden,	Smart,
Boody,	Hutchinson,	Springer of Litchfield,
Bragdon,	Ingalls,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Brooks,	Jewett of Richmond,	Sproul,
Burnham,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Steward,
Clay,	Jordan,	Stratton,
Colburn,	Leach,	Strout,
Cook,	Lord of Bangor,	Thomas of Durham,
Crane,	Loring,	Toothaker,
Cutler,	Maxey,	Trafton,
Dunnell,	McAlister,	True,
Eaton,	McKusick,	Verrill,
Emmons,	Milliken,	Wasson,
French,	Nickerson,	Weeks,
Getchell,	Parcher,	Whipple,
Gilman,	Parker,	Willoughby,
Goss of Auburn,	Porter,	Wilson of Albion,
Goss of Bath,	Powers,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's.
Goulding,	Purington,	Wilson of Orono,
Gray,	Redlon,	Wyman,
Hall of Nobleboro',	Richards,	Young—74.
Hanscom,	Rogers,	

A communication was received from Hon. John D. Myrick, State Librarian, in response to an order of the House, relative to furnishing members with fifty copies of the acts and resolves of 1879, stating that there are no copies in the library available for that purpose.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Mining Exchange," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Petition of E. B. Lovejoy and 21 other Maine soldiers, for equalizing State bounty, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petition of M. Brewer of Boothbay, for repeal of porgie law, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads," was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 82, revised statutes, concerning proceedings in court," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. TRUE of Portland,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to make up the pay and travel of Melvin P. Milliken, a member of this House, to the end of the session, and that he be excused from attendance after March 4, 1880.

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amending section 25, chapter 49 of the revised statutes.

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to amending the insurance law relating to payment of policy.

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to protection of policy holders.

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 49, revised statutes, relating to insurance."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on "bill an act relating to life insurance."

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate Pond's Sheer Boom Company."

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of J. W. Porter, relating to repeal of poor debtor law.

Mr. FENNELLY, from the Committee on Claims, reported same, on petition of W. J. Corthell and others, teachers of Gorham Normal School.

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of L. Lundvoll and others of New Sweden.

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to repeal of the insolvent laws of Maine.

Mr. PARKER, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to sanitary measures.

Mr. RECORD, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to peddlers and hawkers.

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

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to sell and convey its interest in the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad."

Mr. DICKEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Dudley Brook Dam Company."

Mr. DUNNELL, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to authorize Eben Wellman and others to maintain a dam over and across Mud Mills brook in Augusta, for the purposes of flowing meadow lands."

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to make valid the doings of Reed Plantation."

These reports were read and accepted, bills read twice and tomorrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Black Brook and Swift River Improvement Company."

Mr. GOULDING, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported, on order, "resolve making appropriation for the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum."

Mr. CRANE, from the Committee on Library, reported "resolve in favor of State Library."

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act amendatory to 'an act to provide for the organization of business corporations.'"

Mr. WILSON, from the same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to repeal chapter 29 of the public acts of 1875."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed.

Bill "an act to amend an 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 ;' also

“Resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb;” also

Bill “an act relating to Bridgton Center Village Corporation;” and

“Resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter;”

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolve second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to amend the insolvency laws of Maine.”

Bill “an act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 91, revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property.”

Bill “an act relating to the town of Lincolnville.”

Bill “an act to authorize collectors of taxes to sue in their own names.”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Commercial Club of Portland.”

Bill “an act to provide for the registry of deeds from the State.”

“Resolve in favor of the town of Exeter.”

These bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolves twice, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill “an act to protect ducks,” was taken from the table, pending passage to be engrossed, was indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. McKUSICK.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting bill “an act in relation to the bridge over the east branch of Cousins river,” which was passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was taken from the table, pending third reading, recommitted.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company,” was taken from the table, pending passage to be engrossed, was tabled and Friday assigned.

Bill “an act to amend chapter 115, section 6, revised statutes, relating to the compensation of members of the government,” was taken from the table, read a second time and to-morrow assigned.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. MANSON of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to election of the Governor's Council by the people.

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to the law in reference to administrators.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting same, on order relating to pay of town officers.

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Mary Dana, for pay for services in the war of 1812.

Report of same Committee, reporting same, on petition of Charles H. Goodwin, for arrears of State bounty in 1863.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on petition, bill "an act relating to drains and sewers in town of Deering," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed, amended per sheet "A," was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 120, laws of 1879, relating to dams and booms in the Androscoggin river at Canton."

Read twice, tabled on motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston, subsequently taken up, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, amendments refused acceptance.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, reporting, on petition, "resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith of Appleton," came from the Senate, read and accepted, resolve read once and indefinitely postponed, and was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of William Stewart,” was referred to the Governor and Council.

Remonstrance of Allen Gamage and others, of Bristol, against repeal of the porgie law, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Amos Bucknam and others, for equalization of bounty, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Bill “an act to authorize the Denison Paper Manufacturing Company of Poland to issue bonds, &c.” was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, presented the following orders, which were referred to the Committee on Claims:

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to make up the pay of W. E. Gibbs for — days, at \$5 per day, with usual mileage; also

Ordered, That the Clerk make up the pay of B. L. Staples for — days, at \$5 per day, with the usual mileage.

Mr. JEWETT of Richmond, submitted the following:

Ordered, That the Clerk make up the pay and travel of O. P. Bragdon, member of the House, and that he be excused from further attendance after March 4th, 1880.

Mr. PERRY of Camden, opposed the passage of the order, and it was tabled.

Mr. SPRINGER, from the minority of the Committee on Education, reported bill “an act amending the Free High School law.”

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported, on petition, bill “an act to prevent the taking of land-locked salmon in certain lakes in Aroostook county.”

Mr. FARRELL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on petition of inhabitants of Township 18, Range 4, and of inhabitants of Connor plantation (being Township letter K, Range 2) in the county of Aroostook, “resolve relating to claims of settlers on proprietors’ lands.”

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported bill “an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.”

Mr. MCKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill “an act to incorporate Pond’s Sheer Boom Company.”

Mr. HILL, from the majority of the Committee on Education, reported, on order, bill “an act to repeal chapters 115 and 124 of acts of 1873.”

Mr. STEWARD, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported, on order, bill "an act to remodel the State Board of Agriculture."

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 114 of the revised statutes, relating to new trials for capital offences."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed.

Mr. STEWARD, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported reference to the Committee on State Prison, on order relating to State Prison.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to next Legislature, on petition of Jonathan A. Virgin and others.

Mr. PAYNE, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on order relating to building and supporting of bridges.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported same, on petition of Antoine Ouillette.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought not pass, on bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 75, public laws of 1878."

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on bill "an act in relation to the testimony of witnesses."

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of William A. Holbrook and others.

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported same, on petition of C. V. Randall and others.

Mr. HEAL, from the Committee on Towns, reported same, on petition of Edmund T. Stewart and others.

Mr. JEWETT, from the same Committee, reported same, on petition of the city government of Portland, which was recommended.

Mr. MARBLE, from the Committee on Education, reported same, on petition of Julia M. Carter, for pay as school teacher in the town of Bradley.

Mr. PARKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported same, on petition of Guy Turner and others, for establishment of Common Council.

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported same, on petition of inhabitants of Monticello.

These reports were read and accepted. Subsequently the vote accepting the last report was reconsidered and report recommitted, and all sent to the Senate.

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 117 of the public laws of 1879, relating to suits involving tax titles."

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on bill "an act to incorporate the Orchard Beach Wharf and Steamboat Company."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill "an act authorizing George E. Wilson to navigate waters of Newport pond by steam."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 29 of the public acts of 1878, relating to the mining interests of the State."

Bill "an act amendatory to 'an act to provide for the organization of business corporations.'"

"Resolve in favor of the State Library."

"Resolve making appropriation for the Military Asylum at Bath."

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

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to sell and convey its interest in the Bangor and Piscataquis Railway."

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the inhabitants of Reed Plantation, in the county of Aroostook."

Bill "an act to authorize Eben Wellman and others, to maintain a dam over and across Mud Mills brook in Augusta, for the purpose of flowing meadow lands."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Dudley Brook Dam Company."

"Resolve in favor of road leading from Fish river mills to Daigle mills in Township No. 17, Range 6, Aroostook county."

These bills and resolve 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 to amend chapter 115, section 6, of the revised statutes, relating to the compensation of members of the government," was reported from same Committee, read the third time and referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act to enlarge the powers and duties of the Commissioners of Fisheries, and Wardens," was reported from same Committee, read the third time and tabled.

Bill "an act to amend and revive 'an act to incorporate the Livermore Fire Insurance Company.'"

Bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 75 of the laws of 1878, relating to fisheries."

Bill "an act in relation to frivolous exceptions."

Bill "an act to amend section 17 of chapter 132 of the revised statutes, relating to fees of trial justices."

Bill "an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Oxford county to re-assess certain taxes."

Bill "an act to extend the time for organizing the Maine Mining Company."

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 164 of the private and special laws of 1862, concerning the proprietors of Sheepscot river bridge."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 311 of the special laws of 1876, entitled 'an act authorizing Charles W. Howard to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam.'"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Katahdin Dam Company.'"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 249 of the private and special laws of 1873, relating to the preservation of water fowl in the ponds and streams of the town of Plymouth."

Bill "an act authorizing the location of a way over the tide waters between Ellwell's Point and Spruce Head island in South Thomaston."

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.

Bill "an act to incorporate the National Bell Telephone Company of the State of Maine," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A," read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards and State of Maine branch of Druidic University of America," was taken from the table, read the third time, and referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act granting permission to John P. Perley, William F. Perry and others, to locate and construct a railroad from Bridgton to some point on the line of the Portland and Ogdensburg or Portland and Rochester railroads, not nearer Portland than the village of Saccarappa," was taken from the table, read the third time, amendment "A" offered by Mr. BRADSTREET of Bridgton, and was tabled on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 94, revised statutes, relating to process of forcible entry and detainer," was taken from the table, passed to be engrossed, and subsequently the vote was reconsidered, and bill tabled on motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. LINDSEY of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of O. M. McIntire and others, for charter for railroad from Skowhegan to Athens, Somerset county, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Railroads.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law through which there may be some more definite system of taxation in regard to railroad companies, and by which express and telegraph companies shall pay a tax to the State where not now provided by law.

This order was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges reporting reference to the next Legislature, on petition of D. Linnett and others, for right to build bridge across Mills Strait.

Report of Committee on Towns, reporting same, with order of notice, on petition of I. P. Mallett and others, to be set off from Lot No. 8, Range 12, town of Lee.

Report of same Committee, reporting same with order of notice, on petition of J. G. Record and others, to be set off from Crystal Plantation and annexed to Sherman.

Report of Committee on Interior Waters, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of W. L. Longley and others, to prevent throwing refuse into Presumpscot river and tributaries.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, reporting same, on petition of C. H. Clement and others, for charter for wharf in tide waters.

Report of the same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient, on petition and bill to incorporate the Ship Fasteners' Union.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting same, on order relating to an act in relation to actions in behalf of the State.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company," passed to be engrossed and enacted 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 bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to prevent the obstruction of business corporations."

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting same, on "resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine Volunteer Militia."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, resolve amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, resolve once, and Wednesday assigned.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Consolidated Eastern Slate Company," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, passed to be engrossed, was accepted in concurrence, and bill ordered printed on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition, bill "an act incorporating the Dead River Log Driving Company."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, amended per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed, was accepted

in concurrence, and bill ordered printed on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick.

Bill "an act creating a lien on colts," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act to consolidate the Acton Silver Mining Company," with others ; and

Bill "an act to provide additional remedies in civil cases against sheriffs and their deputies, constables and coroners, for charging illegal fees ;"

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to authorize the Norway Branch Railroad Company to lease its road ;" and

Bill "an act relating to ways ;"

Were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act giving justices of the peace and quorum jurisdiction throughout the State."

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 13 of chapter 141 of the revised statutes."

Mr. EATON, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, reported bill "an act additional, for the management of the Insane Hospital."

Mr. FARRELL, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported ought to pass, on "resolve abating State tax on Township No. 4, Range 5, north of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase in Somerset county."

Mr. JORDAN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of printing insurance laws."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under rule.

Mr. INGALLS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act to authorize amendment of Journals of any House in accordance with the facts."

This report was read and accepted, bill read three times and passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules.

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Ranglely Lake Fish and Game Association."

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to amend section 16, chapter 71, revised statutes, in relation to money and property held in trust."

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported same, on bill "an act for the better regulation of payments to employees."

Mr. JEWETT, from the Committee on Railroads, reported same, on bill "an act relating to railroads."

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to amendment of city charter of Augusta.

Mr. GATCHELL, from the Committee on Federal Relations, reported reference to the Committee on Commerce, on order relating to pilot laws.

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of William F. Holland.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported same, on petition of Mellus Trafton and others.

Mr. DINSMORE, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported same, on petition of E. B. Lovejoy and 21 others, for equalization of State bounty.

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Railroads, reported same, on petition of Orchard Beach Railroad Company.

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

Printed bill "an act to incorporate the Black Brook and Swift River Improvement Company."

Pending first reading, tabled on motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston, and Wednesday next assigned.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition of Bath city council, bill "an act to amend chapter 91, section 4, laws of 1878."

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of land-locked salmon in certain lakes in the county of Aroostook."

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported, on petition of W. E. Houghton and others, bill "an act"

to repeal chapters 210, private laws of 1870, 332 of 1873, 299 of 1876."

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

Bill "an act authorizing George E. Wilson to navigate Newport Pond by steam," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act for incorporation of the Orchard Beach Wharf and Steamboat Company," was reported from the Committee on bills in Third Reading, read third time and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 114 of the revised statutes, relating to new trials for capital offences."

This bill was read three times, rules being suspended, amended per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON from Lewiston, passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 29 of the public acts of 1878, relating to the mining interest of the State."

Pending passage to be engrossed, tabled on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act relating to drains and sewers in the town of Deering," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read third time, amendment "A" adopted, and bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act amendatory to an act to provide for the organization of business corporations," was reported from the same Committee, read the third time and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

Bill "an act to enlarge the powers and duties of the Commissioners of Fisheries, and Wardens," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. KNOWLES of Bradford.

Bill "an act to abolish the office of Land Agent," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act relating to Bridgton Center Village Corporation."

Bill "an act granting permission to G. A. Mathews, G. F. Jackson, C. S. Pullen and others, to locate and construct a railroad from Monson to Dexter, on certain conditions."

Bill "an act to protect quails."

Bill "an act in relation to service on domestic corporations."

Bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 78 of the revised statutes, in relation to the time of meeting of the County Commissioners of Washington county."

Bill "an act to amend an 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.'"

Bill "an act to change the names of Albert Homer Thorne, Mercy Ramson, Frank C. Knowlton, Isaiah Frye Hanson and John Warren Hanson."

Bill "an act to protect the fish in Lovejoy's pond in the town of Albion, county of Kennebec."

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter."

"Resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb."

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 incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company."

Pending passage to be enacted, the vote passing the same to be engrossed was reconsidered, when Mr. VERRILL of Portland, presented several amendments, which, on his motion, were ordered printed.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from Secretary of State, transmitting contracts and awards in relation to Digests of Maine Reports, came from the Senate read and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and was referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Sewell B. Fletcher and others.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reporting same, on petition of A. C. Hamlin and others.

Report of the same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to a geological survey of the State.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Presumpscot River Railroad Company."

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Martin Savage and others.

These reports were read and accepted in the Senate, and accepted in concurrence in the House.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to prevent the putting of rocks into Swett's pond in the town of Orrington."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting same, on bill "an act in relation to sureties upon official bonds defending in suits against their principals."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting same, on bill "an act to authorize the Lake Auburn Mineral Spring Company to navigate Wilson pond."

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on bill "an act authorizing Frank S. Chase and James I. Pray to dredge bars, remove boulders, and navigate Messalonskee stream by steam."

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting same, on bill "an act to provide for danger signals on railroads in certain cases."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on petition of J. M. Marshall, bill "an act to incorporate the South Buxton Cemetery Association."

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Knox county to locate and establish a highway across Georges river."

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

Were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and Monday assigned.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to amend chapter 58, revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and indefinitely postponed.

Was read and accepted, bill tabled, and Tuesday assigned for further consideration.

Report of Committee on Claims, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of W. J. Corthell and others, of Gorham Normal School, for payment of salary due them, accepted in the House, came back from the Senate recommitted.

House concurred.

"Resolve providing for purchase of and distribution of Hopkins' Digest of the Maine Reports," indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The House tabled the resolve, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Bill "an act amendatory to 'an act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries,'" passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed, and was tabled, on motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston.

Bill "an act in relation to the Reform School," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended.

Pending adoption of amendment, indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

Bill "an act providing for the trial of causes involving the right of parties to hold public offices," passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate amended per sheets "A," "B," "C," and passed to be engrossed.

In House, tabled on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 65, public laws of 1878, relative to duties of county attorneys," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be authorized and instructed to procure the attendance of Benjamin L. Staples, Clerk of the House of Representatives for the year 1879, as soon as practicable, for the purpose of making an amendment of the Journal of the House for the year 1879, in accordance with a "resolve providing for an amendment of the Journal of the House of Representatives for the year 1879," this day adopted by this House, and make up the pay of said Staples, with the usual mileage.

On motion of Mr. PARKER of Lewiston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Leave of Absence ascertain what members, if any, have been absent more than six days without leave, and report as soon as possible.

Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston, presented "resolve to defray expenses of House Committee on Bribery, appointed by order of the House on January 20, 1880."

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, presented "resolve for an appropriation for expenses of the Joint Select Committee of Investigation, created under order of February 5, 1880."

Mr. STROUT of Portland, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act concerning the acknowledgment of deeds."

Mr. COLE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, on order, "resolve in favor of Ira L. McFarland and Charles C. Cousins of Eden."

Mr. GETCHELL, from Committee on Federal Relations, reported ought to pass, on "resolve in relation to granting pensions to the veterans of the Mexican War."

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

Mr. HILL, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act relating to railroads and their liabilities."

The same gentleman, from same Committee, reported reference to the Committee on Financial Affairs, on bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads."

Mr. GETCHELL, from the Committee on Federal Relations, reported reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to purchase of maps of the survey of the Eastern Boundary of the State.

Mr. SWAN, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Fountain Rodick, referred from the last Legislature.

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

Mr. INGALLS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported "resolve providing for an amendment of the Journal of the House of Representatives for the year of our Lord 1879."

The report was read and accepted, and resolve adopted.

"Resolve relating to claims of settlers on proprietors' lands."

Printed bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

Bill "an act to incorporate Pond's Sheer Boom Company."

Bill "an act to remodel the Board of Agriculture."

These bills and resolve were read, and Monday, at 4 o'clock, assigned for third reading of bills, and Wednesday of next week for second reading of resolve.

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of land-locked salmon in certain lakes in the county of Aroostook."

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Mapleton in the county of Aroostook."

Bill "an act to repeal chapters 310, private laws of 1870, 332, laws of 1873, and 299, laws of 1876."

Bill "an act to amend city charter of Bath, chapter 91, section 4, laws of 1878."

These 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 authorizing the amendment of Journals of any House or Senate," was reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act in relation to defences in actions involving contracts made on Sunday," was reported from same Committee, pending final passage, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. KNOWLES of Bradford, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed, an "act to enlarge the powers and duties of the Commissioners of Fisheries and Wardens."

The House so ordered, and the bill was laid on the table, and Tuesday next assigned.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 29, of the public acts of 1878, relating to the mining interests of the State," was taken from the table, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1880.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. WHITNEY of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of Trustees and President of State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts; also

Report of the Railroad Commissioners; and

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of A. S. Flanders and others of Mayfield;

Was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on order, bill "an act entitled 'an act to amend section 49, chapter 27 of the revised statutes,'" came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, passed to be engrossed, was read and accepted in concurrence, read and tabled on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting, on order, bill "an act to provide for the registry of deeds from the State."

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve making appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians."

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of bill, and Wednesday next for second reading of resolve.

Report of the Committee on Towns, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the town of Woodland," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed, report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting amendments to a recommitted bill "an act to amend section 10, chapter 19, revised statutes, as amended by chapter 24, public laws of 1878, relating to the law of roads," came from the Senate

read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed, was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and tabled.

Bill "an act in relation to town and private ways," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of William Whitmore and 82 others, for amendment of Maine liquor law, was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. BENNER of Waldoborough, submitted the following:

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Legislature hold two sessions daily, commencing Friday, March 5, at 10 o'clock A. M., and 2½ o'clock P. M.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, suggested an amendment so that two sessions be held on, and after Friday, the 5th inst., which was accepted by Mr. Benner, and the order was passed.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, presented bill "an act additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis," and on his motion the rules were suspended, read three times, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SPRINGER, from Committee on Library, reported ought to pass, on "resolve concerning the transportation of certain books from the State Library."

Read once, and ordered printed on motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor.

Mr. McKUSICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend 'an act to abolish the Calais Municipal Court, and for other purposes.'"

Printed bill "an act concerning the acknowledgment of deeds."

Bill "an act to amend section 13 of chapter 141 of the revised statutes."

"Resolve abating State tax on Township No. 4, Range 5, north of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase in Somerset county."

"Resolve in favor of Ira L. McFarland and Charles C. Cousins of Eden."

The report was read and accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for third reading of bills, and Wednesday of next week for second reading of the resolves.

"Resolve in favor of printing insurance laws," was read once and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act giving justices of the peace and the quorum jurisdiction throughout the State."

This bill was read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. HALE of Ellsworth.

Bill "an act additional for the management of the Maine Insane Hospital," was read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed, sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the South Buxton Cemetery Association."

Bill "an act authorizing Frank S. Chase and James J. Pray to dredge bars, remove boulders and navigate Messalonskee stream by steam."

Bill "an act to provide for danger signals on railroads in certain cases."

Bill "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Knox county to locate and establish a highway over Georges river."

Bill "an act to prevent the putting of rocks into Swett's pond, in the town of Orrington."

Bill "an act in relation to sureties upon official bonds defending in suits against their principal."

Bill "an act to authorize the Lake Auburn Mineral Spring Company to navigate Wilson pond."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate Pond's Sheer Boom Company;" and

Bill "an act to remodel the Board of Agriculture;"

Were reported from the same Committee, and tabled, the last on motion of Mr. PERRY of Camden, pending its passage to be engrossed, the first on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland, pending its third reading.

Bill "an act providing for the trials of cases involving the rights of parties to hold public offices," was taken from the table on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Pending adoption of Senate amendments, Mr. PERRY of Camden moved to table, which motion was lost, when Mr. Perry raised the question of quorum, and upon a return of the House no quorum was found to be present.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DAVIS of Pittston.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Governor, transmitting report of Commission to revise the militia laws, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, reporting, on report of Trustees and Visiting Committee, a "resolve in favor of an additional building to the Maine Insane Hospital."

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting, on petition, bill "an act relating to the bridge over the east branch of Cousins river."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on order, bill "an act to punish tramps."

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians."

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition, bill "an act additional to "an act to incorporate the Bar Harbor Water Company.'"

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bills and resolves read twice and passed to be engrossed, and were read and accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, resolves once, and tomorrow assigned for the third reading of bills, and Wednesday of next week for second reading of resolves.

“Resolve in favor of road leading from Fish River Mills to Daigle Mills in Township No. 17, Range 6, Aroostook county,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed. House concurred.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill “an act providing for recording in registry of deeds of judgment in real actions,” came from the Senate read and accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Petition of W. P. Wingate and others, for restoration of salary of Judges; and

Petition of N. C. Ayer and others, in aid of same;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill “an act to amend section 56, chapter 81, and section 16, chapter 7, revised statutes, concerning the attachment and seizure of real estate,” was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. WALES of Biddeford, submitted the following:

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that a joint committee of five, consisting of three members of the House of Representatives and two members of the Senate, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to at once visit the public schools of Quincy, Massachusetts, and examine into the system of instruction therein used, and if thought practical, to invite the Hon. F. G. Parker, Superintendent of Schools of said town of Quincy, to be present and address the Legislature of this State at such suitable time as may be fixed, before the close of the session.

This order was tabled.

Bill “an act to repeal chapter 108, laws of 1872, relating to shooting seal at Fairpoint in the town of Stockton,” was presented by Mr. FRENCH of Stockton, and under rule laid over for one day.

Mr. CRANE, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order, bill “an act to amend section 16 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, relating to the employment of children in cotton and woolen manufactories.”

Mr. ROBBINS, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported, on petition, bill “an act to incorporate the Beech Hill Brook Dam Company.”

Pending second reading, ordered printed on motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland.

These reports were read and accepted, and bill ordered printed, the first under rule.

“Resolve concerning the transportation of certain books from the State Library,” was read twice, the rules being suspended, amended per sheet “A,” on motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor.

The resolve was then tabled on motion of Mr. BROOKS of Belfast.

“Resolve in favor of an act of Congress granting pensions to veterans of the Mexican war,” was read once, when Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, proposed amendment “A,” and to-morrow was assigned.

Bill “an act to amend ‘an act to abolish the Calais Municipal Court, and for other purposes;’”

Bill “an act to amend section 13 of chapter 141 of the revised statutes;”

Bill “an act concerning the acknowledgment of deeds;”

“Resolve in favor of printing insurance laws;”

Bill “an act to provide for the registry of deeds from the State;”

Bill “an act to incorporate the town of Woodland;”

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolve read second time and passed to be engrossed, the last two in concurrence.

Bill “an act to amend the insolvency laws of Maine.”

Bill “an act to make valid the doings of the inhabitants of Reed plantation, in the county of Aroostook.”

Bill “an act relating to the town of Lincolnville.”

Bill “an act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 91, of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property.”

Bill “an act to amend acts relating to a Municipal Court for the city of Lewiston.”

Bill “an act to amend section 1 of chapter 120 of the laws of 1879, regarding dams and booms in the Androscoggin river at Canton.”

Bill “an act to authorize Eben Wellman and others to maintain a dam over and across Mud Mills brook in Augusta, for the purpose of flowing meadow lands.”

Bill “an act to authorize collectors of taxes to sue in their own names.”

Bill "an act to incorporate the Gardner Valley Copper Mining Company."

Bill "an act relating to drains and sewers in the town of Deering."

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to sell and convey its interest in the Bangor and Piscataquis railroad."

Bill "an act to provide for the registry of deeds from the State."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railway Company."

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.

Bill "an act to incorporate the State of Maine Consolidated Mining Company."

On its passage to be engrossed, was indefinitely postponed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to enlarge the powers and duties of the Commissioners of Fisheries and Wardens," was taken from the table, the vote whereby it was indefinitely postponed having been reconsidered, the bill was passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act providing for the trials of causes involving the rights of parties to hold public offices," was taken from the table, Senate amendments adopted, further amended per sheets Nos. 1 and 2, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company," was taken from the table, considered and tabled, on motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company," was taken from the table, pending adoption of amendment, tabled on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 58, revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. THATCHER of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition for sealed ballot, accepted in the House, came back from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting, on petition, "resolve relating to the fishway on Kennebec Dam."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed, was accepted in concurrence, resolve read once and to-morrow assigned.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting, on petition, bill "an act granting permission to S.E. Bryant, Anthony Luques, J. A. Wheeler and others, to locate and construct a railroad from Kennebunk to Kennebunkport, in the county of York, upon certain conditions."

Report of the same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the Knox and Lincoln Railroad Company to change its location."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 46, revised statutes, relating to corporations."

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

Report of the same Committee, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to repeal section 25, chapter 2, revised statutes, relating to the organization of the Legislature."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill passed to be engrossed, was read and accepted in concurrence, and bill ordered printed.

Petition of Lizzie M. Coombs, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Remonstrance of J. G. Richardson and 101 others of Bath, against the repeal of the porgie law ; and

Remonstrance of L. W. Houghton and others, of Bath, in aid of same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

“Resolve concerning the State Library,” was referred to the Committee on Library.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company of Bangor,” was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. VERRILL of Portland,

Ordered, That the Commissioners on State Valuation be and are hereby required to report forthwith to this Legislature concerning the progress already made in the work of the Commission, and at what time they will be able to make final report.

This order was sent to the Commission.

On motion of Mr. PARTRIDGE of Whitefield,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire what amendments, if any, should be made to chapter 192 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the Municipal Court at Farmington.

On motion of Mr. NASH of Addison,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to examine the claims of John Plummer, for remuneration for money paid for islands, October 30, 1877.

These orders were sent to the Senate.

Mr. SPRINGER, from the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Education, reported a statement and bill, which on his motion were ordered printed.

Mr. INGALLS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, “resolve providing for the amendment of the Constitution.”

Mr. HALE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on petition, bill “an act in relation to the compensation and number of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court.”

Mr. BROOKS, from the Committee on Finance, reported, on order, bill "an act to authorize the Treasurer of the State to procure a loan of three hundred and seven thousand dollars."

The foregoing reports were read and accepted, bills and resolve ordered printed under rule.

Mr. PARKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Sidney Cook, president of Aroostook Steamboat Company.

Mr. VERRILL, from the same Committee, reported reference to the next Legislature, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Mining Exchange."

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the same Committee, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act creating lien on colts."

Mr. HILL, from the Committee on Education, reported legislation inexpedient, on order requiring students of Normal Schools to pay tuition.

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported same, on order relating to abolition of Greek and Latin from the High Schools of the State.

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

Printed bill "an act incorporating the Dead River Log Driving Company," was tabled pending first reading, on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Commerce, reported "resolve relating to pilot laws and the removal of obstruction to navigation over East river, New York."

This report was read and accepted, resolve read twice under suspension of rules, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Bar Harbor Water Company."

Bill "an act in relation to the bridge over the east branch of Cousins river."

Bill "an act to prevent the obstruction of business on certain public corporations."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve making appropriation for the Military Asylum at Bath.”

“Resolve in aid of the Maine General Hospital.”

“Resolve in favor of Saint Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland.”

“Resolve in favor of Female Orphan Asylum of Portland.”

“Resolve making an appropriation for the support of soldiers’ orphans, at the Bangor Children’s Home.”

“Resolve in favor of the Maine State Library.”

These resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, read second time, last one amended per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

“Resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine volunteer militia,” was reported from same Committee, Senate amendment “A” adopted, when Mr. PERRY of Camden moved to indefinitely postpone, and upon this question Mr. GOSS of Auburn moved, and the House ordered, the yeas and nays, when the House refused to indefinitely postpone, by yeas 13, nays 98.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Dickey,	Hunnewell,	Plaisted,
Durham,	Hussey,	Stanley,
Glidden,	McLaughlin,	Waldron,
Hill of Howland,	Perry,	Whipple—13.
Howard of Westfield,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Crane,	Goulding,
Andrews,	Cutler,	Gray,
Baker of Orrington,	Davis,	Hale,
Baker of Steuben,	Dinsmore,	Hall of Alfred,
Boody,	Dunnell,	Hall of Nobleboro’,
Bradstreet,	Eaton,	Hanscomb,
Bragdon,	Emmons,	Harriman, Ken’buck’t,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.	Farrell,	Harriman, Readfield,
Brooks,	Fennelly,	Haskell,
Butler,	French,	Hastings,
Clay,	Getchell,	Hatch,
Colburn,	Gilman,	Heal,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Goff,	Hill of Exeter,
Cole of Smithfield,	Goss of Auburn,	Hilton of Embden,
Cook,	Goss of Bath,	Horn,

Hutchinson,	Norton,	Sproul,
Ingalls,	Oliver,	Steward,
Jewett of Richmond,	Parker,	Stratton,
Jewett of Sangerville,	Partridge,	Strout,
Jordan,	Payne,	Thomas of Durham,
Knowles,	Porter,	Thomas, Farmington,
Leach,	Purington,	Toothaker,
Long,	Record,	Trafton,
Lord of Bangor,	Redlon,	True,
Lord of Standish,	Richards,	Twitchell,
Loring,	Robbins,	Verrill,
Marble,	Rolfe,	Wales,
Mason,	Roundy,	Weeks,
McAllister,	Rowell,	Willoughby,
McKusick,	Simonton,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's.
Mendall,	Smith of Buxton,	Wyman,
Nash,	Springer of Litchfield,	Young—98.
Nickerson,	Springer of Yarmouth,	

Bill "an act to amend chapter 58, revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies," was reported from the same Committee, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

"Resolve in aid of George A. Sponburg," was reported from the same Committee, read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. HATCH of Bangor.

"Resolve relating to claims of settlers on proprietors' lands," was reported from the same Committee.

Pending second reading, tabled on motion of Mr. FARRELL of Van Buren, and Friday, 11.30, assigned.

Bill "an act to punish tramps," was reported from the same Committee, read the third time, and tabled on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Mapleton, in the county of Aroostook."

Bill "an act to prevent the putting of rocks into Swett's pond in the town of Orrington."

Bill "an act to amend the insolvency laws of Maine."

Bill "an act to provide for danger signals on railroads in certain cases."

Bill "an act to authorize the Lake Auburn Mineral Spring Company to navigate Wilson pond."

Bill "an act in relation to defences in actions involving contracts made on Sunday."

Bill "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Knox county to locate and establish a highway across Georges river."

Bill "an act authorizing George E. Wilson to navigate Newport pond by steam."

Bill "an act to incorporate the South Buxton Cemetery Association."

Bill "an act in relation to sureties on official bonds defending in suits against their principals."

Bill "an act to provide for the registry of deeds from the State."

Bill "an act to repeal chapters 310, private laws 1870, 332, laws of 1873, and 299, 1876, relating to the unlawful taking of fish in Webb's pond and its tributaries."

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Woodland."

Bill "an act authorizing Frank S. Chase and James J. Pray to dredge bars, remove boulders and navigate Messalonskee stream by steam."

Bill "an act additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis."

"Resolve to defray expenses of the Committee on Bribery, appointed by an order of June 20, 1880."

"Resolve to defray expenses of the Joint Select Committee on investigation of count-out."

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 incorporate the Dudley Brook Dam Company," pending passage to be enacted, tabled on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 114, revised statutes, relating to new trials for capital offences," pending final passage, was tabled on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, the vote whereby the House concurred with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of "resolve in favor of road leading from Fish river mills in Township No. 17, Range 6, Aroostook county," was reconsidered and the resolve laid on the table.

Mr. PARKER of Lewiston, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby bill "an act to incorporate the Gardner Valley Copper Mining Company," was enacted, and the House so ordered, when on his motion the bill was indefinitely postponed.

A motion to reconsider was lost.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Black Brook and Swift River Improvement Company," was taken from the table, read second time, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company," was taken from the table, amended per sheets "A," "B," "C," "D," and "E," and amendment "A" to amendment "D," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional for the management of the Maine Insane Hospital," was taken from the table, and to-morrow assigned.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on Education on order relating to free high schools, came up by special assignment, and were laid on table, pending substitution of minority report for the majority, and to-morrow, 11 o'clock, assigned.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. REDLON of Hallowell.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act in relation to increase of damage for location of ways," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section one of chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, and report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 157 of the public laws of 1879, relating to paupers, their settlement and support.

These orders were read and passed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Reform School," came from the Senate read twice, rules suspended, passed to be engrossed, was read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, came from the Senate read, and report referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and was read and report referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to raising more money for the support of common schools.

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to certificating of teachers for the public schools.

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to uniformity of text books.

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on order relating to education of children in unorganized plantations.

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting, on petition of municipal officers of the town of Kingsbury for relief for alien paupers, reference to the Governor and Council.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Maine State Year Book, reported "resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual."

This report came from the Senate read twice, passed to be engrossed, was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once, and Wednesday assigned.

Bill "an act to set off the homestead farm of Caleb Fuller from the town of Woodstock and annex the same to the town of Paris," indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, concurred in the Senate amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Reform School, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of State Reform School."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Report was accepted in concurrence, resolve read once, and Wednesday assigned for second reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the National Bell Telephone Company of the State of Maine," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended, and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, concurred in the adoption of the several amendments, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the State of Maine Consolidated Mining Company," indefinitely postponed, came back from the Senate non-concurred, that branch insisting upon the vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposing a Committee of Conference, and appointing

Messrs. Hill of Hancock,
Bradford of Washington,
Cornish of Kennebec,

on its part.

House receded, concurred in the proposition for a Conference, and joined

Messrs. Young of Brunswick,
Hatch of Bangor,
Verrill of Portland,

on part of the House.

On motion of Mr. HUNNEWELL of Scarborough,

Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that all fines for posting notices of litigation in liquor cases in the Municipal Courts of Cumberland county, be paid into the Superior Court of Cumberland county.

This order was sent to the Senate.

Mr. INGALLS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, "resolves concerning an amendment of the Constitution of Maine, approved March 4, 1879."

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported, on petition, bill "an act to amend section 26 of chapter 27 of the public laws of 1878, in relation to lime rock, granite and slate."

Mr. SPRINGER, from the Committee on Education, reported, on order, bill "an act to make the diplomas of the Normal Schools legal certificates to teach in the public schools of the State."

Mr. FENNELLY, from the Committee on Claims, reported, on petition, "resolve authorizing an adjustment for land purchased from the State."

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on County Estimates, reported a "resolve laying a tax on the several counties of the State."

These reports were read and accepted, bills and resolves ordered printed under rule.

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported, on petition, bill "an act for the protection of smelts in Pleasant river in the county of Washington."

Mr. SIMONTON, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reported, on order, bill "an act to incorporate the Bar Harbor Bridge Company."

Bill "an act to repeal section 25 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the organization of the Legislature."

Bill "an act to authorize the Knox and Lincoln Railroad Company to change its location."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Beech Hill Brook Dam Company."

Bill "an act in relation to the compensation and number of the judges of the Supreme Judicial Court."

Bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 48 of the revised

statutes, relating to the employment of children in cotton and woolen manufactories."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 117 of the public laws of 1879, relating to suits involving tax titles."

Bill "an act concerning the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts."

"Resolve declaratory of certain amendments of the Constitution of Maine."

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

Bill "an act to authorize the Treasurer of the State to procure a loan of three hundred and seven thousand dollars," was read twice, and to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, assigned.

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Amos Buckman, for equalization of State bounty.

Mr. RAFTER, from the Committee on Claims, reported for the majority, ought to pass, on orders relating to pay of Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the last House.

Mr. FENNELLY, for minority of same Committee, reported that order relating to pay of W. E. Gibbs ought not to pass, and that the order relating to pay of B. L. Staples ought to pass, with amendment striking out the per diem and allowing mileage only, and on his motion the minority report was substituted for the majority, and the orders were laid on the table.

Majority and minority reports from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, were presented by Mr. CLAY of the Committee, and pending acceptance of either was tabled, and the bills ordered printed.

Bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 46 of the revised statutes, relating to corporations."

"Resolve relating to the fishway on Kennebec dam."

Bill "an act granting permission to S. E. Bryant, Anthony Luques, J. A. Wheeler and others, to locate and construct a railroad from Kennebunk to Kennebunkport, in the county of York, upon certain conditions."

These bills and resolve were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, bills read the third time, resolve the second, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of an act of Congress, granting pensions to veterans of the Mexican war,” was reported from the same Committee, amended per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Black Brook and Swift River Improvement Company,” was reported from the same Committee, and pending its third reading was tabled on motion of Mr. MASON of Limerick.

Bill “an act for the incorporation of the Orchard Beach Wharf and Steamboat Company;” also

Bill “an act to incorporate the Dudley Brook Dam Company;” and

Bill “an act to amend chapter 114 of the revised statutes, relating to new trials for capital offences;”

Were taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Majority and minority reports from the Committee on Education, were taken from the table, the minority substituted for the majority report, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

The question upon substitution was taken by yeas and nays.

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Dinsmore,	Harriman, Readfield,
Andrews,	Dunnell,	Hastings,
Baker of Steuben,	Farrell,	Heal,
Boody,	Getchell,	Hutchinson,
Bradstreet,	Gilman,	Ingalls,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Glidden,	Jewett of Richmond,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.,	Goff,	Jewett of Sangerville,
Burnham,	Goss of Auburn,	Jordan,
Butler,	Goss of Bath,	Lewis,
Colburn,	Goulding,	Lord of Bangor,
Cole of Cape Elizabeth,	Gray,	Lord of Standish,
Cole of Smithfield,	Hale,	Loring,
Cook,	Hall of Alfred,	McKusick,
Crane,	Hall of Nobleboro’,	Parcher,
Cutler,	Hanscom,	Parker,
Dickey,	Harriman, Ken’bnkp’t,	Partridge,

Payne,	Smart,	Toothaker,
Pendleton,	Springer of Yarmouth,	Trafton,
Porter,	Sproul,	True,
Rafter,	Stanley,	Twitcheil,
Redlon,	Steward,	Verrill,
Robbins,	Stratton,	Weeks,
Rolfe,	Strout,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Rowell,	Thomas of Durham,	Wyman,
Simonton,	Thomas, Farmington,	Young—75.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Baker of Orrington,	Horn,	Perry,
Benner,	Howard of Westfield,	Record,
Brooks,	Hunnewell,	Richards,
Chadbourn,	Hussey,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Clay,	Knowles,	Rogers,
Davis,	Leach,	Roundy,
Durham,	Long,	Smith of Buxton,
Eaton,	Marble,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Fennelly,	Mason,	Springer of Litchfield,
Frederic,	Maxey,	Staples,
Gushee,	McLaughlin,	Waldron,
Hatch,	Mendall,	Whipple,
Hill of Exeter,	Nash,	Whitten,
Hill of Howland,	Nickerson,	Willoughby,
Hills,	Oliver,	Wilson of Albion,
Hilton of St. Albans,	Perkins,	Wilson of Orono—48.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GROVENOR of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting reference to the Governor and Council, on petition of W. J. Corthell and others, teachers of Gorham Normal School, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Reform School, on report of the Managers of the Industrial School for Girls, reporting "resolve in favor of the Industrial School for Girls," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted in concurrence, and the resolve tabled, on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 58, revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies," passed to be engrossed as amended per sheet "A," came back from the Senate further amended, and passed to be engrossed.

House receded, adopted Senate amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act authorizing the city of Gardiner and town of Pittston, or either of them, to raise money for and to purchase the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge.'"

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on petition, "resolve in favor of Oakfield plantation."

Report was accepted, and resolve ordered printed under rule.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported, on petition, bill "an act for the protection of smelts in Pleasant river, in the county of Washington."

This bill was ordered printed, pending third reading.

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient, on bill "an act providing additional remedy in civil cases."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported reference to the Committee on Financial Affairs, on order relating to taxation of railroads.

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

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Railroads, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the Norway Branch Railroad Company to lease its road."

Bill "an act to make the diplomas of Normal Schools legal certificates to teach in the public schools of the State."

"Resolve laying a tax on the counties of the State."

The report was read and accepted, bills read twice, resolve once, and to-morrow assigned for the third reading of bills, and Wednesday for second reading of the resolve.

Mr. FRENCH of Stockton, presented bill "an act to repeal chapter 108, public laws of 1872, relating to the killing of seal," which was read twice, under suspension of the rules, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. PARKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported, on order relating to contract made by the Secretary of State with Dresser and McLellan, "resolve concerning Plaisted and Appleton's Digest and Hopkins' Digest of Maine Reports."

The report was read and accepted, the resolve read once and tabled.

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Piscataquis."

Pending acceptance tabled.

Bill "an act to authorize the Knox and Lincoln Railroad Company to change its location."

Bill "an act to repeal section 25 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the organization of the Legislature."

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 incorporate the Bar Harbor Bridge Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Beech Hill Brook Dam Company."

Bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, relating to the employment of children in cotton and woolen manufactories."

"Resolve declaratory of certain amendments of the Constitution of Maine."

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 in relation to the compensation and number of the judges of the Supreme Judicial Court," was reported from the same Committee, read the third time, and pending passage to be engrossed, was tabled on motion of Mr. HALE of Ellsworth.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 117 of the public laws of 1879, relating to suits involving tax titles," was reported from the same Committee, read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. DICKEY, the foregoing vote was reconsidered, and bill tabled.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 124 of the public laws of 1873, entitled 'an act in aid of Free High Schools.'"

This bill was reported from the same Committee, read the third time, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act concerning the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was reported from the same Committee.

Pending third reading, Mr. WILSON of Orono presented resolve and moved its substitution, when both were tabled.

Bill "an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Bar Harbor Water Company;'" also

Bill "an act to prevent the obstruction of business on certain public corporations;" also

Bill "an act providing for the trials of causes involving the rights of parties to hold public offices;" also

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government;" also

Bill "an act granting permission to John P. Perley, William F. Perry and others, to locate and construct a railroad from Bridgton to some point on the Portland and Ogdensburg or Portland and Rochester railroads, not nearer Portland than the village of Saccarappa;" also

Bill "an act for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon in Rangely, South Bog, Bemis, Cupsuptic and Kennebago streams;" also

"Resolve relating to pilot laws and the removal of the obstructions to navigation over East river;" and

"Resolve providing for uniforming the enlisted men of the Volunteer Militia of Maine;"

Were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills finally passed, resolves passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act additional for the management of Insane Hospital," was taken from the table, amended per sheets "B," "C," "D" and "E," and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick.

Bill "an act to authorize the Treasurer of the State to procure a loan of three hundred and seven thousand dollars," was taken from the table, amended per sheets "B" and "C," and passed to be engrossed.

Adjourned to afternoon.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill "an act entitled 'an act to amend section 49, chapter 27, revised statutes,'" was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Black Brook and Swift River Improvement Company," was taken from the table, amended per sheet

"A" as amended per sheet "B," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act concerning tramps," was taken from the table.

Senate amendment "A" adopted, further amended per sheets "B," "C" and "D," passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. STERLING of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting information in regard to returns of agricultural products, was received from the Senate and read.

Bill "an act establishing compensation of State Agent for collecting unadjusted claims against the United States," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Bill "an act relating to trustees and other officers of public institutions;" and

Petition of F. G. Brown, for incorporation of Saco and Biddeford Telephone Company;

Were referred in concurrence to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Report of the Committee on Temperance, reporting, on various petitions for amendments of liquor law, bill "an act amendatory of chapters 17 and 27 of the revised statutes, in relation to common nuisances, and the sale of intoxicating liquors," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and Tuesday next assigned.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Wilson pond in the town of Greenville, in the county of Piscataquis," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and Monday assigned.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to limitation tickets, so called.

Report of the same Committee, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of O. W. McIntire and others.

Report of the Committee on State Prison, reporting same, on petition of William H. Sawtelle and others.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the State Library," presented by Mr. DICKEY, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Petition of E. F. Whitehouse and others, for right to navigate Winnecook lake, in the county of Waldo, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Joseph N. Day and others, relating to the Lewiston Light Infantry, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

Mr. GILMAN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported "resolve making appropriation for the propagation of fish;"

Which was ordered printed under the rule.

Mr. WHITTEN, from the Committee on Railroads, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of A. F. Drinkwater and others, for charter of a narrow gauge railroad from Bucksport to Ellsworth.

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

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, relating to taxation of railroads, reference to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

The report was accepted and sent to the Senate.

Same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company of Bangor."

"Resolve in favor of Oakfield Plantation."

Bill "an act to amend section 26 of chapter 27, of the public laws of 1878, in relation to lime rock, granite and slate."

Bill "an act to vest the franchise and property of Arrowsic bridge in the inhabitants of Sagadahoc county."

"Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution, changing the term of office of Senators and Representatives."

This report was read and accepted, bills read twice, resolves once, and Monday assigned for third reading of bills and second reading of resolves.

"Resolve authorizing an adjustment for land purchased from the State," was read once, and Wednesday next assigned for second reading.

Bill "an act to amend an amendment to chapter 66 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the shore fisheries."

This bill was read twice and tabled, pending the substitution of the minority report.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 108, public laws 1872, relating to the killing of seal."

Bill "an act to authorize the Norway Branch Railroad Company to lease its road."

These bills were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act authorizing the city of Gardiner and town of Pittston, or either of them to raise money for and to purchase the Gardiner and Pittston bridge,'" was reported from same Committee, read third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the protection of smelts in Pleasant river, in the county of Washington," was reported from the same Committee, and tabled, pending third reading, and Tuesday assigned.

Bill "an act to make the diplomas of Normal Schools legal certificates to teach in the public schools of the State," was reported

from the same Committee, read three times, and tabled on motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais.

Bill "an act to incorporate the National Bell Telephone Company of the State of Maine."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company."

Bill "an act concerning the acknowledgment of deeds."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 29 of the public acts of 1878, relating to the mining interests of the State."

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to abolish the Calais Municipal Court, and for other purposes,' approved February 24, 1880."

Bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 46 of the revised statutes, relating to corporations."

Bill "an act to set off the homestead farm of Caleb Fuller from the town of Woodstock, and annex the same to the town of Paris."

Bill "an act granting permission to S. E. Bryant and J. A. Wheeler and others, to locate and construct a railroad from Kennebunk to Kennebunkport in the county of York, upon certain conditions."

Bill "an act to annul section 13, chapter 141 of the revised statutes, relating to the support of persons sentenced to the house of correction for drunkenness."

Bill "an act to enlarge the powers and duties of the Commissioners of Fisheries, and Wardens."

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on Reform School."

"Resolve in favor of printing insurance laws."

"Resolve in relation to the fishway on Kennebec dam."

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.

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Special Committee to Investigate the Loss of the State Seal and Election Returns, reported in substance that they had summoned Prince A. Sawyer to appear before the Committee, and transmitted a letter from the said Sawyer in which he declined to comply with the summons.

The report was accepted.

The same gentleman presented the following, which received a unanimous passage :

Resolved, That Prince A. Sawyer of Phillips, a citizen of the State of Maine, having been duly summoned to appear and give testimony before a Committee of the Legislature, and having refused so to appear, the Speaker of the House of Representatives be directed to issue his warrant commanding the Messenger to take said Prince A. Sawyer, and have him before the Committee aforesaid, viz : the Committee to investigate the matter of the loss of the State Seal, Election Returns, and other State property, then and there to give testimony before said Committee.

Mr. BRADSTREET moved to reconsider, and the House refused.

“Resolve concerning the transportation of certain books from the State Library,” was taken from the table, amended per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed.

Bill “an act to amend chapter 117, public laws of 1879, relating to suits involving tax titles,” was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

“Resolve in favor of the Industrial School for Girls,” was taken from the table, Senate amendment adopted, further amended per sheet “B,” and passed to be engrossed.

Bill “an act to incorporate Pond’s Sheer Boom Company,” was taken from the table, amended per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed.

“Resolve relating to claims of settlers on proprietors’ lands,” was taken from the table, and referred to the Governor and Council.

Petition of Philander S. Good and others, was taken from the table, and referred to the next Legislature.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill “an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Piscataquis,” was taken from the table, accepted, bill read twice, amendment “A” proposed by Mr. DINSMORE of Medford, and Monday assigned.

Bill “an act to remodel the Board of Agriculture,” was taken from the table.

Pending third reading, retabled, and Wednesday assigned, on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

“Resolve concerning Plaisted and Appleton’s Digest and Hopkins’ Digest of Maine Reports,” was taken from the table, read once and Monday assigned.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. JOHN ALLEN of Farmington.

Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to the repeal of chapter 137, public laws of 1879.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting ought not to pass, on bill “an act additional to chapter 51, revised statutes, relating to votes of stockholders,” referred from last Legislature.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on petition, bill “an act to legalize the doings of the inhabitants of the town of North Yarmouth.”

Report from the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill “an act to authorize School District No. 13, in the town of Gorham, in building a new school house in said district to provide therein a hall for the Gorham Farmer’s Club,” came from the Senate read and accepted, bills read twice, passed to be engrossed.

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

Memorial of a committee of inhabitants of the District of Columbia, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion of Mr. FENNELLY of Mt. Desert, Mr. McAllister of Bucksport was excused from further attendance on this session of the Legislature on and after Saturday, March 13th.

On motion of Mr. McKUSICK of Calais, Mr. Rolfe of Princeton, was excused from further attendance on and after March 10th.

On motion of Mr. McALLISTER of Bucksport, Mr. Leach of Penobscot, was excused from further attendance on and after March 13th.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the city of Lewiston;" and

Bill "an act to prevent making impure the waters of the Androscoggin river above the dam at Lewiston Falls, within the cities of Lewiston and Auburn."

These bills were presented by Mr. COOK of Lewiston, and on his motion rules were suspended, bills read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to service of process on defendants out the State in suits for breach of official duty."

Same gentlemen, from same Committee, reported same, on bill "an act to authorize the Denison Paper Manufacturing Company to issue bonds not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars and secure the same by mortgage of its property."

"Resolve making an appropriation for the propagation of fish."

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

Mr. POWERS, from the Committee on Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of B. K. Lunt.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported same, on order relating to abolition of the Executive Council.

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

Mr. HALE, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to repeal of chapter 137, public laws of 1879.

Pending acceptance, tabled on motion of Mr. PLAISTED of Lincoln.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act in relation to town and private ways."

Same gentleman, from same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend section 16, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the taxation of the capital stock of toll bridges."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under rule.

A message was received from the Senate, requesting the return to that body of bill "an act amendatory of chapters 17 and 27 of the revised statutes, in relation to common nuisances and the sale of intoxicating liquors."

The bill was returned.

Bill "an act giving justices of the peace and of the quorum jurisdiction throughout the State;" also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company for the city of Bangor;" also

"Resolve in favor of Oakfield Plantation;" and

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Wilson pond in the town of Greenville, in the county of Piscataquis;"

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 in concurrence.

"Resolve concerning Plaisted and Appleton's Digest and Hopkins' Digest of Maine Reports," was reported from the same Committee, and pending third reading, tabled on motion of Mr. BRADSTREET of Bridgton.

Bill "an act to amend section 26 of chapter 27 of the public laws, of 1878, in relation to lime rock, granite and slate," was amended per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. INGALLS, and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution, changing the term of office of senators and representatives," was read the second time, amended on motion of the same gentleman, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 4, revised statutes, on elections," was taken from the table, when Mr. STROUT of Portland presented

amendment "A," pending adoption of which the bill was tabled, on motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough.

"Resolve in favor of road leading from Fish River Mills to Daigle Mills in Township No. 17, Range 6, Aroostook county," was taken from the table.

The House insisted on the former vote, passing the resolve to be engrossed, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the Speaker appointed

Messrs. Dickey of Fort Kent,
Colburn of Pittston,
Bridgham of Plantation No. 14,

on part of the House.

Bill "an act incorporating the Dead River Log Driving Company," was taken from the table, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve to purchase farms or settlers' lots in Township No. 17, Range 7," was taken from the table, and amended, pending indefinite postponement.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. FULLER of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of E. F. Whitehouse, referred in House to the Committee on Interior Waters, came back from the Senate referred to the next Legislature. House concurred.

“Resolve in favor of the Committee on State Prison;” and

“Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs;”

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, under suspension of rules, was read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Reform School, came from the Senate read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence, and ordered to be incorporated in the next report of the trustees of the asylum.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting inexpedient, on order relating to revesting all rights of the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation.

Report of the same Committee, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to codifying election laws.

Report of the same Committee, reporting inexpedient, on order relating to uniformity of ballots.

Report of the same Committee, reporting ought not to pass, on bill “an act to amend section 40, chapter 6, revised statutes, relating to poll taxes.”

These reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, reporting ought to pass, on bill “an act to further provide for safety of travel on railroads.”

Report of the same Committee, reporting same, on bill “an act relating to ways.”

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting same, on bill "an act relating to town ways and private ways."

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

Were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 5, revised statutes, relating to lots reserved for public uses," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bill "an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company,'" was presented by Mr. SPRINGER of Yarmouth, and on his motion it was read twice, and tabled on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on Change of Names, reported, on order, bill "an act to change the name of Lizzie M. Coombs to Lizzie M. Hunter, and the name of the child of Hattie Johnson to Stephen Brown Adams."

This report was accepted, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of the inhabitants of North Yarmouth."

Bill "an act to authorize School District No. 13, in the town of Gorham, to build a new school-house in said district, and to provide therein a hall for the Gorham Farmers' Club."

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 prevent making impure the waters of the Androscoggin river above the dam at Lewiston Falls, within the cities of Lewiston and Auburn."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the city of Lewiston."

Bill "an act to authorize the Denison Paper Manufacturing Company to issue bonds not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and secure the same by mortgage of its property."

These bills were reported from the same Committee, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to service of process on defendants out of the State in suits for breach of official duty," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Pending third reading, ordered printed on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Bill "an act in relation to the bridge over the east branch of Cousins river.

Bill "an act to punish tramps."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes relating to agricultural societies."

Bill "an act to repeal section 25 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes relating to the organization of the Legislature."

Bill "an act authorizing the Treasurer of State to procure a loan of three hundred and seven thousand dollars."

Bill "an act to authorize the Knox and Lincoln Railroad Company to change its location."

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act authorizing the city of Gardiner and town of Pittston, or either of them, to raise money for, and to purchase the Gardiner and Pittston bridge.'"

"Resolve in favor of 'an act of Congress granting pensions to veterans of the Mexican and Aroostook war.'"

These 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.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to repeal of chapter 137 of laws 1879, was taken from the table and accepted.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 4, revised statutes, on elections," was taken from the table amended per sheet "A," as amended per sheet "B," and indefinitely postponed and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve relating to claims of settlers on proprietors' lands," was taken from the table and referred to the next Legislature on motion of Mr. FARRELL of Van Buren.

"Resolve concerning Plaisted and Appleton's Digest," was taken from the table when Mr. COOK moved to indefinitely postpone, pending that question.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill "an act to amend section 5, of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 62 of the public laws of 1876, as amended by chapter 212 of the public laws of 1877, relating to election returns," was referred in concurrence to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Report from the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to "amending existing laws, that examinations for admission to the Bar, may be made uniform throughout the State."

Report from the same Committee, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act to abolish the use of private seals upon certain instruments in writing."

Report from the same Committee, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to the amendment of the election laws.

Report from the same Committee, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to amendment of the Constitution of the State, so that certificates of the election of representative shall issue from municipal officers.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report from the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act in relation to increase of damages on location of ways," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and tomorrow assigned.

Bill "an act to provide for a sealed ballot," came from the Senate read twice, and indefinitely postponed, and was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps, Mr. Steward of Skowhegan, was excused from further attendance on this session of the Legislature.

Mr. McKUSICK of Calais, presented an order to excuse Mr. Gushee of Appleton from further attendance after March 12th, which was laid on the table.

Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton, moved to reconsider the orders excusing Messrs. McAllister, Leach and Rolfe.

The vote was reconsidered by a vote of 56 to 42.

The orders were then laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to make the diplomas of normal schools legal certificates to teach in the public schools of the State," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 94, revised statutes, relating to process of forcible entry and detainer," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act in relation to the compensation and number of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court," was taken from the table, and to-morrow, 11 o'clock, assigned for consideration.

On motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset, the vote whereby bill "an act to amend section 26 of chapter 27, of the public laws of 1878, in relation to lime rock, granite and slate," was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, amended per sheet "B," and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve concerning Plaisted and Appleton's Digest of Maine Reports," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. EMMONS of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Petition of Elvira B. Morrison for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. INGALLS, Mr. Webb of Deer Isle was excused from further attendance on this session of the Legislature.

Mr. PARKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to payment of fees for posting libels and monitions in liquor cases in the Municipal Court of Portland.

Mr. NASH, from the same Committee, reported reference to the Committee on Claims, on "resolve for reimbursement of money to John Plummer."

Mr. VERRILL, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 82, revised statutes, relating to proceedings in court."

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

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Joint Select Committee to investigate the loss of the State Seal and Official Returns, made a special report, which was laid on the table on his motion.

Printed bill "an act in relation to town and private ways."

Bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the taxation of the capital stock of toll bridges."

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

Bill "an act in relation to increase of damages on location of roads;" also

Bill "an act relating to ways;" also

Bill "an act to further provide for safety of travel on railroads;" and

Bill "an act relating to town and private ways;

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 change the name of Lizzie M. Coombs to Lizzie M. Hunter, and the name of the child of Hattie Johnson to Stephen Brown Adams."

This bill was reported from the same Committee, read third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

"Resolve authorizing a temporary loan," was presented by Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, and on his motion the rules were suspended, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve establishing a valuation of the State of Maine," was presented by Mr. HATCH of Bangor, and on his motion the rules were suspended, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act in relation to the compensation and number of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court," was taken from the table, read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, moved a reconsideration of the foregoing vote, but the House refused to reconsider, and the bill was sent to the Senate.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Reform School, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to Superintendent of said School, was read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 26, chapter 27, laws of 1878, in relation to lime, granite and slate," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House adhered.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting, on order bill "an act relating to the expenditures of the public moneys," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed, was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for the third reading.

Mr. STROUT from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported on order, bill "an act changing the public statutes as required by the amendment to the Constitution, providing for biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature."

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

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland, the vote whereby bill "an act relating to town and private ways," passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and the bill recommitted and sent to the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School."

"Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual."

"Resolve making appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the year 1880."

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians."

These resolves were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the second time, the first amended in concurrence, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act in relation to town and private ways."

"Resolve laying a tax on the counties."

"Resolve authorizing an adjustment for land purchased from the State."

"Resolve making appropriation for the propagation of fish."

"Resolve abating State tax on Township No. 4, Range 5, north of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase in Somerset county."

This bill and these 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.

"Resolve to provide for the erection of an additional building to the Maine Insane Hospital," was reported from the same Committee,

Pending its passage to be engrossed, Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent offered an amendment. On motion of Mr. EATON of Wilton, the matter was tabled, and to-morrow, at 2.30, assigned.

Bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the taxation of the capital stock of toll bridges," was reported from the same Committee, read the third time, passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, the foregoing action was reconsidered, and the bill tabled.

"Resolve in favor of Ira L. McFarland and Charles C. Cousins of Eden," was reported from the same Committee, read the second time, and tabled on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

On motion of Mr. BRADSTREET, the report of the Committee on Investigation of Loss of State Seal, Official Returns, &c., was taken from the table and accepted, and is as follows :

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

In accordance with the resolve passed unanimously by the House of Representatives, which directed you to issue your warrant for the arrest of Prince A. Sawyer, formerly Deputy Secretary of State, that he might be brought before the Committee on Loss of State Seal and Public Documents, your Committee have to report that Mr. Sawyer was brought by the Messenger of the House before your Committee, and that the said Sawyer refused to give any testimony. Whereupon he was remanded to the custody of the Messenger of the House.

Mr. BRADSTREET submitted a resolution, as follows :

House of Representatives, March 10, 1880.

Resolved, That Prince A. Sawyer, now in the custody of the Messenger of this House, having refused to testify as a witness before a Joint Special Committee of the Senate and House thereto duly authorized, be brought before the bar of the House, and that the Speaker of the House propound to him the following interrogatories :

First—What excuse have you for refusing to testify before the Joint Special Committee of the Senate and House, before which Committee you were called upon to testify, and before which you appeared on the 10th day of March instant?

Second—Are you ready to appear before said Committee and answer all proper questions that may be put to you by said Committee?

This resolution received a passage, and Prince A. Sawyer, in the custody of the Messenger, forthwith appeared before the bar of the House and answered to the interrogatories propounded by the Chair, as authorized by the resolve.

To the first interrogatory Mr. Sawyer made answer :

“Because I do not recognize that the Committee was appointed by a body legally or constitutionally organized.”

To the second interrogatory he made answer :

“I am not.”

When these answers had been given, Mr. BRADSTREET presented the following resolution :

House of Representatives, March 10, 1880.

Resolved, That Prince A. Sawyer be and is hereby adjudged to be in contempt for a violation of the privileges of this House ; and that said Prince A. Sawyer be remanded to the custody of the Messenger of this House, and be by him closely kept and confined, until the further order of this House, or until he shall purge himself of the contempt.

Upon the passage of the resolve, the yeas and nays were ordered, and resulted as follows, yeas 88, nays 18.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Dunnell,	Hatch,
Baker of Orrington,	Eaton,	Heal,
Baker of Steuben,	Emmons,	Hill of Exeter,
Boody,	Fennelly,	Hilton of Embden,
Bradstreet,	French,	Hutchinson,
Brooks,	Getchell,	Ingalls,
Burnham,	Gilman,	Jewett of Richmond,
Butler,	Goff,	Jewett of Sangerville,
Clay,	Goss of Auburn,	Jordan,
Colburn,	Goss of Bath,	Leach,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Goulding,	Lord of Bangor,
Cole of Smithfield,	Gray,	Lord of Standish,
Cook,	Hale,	Loring,
Crane,	Hall of Alfred,	Marble,
Cutler,	Hall of Nobleboro',	Mason,
Davis,	Hanscomb,	Maxey,
Dinsmore,	Harriman, Readfield,	McAllister,

McKusick,	Robbins,	Thomas, Farmington,
Nickerson,	Rogers,	Toothaker,
Norton,	Rolfe,	Trafton,
Parcher,	Rowell,	True,
Parker,	Simonton,	Twitchell,
Partridge,	Smart,	Verrill,
Payne,	Springer of Litchfield,	Wasson,
Perkins,	Springer of Yarmouth,	Weeks,
Porter,	Sproul,	Willoughby,
Powers,	Stratton,	Wilson of Albion,
Purington,	Strout,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's.
Redlon,	Thomas of Durham,	Young—88.
Richards,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Bridgham, No. 14 Pl. Hills,	Oliver,
Chadbourn,	Hilton of St. Albans, Robinson of Oldtown,
Dickey,	Hutchins, Smith of Buxton,
Frederic,	Knowles, Smith of Vinalhaven,
Glidden,	Long, Staples,
Gushee,	Mendall, Wentworth, S. Berwick
	—18.

Bill "an act concerning the College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was taken from the table, refused a passage, and indefinitely postponed.

The resolve presented by Mr. WILSON of Orono, then came up, and on his motion the rules were suspended, the resolve was read twice, amended per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1880.

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 annual report of the agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature, and was referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of the District of Columbia.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting ought not to pass, on bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads."

These reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act establishing compensation of State Agent for collecting unadjusted claims against the United States."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to facilitate the consolidation of the Acton Silver Mining Company, the Portland Acton Silver Mining Company, the Forest City Silver Mining Company, and the Boston Acton Silver Mining Company."

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed, reports were accepted in concurrence, bills read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Report of Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on resolve in favor of Sprague & Son, came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed, was passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to incorporate the Saco and Biddeford Telephone and Telegraph Company."

Came from the Senate accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Report was accepted, and tabled, pending first reading of bill.

“Resolve concerning the transportation of certain books from the State Library,” passed to be engrossed in the House amended per sheet “A,” came back from the Senate further amended per sheet “B,” and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment, and passed the resolve in concurrence.

Majority and minority report of Committee on Towns, upon the Rockland set-off, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its former vote, substituted the minority report.

The House voted to adhere to its action accepting the majority report, and a motion to reconsider was withdrawn.

Bill “an act to abolish the office of Land Agent,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed.

An amendment was proposed by Mr. CUTLER of Bangor, and tabled on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting, on order, bill “an act concerning the State Agency for the sale of spirituous liquors,” came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and indefinitely postponed, and was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill “an act amendatory of chapters 17 and 27 of the revised statutes, in relation to common nuisances and the sale of intoxicating liquors,” was read the third time, and to-morrow at 11 o'clock assigned, on motion of Mr. CRANE of Winthrop.

Bill “an act relating to the sale of the franchises of railroad corporations,” was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps, Mr. Rolfe of Princeton was excused from further attendance on this session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. EATON of Wilton, Mr. Norton of Industry was excused from further attendance on and after Saturday, March 13th.

On motion of Mr. SPRINGER of Litchfield, Mr. Washburn of Greene, was excused from any further attendance.

On motion of Mr. WILSON of Albion, Mr. Lewis of Springfield, was excused from further attendance.

Mr. FENNELLY of Mt. Desert, submitted the following, which was laid over until after the morning hour:

Ordered, That members of the House, during the remainder of the session after to-day, be limited to five minutes in remarks at any one time on any question pending.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the Committee on Ways and Means be directed to assess a State tax for this year of five mills on each dollar of State valuation.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on Maine Insane Hospital, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to Maine Insane Hospital, which was read and accepted and sent to the Senate.

Printed bill "an act relating to service of process on defendants out of the State, in suits for breach of official duty," was read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act relating to the expenditures of the public moneys," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Black Brook and Swift River Improvement Company."

Bill "an act incorporating the Dead River Log Driving Company."

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Wilson pond in the town of Greenville in the county of Piscataquis."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pond Sheer Boom Company."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Beech Hill Brook Dam Company."

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.

Bill "an act additional to an 'act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company,'" was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

The orders relating to the payment of B. L. Staples, Clerk, and W. E. Gibbs, Assistant Clerk of the House of 1879, were taken from the table and passed as amended, paying each for five days' attendance at five dollars per day with usual mileage.

Bill "an act to vest the franchise and property of Arrowsic bridge in the inhabitants of Sagadahoc county," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Consolidated Eastern Slate Company," was taken from the table, and to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, assigned for further consideration.

The majority and minority reports from the Committee on Fisheries, came up from the table by special assignment.

The question being upon substituting the minority for the majority report.

After consideration, the previous question was moved, and the House seconded the call, and upon the main question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the question being so taken, was decided in the affirmative by yeas 61, nays 58, as follows :

Those gentlemen who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Glidden,	Long,
Baker of Steuben,	Goulding,	Loring,
Benner,	Gray,	Mason,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Gushee,	McAllister,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.,	Harriman,	Ken'bnkp't, McLaughlin,
Brooks,	Haskell,	Mendall,
Chadbourn,	Hastings,	Nash,
Clay,	Hill of Howland,	Norton,
Cole of Cape Elizabeth,	Hills,	Pendleton,
Crane,	Hilton of Embden,	Perry,
Cutler,	Hilton of St. Albans,	Plaisted,
Davis,	Horn,	Record,
Dinsmore,	Howard of Montville,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Dunnell,	Hunnewell,	Roundy,
Durham,	Hussey,	Smith of Buxton,
Fennelly,	Jewett of Richmond,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
French,	Knowles,	Stratton,

Temple,	Twitchell,	Whitten,
Thomas of Durham,	Wasson,	Young—61.
Toothaker,	Wentworth, S. Berwick,	
Trafton,	Whipple,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Andrews,	Heal,	Rafter,
Baker of Orrington,	Hill of Corinth,	Redlon,
Boody,	Hill of Exeter,	Richards,
Burnham,	Hutchinson,	Robbins,
Butler,	Ingalls,	Rogers,
Colburn,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Rolfe,
Cole of Smithfield,	Jordan,	Simonton,
Cook,	Lord of Bangor,	Smart,
Dickey,	Loring,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Eaton,	Marble,	Sproul,
Emmons,	Maxey,	Stanley,
Frederic,	Nickerson,	Strout,
Getchell,	Oliver,	Thomas, Farmington,
Gilman,	Parcher,	True,
Goff,	Parker,	Verrill,
Goss of Auburn,	Partridge,	Willoughby,
Goss of Bath,	Perkins,	Wilson of Albion,
Hall of Alfred,	Porter,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's,
Hall of Nobleboro',	Powers,	Wilson of Orono—58.
Harriman, Readfield,	Purington,	

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The question pending adjournment was resumed, it being upon acceptance of the minority report, which was accepted.

The bill was read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

The report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act concerning the militia of Maine," was taken

from the table, report read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow, P. M., assigned for second reading.

“Resolve to provide for the erection of an additional building to the Maine Insane Asylum, was taken from the table, amended per sheets “A,” “B,” “C,” and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill “an act to amend section 16, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the taxation of capital stock of toll bridges,” was taken from the table, amended per sheet “A,” on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill “an act to remodel the Board of Agriculture,” was taken from the table, when Mr. HILLS of Union moved to indefinitely postpone.

On motion of Mr. ROGERS of Stetson, the bill was tabled, and to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, assigned.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. CRANE of Winthrop.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought not to pass, on bill “an act to repeal part of section 75, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to returns of voters from plantations.”

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amending section 52 of chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to the duties of plantation clerks.

These reports came from the Senate read and accepted, and were read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to provide for the registry of deeds from the State," passed to be enacted in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed. The House receded and concurred.

"Resolve authorizing an adjustment for land purchased from the State," was passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Goss of Bath,
Fennelly of Mt. Desert,
Crane of Winthrop,

on its part.

"Resolve making an appropriation for the Military Asylum at Bath."

This resolve was passed to be engrossed, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred, and passed the resolve as amended.

The order relating to the payment of money due to William E. Wright, referred to the Committee on Pensions, in the House, came back from the Senate referred to the Governor and Council.

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Club of Portland," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House insisted, and proposed a Committee of Conference, and the SPEAKER appointed

Messrs. Strout of Portland,
Young of Brunswick,
Simonton of Rockland,

on its part.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards and State of Maine Branch of the Druidic University of America," referred to the next Legislature in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules.

The House receded, and concurred in the passage of the bill to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to repeal an act approved March 9, 1880, and to restore chapter 29, laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to encourage the developement of the mining interests of the State,'" was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 36, public laws of 1872," was referred to the same Committee.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company," was referred to the same Committee.

Petition of Cora E. Carmody, for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

The foregoing were sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PERRY of Camden,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of State be requested to report to this House the names of all members of the last Legislature who have not returned their double mileage, and also any statement that he may be pleased to make in regard to the rights of the State to receive the same.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce is hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of memorializing the General Assembly of the State of New York to so amend the Hell Gate pilot laws, as to remove compulsory pilotage.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That the Committee on Leave of Absence, be directed to report to this House what legislation is necessary in reference to the pay and mileage of members of the House who have been absent from their seats during the session of this House, without leave of said Committee.

On motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, Mr. Mendall of Hartford, was excused from further attendance.

Mr. PARKER of Lewiston, submitted the following:

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that Thursday, March 18, 1880, at 12 o'clock, noon, be the time fixed when the fifty-ninth Legislature of Maine shall finally adjourn.

This order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That on and after Monday, March 15th, the House hold a session each day, commencing at half-past 7 o'clock P. M.

Mr. BURNHAM of Sherman, presented the following, which he moved be referred to the Committee on Claims :

Ordered, That the Clerk be required to make up the pay and mileage of Alfred Cushman of Sherman, on account of his appearing here on a summons from the Governor to be present at the organization of the fifty-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine.

On motion of Mr. PAYNE of Waldo, the order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough,

Ordered, That the House hold a session on the evening of this day, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Mr. BRADSTREET of Bridgton, from the Committee on loss of State Seal and other State Property, submitted the following, which received a passage :

Resolved, That Prince A. Sawyer, having appeared and testified before the Committee on Loss of State Seal and other Public Property, and answered all questions put to him by said Committee, be and is hereby discharged from the custody of this House.

Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Claims, on motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough :

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House in making up the pay roll of members of this House, be and is hereby instructed to omit from the pay roll the names of all members who have not reported to the Clerk their names and the usual data required for the making up of said pay roll.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, in new draft, on bill "an act to amend chapter 74, public laws of 1878, entitled 'an act in relation to the insolvent laws of Maine.'"

This report was read and accepted, bill ordered printed under rule.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to promote the efficiency of the police force of the city of Lewiston."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported, on order, bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1880, amounting to the sum of \$1,124,261.27."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, rules suspended, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Printed bill "an act to amend the public statutes as required by the amendment to the constitution, providing for biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature," was read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Bill "an act to amend an amendment to chapter sixty-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, relating to the shore fisheries," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, amended per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to service of process on defendants out of the State, in suits for breach of official duty."

Bill "an act establishing compensation of State Agent for collecting unadjusted claims against the United States."

These 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 authorizing School District No. 13, in the town of Gorham, to build a new school house in said district, and to finish therein a hall for the Gorham Farmers' Club."

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to process of forcible entry and detainer."

Bill "an act relating to town and private ways."

Bill "an act giving justices of the peace and quorum jurisdiction throughout the State."

Bill "an act to authorize the Norway Branch Railroad Company to lease its road."

Bill "an act to amend section 49, chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors."

Bill "an act to prevent making impure the water of the Androscoggin river within the cities of Lewiston and Auburn."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 124 of the public laws of 1873, entitled 'an act in aid of free high schools,' as amended by chapter 33 of the public laws of 1875."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bar Harbor Bridge Company."

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the city of Lewiston."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 117 of the public laws of 1879, relating to suits involving tax titles."

Bill "an act to authorize the Denison Paper Company to issue bonds not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars and to secure the same by a mortgage of its property."

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 108 of the laws of 1872, relating to shooting seal at Fort Point in the town of Stockton."

Bill "an act relating to ways."

Bill "an act to increase damages in location of ways."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 91, section 4 of the laws of 1878, relating to marshal and deputy marshal of the city of Bath."

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of inhabitants of North Yarmouth."

Bill "an act to further provide for safety of travel on railroads."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company of the city of Bangor."

Bill "an act to change the name of Lizzie M. Coombs to Lizzie M. Hunter, and the name of the child of Hattie Johnson to Stephen Brown Adams."

Bill "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, relating to the employment of children in cotton and woolen manufactories."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs."

"Resolve in favor of the Industrial School for Girls."

"Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the year 1880."

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians."

"Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison."

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 *pro tem.*, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to remodel the Board of Agriculture," was taken from the table, and assigned to 7.30 o'clock, evening.

"Resolve in favor of Ira L. McFarland and Charles C. Cousins of Eden," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned to meet at half-past 2 o'clock P. M.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough, submitted the following, which was laid on the table until there should be a fuller attendance, on motion of Mr. HILL of Exeter,

Ordered, That in addition to the regular pay of John W. Phinney as Assistant Messenger of this House, the Clerk make up his pay to include \$50 as reimbursement for expenses, and compensation for extra services in the delivery of mails and other duties.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee of Conference on disagreeing vote of two branches, on bill "an act to incorporate the State of Maine Consolidated Mining Company," reported a disagreement, and recommending that the House adhere to its former vote. Accepted.

On motion of Mr. STAPLES of Parsonfield, the House adjourned, to give the Hale Committee an opportunity to occupy the Hall.

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to the amendment of charter of the city of Calais, came from the Senate read and accepted and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Reform School, reporting ought to pass, on bill "act to amend section 1, chapter 142, revised statutes,

relating to the Reform School," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Was accepted in concurrence, bill read twice, and to-morrow assigned for third reading.

"Resolve in favor of the State Library," reported from the Committee on Finance, came from the Senate, read and passed to be engrossed.

Was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. JEWETT of Richmond. Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton, moved a reconsideration.

The House refused to reconsider.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of Edmund D. Wiggin," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Was accepted in concurrence, resolve read once, and tabled.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate, that branch non-concurring in House amendment, and bill passed to be engrossed.

Was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Petition of Mrs. Catharine M. Crowell and others, asking for a bounty on foxes, was referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to repeal an act approved March 9, 1880, and to restore chapter 29 of the laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to encourage the development of the mining interests of the State.'"

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

Bill "an act concerning the Militia of Maine," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, amended per sheet "A," pending adoption of amendment "B," tabled.

Bill "an act amendatory of chapters 17 and 27 of the revised statutes, in relation to common nuisances, and the sale of intoxicating liquors," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "B," and passed to be engrossed, House having adopted Senate amendment "A."

Bill "an act to remodel the Board of Agriculture," was taken from the table, and to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, assigned.

House adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

On motion of Mr. PERRY of Camden, the House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed to be engrossed bill "an act amendatory of chapters 17 and 27 of the revised statutes, in relation to common nuisances and the sale of intoxicating liquors."

Amendment "B" was withdrawn, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and passed to be engrossed, by yeas 65, nays 28.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	French,	Lord of Standish,
Andrews,	Getchell,	Loring,
Baker of Steuben	Gilman,	Marble,
Boody,	Goff,	McLaughlin,
Bradstreet,	Goss of Bath,	Nash,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.,	Goulding,	Parker,
Brooks,	Gray,	Partridge,
Chadbourn,	Hall of Alfred,	Pendleton,
Clay	Haskell,	Perry,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Hastings,	Purington,
Cole of Smithfield,	Hill of Exeter,	Record,
Cook,	Hilton of Embden,	Richards,
Crane,	Hilton of St. Albans,	Robbins,
Davis,	Howard of Montville,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Dinsmore,	Hunnewell,	Roundy,
Durham,	Hutchinson,	Rowell,
Eaton,	Jewett, Sangerville,	Smart,
Emmons,	Leach,	Smith of Buxton,
Frederic,	Long,	Springer of Litchfield,

Stratton,	Thomas, Farmington,	Wilson of Albion,
Temple,	Toothaker,	Wilson of Orono—65.
Thomas of Durham,	Wentworth, So. Ber'k,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Benner,	Jewett of Richmond,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Knowles,	Strout,
Butler,	Lord of Bangor,	Swan,
Dickey,	Maxey,	True,
Fennelly,	Oliver,	Verrill,
Goss of Auburn,	Payne,	Weeks,
Hale,	Powers,	Whipple,
Hill of Corinth,	Simonton,	Wilson, Columb. Falls,
Hill of Howland,	Smith of Vinalhaven,	Young—28.
Ingalls,		

Bill "an act concerning the militia of Maine," came up under rule, was amended per sheets "B" and "C;" when on its passage to be engrossed, the question of quorum was raised, and a call of the House was had, when fifty-five gentlemen answered to the call, and as no quorum was present, the House was declared adjourned to meet Monday, at 11 o'clock.

The gentlemen present were Messrs.

Abbott,	Goulding,	Partridge,
Andrews,	Gray,	Payne,
Boody,	Hall of Alfred,	Porter,
Brooks,	Haskell,	Powers,
Burnham,	Hatch,	Redlon,
Butler,	Hill of Exeter,	Richards,
Clay,	Hilton of Embden,	Robbins,
Cook,	Hutchinson,	Rowell,
Crane,	Jewett of Richmond,	Simonton,
Cutler,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Smart,
Davis,	Lord of Bangor,	Springer of Litchfield,
Dinsmore,	Lord of Standish,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Fennelly,	Loring,	Sproul,
Getchell,	Marble,	Strout,
Gilman,	Mason,	Toothaker,
Goss of Auburn,	Maxey,	Trafton,
Goss of Bath,	Parker,	True,

Twitchell,

Wasson,

Weeks,

Wilson, Columbia Fl's.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GROVENER of Hallowell.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

“Resolve in favor of the State Library,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House receded and concurred.

“Resolve in favor of the State Prison,” passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its vote in amending the resolve and proposing a Committee of Conference, and appointing

Messrs. Lamson of Sagadahoc,
Parcher of Androscoggin,
Ellis of Waldo,

on its part.

The House insisted and concurred in the proposition for a conference and joined

Messrs. Purington of Bowdoinham,
True of Portland,
Haskell of Turner,

on its part.

“Resolve in favor of the State Library,” indefinitely postponed in the House, came back from the Senate, that branch insisting upon its vote and proposing a Committee of Conference, and appointing

Messrs. Barker of Penobscot,
Harris of Washington,
Flint of Piscataquis,

on its part.

The House insisted, and concurred in the proposition for a conference, and joined

Messrs. Hussey of Waldo,
Gushee of Appleton,
Wyman of Augusta,

on its part.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 62 of the public laws of 1876, as amended by chapter 212 of the public laws of 1877, relating to election returns."

This report was read and accepted in concurrence, bill read twice and to-morrow assigned for third reading.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting ought to pass, on "resolve in favor of the Dexter Savings Bank," came from the Senate read and accepted, resolve passed to be engrossed.

Was accepted in concurrence, resolve read once and tabled to close of morning hour.

"Resolve in favor of Joint Standing Committee on Education."

"Resolve in favor of same Committee."

"Resolve in favor of Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture."

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of land-locked salmon and other fish in Moose pond."

These resolves and bill came from the Senate read and passed to be engrossed.

Were read three times, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, under suspension of rules.

"Resolve in favor of the State Library," (House Document, No. 66,) passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House recessed and concurred.

Orders to excuse from attendance, Messrs. Wilson of Orono, Payne of Weld, Loring of Perry, Willoughby of Rockland, and Oliver of Freeman, were introduced and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. RICHARDS of Gardiner.

Orders excusing from attendance, Messrs. French of Stockton, and Sproul of Veazie, were introduced and passed.

On motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland, the Clerk was directed to make up a list of the members excused and of the members present.

Mr. HILLS of Union, submitted the following:

Ordered, That the members of the House during the remainder of the session be limited to ten minutes in their remarks at any one time on any question pending.

Mr. STROUT of Portland moved to table.

Lost.

The matter exciting discussion, it was laid over under the rule.

Bill "an act to authorize Isaiah S. Emery and others, to build a wharf on their land at Emery's Point, Hampden, and to extend the same into Penobscot river," was presented by Mr. HATCH of Bangor, and was tabled pending indefinite postponement.

Bill "an act for the navigation of Winnecook lake in the county of Waldo," was presented and tabled till the morning hour.

"Resolve in relation to school exercises and examinations," was presented by Mr. GETCHELL of Wells, and received its several readings, and passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. SPRINGER, from the Committee on State Library, reported ought to pass, on "resolve concerning the State Library."

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on Leave of Absence, reported on order, that the names of members who have not taken part in the proceedings, or who have not been present in the House, should not be placed upon the pay roll of the House. The report was accepted.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought not to pass, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 65, public laws of 1878, in relation to duties of county attorneys"

This report was read and accepted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on order, bill "an act to regulate the practice in equity proceedings."

Mr. HUTCHINSON, from same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to the sale of the franchise of railroad corporations."

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, on order, "resolve to memorialize the General Assembly of the State of New York, to amend the Hell Gate pilot laws."

These reports were accepted, bills and resolve ordered printed under rule.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 74 of the public laws of the year 1878, entitled 'an act in relation to the insolvent laws of Maine,'" was read once, and tabled on motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset, pending indefinite postponement.

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 142, revised statutes, relating to the Reform School;"

Bill "an act to amend the public statutes, as required by the amendment to the Constitution, providing for biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature;"

Were reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, the first read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The last tabled, on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards and State of Maine Branch of the Druidic University of America."

Bill "an act in relation to the expenditures of public moneys."

Bill "an act to facilitate the consolidation of the Acton Silver Mining Company, the Portland Acton Silver Mining Company, the Forest City Silver Mining Company and the Boston Acton Silver Mining Company."

Bill "an act in relation to service of process on defendants out of the State in suits for breach of official duty."

Bill "an act to promote the efficiency of the police force of the city of Lewiston."

Bill "an act establishing compensation of State Agent for collecting unadjusted claims against the United States."

Bill "an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company.'"

Bill "an act amendatory of chapters 17 and 27 of the revised statutes, in relation to common nuisances and the sale of intoxicating liquors."

"Resolve in favor of Sprague and Son."

• “Resolve concerning the transportation of certain books from the State Library.”

“Resolve authorizing a temporary loan.”

“Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland.”

“Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.”

“Resolve making an appropriation for the support of soldiers’ orphans at the Bangor Children’s Home.”

“Resolve abating State tax on Township No. 4, Range 5, north of Bingham’s Kennebec Purchase in Somerset county.”

“Resolve in favor of Oakfield Plantation.”

“Resolve to provide for an additional building to the Insane Hospital.”

“Resolve in favor of the St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland.”

“Resolve in aid of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.”

“Resolve laying a tax on the counties of the State.”

“Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution changing the term of office of Senators and Representatives.”

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 last resolve was passed finally by a unanimous vote, upon a call of the roll, 104 members voting yea, and no one voting nay.

Those who voted yea were Messrs.

Abbott,	Cole of Smithfield,	Glidden,
Andrews,	Cutler,	Goff,
Baker of Orrington,	Davis,	Goss of Bath,
Baker of Steuben,	Dickey,	Goulding,
Benner,	Dinsmore,	Gray,
Boody,	Durham,	Gushee,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Eaton,	Hall of Alfred,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.	Emmons,	Harriman, Kenb’kpt,
Burnham,	Fennelly,	Harriman, Readfield,
Chadbourn,	Frederic,	Haskell,
Clay,	French,	Hastings,
Colburn,	Getchell,	Hatch,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Gilman,	Heal,

Heard,	Nickerson,	Sproul,
Hill of Exeter,	Oliver,	Stanley,
Hill of Howland,	Parcher,	Staples,
Hills,	Parker,	Stratton,
Hilton of Embden,	Payne,	Swan,
Hilton of St. Albans,	Pendleton,	Temple,
Horn,	Perkins,	Thomas of Durham,
Howard of Montville,	Perry,	Thomas, Farmington,
Hunnewell,	Porter,	Toothaker,
Hussey,	Powers,	Trafton,
Hutchins,	Purington,	True,
Ingalls,	Redlon,	Twitchell,
Jewett of Richmond,	Richards,	Wales,
Jewett of Sangerville,	Robbins,	Wasson,
Knowles,	Robinson of Oldtown,	Weeks,
Leach,	Rogers,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Loring,	Roundy,	Whipple,
Marble,	Simonton,	Willoughby,
Mason,	Smart,	Wilson, Columb. Falls,
Maxey,	Smith of Buxton,	Wyman,
McLaughlin,	Smith of Vinalhaven,	Young—104.
Nash,	Springer of Litchfield,	

Bill "an act in relation to the compensation and number of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court," came up on its passage to be enacted, when the yeas and nays were ordered, and 57 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 39 in the negative, so the bill passed to be enacted.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Cutler,	Goulding,
Andrews,	Davis,	Gray,
Baker of Orrington,	Dickey,	Hale,
Baker of Steuben,	Dinsmore,	Hall of Alfred,
Burnham,	Eaton,	Hill of Exeter,
Butler,	Emmons,	Hilton of Embden,
Clay,	Fennelly,	Ingalls,
Colburn,	French,	Jewett of Sangerville,
Cole of Smithfield,	Getchell,	Leach,
Cook,	Gilman,	Lord of Bangor,
Crane,	Goss of Auburn,	Lord of Standish,

Loring,	Simonton,	Trafton,
Marble,	Springer of Litchfield,	Twitchell,
Mason,	Springer of Yarmouth,	Wasson,
Parker,	Sproul,	Weeks,
Powers,	Stanley,	Wilson, Columb. Falls,
Richards,	Stratton,	Wilson of Orono,
Robbins,	Strout,	Wyman,
Rowell,	Thomas of Durham,	Young—57.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Bennèr,	Hilton of St. Albans,	Perry,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.,	Horn,	Porter,
Chadbourn,	Howard of Montville,	Record,
Durham,	Hussey,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Frederic,	Hutchins,	Rogers,
Gushee,	Knowles,	Roundy,
Harriman, Kenb'kpt,	Long,	Smart,
Haskell,	McLaughlin,	Smith of Buxton,
Hastings,	Nash,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Hatch,	Oliver,	Temple,
Hill of Corinth,	Payne,	Toothaker,
Hill of Howland,	Pendleton,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Hills,	Perkins,	Whipple—39.

Bill "an act concerning the militia of Maine," came up under rule upon its passage to be engrossed, and upon this question the yeas and nays were ordered and taken. No quorum voting, a call of the House was had, and a quorum found to be present, 82 gentlemen answering to the call.

Those who were present and answered were Messrs.

Abbott,	Cook,	Gilman,
Andrews,	Crane,	Goss of Auburn,
Baker of Orrington,	Cutler,	Goulding,
Baker of Steuben,	Davis,	Gray,
Benner,	Dickey,	Hale,
Brooks,	Dinsmore,	Hall of Alfred,
Burnham,	Emmons,	Haskell,
Butler,	Fennelly,	Hastings,
Clay,	Frederic,	Hatch,
Colburn,	French,	Hill of Exeter,
Cole of Smithfield,	Getchell,	Hill of Howland,

Hilton of Embden,	Pendleton,	Stanley,
Hilton of St. Albans,	Perkins,	Staples,
Horn,	Porter,	Strout,
Hunnewell,	Powers,	Thomas of Durham,
Hussey,	Record,	Thomas, Farmington,
Ingalls,	Richards,	Toothaker,
Jewett of Sangerville,	Robbins,	Trafton,
Leach,	Robinson of Oldtown,	Twitchell,
Long,	Rogers,	Wasson,
Lord of Bangor,	Roundy,	Weeks,
Lord of Standish,	Rowell,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Loring,	Simonton,	Whipple,
Marble,	Smart,	Wilson, Columbia Fl's.
Mason,	Springer of Litchfield,	Wilson of Orono,
Oliver,	Springer of Yarmouth,	Wyman,
Partridge,	Sproul,	Young—82.
Payne,		

The absentees were called, and it was found that 56 gentlemen had voted in the affirmative, and 21 in the negative.

So the bill received a passage.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Gray,	Rogers,
Andrews,	Hale,	Rowell,
Baker of Orrington,	Hall of Alfred,	Simonton,
Baker of Steuben,	Hatch,	Smart,
Burnham,	Hill of Exeter,	Springer of Litchfield,
Butler,	Hilton of Embden,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Clay,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Sproul,
Colburn,	Leach,	Strout,
Cole of Smithfield,	Lord of Bangor,	Thomas of Durham,
Cook,	Lord of Standish,	Thomas, Farmington,
Crane,	Loring,	Toothaker,
Cutler,	Marble,	Trafton,
Davis,	Mason,	Twitchell,
Dinsmore,	Parker,	Wasson,
Fennelly,	Payne,	Weeks,
Getchell,	Porter,	Wilson, Columb. Falls,
Gilman,	Powers,	Wyman,
Goss of Auburn,	Richards,	Young—56.
Goulding,	Robbins,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Dickey,	Hastings,	Perkins,
Durham,	Hill of Howland,	Record,
Eaton,	Hussey,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Emmons,	Ingalls,	Roundy,
Frederic,	Long,	Temple,
French,	Oliver,	Wentworth, So. Ber'k,
Haskell,	Pendleton,	Wilson of Orono—21.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

“Resolve in aid of George A. Sponberg,” was taken from the table, and referred to the next Legislature, on motion of Mr. SIMONTON of Rockland.

“Resolve in favor of the Dexter Savings Bank,” was taken from the table, read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

“Resolve in favor of E. D. Wiggin,” was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

“Resolve to purchase certain farms or settlers' lots in Township No. 17, Range 7,” was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Saco and Biddeford Telephone and Telegraph Company,” was taken from the table, read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill “an act to amend section 10, chapters 19 and 128, as amended by chapter 24, public laws of 1878, relating to the laws of roads,” was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company,” was taken from the table, when the House recessed, and concurred in the passage of the bill to be engrossed.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to the matter of poll tax were taken from the table,

when Mr. PARKER of Lewiston moved to substitute the minority for the majority report, and that motion was tabled, and to-morrow assigned, at 11 o'clock.

Bill "an act relating to trustees and other officers of public institutions," was taken up, and re-tabled on motion of Mr. EATON of Wilton.

Bill "an act to remodel the Board of Agriculture," was taken from the table, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Consolidated Eastern Slate Company," was taken from the table, and pending consideration, re-tabled on motion of Mr. SMART of Deering.

Bill "an act to authorize Cyrus Emery and others to build a wharf in the tide-waters of Penobscot river in Hampden," was taken from the table, when Mr. HATCH asked liberty and withdrew the bill.

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Piscataquis," was taken from the table and referred to the next Legislature, on motion of Mr. DINSMORE of Medford.

Bill "an act for the navigation of Winnecook lake in the county of Waldo," was taken from the table and referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act to repeal an act approved March 9, 1880, and to restore chapter 29 of the laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to encourage the developement of the mining interests of the State,'" was read three times under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 62 of the public laws of 1876, as amended by chapter 212 of the public laws of 1875 and 1877, relating to election returns," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend section 49, chapter 27, revised statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors," passed to be enacted in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

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

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1880.

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 extend the time for organization of the Eastern Land and Improvement Company," was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to the death penalty, was read and accepted in concurrence.

The Clerk in response to an order, reported that seventeen members had been excused.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Committee on Financial Affairs be directed to report a bill to tax railroad, telegraph and express companies in this State, on the same basis as other property.

Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton, submitted the following :

Ordered, That the Governor and Council be requested to furnish to this House forthwith a statement of the amounts that have been drawn, and for what purposes, from the eighteen thousand dollar appropriation passed by this House to defray the expenses attendant on the organization of this House.

Mr. HALE concurred in the passage of the order. The expenditure of public money should be accounted for in detail and proper vouchers presented.

The order received a passage.

Mr. HUSSEY of Brooks, submitted the following :

Ordered, That the pay of M. W. Knight of Naples, be made up. This order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. GOSS of Bath, the order relating to making up the pay of the messenger and his assistant at \$200 each, was taken up, and on motion of same gentleman, was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. STROUT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 105 of the public laws of 1879 relating to ways."

Mr. INGALLS, from the same Committee, reported, on order, bill "an act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes."

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to seizures on execution."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed.

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Conference, reported on "resolve entitled 'resolve authorizing an adjustment for land purchased from the State,'" that they were unable to agree, and the report was accepted.

"Resolve memorializing the General Assembly of the State of New York to so amend the Hell Gate pilot laws, as to remove compulsory pilotage," was read twice and passed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to the sale of the franchise of railroad corporations," was read twice, and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Saco and Biddeford Telephone and Telegraph Company," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act concerning the militia."

"Resolve establishing a valuation of the State of Maine."

This bill and resolve were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the bill passed to be enacted, resolve finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to abolish the office of Land Agent," was taken from the table and referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Consolidated Eastern Slate Company," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Bill "an act relating to trustees and other officers of public institutions," was taken from the table, amended per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill "an act amendatory to an act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the protection of smelts in Pleasant river, in the county of Washington," was taken from the table, and to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, assigned.

The majority and minority report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting on order relating to poll taxes, was taken from the table and referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act to amend an amendment to chapter 66 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the shore fisheries," passed to be engrossed in the House, amended per sheet "A," came back from the Senate further amended per sheet "B," passed to be engrossed.

The House recessed, and concurred in the passage of the bill.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 386 of the acts and resolves of 1877, relating to Bath Driving Park," was presented by Mr. GOSS of Bath, read twice, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Bill "an act to vest the franchises and property of Arrowsic bridge in the inhabitants of Sagadahoc county," passed to be engrossed in the House, as amended per sheet "A," came back from the Senate further amended per sheets "B" and "C," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendment "C," rejected Senate amendment "B," and passed the bill to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to enable the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation to make sale of its property to be used for railroad purposes," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheets "A," "B" and "C," and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded, adopted Senate amendments "A," "B" and "C," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Parlin Pond Dam Company," was referred to the next Legislature.

Bill "an act to amend the public statutes as required by the amendment to the Constitution, providing for biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature," was taken from the table, amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital," was reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 74 of the public laws of the year 1878, entitled 'an act in relation to the insolvent laws of Maine,'" was taken from the table, considered, and re-tabled on motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset.

A communication from the Treasurer of State, transmitting a list of members and officers of the last Legislature who have not returned their double mileage, was read and tabled.

Report of the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote on "resolve in favor of the State Library," reporting that the House recede and concur with the Senate, was accepted, and the House receded, and concurred in the passage of the resolve to be engrossed.

Bill "an act relating to the sale of the franchise of railroad corporations," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and tabled on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Bill "an act to vest the franchise of Arrowsic bridge in the inhabitants of Sagadahoc county," came back from the Senate, that branch adhering to its vote adopting Senate amendment "B."

The House receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to remodel the Board of Agriculture," passed to be engrossed in the House, came back from the Senate amended per sheet "A," and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to convicts and officers in the county jails in this State having workshops attached thereto," came from the Senate read and passed to be engrossed, and was read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 125, public laws of 1879, relating to the salary of governor," came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed, was read twice and to-morrow assigned.

Bill "an act for the protection of smelts in Pleasant river, in the county of Washington," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the House refused to reconsider the vote.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. PARTRIDGE, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 93, private and special laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 192, special laws of 1879."

This report was read and accepted, bill read three times under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BRADSTREET, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to amend chapter 36, public laws of 1872, relative to claims against insolvent estates."

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

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient, on order relating to amendment of laws relating to the militia.

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 125, public laws of 1879, relating to the salary of Governor," was reported from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, amended per sheet "A," when a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill was made, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered and resulted in the affirmative.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Baker of Orrington,	Hills,	Record,
Benner,	Hilton of Embden,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Hilton of St. Albans,	Rogers,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.,	Horn,	Roundy,
Burnham,	Howard of Montville,	Smart,
Chadbourn,	Hunnewell,	Smith of Buxton,
Davis,	Hutchins,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Durham,	Knowles,	Stanley,
Eaton,	Long,	Staples,
French,	McAllister,	Swan,
Glidden,	McLaughlin,	Temple,
Goulding,	Nash,	Thomas, Farmington,
Gushee,	Nickerson,	Toothaker,
Harriman, Ken'bnkp't,	Oliver,	Twitchell,
Haskell,	Payne,	Weeks,
Hastings,	Pendleton,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Hatch,	Perkins,	Whipple,
Heard,	Perry,	Whitten,
Hill of Corinth,	Plaisted,	Wilson of Albion,
Hill of Exeter,	Porter,	Wilson of Orono—62.
Hill of Howland,	Rafter,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Cole of Cape Elizabeth,	Emmons,
Andrews,	Cole of Smithfield,	Fennelly,
Baker of Steuben,	Crane,	Getchell,
Boody,	Cutler,	Gilman,
Bradstreet,	Dickey,	Goff,
Clay,	Dinsmore,	Goss of Auburn,
Colburn,	Dunnell,	Goss of Bath,

Gray,	Loring,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Hall of Alfred,	Marble,	Steward,
Hall of Nobleboro',	Mason,	Stratton,
Hanscomb,	Maxey,	Thomas of Durham,
Harriman, Readfield,	Parcher,	Trafton,
Heal,	Parker,	True,
Hutchinson,	Partridge,	Verrill,
Jewett of Richmond,	Purington,	Wales,
Jewett, Sangerville,	Redlon,	Wasson,
Jordan,	Richards,	Willoughby,
Leach,	Rowell,	Wilson, Columbia F's,
Lord of Bangor,	Simonton,	Wyman,
Lord of Standish,	Springer of Litchfield,	Young—60.

Mr. SMART of Deering, moved a reconsideration, and upon this question the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, and the question being so taken, the House voted to reconsider, yeas 67, nays 59.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Goff,	Partridge,
Andrews,	Goss of Auburn,	Powers,
Baker of Steuben,	Goss of Bath,	Purington,
Benner,	Gray,	Rafter,
Boody,	Hall of Alfred,	Redlon,
Bradstreet,	Hall of Nobleboro',	Richards,
Brooks,	Hanscomb,	Rowell,
Butler,	Harriman, Readfield,	Simonton,
Clay,	Heal,	Springer of Litchfield,
Colburn,	Hutchinson,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Jewett of Richmond,	Sproul,
Cole of Smithfield,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Steward,
Cook,	Jordan,	Stratton,
Crane,	Leach,	Thomas of Durham,
Cutler,	Lord of Bangor,	Trafton,
Dickey,	Lord of Standish,	True,
Dinsmore,	Loring,	Verrill,
Dunnell,	Marble,	Wasson,
Emmons,	Mason,	Willoughby,
Fennelly,	Maxey,	Wilson, Columb. Falls,
Getchell,	Parcher,	Wyman,
Gilman,	Parker,	Young—67.
Glidden,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Baker of Orrington,	Hilton of Embden,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Hilton of St. Albans,	Rogers,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.,	Horn,	Roundy,
Burnham,	Howard of Montville,	Smart,
Chadbourn,	Hunnewell,	Smith of Buxton,
Davis,	Hussey,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Durham,	Hutchins,	Stanley,
Eaton,	Knowles,	Staples,
Frederic,	Long,	Temple,
French,	McAllister,	Thomas, Farmington,
Goulding,	McLaughlin,	Toothaker,
Gushee,	Nash,	Twitchell,
Haskell,	Nickerson,	Wales,
Hastings,	Oliver,	Weeks,
Hatch,	Payne,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Heard,	Pendleton,	Whipple,
Hill of Corinth,	Perkins,	Whitten,
Hill of Exeter,	Plaisted,	Wilson of Albion,
Hill of Howland,	Porter,	Wilson of Orono—59.
Hills,	Record,	

Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton, then moved to put the bill on its passage, and upon that question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was passed to be engrossed, 64 yeas to 63 nays:

Those who voted yea were Messrs.

Abbott,	Dinsmore,	Heal,
Andrews,	Dunnell,	Hutchinson,
Baker of Steuben,	Emmons,	Jewett of Richmond,
Boody,	Fennelly,	Jewett of Sangerville,
Bradstreet,	Getchell,	Jordan,
Butler,	Gilman,	Leach,
Clay,	Goff,	Lord of Bangor,
Colburn,	Goss of Auburn,	Lord of Standish,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Goss of Bath,	Loring,
Cole of Smithfield,	Gray,	Marble,
Coox,	Hall of Alfred,	Mason,
Crane,	Hall of Nobleboro',	Maxey,
Cutler,	Hanscom,	Parcher,
Dickey,	Harriman, Readfield,	Parker,

Partridge,	Springer of Yarmouth,	Verrill,
Powers,	Sproul,	Wales,
Purington,	Steward,	Wasson,
Redlon,	Stratton,	Willoughby,
Richards,	Thomas of Durham,	Wilson, Columb. Falls,
Rowell,	Trafton,	Wyman,
Simonton,	True,	Young—64.
Springer of Litchfield,		

Those who voted nay were Messrs.

Baker of Orrington,	Hill of Howland,	Porter,
Benner,	Hills,	Record,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Hilton of Embden,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.,	Hilton of St. Albans,	Rogers,
Brooks,	Horn,	Roundy,
Burnham,	Howard of Montville,	Smart,
Chadbourn,	Hunnewell,	Smith of Buxton,
Davis,	Hussey,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Durham,	Hutchins,	Stanley,
Eaton,	Knowles,	Staples,
Frederic,	Long,	Swan,
French,	McAllister,	Temple,
Goulding,	McLaughlin,	Thomas, Farmington,
Gushee,	Nash,	Toothaker,
Harriman, Kenb'kpt,	Nickerson,	Twitchell,
Haskell,	Oliver,	Weeks,
Hastings,	Payne,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Hatch,	Pendleton,	Whipple,
Heard,	Perkins,	Whitten,
Hill of Corinth,	Perry,	Wilson of Albion,
Hill of Exeter,	Plaisted,	Wilson of Orono—63.

Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, moved a reconsideration, and Mr. SMART of Deering, moved, and the House ordered, the yeas and nays on that question, which being so taken resulted in the affirmative, 63 yeas to 60 nays.

So the House voted to reconsider the vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Baker of Orrington,	Hills,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Hilton of Embden,	Rogers,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.,	Hilton of St. Albans,	Roundy,
Brooks,	Horn,	Smart,
Burnham,	Howard of Montville,	Smith of Buxton,
Chadbourn,	Hunnewell,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Davis,	Hussey,	Springer of Litchfield,
Durham,	Hutchins,	Stanley,
Eaton,	Knowles,	Staples,
Frederic,	Long,	Steward,
French,	McAllister,	Swan,
Goulding,	McLaughlin,	Temple,
Gushee,	Nash,	Thomas, Farmington,
Harriman, Ken'bnkp't,	Nickerson,	Toothaker,
Haskell,	Oliver,	Twitchell,
Hastings,	Payne,	Weeks,
Hatch,	Pendleton,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Heard,	Perkins,	Whipple,
Hill of Corinth,	Plaisted,	Whitten,
Hill of Exeter,	Porter,	Wilson of Albion,
Hill of Howland,	Record,	Wilson of Orono—63.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Emmons,	Lord of Bangor,
Andrews,	Fennelly,	Lord of Standish,
Baker of Steuben,	Getchell,	Loring,
Boody,	Gilman,	Marble,
Bradstreet,	Goff,	Mason,
Butler,	Goss of Auburn,	Maxey,
Clay,	Goss of Bath,	Parcher,
Colburn,	Gray,	Parker,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Hall of Alfred,	Partridge,
Cole of Smithfield,	Hanscomb,	Powers,
Cook,	Harriman, Readfield,	Purington,
Crane,	Heal,	Redlon,
Cutler,	Hutchinson,	Richards,
Dickey,	Jewett of Richmond,	Rowell,
Dinsmore,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Simonton,
Dunnell,	Jordan,	Springer of Yarmouth,

Sproul,	True,	Willoughby,
Stratton,	Verrill,	Wilson, Columb. Falls,
Thomas of Durham,	Wales,	Wyman,
Trafton,	Wasson,	Young—60.

Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton, then moved that the bill be again put upon its passage, and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the bill received a passage, by 65 yeas to 61 nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Goss of Auburn,	Purington,
Andrews,	Goss of Bath,	Redlon,
Baker of Steuben,	Gray,	Richards,
Boody,	Hall of Alfred,	Rowell,
Bradstreet,	Hall of Nobleboro',	Simonton,
Butler,	Hanscomb,	Springer of Litchfield,
Clay,	Harriman, Readfield,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Colburn,	Heal,	Sproul,
Cole of Cape Elizabeth,	Hutchinson,	Steward,
Cole of Smithfield,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Stratton,
Cook,	Jordan,	Strout,
Crane,	Leach,	Thomas of Durham,
Cutler,	Lord of Bangor,	Trafton,
Dickey,	Lord of Standish,	True,
Dinsmore,	Loring,	Verrill,
Dunnell,	Marble,	Wales,
Emmons,	Mason,	Wasson,
Fennelly,	Maxey,	Willoughby,
French,	Parcher,	Wilson, Columb. Falls,
Getchell,	Parker,	Wyman,
Gilman,	Partridge,	Young—65.
Goff,	Powers,	

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Baker of Orrington,	Eaton,	Heard,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Frederic,	Hill of Corinth,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.,	Glidden,	Hill of Exeter,
Brooks,	Gushee,	Hill of Howland,
Burnham,	Harriman, Kenb'kpt,	Hills,
Chadbourn,	Haskell,	Hilton of Embden,
Davis,	Hastings,	Hilton of St. Albans,
Durham,	Hatch,	Horn,

Howard of Montville,	Perkins,	Staples,
Hunnewell,	Perry,	Swan,
Hussey,	Plaisted,	Temple,
Hutchins,	Porter,	Thomas, Farmington,
Knowles,	Record,	Toothaker,
Long,	Robinson of Oldtown,	Twitchell,
McAlister,	Rogers,	Weeks,
McLaughlin,	Roundy,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Nash,	Smart,	Whipple,
Nickerson,	Smith of Buxton,	Whitten,
Oliver,	Smith of Vinalhaven,	Wilson of Albion,
Payne,	Stanley,	Wilson of Orono—61.
Pendleton,		

· Bill “an act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company.”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Saco and Biddeford Telephone and Telegraph Company.”

Bill “an act to amend section 5 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 62 of the public laws of 1876, as amended by chapter 212 of the public laws of 1877, relating to election returns.”

Bill “an act to prevent the taking of land-locked salmon and black bass in Moose pond, in the towns of Harmony and Hartland, in Somerset county.”

Bill “an act to amend section 10 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 24 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the law of roads.”

Bill “an act to amend section 16 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxation of the capital stock of toll bridges.”

Bill “an act to amend section 49 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors.”

Bill “an act to amend section 1 of chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School.”

“Resolve in favor of the Dexter Savings Bank.”

“Resolve in favor of Edmund D. Wiggin.”

“Resolve in favor of Ira L. McFarland and Charles C. Cousins of Eden.”

“Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education.”

“Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture.”

“Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education.”

“Resolve concerning the State Library.”

“Resolve making an appropriation for the Military Asylum at Bath.”

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 relating to the sale of the franchise of railroad corporations,” was taken from the table and amended per sheet “A,” and passed to be engrossed.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee of Conference, reporting on disagreeing vote, on “resolve in favor of the State Prison,” resolve in new draft, came from the Senate read and accepted, and resolve passed to be engrossed.

Was accepted in concurrence, resolve read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act relating to telephone companies,” came from the Senate read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Was read three times, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote upon bill “an act to incorporate the Commercial Club of Portland,” reporting that the Senate adhere, came down from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, reporting ought not to pass, on order relating to Sherman Light Guards; also

Report of the same Committee, reporting leave to withdraw on petition of Frontier Guards; also

Report of the same Committee, reporting inexpedient, on bill "an act additional to chapter 29, public laws of 1869, concerning the militia;" and

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting reference to the next Legislature, on order relating to binding papers and records pertaining to the lands in Maine now in the Land Agent's office;

Came from the Senate accepted, and were accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of William Stewart of Topsfield."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Special Committee on Loss of the State Seal and Public Documents."

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act to change the name of the Bath Driving Park."

This report came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice, and resolves twice, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted, bill read three times, resolves twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote on "resolve authorizing an adjustment for land purchased from the State," accepted in the House, came from the Senate accepted, and the resolve referred to the next Legislature.

The House receded, and concurred in reference to the next Legislature.

"Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate," came from the Senate read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Was read once, and ordered printed.

Bill "an act to authorize the Treasurer of the State to procure a loan of three hundred and seven thousand dollars," was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Mr. RICHARDS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on order, bill "an act to tax express corporations, companies or persons."

Mr. YOUNG, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government, amounting to two hundred and four thousand nine hundred sixteen dollars and sixty-seven cents, \$204,916.67."

Mr. RICHARDS, from the same Committee, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to tax telegraph companies."

These reports were read and accepted, and bills ordered printed under rule.

Bill "an act relating to seizures on execution."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 105 of the public laws of 1879, relating to ways."

These bills were read three times, under suspension of the rules, the last amended per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to repeal an act approved March 9, 1880, and to restore chapter 29 of the laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to encourage the development of the mining interests of the State.'"

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1880, amounting to the sum of \$1,134,261.27."

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.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 74 of the public laws of the year 1878, entitled 'an act in relation to the insolvent laws of Maine,'" was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. STROUT of Portland, when he asked unanimous consent of the House to withdraw the bill, which was granted, and the bill was withdrawn.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. LINDSEY of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. BROOKS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported ought to pass, on bill "an act to authorize the Treasurer of the State to procure a loan of three hundred and seven thousand dollars," which was read and accepted, bill read three times, amended per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act to tax express corporations, companies, or persons carrying on express business in this State," was read three times, under suspension of the rules, amended per sheet "A," passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Governor and Council, on order relating to claims of W. J. Corthell and others, teachers of Gorham Normal School, was received and read, and referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs; also

Report of the same, on petition of William J. Wright, was read and referred to the same Committee.

Bill "an act to tax telegraph companies," was ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, the vote ordering the bill printed was reconsidered, and the report recommitted.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 36, public laws of 1872, relating to claims against insolvent estates," was read three times, under suspension of the rules, and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting legislation inexpedient, on order relating to taxation of railroads, came from the Senate accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads," came from the Senate read, and passed to be engrossed.

Was read three times, rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by yeas 72, nays 28.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Andrews,	Goulding,	Partridge,
Baker of Orrington,	Hale,	Payne,
Baker of Steuben,	Hanscom,	Pendleton,
Boody,	Haskell,	Perkins,
Bradstreet,	Hastings,	Powers,
Bridgham, No. 14 Pl.	Heal,	Rogers,
Burnham,	Heard,	Roundy,
Butler,	Hill of Corinth,	Smart,
Chesley,	Hill of Exeter,	Smith of Buxton,
Clay,	Hill of Howland,	Springer of Litchfield,
Colburn,	Hilton of Embden,	Sproul,
Cole of Smithfield,	Hutchins,	Stanley,
Cook,	Hutchinson,	Staples,
Davis,	Jewett of Richmond,	Stratton,
Dinsmore,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Thomas of Durham,
Dunnell,	Jordan,	Toothaker,
Durham,	Leach,	Trafton,
Eaton,	Loring,	Twitchell,
Emmons,	Marble,	Verrill,
French,	Mason,	Wales,
Getchell,	McAlister,	Wasson,
Gilman,	Nash,	Whipple,
Goff,	Nickerson,	Whitten,
Goss of Auburn,	Parcher,	Wilson of Orono—72.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Hills,	Richards,
Benner,	Howard of Montville,	Simonton,
Bridgham, Falmouth,	Ingalls,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Brooks,	Lord of Standish,	Steward,
Chadbourn,	Maxey,	True,
Cole, Cape Elizabeth,	Oliver,	Willoughby,
Cutler,	Perry,	Wilson of Albion,
Dickey,	Porter,	Wilson, Columb. Falls,
Goss of Bath,	Redlon,	Young—28.
Hall of Nobleboro',		

Bill "an act relating to convicts and officers in the county jails in this State having workshops attached thereto."

Bill "an act relating to telephone companies."

Bill "an act to vest the franchise and property of Arrowsic bridge in the inhabitants of Sagadahoc county."

Bill "an act to remodel the Board of Agriculture."

Bill "an act relating to trustees and other officers of public buildings."

Bill "an act to amend the public statutes, as required by the amendment to the Constitution providing for biennial sessions of the Legislature."

Bill "an act to enable the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation to make sale of its property to be used for railroad purposes."

Bill "an act to amend an amendment to chapter 66 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the shore fisheries."

"Resolve in relation to the State Library."

"Resolve in relation to school exercises and examinations."

"Resolve making appropriation for the propagation of fish."

"Resolve memorializing the General Assembly of the State of New York to so amend the Hell Gate pilot laws as to remove compulsory pilotage."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 93 of the private and special laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 192 of the private and special laws of 1879."

Bill "an act relating to the sale of the franchises of railroad corporations."

"Resolve in favor of William Stewart of Topsfield."

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Special Committee on loss of State Seal and Public Documents."

"Resolve declaratory of certain amendments of the Constitution of Maine."

"Resolve in favor of the State Prison."

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.

Adjourned to afternoon.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

“Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate,” was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to authorize the Treasurer of the State to procure a loan of three hundred and seven thousand dollars,” passed to be engrossed in the House, as amended per sheet “A,” came back from the Senate further amended per sheet “B,” and passed to be engrossed.

The House receded and concurred, and passed the bill as amended in concurrence.

Printed bill “an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government,” was read three times, under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

A message was sent to the Senate, requesting the return of a bill “an act to authorize Eben Wellman and others to maintain a dam over and across Mud Mills brook in Augusta, for the purpose of flowing meadow lands.”

It was subsequently returned, when the votes passing the same to be enacted and engrossed were reconsidered, and the bill was then amended, passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill “an act relating to amendments to the Constitution,” was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BROOKS, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported “resolve in favor of William J. Wright.”

The report was read and accepted, resolve read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported, on recommitted bill “an act to tax telegraph companies,” bill in new draft, entitled bill “an act to tax telegraph companies.”

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill “an act to change the name of the Bath Driving Park.”

Bill “an act relating to the salary of Governor.”

These bill 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 regulate the practice in equity proceedings," was taken from the table and referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth obtained the floor for the purpose of submitting the report of the majority of the Committee to investigate irregularities and changes in Election Returns and the illegal expenditure of Public Funds, but gave way for a motion to adjourn.

Adjourned to half-past 7 o'clock P. M.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth resumed the floor, and presented and read the majority report of the Committee on investigation into irregularities and changes in Election Returns and the illegal expenditure of Public Funds.

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset presented and read the minority report of same Committee.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, the report was ordered to be incorporated with the majority report.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth presented the following, which received a passage :

Resolved, The Senate concurring, that 2,500 copies of the report of the Joint Committee of investigation into alleged irregularities and changes in the Election Returns and the illegal uses and expenditures of Public Moneys, under the control of the Governor and Council, together with the testimony accompanying it, and the report of the minority, be printed, of which number 1,500 copies shall be for the use of the House of Representatives, 500 copies for the use of the Senate, 200 copies for the use of the Governor and Council, and 300 copies for the use of the Committee conducting the investigation ; and 5,000 copies of the report alone shall further be printed,

3,000 for the use of the House, 1,000 for the use of the Senate, 500 for the use of the Governor and Council, and 500 for the use of said Committee. And the sum of \$3,000 is hereby appropriated for this purpose.

Mr. HATCH of Bangor submitted the following, which received a passage, under suspension of the rules :

Resolved, The Senate concurring, that the Joint Select Committee of investigation into alleged irregularities, changes, and suppression of Election Returns, and into illegal uses and expenditures of Public Money under the control of the Governor and Council, be and is hereby authorized to sit after the close of the present session of the Legislature, for the purpose of continuing the investigation committed to them, and the power to further summon witnesses, send for persons and papers, administer oaths, and to employ clerical and stenographic force, is given to said Committee ; and they may, if the same shall be deemed expedient, make report of their further investigation to the Governor and Council. The session of the Committee shall be holden when practicable in Augusta, at the Capitol.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on vessels."

Bill "an act to amend chapter 105 of the public laws of 1879, relating to ways."

Bill "an act relating to seizures on executions."

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.

Bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads," came up for the final passage, and was tabled, on motion of Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1880.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting ought to pass, on bill "an act relating to amendments to the Constitution," came from the Senate read and accepted, bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.

The report was read and accepted, and bill indefinitely postponed.

Subsequently, the vote was reconsidered, and bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, reporting upon re-committed report of the same Committee, relating to pay of teachers of Gorham Normal School, "resolve in favor of teachers of the Normal School at Gorham," came from the Senate read and accepted, and resolve passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted in concurrence, and resolve passed to be engrossed.

Mr. HUTCHINSON, for the majority of the Committee appointed to investigate charges of bribery, preferred by Thomas B. Swan of Minot, and Moses Harriman of Kennebunkport, reported, and read the report.

Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset presented the minority report, which was read by the Assistant Clerk.

Mr. PLAISTED of Lincoln moved to substitute the minority for the majority report, and upon that question the yeas and nays were ordered.

The House refused to substitute, after discussion, by 43 yeas to 76 nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.

Benner,	Chadbourn,	Dickey,	
Bridgham,	Falmouth,	Chesley,	Durham,

Frederic,	Hussey,	Robinson of Oldtown,
Glidden,	Hutchins,	Roundy,
Gushee,	Ingalls,	Smith of Buxton,
Harriman, Ken'bkp't,	Knowles,	Smith of Vinalhaven,
Haskell,	Long,	Stanley,
Hastings,	McLaughlin,	Staples,
Heard,	Oliver,	Swan,
Hill of Corinth,	Pendleton,	Temple,
Hills,	Perry,	Wales,
Hilton of St. Albans,	Plaisted,	Wentworth, S. Berwick
Horn,	Rafter,	Whipple,
Howard of Montville,	Record,	Whitten—43.
Hunnell,		

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

Abbott,	Hale,	Porter,
Andrews,	Hall of Alfred,	Powers,
Baker of Orrington,	Hall of Nobleboro',	Purington,
Boody,	Hanscom,	Redlon,
Brooks,	Harriman, Readfield,	Richards,
Burnham,	Hatch,	Rogers,
Butler,	Heal,	Rowell,
Clay,	Hill of Exeter,	Simonton,
Colburn,	Hilton of Embden,	Smart,
Cole of Smithfield,	Hutchinson,	Springer of Litchfield,
Cook,	Jewett of Richmond,	Springer of Yarmouth,
Crane,	Jewett of Sangerville,	Stratton,
Cutler,	Jordan,	Strout,
Davis,	Leach,	Thomas of Durham,
Dinsmore,	Lord of Bangor,	Thomas, Farmington,
Dunnell,	Lord of Standish,	Toothaker,
Eaton,	Loring,	Trafton,
Emmons,	Marble,	True,
Fennelly,	Mason,	Twitchell,
Getchell,	Maxey,	Verrill,
Gilman,	McAlister,	Wasson,
Goff,	Nickerson,	Weeks,
Goss of Auburn,	Parcher,	Willoughby,
Goss of Bath,	Partridge,	Wyman,
Goulding,	Payne,	Young—76.
Gray,		

Mr. GOSS of Bath, presented report of the Committee on Change of Names, reporting, on petition, bill "an act to change the name of Cora E. Carmody to Cora E. Trafton, and that of Elvira B. Morrison to that of Elvira B. Eastman."

The report was accepted, and the bill referred to the next Legislature. Sent to the Senate.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth submitted a resolve upon the list of members of the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the following list contains the names of the duly qualified members of this House.

The resolve was unanimously passed, and the list adopted, which is as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.

Lewiston—L. H. Hutchinson, Isaac N. Parker, Silas W. Cook; Auburn—Ellery F. Goss, Ebenezer Jordan; Durham—William H. Thomas; Greene—Chas. M. Washburn; Minot—Thomas B. Swan; Turner—Horace C. Haskell.

AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

Houlton—Cyrus M. Powers; Linneus—Frank C. Nickerson; Sherman—John Burnham; Fort Kent—William Dickey; Van Buren—John B. Farrell; Westfield—Joel Howard; Fort Fairfield—Washington Long.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Brunswick—Stephen J. Young; Westbrook—Joseph Dunnell; Pownal—George W. Toothaker; Portland—Byron D. Verrill, Almon A. Strout, Reuel S. Maxey, Samuel A. True, Nathan E. Redlon; Deering—Nehemiah Smart; Gorham—Elias S. Goff; Bridgton—Albion G. Bradstreet; Windham—Frank H. Boody; Yarmouth—Chas. C. Springer; Cape Elizabeth—Aurelius V. Cole; Standish—Tobias Lord, Jr.; Naples—Major W. Knight; New Gloucester—Samuel F. Record; Scarboro'—Melvin P. Hunnewell; Harrison—Francis H. Whitman; Falmouth—George Bridgman.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Farmington—Cyrus A. Thomas; Wilton—John R. Eaton; Industry—David M. Norton; Weld—Levi E. Payne; Freeman—Andrew M. Oliver.

HANCOCK COUNTY.

Ellsworth—Eugene Hale ; Bucksport—G. W. McAlister ; Penobscot—Calvin Leach ; Bluehill—George W. Clay ; Mt. Desert—William Fennelly ; Brooksville—William Wasson ; Hancock—Elliott L. Stratton ; Sullivan—Oliver P. Bragdon ; Deer Isle—Charles S. H. Webb.

KNOX COUNTY.

Rockland—J. S. Willoughby, T. E. Simonton ; Thomaston—John O. Robinson ; Camden—Wilder W. Perry ; Appleton—Stephen J. Gushee ; Union—Warren Hills ; Vinalhaven—Levi W. Smith ; St. George—Charles A. Glidden.

KENNEBEC COUNTY.

Vassalborough—Nathaniel Butler ; Augusta—George E. Weeks, Josiah P. Wyman ; Hallowell—Eliphalet Rowell ; Gardiner—Wm. F. Richards ; Pittston—Gustavus A. Colburn ; Winthrop—Abijah R. Crane ; Litchfield—David S. Springer ; Waterville—George W. Goulding ; Readfield—Benjamin W. Harriman ; Albion—George H. Wilson ; Benton—Bryant Roundy ; Sidney—Gorham Hasting.

LINCOLN COUNTY.

Westport—Levi S. Heal ; Whitefield—Roswell S. Partridge ; Nobleborough—Edward K. Hall ; Waldoborough—Geo. G. Benner ; Damariscotta—John B. Rafter ; Wiscasset—Henry Ingalls.

OXFORD COUNTY.

Paris—Jarvis C. Marble ; Bethel—Samuel B. Twitchell ; Woodstock—Benjamin Davis ; Norway—A. F. Andrews ; Porter—L. D. Stanley ; Lovell—James E. Hutchinson ; Oxford—Moses Chesley ; Hartford—Joseph S. Mendall.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

Bangor—John L. Cutler, Chas. V. Lord, Silas C. Hatch ; Orrington—Joseph D. Baker ; Exeter—George S. Hill ; Dixmont—B. F. Porter ; Stetson—James W. Rogers ; Dexter—Milton L. Abbott ; Veazie—Ebenezer Sproul ; Orono—Nathaniel Wilson ; Carmel—M. A. McLaughlin ; Bradford—A. J. Knowles ; Eddington—John J. Temple ; Springfield—Geo. A. Lewis ; Howland—William C. Hill ; Lincoln—Thos. M. Plaisted ; Corinth—George F. Hill ; Oldtown—James M. Robinson.

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.

Sangerville—Edward Jewett; Monson—Alvin Gray; Medford—Samuel O. Dinsmore.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Skowhegan—Hiram S. Steward; Smithfield—Andrew B. Cole; Embden—Amos Hilton; Pittsfield—Emery Whitten; Starks—M. W. Frederick; Madison—Joshua Perkins; St. Albans—J. F. Hilton; Bingham—David Whipple.

SAGADAHOC COUNTY.

Richmond—Ambrose P. Jewett; Bath—Guy C. Goss; Georgetown—Martin Trafton; Bowdoinham—Converse Purington.

WALDO COUNTY.

Belfast—John G. Brooks; Stockton—Robert French; Frankfort—Nathaniel Waldron; Brooks—Omah G. Hussey; Burnham—M. P. Milliken; Islesboro—W. S. Pendleton; Monroe—Talford Durham; Montville—Hollis M. Howard.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Eastport—George H. Robbins; Columbia Falls—Gowen Wilson; Meddybemps—Caleb Gilman; Calais—M. N. McKusick; Perry—Robert M. Loring; Steuben—Henry C. Baker; Princeton—Charles A. Rolfe; Addison—A. J. Nash; Plantation No. 14—V. L. Bridgeman; East Machias—John C. Talbot.

YORK COUNTY.

Kittery—Mark F. Wentworth; Limington—Horace P. Emmons; Limerick—J. M. Mason; Alfred—John T. Hall; Saco—George Parcher; Lebanon—Isaac Hanscom; Wells—Geo. Getchell; South Berwick—Bartholomew Wentworth; North Berwick—Reuben Chadbourn; Parsonsfield—Loring T. Staples; Buxton—Abel G. Smith; Kennebunkport—Moses Harriman; Biddeford—Henry A. Wales, Carlos Heard; Acton—Zebulon G. Horn.

Bill “an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.”

Bill “an act for the taxation of telegraph companies.”

Bill “an act to authorize Eben Wellman and others to maintain a dam over and across Mud Mills brook in Augusta for the purpose of flowing meadow lands.”

Bill "an act to tax express corporations, companies or persons carrying on express business in this State."

"Resolve in favor of William J. Wright."

"Resolve concerning the Committee of Investigation into alleged irregularities, changes and suppressions of election returns."

"Resolve for the payment of bills for advertising and newspapers for the Legislature, Council and Departments."

"Resolve concerning the printing of the Report and Testimony of the Joint Select Committee to investigate alleged irregularities and changes of election returns, and the illegal expenditures of public moneys."

Bill "an act to authorize the Treasurer of the State to procure a loan of two hundred and seven thousand dollars."

The foregoing bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, bills were passed to be enacted, resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads," was taken from the table, vote passing the Senate to be engrossed, reconsidered, amended per sheet "A," on motion of Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, reducing the rate of taxation from $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. to 1 per cent.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hale moved a reconsideration. The House refused the reconsideration.

Adjourned.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Papers from the Senaté.

"Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate," came from the Senate read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Was read twice, under suspension, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. YOUNG of Brunswick, presented the "resolve on the pay-roll of the House," and on his motion the rules were suspended, the resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government."

The report was read and accepted, bill read three times, under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HUTCHINSON of Lewiston, presented "resolve in favor of printing report and testimony from the Committee to investigate charges of bribery or attempted bribery of members of this House," and on his motion the resolve was read twice, under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned to evening.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

"Resolve in favor of teachers of the Normal School at Gorham."

Bill "an act relating to amendments to the Constitution."

"Resolve on pay-roll of the Senate."

"Resolve on pay-roll of the House of Representatives."

Bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads."

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of Government."

"Resolve concerning the report of the Committee on Investigation of charges of bribery or attempted bribery of members of this House."

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.

On motion of Mr. HILLS of Union,

Ordered, That the reports of the Investigating Committees, ordered printed by this Legislature for the members of the House,

be divided pro rata, and the Secretary of State be directed to forward the same.

Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough, 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 conveying the information that that branch had disposed of all business before it and was ready to adjourn without day.

On motion of Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset,

Ordered, That this House, the Senate concurring, appoint a Committee to wait on the Governor and inform him that both branches of the Legislature had acted upon all matters before them, and were ready to adjourn without day.

The SPEAKER appointed on the part of the House,

Messrs. Ingalls of Wiscasset,
Richards of Gardiner,
Hill of Corinth,
Goss of Bath,
Hall of Alfred,
Hutchins of Lovell,
Jordan of Auburn.

Subsequently, the Committee reported that they had discharged the duty assigned, and the Governor was pleased to say he would communicate with the House forthwith, through the Secretary of State.

Thereupon a communication was received through Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the acts and resolves passed at the present session, numbering 191 acts and 71 resolves.

Mr. GUSHEE of Appleton, submitted the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this House are due to Asbury F. Haynes, Messenger; Charles H. Gatchell, First Assistant Messenger; John W. Phinney, Second Assistant Messenger, and Edward D. Wyman and Joseph H. Campbell, Pages, for the faithful and impartial performance of the duties incumbent upon their offices during the present session of the Legislature.

Mr. GUSHEE said :

I do not offer this resolution as an idle and empty courtesy. Accustomed as we have been to see these officers upon the floor and at our desks in the daily faithful discharge of their duties, we can hardly fully realize how much the convenience of our Legislature has been aided by the promptness and fidelity with which the duties of these several officers have been performed, and I can safely say, in behalf of this House, that our best wishes attend them in whatever stations they may be called to fill.

The resolve received a unanimous passage.

Mr. PERRY of Camden, submitted the following :

Resolved, That we hereby tender our sincere thanks to Oramandal Smith, Clerk, and Frank L. Patten, Assistant Clerk, for the very able and courteous manner in which they have discharged the responsible duties of their respective stations, and for the uniform kindness manifested towards the members of this House.

Mr. PERRY said :

In presenting this resolution, I think, without doubt, that I present the sentiments of every member of this House. We know and appreciate the great labor and services attendant upon these positions ; and we know, too, that our Clerk and Assistant Clerk during this session have labored faithfully and have been kind and courteous to all. And I think the resolution, as it undoubtedly will, should receive a unanimous passage.

Mr. INGALLS of Wiscasset.—I rise to second the resolution which has just been offered. I cannot allow the occasion to pass without saying, that from the first day I entered this House I have received nothing but kindness and attention from the Clerk and Assistant Clerk. Through all the discharge of their duties I have received the same treatment. I move that the vote be taken by rising.

The resolution received a unanimous passage.

Mr. INGALLS said :

Mr. Clerk and Gentlemen of the House :

The closing scenes of this session are now upon us, and at this hour I do not propose to make any extended remarks. I rise for the purpose of offering a resolution in which I have no doubt are expressed the feelings of every member of this House. I can say

that from the time I entered upon the discharge of the duties assigned me, I have from the Speaker, as well as from the Clerk, and every member of the House, received nothing but kindness and courtesy. And I assure one and all, that I have no feeling but that of kindness towards any individual with whom I have been associated. And if it should so turn out that the feeling of all are the same towards me I shall think that I have well fulfilled the duties that have devolved upon me.

Our duties are now drawing to a close. We met under peculiar circumstances, to which it would be ill-becoming to refer on this occasion. That the closing scenes of our session have been harmonious and pleasant, and that our duties have been performed without unnecessary irritation, I think is evident to every member of this House.

The resolution which I offer is not one of mere ceremony, as was remarked by the gentleman from Appleton. It speaks the sincere sentiments of my heart, and I hope it will meet with the unanimous concurrence of the House.

Resolved, That we hereby express our high appreciation of the ability and impartiality of the Hon. George E. Weeks in the discharge of the difficult and perplexing duties devolving upon him as Speaker of this House; and we tender to him our sincere thanks for his uniform kindness and courtesy always manifested towards each and every member of this House.

Mr. GUSHEE: I hope this resolve will receive a passage by a rising vote.

Mr. BUTLER of Vassalborough:

Mr. Clerk—There are times which bring out the better side of human nature, and I love to believe that when that side does appear there is always something noble and beautiful in it. I belong to the number of those who believe in the nobility of our nature; and I believe the world we live in is growing better. I have found myself, during these weeks past, in a position entirely new to me, and entirely unexpected. I belong to a profession who are not supposed to have aspirations for a position of this kind. I have never had them. I believe the Providence which has placed other gentlemen here in this hall during these weeks, has placed me here. I don't think I have any higher commission than they have, or that I have

had any more special appointment of Providence than they. But, sir, I believe that it has been by the overruling hand of Him who makes the laws of the universe and governs us, that I have been here. And I am glad to be able to say from my heart—and I think all my utterances here have been from my heart—that I feel that I, with other gentlemen here, have filled a position of which I shall always be proud. And I shall remember this passage in my life as one of the pleasantest and best, and I hope one of the most useful. I have formed associations here which have been very pleasant. I can respond to the sentiment of the gentleman from Wiscasset, by saying, that I have received nothing but uniform kindness. I have made acquaintances and friendships which I shall not forget. I love my race and the world better to-night, I trust, than I ever did before. I came into this hall in the midst of the thrilling and exciting scenes of the early days of the session, which were calculated to awaken some feelings which we do not love most to cherish, and was tempted for a little time to have an unfavorable opinion of humanity in some of its developments. But, sir, I have lived through these weeks to learn that human nature is about the same everywhere; that there is a certain imperfection in all of us, and that there is an impress of the Divine hand on every human soul. And I love to believe in the doctrine of a great universal brotherhood—that there are times that bind all human hearts together, and I trust all human hearts to the God above us. And I go with other gentlemen from this House with the conviction that we have done our duty here, and I hope have done it well. We shall carry pleasant memories into the future. But I have been accustomed to feel that all the associations and attachments which are good and true, are not temporary—that they have a life we do not fully understand now, and that if history repeats itself, human life repeats itself also, and that the influences of these scenes extend far into distant days. I always have a feeling of sadness on an occasion like this, but I think it right that we should all carry away with us the teachings of that sublime faith which looks to a future and a better life. I have arrived, with some of the gentlemen here, to an age when, in looking back upon life, we remember a great many meetings and a great many partings—when we look upon a great many things that we have lost. But, sir, I have no moan to make, no bitter tears to shed, no heart that rebelliously cries and will not be comforted on account of these things.

In reference to the resolution, I am happy to bear my testimony to the great fidelity and skill of the presiding officer of this House during this session, and I have been particularly struck with his wisdom and skill in holding this House in his hand, and by his magnetism being always able to control it, and to carry on successfully and expeditiously the business which he had in hand.

And now, Mr. Clerk, I repeat it, I mark these days with a white stone—as the ancients used to—as pleasant, happy and successful days of life. I shall not be on this floor again. I shall not repeat this part of my history. My work as a legislator, I am sure, is done for life. But, sir, I shall carry down to my dying days pleasant recollections, if I, with the men of every party, or both parties here, with perhaps not a dissenting voice, have been able to do aught that will bring to the desolate and the wretched, comfort and peace and gladness, and if I, with them, have been able to take such measures as shall bring back to other homes the light that has gone out from them, and to kindle on the desolate hearth-stone the fire of love and happiness that has been quenched—if we have been successful in so beneficent a work as this, and I believe we have—in the language that is drawn from the best of authority, upon them, sir, upon you, the Speaker, and upon you the Clerk, and upon these men of every party, will rest the blessing of them who are ready to perish.

Mr. HILL of Exeter :

Mr. Clerk—This is an hour when eloquence is neither needed nor expected. If it were I should not rise here to-night. But I do feel like joining in the thanks which have been extended to you, to our honored Speaker, and to the officers of this body. And I would not be unmindful of my fellow Representatives on this floor for the uniform kindness I have received at all their hands, as well as from the officers of this House.

The hours of our session are about to close. Our work has been done. The hour to which we have looked forward with pleasure for many days, when we should once more return to our homes and to our various avocations, has about arrived; and still, the joy which it brings to our hearts is saddened when we think that the pleasant associations which have sprung up among us during this session are about to be sundered forever, that we shall probably never meet again this side the “dark river.” But still, we shall look back upon

our days spent here with a great degree of pleasure. We came here under the most unfavorable circumstances, and when we contrast the days of the commencement of this session with the present time, I think we all have reason to be thankful for the successful termination of our labors. Although partizanship has sometimes cropped out in our midst, to a certain extent, still, I believe the members of this body, with myself, have endeavored to do their duty faithfully and impartially to their constituencies, in the fear of their God at all times. I believe the great object has been to enact such laws as shall be for the welfare of our beloved State, and our constituencies in particular.

And now, my friends, members and officers of the Legislature, as we are about to separate, I can simply say, and in saying it I think I reiterate the wish and hope of all the members upon this floor, that if we never more meet again on this side of the "dark river," we shall by and by meet in that country where partings will not be known, where legislation will no more be needed, but where all the laws shall be holy, just and equal.

Mr. CRANE of Winthrop, said :

I rise simply to indorse most emphatically, and most heartily, the sentiments expressed in the resolution offered by the gentleman from Wiscasset. I am sure that we all feel that our honored Speaker has discharged the delicate duties of his position with rare ability ; that he has decided the various questions of a parliamentary nature with the utmost fairness, and he has treated every member of this body with magnanimity and courtesy. I am sure that he has, without any words of ours, a consciousness that he has aimed to be faithful, and a consciousness of fidelity, one of the best rewards of life. But I wish to assure him that he is entitled to, and I think he has, the respect, confidence and esteem of the members of this body over which he has presided. I will only add, that these scenes through which we have passed have been new to me, and exceedingly pleasant, and that the remembrance which I shall carry with me of the gentlemen with whom I have become acquainted, will be among the most pleasant recollections of my life.

Mr. GILMAN of Meddybemps, said :

Mr. Clerk—It is no idle ceremony, nor mere matter of empty formality that I rise to second this resolution. It is from a due

appreciation of the fitness of things, and because the occasion justifies the offering of a testimonial so eminently proper. During the long and tedious days in which we, as members of this House, have labored and tried to perform our duties as legislators, we have been greatly aided in our deliberations by the kindness, promptitude and efficiency of the Speaker. And we can, I think, all unite in according him the praise that is justly his due. His rulings have, as a whole, been fair and impartial, and in no instance has an appeal been taken from his decisions. My best wishes attend him in the future, as they do all the officers and members of the House. And as we are about to bring our labors to a close and depart to our several homes, with "charity for all and malice towards none," I bid you all a generous and heartfelt good-bye.

Mr. SPRINGER of Yarmouth, said :

A complaint which is often made at after-dinner speeches of literary gentlemen in this country, is, that others are always saying the things that you would like to say yourself, and saying them in an infinitely better way. When the resolve was introduced I thought of pleasant things I would like to say, but they have all been said here, and said well, and I can simply indorse them most heartily. My acquaintance with the Speaker of this House has been exceedingly limited ; but if the State of Maine has had a more impartial Speaker, one who knew his duty better, and knowing it, dared execute it more fearlessly, history does not record the fact. And if a comparison should prove odious to any previous speaker of the House it is the fault of history and not mine. I hope the resolve will have a unanimous passage.

Mr. LORD of Standish, said :

It is with a great degree of hesitancy on my part that I attempt to speak on this occasion, after the eloquence of those who have preceded me. But in saying good-bye, I feel that I should not be true to myself at this time if I should sit in my seat and allow my friends to depart without saying one kind word. When we first met we were comparatively strangers, and political excitement ran to that degree that our acquaintances were formed more particularly according to our political opinions. Since the organization of this Legislature, we have discharged our duties as legislators, until at present we are acquainted all with each other. I had the honor to

belong to the last Legislature, and you, Mr. Speaker, served in the minority, receiving courteous treatment from the majority. You, in your official position, as Speaker, have to a very remarkable degree, reciprocated in your impartial rulings to the minority of this House.

Mr. COOK of Lewiston, said :

If I ever felt the need of words to express my own feelings I feel the need now. I feel, sir, that I should be derelict in my duty unless I gave my hearty approval of the resolutions offered here this evening. I do most heartily concur in the sentiments therein contained. I came here a stranger to the members and to legislative work ; but I will say that I have received the utmost courtesy and kindness at the hands of all. And to all I return my sincere thanks. As the hour for separation draws near, joy and sadness fill my thoughts—joy to think of the pleasant acquaintances and friendships formed ; joy to think that our labors are ended, and that we are about to return to our loved ones at home, and sadness that when we part it will be never to meet again. But I trust our associations here have better fitted us for the duties that we have yet to perform. And as I hope and trust that we all believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, so that I believe that wherever we meet each other, or wherever we meet mankind, we may extend the same courtesy that we desire for ourselves. And if we never meet again, I trust that at last when the great roll is made out, that each of us may have our names enrolled thereon.

With these remarks, Mr. Clerk, I bid you all God speed and a good-bye.

Mr. DICKEY of Fort Kent, said :

Mr. Clerk—As one of the oldest of the members, the duty seems to devolve upon me to say that we here assembled as the representatives of our State from near and distant towns, as strangers to each other. We came here with our diversity of religious, political and local views—many of us without any experience in legislation, yet with a just appreciation of the honor and confidence bestowed upon and placed in us by our constituency. Have we so legislated that they will believe we have been honest and true to them, to ourselves and the State? The resolution introduced by the gentleman from Wiscasset, Mr. Ingalls, most forcibly expresses my appreciation and confidence in our Speaker.

He has so ruled that no member has taken exceptions, so governed that all have been happy to obey, so courteous that all admire and love, honest in his convictions of right, true to his political principles, yet never intruding them in his demeanor, or in his official position, never for a moment losing the first principle of governing others by that true principle of governing himself.

In the dark, dark days that hung as a pall upon the minds of all true friends of liberty when we first assembled, time, with its healing influences, has burst that cloud of darkness, and we behold the bright expanse of a clear noon-day. Hatred and distrust have been forgotten, and love has come and cast out all fear, and the principle of self-government has gained in Maine a glorious victory.

Among the members of all the political parties, we have many able and forcible debaters; party prejudice and excitement have run high, and while this House has been surged forward and back by the force and eloquence of debate, yet not a word in the heat and zeal of its members has fallen from the lips of any one, to injure the feelings of another. We have, individually, the proud satisfaction that we have been true to all the interests confided to us by our constituencies, and return to them with our State free from a stain, with our glorious flag waving in triumph of truth and constitutional liberty.

Mr. HILL of Corinth, said:

I concur in all the resolutions that have been presented here. I have met you all, and permit me to say that I hope this will not be the last meeting between us, that we shall all live to meet many times. May our future meetings be as pleasant as our intercourse here.

Mr. STAPLES of Parsonsfield, said:

It will not be sufficient for me at this time simply to indorse the resolution by rising, as we all shall do, undoubtedly; for I feel like expressing the kindly feelings of my heart. I feel that I must express at this time the utmost confidence in him who has presided over us during the session. I may say further, that, as it is well known by all, I, with others, came with faltering feet and a trembling heart, notwithstanding the rights assured us upon this floor. But, yet, how easy I was made in mind, and how comfortable in my seat when I found myself presided over by him who is our Speaker!

While I do not wish to detain this House by any unnecessary words, I do feel like invoking that benediction so familiar, probably, to us all, that, "though this earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Mr. HILLS of Union, said :

It was not my intention to make any remarks upon this resolution ; yet, I feel it rather a duty to offer my sentiments at this time. And I wish that I had the language to express the feelings that I entertain, although they have been well and fully expressed by the gentlemen who have preceded me. Coming together as we did under peculiar circumstances, I feel this evening, Mr. Clerk, to rejoice for the pleasant friendships, for the pleasant associations that we have formed this winter ; that we, in our better natures, have been able to rise above all party feeling in our intercourse, in our associations and our acquaintances. And as the time has arrived when we are about to separate, I feel a sentiment in my heart of love, of sympathy and of good will to every member of this House. And to our Speaker who has presided over our deliberations, I feel is due the good will and good wishes of every member of this body. I fully indorse the resolution.

Mr. HALE of Ellsworth, said :

Mr. Clerk—I rise to bear very cordial testimony and my hearty assent to the resolution. The fairness and promptitude, and the dispatch of business by our Speaker, has been, as it seems to me, very admirable, and it is to a considerable degree owing to those qualifications which have been displayed by him that the business of the House has proceeded so regularly and has been so well done. It has been a most notable and arduous session, and there have been, as we know, conflicts upon the floor in which opposition has been aroused upon the one side and the other. But after all, I hope and believe that we all stand a little nearer to each other than when we came, instead of farther apart. It seems to me that that is a most encouraging thing, that from the conflicts of men brought together, the conclusion is that the better side of our nature has been brought out and is uppermost. In parting in this session, and with the members, I know, that for myself all hard feelings are banished, and I hope and believe that is so with all.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The SPEAKER responded as follows :

Gentlemen of the House—I thank you for the approval expressed in the resolution ; as your servant I have endeavored to discharge my duties faithfully and impartially. I have had the distinguished honor to preside over the deliberations of a very able assemblage of representatives. By your considerate and courteous conduct throughout the session, you have aided me in my duties, and whatever success I may have attained is largely due to your forbearance and uniform kindness. Our acts here this winter will soon pass into history. I trust the laws we have enacted may work to the welfare of our beloved State.

The time has arrived when we have completed the business of this session, and now that we are about to separate, it will become my duty to perform my last official act by declaring a final adjournment of the House. I wish you all a safe return to your families.

The SPEAKER then declared the House adjourned without day, at 11 o'clock P. M.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk*.

TITLES OF ACTS

Passed by the Legislature of 1880.

PUBLIC LAWS.

An act in relation to the State Seal, public records and documents, and to certain public officers and their duties.

An act to amend section 16, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to removal of electors from one ward to another.

An act relating to State officers.

An act to amend chapter 173 of the public laws of 1877, relating to the election of superintending school committees.

An act authorizing Patrick McManus to build a dyke or dykes on Duck Pond creek.

An act amendatory of, and additional to, "an act to incorporate the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company."

An act to amend chapter 161, section 2 of the public laws of 1879, in relation to the State valuation.

An act to incorporate the Gardiner Water Power Company.

An act to incorporate the York County Game and Fish Society.

An act to compel certain officers whose terms have expired to deliver moneys and other property to their successors.

An act to amend "an act to incorporate the Portland Turnverein."

An act to extend the time for the completion of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad.

An act to amend "an act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company, approved April 2, 1856."

An act to consolidate the Hampden Silver Mining Company and the Dunton Silver Mining Company of Hampden, Maine.

An act to regulate the taking of fish in Dexter pond.

An act to prevent the destruction of smelts and eels in Salt pond and its tributaries, in the towns of Bluehill, Sedgwick and Brooklin.

An act to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Caribou to build and maintain piers and booms for the protection of the bridge over Aroostook river in said town.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to amend an act for supplying the city of Bangor with pure water, approved February 22, 1875, approved February 11, 1876."

An act to amend section 9 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes, relating to days of grace.

An act to ratify and confirm the mortgage of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad Company.

An act to incorporate the Artesian Water Company.

An act to amend chapter 84 of the public laws of 1879, relating to river fisheries.

An act to amend section 93 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxes.

An act amendatory of, and additional to, chapter 65 of the public laws of 1876, relating to business corporations.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the city of Bangor, approved February 12, 1834."

An act to change the name of the Trustees of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine.

An act to amend "an act to incorporate the city of Rockland."

An act to incorporate the Seboois Log Driving Company.

An act to amend chapter 90 of the public laws of 1879, relating to crimes formerly capital.

An act relating to fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks and their deputies.

An act to amend "an act to establish a police court in the city of Rockland, approved March 14, 1861."

An act additional to the acts establishing the Auburn Aqueduct Company and to increase the capital stock of said company, and to make valid certain acts of said company.

An act authorizing the erecting of a wharf into the tide waters in the town of Bluehill.

An act additional to the act of 1868, chapter 453, to establish a ferry across Penobscot river, between Ayer's Falls and Marsh Rips.

An act to establish a municipal court in the town of Waterville.

An act for the protection of blueback trout.

An act to make valid the acts and doings of the Wells Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

An act additional to an act "to incorporate the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

An act to decrease the capital stock of the Lewiston Gas Light Company.

An act to incorporate the St. Xavier's School and Asylum.

An act authorizing the County Commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, authorizing the consolidation of schools in certain cases.

An act to amend chapter 113 of the laws of 1879, relating to auctioneers.

An act to supply the people of Houlton with pure water.

An act to repeal chapter 422 of the private and special laws of 1874, "to prevent the taking of eels in Southern bay."

An act to abolish the Calais Municipal Court and for other purposes.

An act to incorporate the Waterville Telegraph Company.

An act additional to chapter 67 of the revised statutes, concerning minors and guardians.

An act to increase the capital stock of the Hill Manufacturing Company.

An act to incorporate the Ragged Lake Dam Company.

An act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 256 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the Insane Hospital.

An act to authorize amendments of the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives.

An act authorizing the location of a way over the tide waters between Elwell's Point and Spruce Head Island, in South Thomaston.

An act to amend section 17, chapter 132 of the revised statutes, relating to fees of trial justices.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 164 of the private and special laws of 1862, concerning the proprietors of Sheepscot river bridge.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Katahdin Dam Company."

An act to repeal chapter 249 of the private and special laws of 1873, relating to the preservation of water fowl in the ponds and streams in the town of Plymouth.

An act authorizing the County Commissioners of Oxford county to re-assess certain taxes.

An act to amend section 10, chapter 75 of the laws of 1878, relating to fisheries.

An act to amend and to revive "an act to incorporate the Livermore Fire Insurance Company."

An act in relation to frivolous exceptions.

An act to extend the time for organizing the Maine Mining Company.

An act to amend chapter 311 of the special laws of 1876, entitled "an act authorizing Charles W. Howard to dredge bars and navigate Rangely lake by steam."

An act to protect quails.

An act granting permission to G. A. Matthews, G. F. Jackson, C. F. Pullen and others, to locate and construct a railroad from Monson to Dexter, on certain conditions.

An act to change the names of Albert Homer Thorne, Mercy Ramson, Frank C. Knowlton, Isaiah Frye Hanson and John Warren Hanson.

An act to amend an 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."

An act relating to the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation.

An act to protect the fish in Lovejoy pond, in the town of Albion, county of Kennebec.

An act to amend section 6, chapter 78 of the revised statutes, in relation to the time of meeting of the County Commissioners of Washington county.

An act in relation to service on domestic corporations.

An act to amend acts relating to a municipal court for the city of Lewiston.

An act relating to the town of Lincolnville.

An act to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of personal property.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 120 of the laws of 1879, regarding dams and booms in the Androscoggin river at Canton.

An act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railway Company.

An act relating to drains and sewers in the town of Deering.

An act to make valid the doings of the inhabitants of Reed Plantation in the county of Aroostook.

An act to authorize the city of Bangor to sell and convey its interest in the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad.

An act to prevent the taking of land-locked salmon in certain lakes in the county of Aroostook.

An act in relation to defenses in actions involving contracts made on Sunday.

An act authorizing George E. Wilson to navigate Newport pond by steam.

An act for the incorporation of Orchard Beach Wharf and Steamboat Company.

An act authorizing Frank S. Chase and James J. Pray to dredge bars, remove boulders and navigate Messalonskee stream (so called) by steam.

An act to prevent the putting of rocks into Swett's pond, in the town of Orrington.

An act in relation to sureties upon official bonds, defending in suits brought against their principal.

An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Knox county to locate and establish a highway across Georges river.

An act to incorporate the town of Mapleton in the county of Aroostook.

An act additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis.

An act to repeal chapters 310 of the private laws of 1870, 332 of 1873 and 299 of 1876, relating to the unlawful taking of fish in Webb's pond or its tributaries, in Franklin county.

An act to incorporate the town of Woodland.

An act to provide for danger signals on railroads in certain cases.

An act to authorize the Lake Auburn Mineral Spring Company to navigate Wilson pond.

An act to incorporate the South Buxton Cemetery Association.

An act providing for the trials of causes involving the rights of parties to hold public offices.

An act to amend the insolvency laws of Maine.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

An act to prevent the obstruction of business on certain public corporations.

An act additional to "an act to incorporate the Bar Harbor Water Company."

An act to incorporate the Dudley Brook Dam Company.

An act granting permission to John P. Perley, William F. Perry and others to locate and construct a railroad from Bridgton to some point on the line of the Portland and Ogdensburg or Portland and Rochester railroads, not nearer Portland than the village of Saccharappa.

An act concerning the acknowledgment of deeds.

An act to amend section 13, chapter 141 of the revised statutes, relating to the support of persons sentenced to the House of Correction for drunkenness.

An act to amend "an act to abolish the Calais Municipal Court and for other purposes, approved February 24, 1880."

An act granting permission to S. E. Bryant, J. A. Wheeler and others, to locate and construct a railroad from Kennebunk to Kennebunkport, in the county of York, upon certain conditions.

An act to amend section 16 of chapter 46 of the revised statutes, relating to corporations.

An act to set off the homestead farm of Caleb Fuller from the town of Woodstock and annex the same to the town of Paris.

An act to incorporate the National Bell Telephone Company of the State of Maine.

An act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company.

An act to provide for registry of deeds from the State.

An act to authorize collectors of taxes to sue in their own names.

An act to amend chapter 114 of the revised statutes, relating to new trials for capital offences.

An act to enlarge the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Fisheries and Wardens.

An act to repeal chapter 29 of the public acts of 1878, relating to the mining interests of the State.

An act to incorporate Pond's Sheer Boom Improvement Company.

An act in relation to the bridge over the east branch of Cousins river.

An act to repeal section 25 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to the organization of the Legislature.

An act to authorize the Knox and Lincoln Railroad Company to change its location.

An act authorizing the Treasurer of State to procure a loan of three hundred and seven thousand dollars.

An act to amend chapter 58 of the revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act authorizing the city of Gardiner and town of Pittston, or either of them, to raise money for and to purchase the Gardiner and Pittston bridge."

An act to incorporate the Beach Hill Brook Dam Company.

An act to incorporate the Black Brook and Swift River Improvement Company.

An act to prevent the taking of fish from Wilson pond in the town of Greenville, in the county of Piscataquis.

An act incorporating the Dead River Log Driving Company.

An act for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon in the Rangely, South Bog, Bemis, Cupsuptic and Kennebago streams.

An act to punish tramps.

An act to repeal chapter 108 of the laws of 1872, relating to shooting seals at Fort Point in the town of Stockton.

An act to amend the charter of the city of Lewiston.

An act to incorporate the Bar Harbor Bridge Company.

An act to amend chapter 117 of the public laws of 1879, relating to suits involving tax titles.

An act to authorize the Norway Branch Railroad Company to lease its road.

An act to authorize school district No. 13, in the town of Gorham, to build a new school house in said district, and to provide therein a hall for the Gorham Farmers' Club.

An act giving justices of the peace and quorum jurisdiction throughout the State.

An act to incorporate the Steam Heating and Power Company for the city of Bangor.

An act relating to town and private ways.

An act relating to increase of damages in location of ways.

An act to legalize the doings of the inhabitants of North Yarmouth.

An act to authorize the Denison Paper Manufacturing Company to issue bonds not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and to secure the same by a mortgage of its property.

An act to amend section 2, chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to process of forcible entry and detainer.

An act to prevent making impure the waters of the Androscoggin river within the cities of Lewiston and Auburn.

- An act to change the name of Lizzie M. Coombs to Lizzie M. Hunter, and the name of the child of Hattie Johnson to Stephen Brown Adams.

An act establishing compensation of State Agent for collecting unadjusted claims against the United States.

An act in relation to the compensation and number of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court.

An act to amend section 16 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, relating to the employment of children in cotton and woolen manufactories.

An act to amend chapter 91, section 4 of the laws of 1878, relating to marshal and deputy marshal of the city of Bath.

An act to further provide for safety of travel on railroads.

An act relating to ways.

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company.

An act in relation to the expenditures of public money.

An act to promote the efficiency of the police force of the city of Lewiston.

An act concerning the militia.

An act in relation to the service of process on defendants out of the State, in suits for breach of official duty.

An act to facilitate the consolidation of the Acton Silver Mining Company, the Portland Acton Silver Mining Company, the Forest City Silver Mining Company and the Boston Acton Silver Mining Company.

An act to repeal an act approved March 9, 1880, and to restore chapter 29 of the laws of 1878, entitled "an act to encourage the development of the mining interests of the State."

• An act to amend section 49, chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

An act to amend chapter 124 of the public laws of 1873, entitled "an act in aid of free high schools, as amended by chapter 33 of the public laws of 1875."

An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1880, amounting to the sum of one million one hundred thirty-four thousand two hundred sixty-one dollars and twenty-seven cents.

An act to incorporate the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards and State of Maine Branch of the Druidic University of America.

An act to prevent the taking of land-locked salmon and black

bass in Moose pond, in the towns of Harmony and Hartland, in the county of Somerset.

An act to amend section 5 of chapter 78 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 62 of the public laws of 1876, as amended by chapter 212 of the public laws of 1877, relating to election returns.

An act to amend section 1, chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School.

An act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company.

An act to amend section 10 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 24 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the law of roads.

An act to amend section 16 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the taxation of the capital stock of toll bridges.

An act to incorporate the Saco and Biddeford Telephone and Telegraph Company.

An act to amend an amendment to chapter 66 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the shore fisheries.

An act to remodel the Board of Agriculture.

An act to enable the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation to make sale of its property to be used for railroad purposes.

An act relating to the sale of the franchises of railroad corporations.

An act relating to trustees and other officers of public institutions.

An act relating to convicts and officers in the county jails in this State having workshops attached thereto.

An act to vest the franchise and property of the Arrowsic bridge in the inhabitants of Sagadahoc county.

An act to amend the public statutes as required by the amendment to the Constitution, providing for biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature.

An act to amend chapter 93 of the private and special laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 192 of the private and special laws of 1879.

An act relating to telephone companies.

An act to change the name of the Bath Driving Park.

An act relating to the salary of Governor.

An act relating to seizures on executions.

An act to amend chapter 91 of the public laws of 1879, relating to ways.

An act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on vessels.

An act to authorize Eben Wellman and others to maintain a dam over and across Mud Mills brook in Augusta, for the purpose of flowing meadow lands.

An act to tax express corporations, companies or persons carrying on express business in this State.

An act to authorize the Treasurer of the State to procure a loan of three hundred and seven thousand dollars.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

An act to provide for the taxation of railroad companies.

An act amendatory of chapters 17 and 27 of the revised statutes, in relation to common nuisances and the sale of intoxicating liquors.

An act relating to amendments to the Constitution.

An act relating to the taxation of railroads.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

TITLES OF RESOLVES

Passed by the Legislature of 1880.

Resolve providing for a seal of the State.

Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution, so as to elect the Governor by a plurality instead of a majority of votes.

Resolve in reference to new State Seal.

Resolve in favor of John Anderson of Island Falls.

Resolve to provide for a State valuation.

Resolve for the purchase of a safe for the Secretary of State's office.

Resolve for the appointment of a commission to revise the militia laws.

Resolve in favor of Lewy Mitchell, Representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of Lola Cola, Representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve for an appropriation for the payment of liabilities incurred in the preservation and protection of the public property and institutions of the State.

Resolve in favor of the town of Machias.

Resolve in favor of the Houlton and Baring road across Indian Township and Grand Lake stream road, in Washington county.

Resolve in favor of Salome S. Sumner.

Resolve in favor of the town of Levant.

Resolve in favor of the executors of Alfred Veazie.

Resolve in favor of the town of Exeter.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter.

Resolve for an appropriation for the expenses of the Joint Select Investigating Committee, created under the order of Feb. 5, 1880.

Resolve to provide for the uniforming of the enlisted men of the Maine Volunteer Militia.

Resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb.

Resolve to defray expenses of House Committee on Bribery, appointed by order of House on January 20, 1880.

Resolve relating to pilot laws and the removal of obstructions to navigation over East river, New York.

Resolve in relation to the fishway on Kennebec dam.

Resolve in favor of printing the insurance laws.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on Reform School.

Resolve in favor of an act of Congress granting pensions to veterans of the Mexican and Aroostook wars.

Resolve in favor of the Industrial School for Girls.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve making appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the year 1880.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs.

Resolve establishing a valuation for the State of Maine.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.

Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual.

Resolve laying a tax on the counties of the State.

Resolve concerning the transportation of certain books from the State Library.

Resolve authorizing a temporary loan.

Resolve in favor of Oakfield Plantation.

Resolve abating State tax on Township No. 4, Range 5, north of Bingham's Kennebec Purchase, in Somerset county.

Resolve in aid of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

Resolve to provide for the erection of an additional building to the Maine Insane Asylum.

Resolve in favor of the St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland.

Resolve making an appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans at the Bangor Children's Home.

Resolve in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland.

Resolve in favor of Sprague & Son.

Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

Resolve making appropriation for the Military Asylum at Bath.

Resolve in favor of Ira L. McFarland and Charles C. Cousins of Eden.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Education.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Resolve concerning the State Library.

Resolve in favor of the Dexter Savings Bank.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Special Committee on Loss of the State Seal and Public Documents.

Resolve making appropriation for the propagation of fish.

Resolve in relation to school exercises and examinations.

Resolve memorializing the General Assembly of the State of New York to so amend the Hell Gate pilot laws as to remove compulsory pilotage.

Resolve in favor of William Stewart of Topsfield.

Resolve in favor of the State Prison.

Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution, changing the term of offices of Senators and Representatives.

Resolve in favor of the State Library.

Resolve declaratory of certain amendments to the Constitution of Maine.

Resolve in favor of Edmund D. Wiggin.

Resolve for the payment of bills for advertising and newspapers for the Legislature, Council and Departments.

Resolve in favor of William J. Wright.

Resolve concerning the printing of the reports and testimony of the Joint Select Committee to investigate alleged irregularities and changes of election returns, and the illegal expenditures of public moneys.

Resolve concerning the Joint Select Committee of Investigation into alleged irregularities, changes and suppression of the election returns.

Resolve in favor of the teachers of the Normal School at Gorham.

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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 persons 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 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 ; and 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 and game,
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,
On state college of agriculture and mechanic arts.

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 sec-

retary 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.

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 :

STATE OF MAINE.

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Ordered, ———

13. All bills amended by statute, by striking out words from any section or independent clause thereof, or by adding or inserting other words and provisions, should recite the section or clause as it would read after being amended as proposed.



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