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STATÉ OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, April 19, 1854.

ORDERED, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to prepare and procure the printing of 350 copies of the Journal of the Senate for the current session, and there be distributed three copies to each of the Senators, one copy to each of the State Senators for the year 1855, and the remaining copies be deposited in the State Library.

Read and passed.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

STATE OF MAINE.

AUGUSTA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1854.

This being the day designated by the Constitution of this State for the meeting of the Legislature thereof, the following named gentlemen, having been duly elected Senators, and summoned by the Governor and Council, appeared in the Senate Chamber, to wit:

COUNTY OF YORK.

First Senatorial District, WILLIAM McINTIRE, LUTHER S. MOORE, THOMAS M. HAYES.

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

Second Senatorial District, WILLIAM LOWELL, WARREN H. VINTON.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.

Seventh Senatorial District, RENDOL WHIDDEN, GEORGE W. DRISKO.

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK.

Eighth Senatorial District, NATHANIEL BLAKE.

COUNTY OF PENOBSCOT.

Ninth Senatorial District, NEWELL BLAKE, FRANKLIN MUZZY, HIRAM RUGGLES.

COUNTY OF PISCATAQUIS.

Tenth Senatorial District, ALEXANDER M. ROBINSON.
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

Twelfth Senatorial District, JOHN L. CUTLER.

The convention of Senators elect, was called to order by Mr. MOORE—on whose motion Mr. Whidden was chosen Chairman.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. MOORE, that Senator was charged with a message to the Governor, informing him that a quorum of the Senators elect is in attendance in the Senate Chamber, ready to take and subscribe the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. MOORE subsequently reported that he had delivered the message entrusted to him; and that the Governor returned for answer, that he would, forthwith, attend upon the Senators elect, for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution.

Thereupon, the Governor, attended by the Executive Council and Secretary of State, came in, before whom the Senators elect took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

After which the Governor and his attendants withdrew.

On motion of Mr. MOORE.

Ordered, That Messrs. Moore of York, Blake of Penobscot, and Drisko of Washington, be a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President, pro tempore.

Which Committee, having attended to the duties assigned them, made the following Report:

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That the whole number of votes is	13
Necessary for a choice,	7
John L. Cutler has	6
Warren H. Vinton has	3
Newell Blake has	1
Rendol Whidden has	1
Franklin Muzzy has	1
Luther S. Moore has	1

No person having the requisite number of votes for an election, the same Committee proceeded again to receive, sort and count the votes for President, *pro tempore*, who reported

That the whole number of votes is	13
Necessary for a choice,	7
John L. Cutler has	8
Warren H. Vinton has	3
Newell Blake has	1
Franklin Muzzy has	1

Which report was accepted, and John L. Cutler was declared duly elected.

Mr. CUTLER signified his acceptance in the following Address:

Senators:—In accepting the position your partiality has assigned me, I am constrained to acknowledge my high appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me.

Relying confidently on your courtesy and aid in my endeavors to discharge the duties of President, pro tempore, impartially, I cheerfully enter upon the exercise of the office.

On motion of Mr. HAYES of York,

Ordered, That Messrs. Hayes of York, Muzzy of Penobscot, and Whidden of Washington, be a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary, pro tempore.

Which Committee, having attended to the duties assigned them, reported

That the whole number of votes is	13
Necessary for a choice,	7
William Trafton of Alfred, has	8
Louis O. Cowan of Saco, has	5

Which Report was accepted, and WILLIAM TRAFTON was declared duly elected Secretary, pro tempore.

Mr. TRAFTON signified his acceptance, and took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution, to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, before Asaph R. Nichols, Esquire, authorized by dedimus potestatem.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to communicate to the Governor and Council, that the Senate is organized by the election of John L. Cutler, President, pro tempore, and William Trafton, Secretary, pro tempore.

Which message was delivered by the Secretary, pro tempore.

The returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State for Senators, were brought in and laid upon the table, by the Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. MOORE,

Ordered, That the returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, for Senators, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of

Messrs. Moore of York,

Blake of Penobscot,
Robinson of Piscataquis,
Muzzy of Penobscot,
Drisko of Washington,
Lowell of Cumberland,
Hayes of York,
Blake of Aroostook,
Whidden of Washington.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot,

Ordered, That when the Senate does adjourn, it adjourn to meet at eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. WHIDDEN,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to deposit in the archives of the Senate Chamber, the Journals of the Senate, during the present session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL of Cumberland, The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. MUZZY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate is organized, temporarily, by the election of the Honorable John L. Cutler, President, pro tempore, and William Trafton, Secretary, pro tempore.

Which message was subsequently delivered by the Secretary, pro tempore.

On motion of Mr. RUGGLES,

Ordered, That the Senate do now adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEAVER.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee to which were referred the returns of the Senatorial votes, made the following Report:

The Select Committee, to which were referred the returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, for Senators, having attended to the duties assigned them, make the following Report in part:

That in the First Senatorial District, they find

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The whole number of ballots was	8,232
Necessary for a choice,	4,117
William McIntire has	4,219
Luther S. Moore has	4,206
Thomas M. Hayes has	4,209
And they are elected, as appears by the returns.	
In the Seventh Senatorial District, they find	
The whole number of ballots was	4,788
Necessary to a choice,	$2,\!395$
George W. Drisko has	$2,\!563$
Rendol Whidden has	2,514
And they are elected, as appears by the returns.	
In the Eighth Senatorial District, they find	
The whole number of ballots was	1,859
Necessary to a choice,	930
Nathaniel Blake has	960
And he is elected, as appears by the returns.	
In the Ninth Senatorial District, they find	
The whole number of ballots was	9,640
Necessary to a choice,	4,821
Newell Blake has	5,014
Franklin Muzzy has	4,964
Hiram Ruggles has	4,896
And they are elected, as appears by the returns.	

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In the Tenth Senatorial District, they find	•
The whole number of ballots was	2,300
Necessary to a choice,	1,151
Alexander M. Robinson has	1,279
And he is elected, as appears by the returns.	
In the Twelfth Senatorial District, they find	
The whole number of ballots was	3,535
Necessary to a choice,	1,768
John L. Cutler has	1,820
And is elected, as appears by the returns.	
In the Second Scnatorial District, they find	
The whole number of ballots was	11,732
Necessary to a choice,	5,867
William Lowell has	5,952
Warren H. Vinton has	6,218

And they are elected, as appears by the returns, and consequently there are two vacancies, and the following persons are the constitutional candidates to fill the same, to wit:

James T. McCobb, David P. Baker, Jacob Hazen, James Strout, Jr.,

Which Report was read.

Mr. MUZZY moved that the same be recommitted with instructions to report in full, as appears upon the face of the returns committed to said committee. And on motion of Mr. VINTON,

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

And the question of recommitting said Report was decided in the negative as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

Mr. LOWELL proposed to amend the Report by adding the following, to wit:

Fifth Senatorial District—

Whole number of ballots,

6.158

Necessary for a choice,

3,080

No one having that number of votes, consequently there are three vacancies; and that the constitutional candidates to fill the same, are

> Robert Elliott, Christopher Young, Willard P. Harriman, Charles Gordon, Thomas B. Grose, Minot Crehore.

And the question of adopting said proposed amendment was ordered to be taken by yeas and nays and decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Drisko, Hayes, Lowell, Moore, Muzzy, Robinson, Ruggles and Vinton—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, McIntire and Whidden—3.

Mr. MUZZY proposed to amend said Report by adding the following, to wit:

The Fourth Senatorial District-

Whole number of ballots,

7,902

Necessary to a choice,

3,952

No one has that number, consequently there is no choice. There are three vacancies, and the constitutional candidates to fill the same, are

> Isaac N. Tucker, Stephen Stark, Joseph Eaton, Joseph E. F. Dunn, Folliot T. Lally, Henry P. Torsey.

And the question of adopting said proposed amendment, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the negative, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

And the question of accepting said Report as amended, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

On motion of Mr. MOORE,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that body that vacancies exist in the Senate, as follows:

In the Second Senatorial District there are two vacancies, and

James T. McCobb,

David P. Baker,

Jacob Hazen,

James Strout, Jr.,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Fifth Senatorial District, there are three vacancies, and

Robert Elliot,

Christopher Young,

Willard P. Harriman,

Charles Gordon,

Thomas B. Grose,

Minot Crehore,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same, and proposing a convention of the two branches in the Hall of the House of Representatives, forthwith, for the purpose of filling the same, and to ask the concurrence of the House.

Which message was delivered by the Secretary, pro tempore. On motion of Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot,

Ordered, That the Senate now adjourn till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Pryer by Rev. Mr. CHENEY.

Mr. VINTON introduced the following Order, to wit:

STATE OF MAINE.

In Convention of Senators Elect, SENATE CHAMBER, Jan. 7, 1854.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Senatorial Votes, be instructed to report in full, forthwith, the facts as they appear on the face of the returns committed to them.

Mr. MOORE moved to lay the same on the table. And the question of lying said order on the table, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy, Rúggles and Vinton—6.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That the Senate now adjourn till Monday morning next, at 11 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. HAYES of York,

The order introduced by Mr. Vinton of Cumberland, on Saturday last, was taken up.

Mr. HAYES moved to amend the caption of said order by striking out the words, "Convention of Senators Elect," and the word "Chamber," so that the same will read—State of Maine. In Senate, January 7, 1854. And while the same was under discussion,

On motion of Mr. MUZZY,

Ordered, That when the Senate does adjourn, it adjourn till to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

And the Senate, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess.

The subject under consideration at the adjournment of the Senate yesterday, viz: the amendment of the caption of the order introduced by Mr. Vinton of Cumberland, on Saturday last, was resumed, and while the same was under consideration, a message was received from the House of Representatives by Mr. ABBOTT of Norridgewock, as follows, to wit:

Mr. President:—I am charged with a message from the House of Representatives, informing this Honorable body, that that branch does not concur with the Senators elect, in their proposition to meet in Convention for the purpose of supplying a part, only, of the vacancies existing in the Senate in the Second and Fifth Senatorial Districts.

Which message, on motion of Mr. MOORE, was ordered to be laid on the table.

The discussion on the amendment of the order aforesaid, was resumed.

And the question of amending the caption of said order by striking out the words, "Convention of Senators Elect," and the word "Chamber," so that the same would read—State of Maine. In Senate, January 7, 1854—being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

On motion of Mr. MOORE, said order was laid upon the table. On motion of Mr. WHIDDEN,

Ordered, That when the Senate does adjourn, it adjourn till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB.

On motion of Mr. MOORE,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that vacancies exist in the Senate, as follows, to wit:

In the Second Senatorial District, there are two vacancies, and

James T. McCobb,

David P. Baker,

Jacob Hazen,

James Strout, Jr.,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Fifth Senatorial District, there are three vacancies, and

Robert Elliot,

Christopher Young,

Willard P. Harriman,

Charles Gordon,

Thomas B. Grose,

Minot Crehore,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same; and proposing a convention of the two branches, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at 12 o'clock this day, for the purpose of filling the same, and to ask the concurrence of the House.

Mr. LOWELL proposed to amend said order by inserting after the word "same," and before the phrase, "and proposing a convention," the words, and all other vacancies that exist in the several Senatorial Districts—and the question of adopting said proposed amendment, being ordered, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the negative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

And the question of passing said order, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

Which message, on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN, was delivered by Mr. MOORE.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Abbott of Norridgewock, as follows, to wit:

Mr. President:—I am charged with a message from the House of Representatives, informing this Honorable body that whilst the House of Representatives is ready and desirous to meet in convention with the Senators elect to fill all the existing vacancies in the Senate, according to the provisions of the Constitution, and according to uniform usage, it does not concur with the Senators elect in their proposition to meet in Convention for the purpose of supplying a part, only, of the vacancies existing in the Senate, to wit: in the Second and Fifth Senatorial Districts.

Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, moved that the Senate recede from the proposition to form a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature to fill the vacancies in the Second and Fifth Senatorial Districts, and concur with the House in its proposition for a Convention to fill *all* the existing vacancies in the Senate.

And during the pendency of this motion,

Mr. HAYES moved that the Senate now adjourn till to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, noon, and the question of so adjourning, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott of Augusta.

The Senate resumed the further consideration of the motion made by Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, yesterday, and under discussion at the adjournment.

And the question of receding and concurring with the House of Representatives, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *negative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

Mr. VINTON submitted the following order:

SENATE CHAMBER, January 12, 1854.

Ordered, That the Committee on Senatorial Votes be directed to report, as soon as may be, all the vacancies that exist in the several Senatorial Districts, excepting the Third Senatorial District.

Which order, on motion of Mr. HAYES, was amended by inserting the word *in* before "Senate" and striking out the word "Chamber."

And the question of passing said order, as amended, being ordered to be taken by year and nays, was decided in the negative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

NAYS-Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden-7.

On motion of Mr. WHIDDEN,

Ordered, That when the Senate does adjourn, it adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ingraham of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. MOORE,

Ordered, That when the Senate does adjourn, it adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dalton of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. MOORE,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that vacancies exist in the Senate, as follows, to wit:

In the Second Senatorial District, there are two vacancies, and

James T. McCobb,

David P. Baker,

Jacob Hazen.

James Strout, Jr.,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Fifth Senatorial District, there are three vacancies, and

Robert Elliot,

Christopher Young, Jr.,

Willard P. Harriman,

Charles Gordon,

Thomas B. Grose,

Minot Crehore.

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same. And proposing a meeting of the members of the House of Representatives and the Senators elect, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of filling the same, and ask the concurrence of the House.

Which message, on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN, was delivered by Mr. MOORE.

Mr. DRISKO moved that the Senate adjourn till Monday next, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Mr. MUZZY moved to amend by fixing the time at 10 o'clock, instead of 12 o'clock.

And the question of adjourning till Monday next, at 12 o'clock, noon, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

NAYS-Messrs. Lowell and Muzzy-2.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cone of Hallowell.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. BAKER of Hallowell, who read the following preamble, order and proposition, to wit:

STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, January 14, 1854.

Whereas, it appears by the copy from the record of the official acts and proceedings of the Governor and Council, as laid before this branch of the Legislature, by the Secretary of State, in compliance with a requisition of this House, that the Governor and Council, upon examination of the copies of the lists of votes cast on the twelfth day of September, A. D. 1853, in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State, and duly returned to the office of Secretary of State, that the following persons received a majority of the ballots cast in their respective districts, and were elected Senators therefrom, viz:

In the First District,

William McIntire, Luther S. Moore,

Thomas M. Hayes.

In the Second Senatorial District,

William Lowell,

Warren H. Vinton,

and that there are two vacancies.

In the Seventh District,

George W. Drisko,

Rendol Whidden.

In the Eighth District,

Nathaniel Blake.

In the Ninth District,

Newell Blake,

Franklin Muzzy,

Hiram Ruggles.

In the Tenth District,

Alexander M. Robinson.

In the Twelfth District.

John L. Cutler.

And that in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eleventh and Thirteenth Districts, no persons having received the requisite number of ballots, therefore no choice has been effected in said districts:

And whereas, no proposition has been presented to this House from the Honorable Senators elect, in convention assembled, to supply those vacancies agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, and in accordance with former usage; therefore,

Ordered, That the members of the House of Representatives, propose to the Honorable Senators elect, in convention assembled, with their concurrence, to meet with them in the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of January, instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing by joint ballot, the number of Senators required, in order to supply said vacancies, from the highest number of the persons voted for, in said lists, equal to twice the number of Senators deficient, in every district, if there be so many voted for; and that a message be sent to the Honorable Senators elect, in convention assembled, communicating to them the foregoing order and preamble; and that a copy of the same be delivered by the bearer of the message.

As the CHAIR proceeded to read the foregoing written message, Mr. WHIDDEN moved to dispense with the reading of the same.

Mr. MUZZY called for the reading of the message. And the question of dispensing with the reading of the same, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided as follows, to wit: YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy and Ruggles—4.

The CHAIR deciding it not a vote—that at the request of one fifth of the members present any paper shall be read at the table before any Senator shall be obliged to vote on it. And the message, having been read,

Mr. WHIDDEN moved the indefinite postponement of the same. And the question of the indefinite postponement of the message, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy and Ruggles—4.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WHIDDEN,

Ordered, That when the Senate does adjourn, it adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. TAPPAN of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. MOORE,

Ordered, That Thomas N. Ayer act as Messenger of the Senate, and Peter A. Dalton as Assistant Messenger of the Senate, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, from the minority of the Committee, to which were referred the returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State for Senators, for the current political year, made a Report in full.

Mr. MOORE, the Chairman of said Committee, objected to said Report, as being out of order.

The CHAIR decided the Report out of order; from which decision, Mr. MUZZY appealed to the board.

And the question, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of this board? being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Drisko, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—5.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy and Ruggles—5.

The Senators voting, being equally divided, the Secretary took the decision of the President in the affirmative.

Mr. HAYES, member of the Committee on Senatorial Votes, being absent, Mr. McIntire, on motion of Mr. ROBINSON, was appointed on said Committee during his absence.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary, pro tem.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Thompson of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. RUGGLES,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary, pro tem.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ingraham of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till Monday next, at 12 o'clock, noon.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary, pro tem.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cone of Hallowell.

On motion of Mr. RUGGLES,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow, 12 o'clock, noon.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary, pro tem.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow, 12 o'clock, noon.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. WHIDDEN,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow, 12 o'clock, noon.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary, pro tem.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Allen of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. McINTIRE,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary, pro tem.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Arbott of Augusta.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. KNOWLTON of Liberty, as follows, to wit:

"Mr. President:—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that that body is duly organized, by the election of John J. Perry, Clerk, and Honorable Noah Smith, Jr., Speaker."

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till Monday morning, 11 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

WILLIAM TRAFTON arose in his place, and tendered to the Senate his resignation as Secretary, pro tempore.

On motion of Mr. MOORE,

Ordered, That a committee be raised to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary.

Mr. MUZZY moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the said order was passed.

And the question of reconsidering said vote, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *negative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

Messrs. Moore, Whidden and Robinson, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary:

Which Committee, having attended to the duty assigned it, (the return of the Senators being thirteen,) reported

That the whole number of votes is

1

William Trafton has that number,

7

Which report was accepted, and William Trafton was declared duly elected.

Mr. TRAFTON signified his acceptance, and took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution, to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, before Edward L. Osgood, Esquire, qualified by dedimus potestatem, and one of the Executive Council.

The same Committee, on motion of Mr. ROBINSON, proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Secretary:

Which Committee, having attended to the duty assigned it, (the return of the Senators being thirteen) reported

That the whole number of votes is

7

Colby A. Jordan has that number,

7

Which Report was accepted, and Colby A. Jordan was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary.

Mr. JORDAN being present, signified his acceptance.

The same Committee, on motion of Mr. MOORE, proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for Messenger:

Which Committee, having attended to the duty assigned it, (the return of the Senators being thirteen) reported

That the whole number of votes is

7

Joshua M. Waterhouse has that number,

7

Which Report was accepted, and JOSHUA M. WATERHOUSE was declared duly elected Messenger.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON, the same Committee proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Messenger:

Which Committee, having attended to the duty assigned it, (the return of the Senators being thirteen) reported

That the whole number of votes is

7

Nicholas J. Thomas has that number,

7

Which Report was accepted, and Nicholas J. Thomas was declared duly elected Assistant Messenger.

The same Committee, on motion of Mr. HAYES, proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for Chaplain:

Which Committee, having attended to the duty assigned it, (the return of the Senators being thirteen) reported

That the whole number of votes is

7

John H. Ingraham has

7

Which Report was accepted, and John H. Ingraham was declared duly elected Chaplain.

Mr. CUTLER, President, pro tempore, announced his resignation, as follows:

"Senators:—When we assembled at the commencement of the session, with a view of entering upon our constitutional duties, following the precedents of two former Senates, we proceeded to organize this body temporarily. But in the light of the Opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court, as recently promulgated by order of the House of Representatives, we may well conclude that the Constitution contemplates the election of permanent officers under the circumstances in which we were placed.

Having been elected at that time, President of the Senate, pro tempore, under this mistaken view of our constitutional powers, it becomes my duty, as well as my pleasure, to resign to this board the position you have been pleased to assign me.

As I desire not to be a candidate for re-election, you will allow me at this time to express my acknowledgments for the friendly disposition you have manifested towards me.

May I not also add, that while, by the intelligence and integrity of this Senate, the interests and honor of the State will be understood and defended, so also the uniform courtesy of its members will uphold the decorum and dignity of this House."

Mr. HAYES moved that a committee be raised to receive, sort and count the votes for a President.

Mr. MUZZY moved to amend said motion, by adding the words, pro tempore:

Which motion to amend was decided in the negative.

Mr. VINTON moved that the motion to raise a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a President, be laid upon the table; and the question of laying said motion on the table, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the negative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

Mr. BLAKE of Aroostook, moved to adjourn till 3 o'clock in the afternoon:

Which motion was decided in the negative.

Messrs. Hayes, Whidden and Robinson, were appointed by the Secretary, a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President:

Which Committee, having attended to the duty assigned it, (the return of the Senators being thirteen,) reported

That the whole number of votes is	7
Necessary to a choice,	7
Luther S. Moore has that number,	7

Which Report was accepted, and LUTHER S. MOORE was declared duly elected President of the Senate.

Mr. MOORE signified his acceptance in the following Address:

"Senators:—I thank you for this expression of your confidence, and accept the position assigned me, fully sensible of the responsible and arduous duties it imposes upon me. I shall bring to the Chair but limited experience, and can only promise that I shall, at all times, by a faithful, honest and impartial discharge of the duties incumbent upon me, endeavor to merit your confidence, and hope that the courtesy and forbearance which have uniformly marked the deliberations of this board, will be cheerfully accorded to me."

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Select Committee to which were referred the returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State for Senators, for the current political year, made the following final Report:

That in the Third Senatorial District, they find

That the whole number of ballots was 9,815 Necessary to a choice, 4,908

The Committee find, upon examination of the original returns, and from the evidence adduced and heard by them, that ELISHA CLARKE has 4,929, and is elected.

No other person having the requisite number for a choice, there are three vacancies, and

> Nathan A. Farwell, James Lowell, Joseph W. Russell, John A. Chapman, Alfred L. Berry, George Gilchrest,

Necessary to a choice,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Fourth Senatorial District, they find That the whole number of ballots was

7,902 3,952

3

And no person having the requisite number for a choice, there are three vacancies, and

Isaac N. Tucker,

Stephen Stark,

Joseph Eaton,

Joseph E. F. Dunn,

Henry P. Torsey,

Folliot T. Lally,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Sixth Senatorial District, they find

That the whole number of ballots was

Necessary to a choice,

3,859 1,930

And no person having the requisite number for a choice, there are two vacancies, and

Luther G. Philbrook,

William Guptill,

Charles A. Spofford,

John West,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Eleventh Senatorial District, they find

That the whole number of ballots was

5,862

Necessary to a choice,

2,932

And no person having received the requisite number for a choice, there are two vacancies, and

Rodney Collins,

Llewellyn D. P. Palmer,

Samuel Gould,

Ebenezer Davis,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Thirteenth Senatorial District, they find

That the whole number of ballots was

Necessary to a choice,

7,605 3,803

And no person having received the requisite number for a choice, there are two vacancies, and

John J. Holman,

Abernethy Grover,

Job Prince,

Hiram Hubbard,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

Which Report was read and accepted.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that vacancies exist at the Senate board, as follows:

In the Second Senatorial District there are two vacancies, and

James T. McCobb,

Jacob Hazen.

James Strout, Jr.,

David P. Baker,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Third Senatorial District there are three vacancies, and

Nathan A. Farwell,

James Lowell,

Joseph W. Russell,

John A. Chapman,

Alfred L. Berry,

George Gilchrest,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Fourth Senatorial District there are three vacancies, and

Isaac N. Tucker,

Joseph Eaton,

Henry P. Torsey,

Stephen Stark.

Joseph E. F. Dunn,

Folliot T. Lally.

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Fifth Senatorial District there are three vacancies, and

Robert Elliot,

Christopher Young, Jr.,

Willard P. Harriman,

Charles Gordon,

Thomas B. Grose,

Minot Crehore,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Sixth Senatorial District there are two vacancies, and

John West,

Charles A. Spofford,

Luther G. Philbrook,

William Guptill,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Eleventh Senatorial District there are two vacancies, and

Samuel Gould,

Ebenezer Davis,

Rodney Collins,

Llewellyn D. P. Palmer,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Thirteenth Senatorial District there are two vacancies, and

John J. Holman,

Abernethy Grover,

Job Prince,

Hiram Hubbard,

are the constitutional candidates to fill the same; and proposing a convention of the two branches of the Legislature, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of filling the same.

Mr. ROBINSON was charged with said message.

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate is duly organized by the election of LUTHER S. MOORE, President, and WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

Mr. HAYES was charged with said message.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council, informing that body that the Senate is duly organized by the election of LUTHER S. MOORE, President, and WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

Mr. CUTLER was charged with said message.

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That the Honorable RICHARD D. RICE, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, be requested to com-

municate to the Senate, at the earliest convenient time, his Opinion, in full, upon the questions propounded to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, by the House of Representatives, January 17, 1854, and especially upon those portions of the answers of a majority of said Justices which did not receive his concurrence. And that a copy of this order, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Senate, be communicated forthwith to the said Justice.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to notify ELISHA CLARKE, that he is duly elected Senator in the Third Senatorial District, and request his immediate attendance at the Senate board.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That a committee of one be appointed to inform Rev. John H. Ingraham of his election as Chaplain.

Mr. CUTLER was appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM, the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That the Rules and Orders of the Senate of last year be adopted by the present Senate, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, announced that Mr. Clarke, Senator elect from the Third Senatorial District, was in attendance and ready to be qualified. He was conducted, by that Senator, to the Governor and Council, before whom he took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution, to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his Senatorial duties, and took his seat at the Senate board.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. ABBOTT of Norridgewock, as follows, to wit:

"Mr. President:—I am charged with a message from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that that branch concurs in the proposition for a Convention of the two Houses in the Hall of the House of Representatives, this day, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of filling the vacancies in the several Senatorial Districts, agreeably to the proposition of the Senate."

Order from the House of Representatives, that the Joint Rules and Orders of the last Legislature be adopted by the House of Representatives and Senate, until otherwise ordered.

Read and passed in concurrence.

The Opinion of the Honorable Judge Rice, in pursuance of the order of the Senate yesterday, was received and read.

Mr. WHIDDEN moved that 2,500 copies of said Opinion be printed for the use of the Legislature; and the question of printing that number of copies was decided in the negative.

The hour having arrived for the proposed Convention of the two Houses, the Senate repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON of Whitefield,

Ordered, That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Muzzy of Penobscot, Hayes of York, of the Senate, and Abbott of Norridgewock, Morrill of Augusta, Baker of Hallowell, Knowlton of Liberty, and Kendall of Bath, of the House, be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for constitutional candidates to fill the vacancies existing in each Senatorial District, commencing and proceeding in the order following, to wit:

First, in the Thirteenth District. Second, in the Eleventh District. Third, in the Sixth District. Fourth, in the Fifth District. Fifth, in the Fourth District. Sixth, in the Third District. Seventh, in the Second District.

And that said Committee, in receiving, sorting, counting and declaring the votes, shall be governed by the provisions of section twenty-seven of chapter sixth of the Revised Statutes of this State.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor, the Roll of the Senate and House was called, and fourteen Senators, and one hundred and fifty members of the House of Representatives, responded to the call of the Secretary.

Said Committee proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for two Senators to fill the vacancies in Oxford, the Thirteenth Distric; t and having attended to the same, reported

That the whole number of votes is	161
Necessary to a choice,	81
Job Prince has	91
Hiram Hubbard,	91
Abernethy Grover,	70
John J. Holman,	69
Blanks,	2

Which Report was accepted, and Job Prince and Hiram Hubbard were declared duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the Thirteenth Senatorial District.

Said Committee proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for two Senators to fill the vacancies in Somerset, the

Eleventh Senatorial District, and having attended to the same, reported

That the whole number of votes is	163	
Necessary to a choice,	82	
Samuel Gould has	90	
Ebenezer Davis,	90	
Rodney Collins,	73	
Llewellyn D. P. Palmer,	73	

Which Report was accepted, and Samuel Gould and Ebenezer Davis were declared duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the Eleventh Senatorial District.

Said Committee proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for two Senators to fill the vacancies in Hancock, the Sixth Senatorial District, and having attended to the same, reported

That the whole number of votes is	163
Necessary to a choice,	82
John West has	91
Charles A. Spofford,	90
Luther G. Philbrook,	73
William Guptill,	72
Samuel Gould,	1
Ebenezer Davis,	1

Which Report was accepted, and John West and Charles A. Spofford were declared duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the Sixth Senatorial District.

The same Committee proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for three Senators to fill the vacancies in Waldo, the Fifth Senatorial District, and reported

That the whole number of votes is	164
Necessary to a choice,	83
Christopher Young, Jr., has	146
Willard P. Harriman,	133
Minot Crehore,	92
Robert Elliot,	81
Charles Gordon,	20
Thomas B. Grose,	6

Which Report was accepted, and Christopher Young, Jr., Willard P. Harriman, and Minot Crehore, were declared duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the Fifth Senatorial District.

Before the Committee proceeded to receive the votes for three Senators to fill the vacancies in Kennebec, the Fourth Senatorial District, the following communication, directed to the President of the Senate, was read by the President of the Convention, to wit:

WATERVILLE, January 30, 1854.

Hon. John L. Cutler, President of the Senate:

My Dear Sir:—I deeply regret that I have to communicate to you the melancholy information of the decease of J. E. F. Dunn, Esq., one of the constitutional candidates for the Senate from this District.

Mr. Dunn had been confined to his house for the past three or four weeks, but sanguine hopes were entertained of his ultimate recovery. On Saturday, 28th instant, his attending physician declared his case hopeless. He heard the announcement calmly, resignedly, and with the fortitude of a Christian; and commending his wife and child to the care and protection of the Father of all, he expired without a struggle, in the afternoon of the same day, greatly lamented by all who knew him.

Respectfully, your ob't serv't,

S. P. SHAW.

The Committee then proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for three Senators, to fill the vacancies in Kennebec, the Fourth Senatorial District, and reported

That the whole number of votes is	164
Necessary to a choice,	83
Henry P. Torsey has	102
Isaac N. Tucker,	93
Stephen Stark,	91
Folliot T. Lally,	69
Joseph Eaton,	62

Which Report was accepted, and Henry P. Torsey, ISAAC N. TUCKER, and STEPHEN STARK, were declared duly elected Senators, to fill the vacancies in the Fourth Senatorial District.

The Committee proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for three Senators to fill the vacancies in Lincoln, the Third Senatorial District, and reported

That the whole number of votes is	164
Necessary to a choice,	83
Nathan A. Farwell has	94
James Lowell,	94
Alfred L. Berry,	93
Joseph W. Russell,	71
John A. Chapman,	71
George Gilchrest,	70

Which Report was accepted, and the said Nathan A. Farwell, James Lowell, and Alfred L. Berry, were declared duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the Third Senatorial District.

And the said Committee then proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for two Senators to fill the vacancies in Cumberland, the Second Senatorial District, and having attended to that duty, reported

That the whole number of votes is	163
Necessary to a choice,	82
James T. McCobb has	161
Jacob Hazen,	89
David P. Baker,	68
James Strout, Jr.,	4

Which Report was accepted, and the said James T. McCobb, and Jacob Hazen, were declared duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the Second Senatorial District.

The Convention having accomplished the business for which it had been formed, dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify the several Senators this day elected, that they have

been duly elected to fill the vacancies existing in their several Senatorial Districts, and request their immediate attendance at the Senate board.

Mr. HAYES moved that 2,501 copies of the Opinion of Judge Rice be printed for the use of the Legislature. And the question of printing that number, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *negative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

Mr. VINTON moved to adjourn. And the question of adjournment was decided in the negative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

Mr. ROBINSON moved the printing of 2,502 copies of the Opinion of Judge Rice. And the question of printing that number was decided in the *negative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

Mr. VINTON moved to adjourn. And the question of adjournment was decided in the negative, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

Mr. LOWELL moved the printing of 1,000 copies of Judge Rice's Opinion.

Mr. HAYES moved to amend the motion by striking out 1,000 and inserting 2,500.

And the question of so amending, being ordered to be taken by year and nays, was decided in the *negative*, as follows, to wit: YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

And the question of printing 1,000 copies was decided in the negative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

Mr. MUZZY moved to adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock. And the question was decided in the *negative*, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

Mr. MUZZY moved that when the Senate does adjourn, it adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the question, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Cutler, Hayes, Lowell, Moore, Muzzy, Robinson, Ruggles and Vinton—11.

Nays-Messrs. Drisko, McIntire and Whidden-3.

Mr. CLARKE moved for a recess of ten minutes. And the question was decided in the negative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

Nays—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Muzzy, Robinson and Whidden—8.

Mr. MUZZY moved to adjourn. And the question of adjournment was decided in the negative, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

Mr. HAYES moved the printing of 2,503 copies of Judge Rice's Opinion, with the questions prefixed. And the question of printing that number was decided in the *negative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

Mr. MUZZY moved to adjourn. And the question of adjournment was decided in the negative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

Mr. RUGGLES moved the printing of 1,500 copies of said Opinion. And the question of printing that number was decided in the negative.

Mr. MUZZY moved to adjourn.

Decided in the negative:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, moved an adjournment.

Decided in the negative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

Mr. MUZZY moved an adjournment, which was decided in the negative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore and Whidden—6.

Mr. MUZZY again moved an adjournment, which was decided in the negative:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore and Whidden—6.

Mr. HAYES moved that 2,507 copies of the opinion of Judge Rice be printed for the use of the Legislature. And the question of printing that number, was decided in the *negative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Hayes, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Whidden—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—7.

Mr. HAYES moved to adjourn. And the question of adjournment, being ordered to be taken by year and nays, was decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, McIntire, Moore, Muzzy, Ruggles and Vinton—6.

Nay-Mr. Clarke-1.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM.

Mr. CLARKE announced the attendance of the following Senators elect, viz:

James T. McCobb from Cumberland, the Second Senatorial District.

NATHAN A. FARWELL and JAMES LOWELL from Lincoln, the Third Senatorial District.

STEPHEN STARK from Kennebec, the Fourth Senatorial District.

MINOT CREHORE, CHRISTOPHER YOUNG, Jr., and WILLARD P. HARRIMAN, from Waldo, the Fifth Senatorial District.

JOHN WEST and CHARLES A. SPOFFORD, from Hancock, the Sixth Senatorial District.

And that they are severally ready to be qualified.

Therefore, Ordered, on motion of Mr. CLARKE, That they be conducted to the Governor and Council to take and subscribe the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Mr. CLARKE was directed to conduct the said Senators elect to the Governor and Council for the purposes aforesaid.

Mr. CLARKE subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that the said Senators, before the Governor and Council, had severally taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

And they severally took their seats at the Senate board.

Mr. CUTLER, the Committee appointed to notify Rev. John H. Ingraham of his election as Chaplain to the Senate, reported that he had attended to that duty; and that Mr. Ingraham was pleased to say, "that he appreciated the honor that the Senate had conferred upon him, and that they had his thanks for this

testimony of their partiality; but owing to the state of his health, he was constrained to decline attending daily at the Senate board, or being permanent Chaplain of this body."

Which report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. CLARKE,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

A communication was received from Mr. SAWYER, the Secretary of State, transmitting such lists of the returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State for Governor for the current political year, as have been returned to the office of the Secretary of State.

Mr. STARK announced the attendance of the following Senators elect, to wit:

SAMUEL GOULD and EBENEZER DAVIS, from Somerset, the Eleventh Senatorial District.

HENRY P. TORSEY, from Kennebec, the Fourth Senatorial District.

And that they were ready to be qualified.

Mr. STARK was directed to conduct said Senators elect, to the Governor and Council, to take and subscribe the oaths to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties; who subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that the said Senators had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

And they took their seats at the Senate board.

Mr. VINTON announced the attendance of ISAAC N. TUCKER, Senator elect from Kennebec, the Fourth Senatorial District, and ready to be qualified.

Mr. VINTON was directed to conduct said Senator to the Governor and Council, to take and subscribe the oaths required by the Constitution; who subsequently reported, that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Tucker had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the

necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

And he took his seat at the Senate board.

Mr. McCOBB submitted the following order:

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

Mr. MUZZY moved to amend said order by adding the words, And that the appointment of said Committee be by ballot.

And the question of so amending said order being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Crehore, Davis, Farwell, Gould, Hubbard, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, Muzzy, Prince, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, Tucker, Vinton and West—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Drisko, Harriman, Hayes, McCobb, McIntire, Moore, Robinson, Whidden and Young—10.

And said order passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. MUZZY,

Ordered, That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Muzzy, Clarke and Hubbard be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for the Committee of seven on the Gubernatorial Votes.

Mr. MUZZY, from said Committee, having attended to the duty assigned it, reported

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That the whole number of votes is	19
Necessary to a choice,	10
Newell Blake has	19
John L. Cutler,	19
W. H. Vinton,	19
Job Prince,	19
Thomas M. Hayes,	19
N. A. Farwell,	19
Stephen Stark,	12
Charles A. Spofford,	7

Which Report was accepted; and the seven Senators first above named, were declared duly elected said Committee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Said order came up, with the Committee joined on the part of the House of Representatives, as follows, to wit:

Messrs. Erskine of Bristol, Emery of Lebanon, Berry of Gardiner, Hubbard of Hiram, Felker of Starks, Whitney of Newburg, Fernald of Castine, Hobart of Edmunds, Blanchard of Yarmouth, Pitcher of Northport, Pattee of Fort Fairfield, Hayden of New Sharon, and Weston of Guilford.

Communication from Samuel Cony, Treasurer of State, transmitting his Annual Report on the state of the finances for the year ending December 31, 1853, came up from the House of Representatives referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting, on the part of the House, of Messrs. Gilman of Brunswick, Eddy of Bradley, Wood of Camden, Cox of Robbinston, Swasey of Bucksport, Pierce of Kittery, and Sanborn of Readfield, with such as the Senate may join.

And the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. MUZZY,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. CLARKE announced the attendance of Alfred L. Berry, Senator elect from Lincoln, the Third Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified. Mr. Clarke was charged with the duty of conducting said Senator elect to the Governor and Council, before whom he took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties. Mr. Berry then took his seat at the Senate board.

Mr. McCOBB announced the attendance of Jacob Hazen, Senator elect from Cumberland, the Second Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified. Mr. McCobb was charged with the duty of conducting said Senator elect to the Governor and Council, before whom he took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties. Mr. Hazen then took his seat at the Senate board.

Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, from the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, for *Governor*, for the current political year, having attended to the duty assigned it, made the following Report:

The whole number of votes legally returned for Gove	rnor of
the State of Maine, for the current political year, is	eighty-
three thousand six hundred and sixty-one,	83,661
Albert Pilsbury has thirty-six thousand three hundred	
and eighty-six,	36,386
William G. Crosby has twenty-seven thousand and	•
sixty-one,	27,061
Anson P. Morrill has eleven thousand and twenty-	
seven,	11,027
Ezekiel Holmes has eight thousand nine hundred and	
ninety six,	8,996

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George W. Crosby has fifty-four,	54
Abram Sanborn has forty-five,	45
Anson G. Morrill has twenty,	20
John Goddard has ten,	10
Elijah L. Hamlin has three,	3
G. W. Crosby has two,	2
John C. Tebbetts has two,	2
And twenty-two persons have one each.	

The returns of votes from the town of Stoneham, in the county of Oxford, were rejected by the Committee, the returns not being signed by the Selectmen: otherwise the returns were found to be generally correct and in due form.

The Committee would further report, that forty-one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one votes are necessary to a choice, and that no person having that number of votes, there is no choice of Governor by the people, and that Albert Pilsbury. WILLIAM G. CROSBY, ANSON P. MORRILL and EZEKIEL HOLMES. are the constitutional candidates for Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year.

Which Report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. CLARKE.

Ordered. That Messrs, Clarke of Lincoln, McCobb of Cumberland, and Prince of Oxford, be a Committee to request of Honorable John Appleton, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, his Opinion in full, upon the questions recently submitted to the Justices of said Court, by the House; and that, as soon as said Opinion shall have been received by said Committee, they are hereby authorized to cause 1,500 copies of the same, together with the Opinion of Honorable R. D. RICE, to be printed in the same volume for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourn, it adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Ordered, That to-morrow, 11 o'clock, A. M., be assigned for the election, by ballot, of Governor, for the current political year. Adjourned.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That the Pastors of the several Churches of Augusta are hereby invited to officiate as Chaplains to the Senate during the present session.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. PERRY, its Clerk, as follows, to wit:

"Mr. President:—I am charged with a message informing the Senate that the House of Representatives has, by ballot, from the persons having the four highest numbers of votes on the lists, elected two persons, viz:

WILLIAM G. CROSBY and ANSON P. MORRILL,

and makes return of their names to the Senate, of whom this body will, by ballot, elect one, who shall be declared the Governor for the current political year."

On motion of Mr. CLARKE,

Ordered, That a Committee of three be raised to receive, sort and count the votes for Governor, and Messrs. Clarke of Lincoln, Hayes of York, and Young of Waldo, were appointed said Committee.

Which Committee, having attended to the duty assigned it, reported:

That the whole number of ballots is	31
Necessary to a choice,	16
William G. Crosby has	16
Anson P. Morrill,	14
Ansel P. Morrill,	1

And the Committee has sealed up the ballots and delivered them to the Secretary to be kept on the files of the Senate for future reference. Which Report was accepted, and William G. Crosby was declared duly elected Governor for the current political year. On motion of Mr. PRINCE.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Hon. William G. Crosby is duly and constitutionally elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year.

Mr. PRINCE was charged with that message.

On motion of Mr. STARK,

Ordered, That Messrs. Stark, Cutler and Crehore, be a Committee, with such as the House may join, to wait on the Hon. WILLIAM G. CROSBY, and inform him of his election as Governor of the State of Maine, for the current political year.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up joined in concurrence as follows, to wit: Messrs. Johnson of Belfast, Littlefield of Bridgton, Paine of Gorham, Gibson of Brownfield, Drake of Dover, Baker of Hallowell, and Stone of Kennebunkport.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourn, it adjourn till Monday next, 12 o'clock, noon.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott of Augusta.

Mr. PRINCE, who was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, on Saturday, reported that he had informed that branch, by message, that the Senate had duly and constitutionally elected Hon. William G. Crosby, Governor of the State of Maine, for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. CLARKE,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of the two Houses in the Hall of the House of Representatives, to-morrow, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of choosing seven Executive Councilors, and a Secretary of State, for the current political year; and ask the concurrence of the House.

Which message was delivered by the Secretary.

Order from the House of Representatives, That the Superintendent of the Public Buildings be allowed to grant the use of the Rotunda of the State House, for the purpose of a Military Convention and Assembly, on the afternoon and evening of the twenty-second day of February instant.

Read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

The Treasurer's Report on the state of the finances was taken up, and referred to Messrs. Cutler of Franklin, Blake of Aroostook, and West of Hancock, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. PERRY, the Clerk, as follows, to wit:

"Mr. President:—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House concurs in the proposition of the Senate to meet in joint Convention, in the Hall of the House, this day at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing seven Councilors to advise the Governor in the executive part of government for the current political year; and also to elect a Secretary of State."

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of the Senate, and Messrs. Cutler of Franklin, Stark of Kennebec, and Blake of Penobscot, were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That the Secretary procure the printing of the usual number of the Rules and Orders hereafter to be adopted, together with the documents accompanying the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives.

The hour having arrived for the proposed Convention of the two Houses for the purpose of electing Councilors and Secretary of State, the Senate repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB of the Senate,

Ordered, That a Committee of seven be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for seven Councilors to advise the Governor in the executive part of government for the current political year.

And Messrs. McCobb and Stark of the Senate; and Starr of Thomaston, Johnson of Belfast, Waterhouse of Lyman, Drake of Dover, and Thompson of Augusta, were appointed said Committee.

Which Committee, having attended to the duty required, (the return of the Convention being 178,) reported

That the whole number of votes is	174
Necessary to a choice,	88
William Buxton has	168
Thaddeus Weeks,	138
Gideon Tucker,	89
Charles A. Everett,	94
Samuel P. Shaw,	168
Horatio H. Johnson,	131
Theodore C. Woodman,	169
Oliver Dow,	81
Thomas S. Pullen,	78
John G. Knowlton,	35
John Raymond,	33
Nathaniel A. Joy,	3
Robert Elliot,	3
Charles Holden,	3
William T. Johnson,	3
Peter C. Jones,	3
John C. Flint,	2
Elbridge Gerry,	2
Jonathan M. Heath,	1
Charles Hill,	1
Aaron Quimby,	1
David S. Starrett,	1
Joseph D. Prescott,	1
James Bridges,	1

Which Report was accepted, and the seven gentlemen first named were declared duly elected Councilors to advise the Governor in the executive part of government for the current political year.

The same Committee, on motion of Mr. PRINCE of the Senate, proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of State.

Which Committee, having attended to the duty assigned it, reported:

That the whole number votes is	169
Necessary to a choice,	85
Alden Jackson has	96
Joseph Baker,	72
Gideon Tucker,	1
Blanks,	2

Which Report was accepted, and Alden Jackson was declared duly elected Secretary of State for the current political year.

And the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. STARK,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to notify William Buxton, Thaddeus Weeks, Gideon Tucker, Charles A. Everett, Samuel P. Shaw, Horatio H. Johnson and Theodore C. Woodman, that they have been duly elected Councilors to advise the Governor in the executive part of government, for the current political year, and request their immediate attendance.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That the Secretary of this board notify Alden Jackson, that he has been duly elected by a Convention of the two Houses, Secretary of State for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CHENEY of Augusta.

Resolve authorizing the county of York to procure a loan (introduced by Mr. Hayes) was read once, and referred to a Joint Select Committee consisting of the York delegation.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Ordered, That the Senate hold one session each day, until otherwise provided, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M., except on Mondays, when it shall commence at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to deliver to the Messenger of the Senate, for the use of the same, four copies of the Revised Statutes, and six copies of the laws of the State from 1845 to 1853, inclusive.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Joint Select Committee appointed to wait on the Hon. WILLIAM G. CROSBY, and inform him of his election as Governor of the State of Maine, for the current political year, made the following Report:

That said Committee had attended to the duty assigned it, and that the Governor elect was pleased to say, that although the event was unexpected, and originally not desired by him, yet the confidence expressed in him by the circumstances of his election was peculiarly gratifying to his feelings, and that he accepted the station, pledging himself to a faithful discharge of its duties, and was ready to take and subscribe the oaths of office, at such time as the two Houses might assign.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of the two Houses, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, this day, at 11

o'clock, for the purpose of administering the necessary oaths to William G. Crosby, Governor elect, to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Which message was delivered by the Secretary.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. PERRY, its Clerk, as follows, to wit:

"Mr. President:—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that that branch concurs with the Senate in the proposition for a Convention of the two Houses, this day, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of administering the necessary oaths to William G. Crosby, Governor elect, to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties."

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Hon. WILLIAM G. CROSBY, Governor elect, informing him that the two Houses of the Legislature have met in Convention, and are now ready to administer to him the constitutional oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. PRINCE was charged with said message; who, having attended to the duty assigned him, reported, that the Governor elect was pleased to say, that he would attend the Convention forthwith for the purpose intimated in the message.

Thereupon, WILLIAM G. CROSBY came in, attended by the Council, Secretary of State, Heads of Executive Departments and Attorney General, and before the President of the Senate, in presence of both Houses of the Legislature, he took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his duties as Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year.

ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., the Secretary of State, then made proclamation, as follows:

"The votes for Governor, which have been duly returned to the office of Secretary of 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 the Hon. Anson P.

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Morrill and Hon. William G. Crosby, as the constitutional candidates for that office, from which the Senate has elected the Hon. William G. Crosby; 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 the State, who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as all good citizens thereof, that WILLIAM G. CROSBY is Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Maine, and that due obedience should be rendered to all his lawful acts.

God save the State of Maine."

The Governor then addressed the two Houses of the Legislature, as follows:

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

THE people of this state have confided to you an important trust. You have accepted it, and pledged yourselves to the faithful performance of the duties it devolves upon you. What those duties are, the constitution briefly defines in conferring upon you authority to make and establish all reasonable laws and regulations for the defense and benefit of the people. The people have a right to require of you a strict adherence to the line of duty thus clearly indicated. deviation from it must lead to the assumption of authority not conferred, the exercise of functions not delegated. The welfare of the people, the destinies of the state for the time being, are entrusted to your keeping; and, viewed aright, it is a high, a sacred, a momentous trust,—one not thoughtlessly to be assumed, nor lightly to be regarded-one which should quicken every mind with a conviction of responsibility, and a steadfast resolution that the protection of the people's rights, the promotion of their interests, shall constitute the sole object of deliberation, and that nothing foreign to that object shall be permitted to occupy your time or thought as legislators.

In this brief allusion to your duties and responsibilities, I am not unmindful of those which are attached to the position which you, as representatives of the people, and in the mode provided by the constitution, have assigned to me. I assume anew those responsibilities, and enter upon the performance of those duties, looking for strength and guidance to Him who presides over the destinies of men and nations. The obligations of the oath of fidelity rest upon us alike.

Let it be our earnest effort and highest ambition to be alike faithful to duty.

You have surrounded me with constitutional advisers of my own political faith,—men in whose ability, wisdom, and honesty of purpose, I have the highest confidence. It was on your part, it is true, but a simple act of justice; yet one which demands from me an expression of gratitude which I cheerfully render, for the magnanimity which prompted it. I fully recognize the additional authority with which it invests me, and the additional responsibility it imposes. The obligation I am under to assume the one, forbids that I should shrink from the exercise of the other.

In the popular phraseology of the day, which I may be excused for employing, my administration of the financial affairs of the state, so far as I am immediately concerned, will be with a single eye to that economy which is most in harmony with the idea of a republican form of government. So far as lies in my power, the public treasury, and the public domain, shall be protected from peculation and plunder. Believing that the supreme executive of the state is in a high degree responsible for the faithful execution of the laws, in the selection of the officers charged with the performance of that duty, I shall appoint those only who are honest and capable; and I entertain the belief that I shall find the necessary number among those whose political sentiments harmonize with my own. I make this early and public declaration for the purpose of relieving others as well as myself from any unnecessary expenditure of time and effort in this direction.

Political parties are incident to every form of government in which freedom of thought and utterance are tolerated. Their existence is not to be deprecated, for in the weakness of human nature, it is to the watchful eye which each keeps upon the movements of the other, that we can look with confidence for integrity in the administration of government, and the preservation of civil and religious liberty. It is only when plunder, rather than principle, becomes the cohesive power of party, that party becomes unmitigated evil. Political parties should be, as with us they have long been, and I trust they ever may be, the exponents of principles. To abandon the one, is to renounce the other. The right of every man so to do is unquestionable: convinced of error, that right becomes a duty; a duty which should be discharged boldly, fearlessly, manfully. No paltry subterfuge should be permitted to serve as an apology-no anticipations of personal profit or aggrandizement admitted as a justification for the abandonment of party and principle. The integrity of the individual members of political parties, of the parties themselves, and of the Union, are synonymous: and each involves the destiny of the other.

Although, in the estimation of many, party is shorn of its crown and sceptre, it is not yet dethroned. Party creeds are not yet abolished. They are fully represented in your body, but I am unable to anticipate any question to come before you for consideration, which will furnish occasion for the discussion of articles of political faith, or their modes of action; or any matter, save one, which may call into exercise partisan feeling. I refer to the election of a senator to fill the vacancy existing in the representation from this state in the senate of the United States; and I must be permitted to express the hope, perhaps a futile one, that this matter may be finally disposed of at an early stage of the session, and not permitted to interfere with or retard the more important business for which you are convened. the condition of things, I am unable to discover aught which should prevent you from entering with alacrity and harmony upon the work assigned you, and from furnishing your constituents, by a diligent improvement of time, with conclusive evidence that devotion to their interests rather than the passion for place and its emoluments, is with you a controlling principle.

It is part of the duty imposed upon the chief magistrate to give to the legislature, from time to time, information of the condition of the state, and to recommend to their consideration such measures as he may deem expedient. The annual reports of the state treasurer, the land agent, the adjutant general, and the executive officers of the several state institutions, will be in due time laid before you. Those reports will furnish you with all necessary information in relation to the present condition of the finances of the state, its lands and other properties, and its institutions.

In performance of the other branch of duty adverted to, allow me to recommend to you, first of all, to legislate no more than the unquestionable wants of the people, the protection of their rights, and the promotion of their interests render absolutely necessary. The time has not yet arrived for the promulgation of the doctrine that no further legislation is needed. New combinations of circumstances, new emergencies, will of course continue to arise, as new fields of enterprise are opened, calling for the exercise of legislative power.

But it has been for some time very apparent that the demand for legislation far exceeded the necessity for it. Legislation ostensibly for the benefit of the whole people, but designed in reality to meet some case which has arisen between individuals, to say nothing of the

injustice it may occasion to one of the parties, tends materially to diminish public confidence in the wisdom and integrity of the law making power. The attempt to provide by law for every case which may by possibility arise will ever prove an idle one. It is in vain to look for perfection in human legislation. The attempt to arrive at it by amendments usually defeats its objects, or, at least, leaves it unattained. As a choice of evils I hold it to be wiser, more for the interest of the people oftentimes, to retain upon the statute book a law as it is, even although imperfect in some of its provisions, than to be perpetually laboring to amend it. It is a legal maxim that every man is presumed to know the law. Such being the rule recognized and enforced by our courts in the administration of justice, it is in justice due to every man that our laws should be as few and as free from complexity as possible.

No triffing portion of the sessions of the legislature is often consumed in what is termed special legislation; legislation directly for individuals, but presumed to be, indirectly, for the benefit of the whole people. Such legislation is incident to the business enterprise which characterizes us as a people: no exception is to be taken to it as such. But it will not be amiss for me to remind you, that in so legislating for one individual you should have a careful regard for the interests of others, and see well to it that the natural rights of every citizen, as well as those secured by the constitution, are not infringed.

There are a few subjects of general interest, to which I desire, very briefly, to direct your attention at this time, reserving as a subject for future communication others of minor importance.

The contract entered into by the commissioners appointed at the last annual session of the legislature, for the purchase of the public lands lying in this state belonging to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and ratified by the legislature at its late special session, has been perfected and the title of Massachusetts transferred to this state. The conflicting interests which, during the greater portion of our existence as an independent state, have embarrassed the management of our public lands, and in no slight degree retarded their settlement and improvement, have ceased to exist, and we are now at liberty to adopt and pursue, unembarrassed, such policy in the management and disposal of the entire public domain as may be deemed most for our interest. What the wisest policy is you are to decide, and it is a question upon which there will be found to be, probably, no little diversity of opinion.

The first installment of the debt incurred in the purchase of the Massachusetts lands will not become due until the year eighteen

hundred and sixty-three. The necessity for a forced sale of the lands purchased, therefore, does not now exist. Yet, for many reasons most obvious to every mind, immediate sales, to any amount, of lands suitable for agricultural purposes, to such as will enter upon and improve them with a view to a permanent settlement, are desirable. No readier method of augmenting the resources of the state can be devised than by adding to its population and taxable property. of land to actual settlers tend directly to this end; and that will be judicious legislation which holds out strong inducements to the young, industrious and enterprising population of our own and other states to become purchasers. How strong those inducements should be I will not undertake to decide; but it requires no great amount of arithmetical skill to arrive at the result that the acquisition of any one industrious, intelligent, enterprising citizen is worth far more to the state than the lot of land he enters upon and cultivates would be were it to remain uncultivated.

It has heretofore been regarded sound policy for the state to encourage settlements upon her lands by aiding, directly or indirectly, in the construction of roads and bridges, in relieving settlers from some of the burthens of citizenship, and granting to them certain rights and privileges. I see no reason why this policy should be abandoned. An examination of the subject may bring your minds to the conclusion that it will be for the interest of the state to offer still stronger inducements, by adopting a policy more liberal, even, than she has heretofore done in this particular.

Although the suggestion before made applies more particularly to sales of lands adapted to agricultural purposes, it is, with some qualifications, equally applicable to a portion of those usually denominated timber lands. To throw into the market at once all our timber lands, or to withdraw them entirely, would be, to my mind, alike inexpedient and injudicious. They should be carefully, not penuriously, husbanded as a fund from which the debt incurred in their purchase and management is ultimately to be paid, and at the same time employed as a means of developing and employing the enterprize and industrial efforts of our citizens. With a view to the attainment of the object last named, it seems to me that it will be just, as well as judicious, that such legislation shall be had as will enable men of limited capital, seeking a field for the investment of their labor by by practical operations, to become purchasers directly from the state. This may be accomplished by providing for the sale of sections of townships in the same mode, and upon the same terms, as entire townships may be sold; and, perhaps, by granting limited permits in

some localities, when, upon examination, it shall be deemed advantageous to the state to dispose of the timber without the soil.

There will still remain a large quantity of land well timbered, which, although not demanded by the present exigencies of the market, must be eventually, and at a much enhanced price. This territory the state will do well to retain as a safe investment, and to meet the demand which, in the natural course of business, will from time to time arise.

All sales of public lands, except such as are required for settling purposes, having been suspended by virtue of a resolve passed at the last session, the subject will very properly come before you for consideration. The act prescribing the mode of selling, passed at the last annual session, providing for sales on sealed proposals, after public notice, although imperfect in its details, comprises substantially the view I entertain of the best and safest policy to be adopted. Under such or similar enactments a fair field is opened for honorable competition among purchasers, and the possibility of favoritism excluded. Without intending to join in the popular clamor against the administration of the affairs of the land office, which has for many years prevailed, and, without intending to express any distrust of the integrity of the gentlemen who have successively had charge of it, I feel it to be due to those who may succeed them, to the general peace and harmony of all interested, to recommend to you to carefully define by legislation the duties of the land agent, and to confer upon that officer no more discretionary power than is absolutely necessary for the proper discharge of those duties. I make the recommendation not from any apprehension that any discretionary power conferred will be abused, but for the purpose of relieving the office from many embarrassments and responsibilities which render the performance of its duties unnecessarily onerous to the incumbent, and serve to arouse jealousies, and furnish an apology for imputations which should not exist against any department of government.

By reference to the map of the state it will be perceived that a large proportion of our public lands lie upon the waters of the Saint John. The products and business of that country will naturally follow the water-courses and flow to the city of Saint John. The railroad now in progress from Saint Andrews to Woodstock, thence to be continued to the Madawaska settlement, will afford a still further facility, and have an additional tendency to carry the business of the northeastern section of our state to the Province of New Brunswick. If there is any mode by which the business and trade of that region can be saved

to the state, the settlement of the Aroostook country promoted, and the value of the public lands increased, it is most assuredly for the interest of the state to adopt it. The most obvious, and, perhaps, the only mode is by furnishing facilities for transportation. session of the legislature of eighteen hundred and fifty-two an act of incorporation was granted to certain individuals for the purpose of enabling them to construct a railroad from the terminus of the Bangor and Piscataguis Canal and Railroad Company in Oldtown, to the Mattawamkeag river in Indian township. That railroad, as I learn, is already under contract as far as Lincoln, and there is good reason for believing it will soon be completed to Mattawamkeag point. the last named point it will nearly touch the public lands. It is said. although I am not prepared to youch for the correctness of the assertion, that a very favorable route can be found from that point, by following up the Mattawamkeag to the Forks, so called, and thence to Number Eleven. Such a road, if constructed, will pass through a very valuable section of the state lands, and furnish the facility desired for the transportation of the manufactured and agricultural products of that section of the state to our own markets. Should the construction of such a road be undertaken by individual enterprise, there can be no question that it will be for the pecuniary interest of the state to afford all such aid and facilities as can be afforded consistently with a due regard for the rights of the whole people. During the ten years last past, the appropriations for the construction of roads and bridges. exclusive of grants of lands for similar purposes, have exceeded sixtyfour thousand dollars. It is not to be presumed that the well established policy in this matter as indicated by the acts of successive legislatures, from the very commencement of our existence as an independent state, is now to be abandoned.

My attention has been called during the past year, to the laws upon our statute book providing for the organization, government, and discipline of the militia. Years have elapsed since it was found necessary to call into exercise the military arm of the state, and you will all unite with me in the hope that the occasion may never again occur. But neither the experience of the past nor hope for the future can justify a dereliction from duty. The obligations imposed upon the state as a member of the Union are not to be disregarded because her people feel that they derive no benefit from them, or because the observance of them is of itself irksome, or has fallen into disrepute. No such sentiment, surely, should find its way into the halls of legislation and occupy a place upon the statute book. Yet a careful comparison

of the laws of this state with those of the United States upon the subject of the militia, may convince you that this is the position which Maine now occupies.

Should you, however, be of a different opinion, I would at least invite your attention to the statute provisions relating particularly to the volunteer militia. The act of congress of April 23, 1808, provides for an annual appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of providing arms and military equipments for the whole body of the militia of the Unites States. It provides further, that all the arms procured in virtue of that act shall be transmitted to the several states and territories, in proportion to the number of the effective militia in each state and territory, to be distributed to the militia under such rules and regulations as shall by law be prescribed. this act, Maine has annually received the amount of arms and equipments apportioned to her, and has now in her arsenals, at Portland and Bangor, over twelve thousand stands of arms with the usual equipments and appendages. By the act of August 10, 1848, provision was made for their distribution to the militia. That act was repealed April 26, 1852, and since that time none have been distributed, although numerous applications therefor have been made by volunteer companies organized in the mode required by law, which constitute in fact our only effective militia.

I submit to you whether the state is not in honor and justice bound to appropriate this property to the use contemplated by the law under which she received it; whether prudential considerations do not call for its distribution, as it may be required, among the duly organized volunteer militia, to whom alone we can look for prompt and efficient aid, should occasion require, in the suppression of insurrection, the protection of persons and property from lawless outrage, and in the execution of the laws of the land; whether it is not for her pecuniary interest so to do, rather than to expend money in preserving it from deterioration, in keeping her arsenals in repair, and in the payment of salaries to the individuals employed to take charge of them.

Our constitution, recognizing the truth that a general diffusion of the advantages of education is essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people, confers authority and imposes upon the legislature the duty of requiring that suitable provision shall be made for the support and maintenance of public schools, and of encouraging and endowing from time to time, as the circumstances of the people may authorize, academies, colleges, and seminaries of learning, within the state. Laws providing for the support of public schools were among the earliest of our enactments, and a commendable degree

of liberality has been manifested by successive legislatures in the endowment of our higher seminaries of learning. The duty imposed has been, in this particular, faithfully performed. But the question has arisen from time to time, whether something further is not required, -whether the circumstances of the people do not authorize that something further should be done to give a more thorough and earnest efficiency to those seminaries of humbler pretensions, but of far higher importance to the people at large—our public schools. With this object in view, the legislature in eighteen hundred and forty-six established a board of education, and in eighteen hundred and fortyseven, teachers' institutes. Whether a subsequent legislature acted wisely in abolishing both it does not become me to decide. strong are my convictions that the substitute provided by the legislature is totally inadequate to the attainment of the object in view, that I do not hesitate to recommend the repeal of the act creating it. refer to the act establishing the office of commissioner of common schools for each county in the state, approved April 26, 1852.

I would not be understood as entertaining the opinion that there is no necessity for a general superintendence and supervision of our public schools, or that they would not derive essential benefit, directly or indirectly, from the efforts of earnest, devoted laborers in the cause of popular education. But the superintendence of skillful, competent teachers, rather than of committees or commissioners, is the great want. Supply this want, and you give an additional motive power to the mightiest engine which human ingenuity has ever devised or employed for the advancement of mental and moral freedom.

I should be happy to lay before you at this time the information contemplated by a resolve passed at the last session, having reference to the education of teachers for the common schools, but circumstances beyond my control prevent. The authority conferred by that resolve having expired by limitation, I suggest to you the expediency of passing a similar one, should nothing definite upon the subject be accomplished at the present session. From the interest heretofore manifested, and more recent indications of public sentiment, I infer that your attention will be called to this subject, and I bespeak for it your favorable consideration.

In my first official communication to the legislature, I recommended the appropriation of a sum of money sufficient to complete the agricultural and geological survey of the state, commenced some years since, but, in my estimation, prematurely suspended. I did so in the belief that the pecuniary interests of the state would be promoted thereby. The bare fact that in a large majority of the states composing the Union, similar surveys have been completed, or are now in progress, constitutes of itself alone a good reason why Maine should not be behind her sister states in the attempt to discover and develop her natural resources. But the further fact, as established by official reports, that the result of those surveys has been without exception, the discovery of sources of wealth before unknown, furnishes a still stronger reason for the prosecution of the work in this state. No reasonable doubt can be entertained that it will, sooner or later, be resumed and completed. The longer it is delayed, the longer will so much of the natural wealth of the state as would be brought to light by it, remain unproductive. A careful review of the reasons which induced me to recommend this measure to the favorable consideration of your predecessors, has strengthened my conviction of its importance, and I am constrained by a sense of duty to renew the recommendation.

The consular convention of the 23d of February last, between the United States and France, contains a stipulation on the part of the United States, that the president shall recommend to those states of the Union by whose existing laws aliens are not permitted to hold real estate, the passage of such laws as may be necessary for the purpose of conferring that right. I have to inform you that in accordance with the stipulation adverted to, the president has communicated to the executive of this state, his recommendation that if French subjects are not allowed to hold real estate in Maine, under existing laws, that right may be conferred upon them.

The embarrassments which have attended the organization of the state government at the present session, growing out of the failure on the part of the people to elect a majority of the members of one branch of the legislature, and the strong probability of a recurrence of the same state of affairs, cannot fail to suggest to you, and the people of the state at large, the expediency, if not the necessity, of some change in our constitution. I recommend to you the adoption of the preliminary measures necessary to effect such a change.

I congratulate you, gentlemen, and our fellow-citizens at large, upon the present highly prosperous condition of our state in its various interests. The conviction which cannot fail to exist in every observing mind, that this prosperity is not merely fortuitous, temporary, the effect of some extraneous cause liable at any moment to be removed, but rather the legitimate consequence of enterprise wisely directed and labor judiciously employed, renders it still more a proper subject for congratulation.

So far as it is within our power, by legislative action, to encourage industrial effort, whether by developing the resources of the state, thereby opening new fields for enterprise, or by furnishing additional

facilities and inducements for the investment of capital, it is our duty so to do. I look to prosperity at home as the means of staying the tide of emigration which has been setting so strongly to the west, and of calling back many of our young and vigorous population, now seeking employment and a competence abroad. No measure which will tend to produce results so desirable should be left untried.

I congratulate you, also, as citizens of the republic, upon our present prosperous condition as a nation. Maintaining, as I trust we ever may, amicable relations with all the civilized nations of the earth, in the full enjoyment of all the blessings and privileges incident to a popular form of government, we are gradually fulfilling the mission assigned to us. That there are dangers in our pathway is not to be disguised. Some, perhaps, which human foresight fails to discover, and which human legislation cannot avert. Others against which our only safeguard is to be found in the maintenance of national and individual integrity, in a judicious economy, and an unwavering and incorruptible patriotism. The people look to those occupying places of honor and trust for an exemplification of these traits of character in their public and private action, not only as a recognition of their obligations to the people, in return for the confidence reposed in them, but as a guarantee that that confidence will not be betrayed. There is a power mightier, for good or evil, than any law the legislature can enact, or the executive enforce—the power of example. Emanating alike from the most exalted and the lowliest station,-from the mightiest nation and the humblest individual,—it may operate as an incentive to noble action, or furnish an apology for groveling crime. No act of legislation can exalt the standard of patriotism or integrity, or arrest the rushing flood of extravagance which too often follows in the wake of prosperity; but by a rigid adherence to the rule of right, -by a self-sacrificing devotion of their time and talents to the advancement of the public welfare,-by an economical administration of their own affairs and those of the state and nation,-legislators may furnish an example, the influence of which will be felt through all classes and conditions of society. Guided by the light of this truth, you cannot deviate from the path of duty.

In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to tender to you the assurance of my cheerful co-operation in the measures you may originate for the promotion of the public welfare, and to express the hope that the results of your various deliberations may be such as will reflect honor upon yourselves and the state.

The Governor and his attendants then withdrew and the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

Communications were received from WILLIAM BUXTON, THAD-DEUS WEEKS, SAMUEL P. SHAW, and HORATIO H. JOHNSON, Councilors elect, signifying their acceptance and readiness to take and subscribe the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. CARLETON of Whitefield, proposing a Convention of the two Houses in the Hall of the House of Representatives, forthwith, for the purpose of qualifying Councilors elect.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER.

The Senate concurred in said proposition, of which the Secretary informed the House by message.

IN CONVENTION.

The two Houses having met in Convention, for the purpose of qualifying Councilors elect,

On motion of Mr. CARLETON of Whitefield,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to inform the Councilors elect, that the two Houses have now met in Convention, for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon their official duties. The Secretary subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and that the Councilors elect would attend the Convention, forthwith, for the purpose of being qualified.

Thereupon, the Honorable William Buxton, Thaddeus Weeks, Samuel P. Shaw, and Horatio H. Johnson, Councilors elect, came in, and before the President of the Senate, in presence of the two Houses of the Legislature, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution, to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties. The Councilors then withdrew and the Convention was dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That the Secretary procure the printing of 2,000 copies of the Governor's Address, for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the Report of the State Treasurer, made the following Report:

That the Committee have made a careful examination of the books and vouchers of the Treasurer aforesaid, and that his Report of the receipts and disbursements of his office is correct in all its particulars.

They also find the amount of money available to the Treasury correctly stated and safely deposited.

Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

Petition of the County Commissioners of Washington county, praying that the Treasurer of said county be authorized to obtain a loan.

Read and referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of the delegation of Washington county.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAYES, from the Joint Select Committee, consisting of the delegation of York county, to which was referred

Resolve authorizing the county of York to procure a loan, reported that the same ought to pass, and said Resolve was read once, and on motion of Mr. HAYES, was laid upon the table.

Mr. McCOBB submitted the following Resolve, to wit:

STATE OF MAINE.

Whereas, some Senators have expressed doubts about the constitutionality of the present organization of the Senate, therefore,

Resolved, That the existing officers of this body be and remain the permanent officers of the same.

And the question of passing said Resolve, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Crehore, Cutler, Davis, Drisko, Farwell, Gould, Harriman, Hayes, Hazen, Hubbard, McCobb, McIntire, Robinson, Stark, Torsey and Whidden, (Mr. Moore not voting)—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, Muzzy, Prince, Ruggles, Spofford, Vinton and West—11.

Mr. CLARKE, by leave of the Senate, laid on the table the following Resolve, to wit:

STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate, February 9, 1854.

Resolved, That on Friday, the tenth day of February instant, at 12 o'clock, noon, both branches of the Legislature will proceed to ballot for a Senator to fill the vacancy now existing in the Senate of the United States, from this State, and to be elected for the term of six years from and after the third day of March, 1853; and if any person shall be elected in either House, the result shall be communicated to the other by message. And if the Senate and House of Representatives shall elect the same person, such person shall be considered as elected by the Legislature to be Senator as aforesaid; and the fact shall be communicated to the Governor by message from each House.

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

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Concurred.

On motion of Mr. WHIDDEN,

Ordered, That the Secretary make up on the Pay Roll to THOMAS N. AYER, Messenger, for 70 miles travel, and the usual pay to and including to-morrow, with four days additional for preparing the Senate Chamber.

Also, to Peter A. Dalton, for 80 miles travel and pay to and including to-morrow, with two days additional for assisting to prepare the Senate Chamber.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

FRIDAY, February 10, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dalton of Augusta.

The President announced the following Standing Committees of the Senate, to wit:

On Bills in the Second Reading.

Messrs. Vinton.

Cutler.

Robinson,

Newell Blake.

Harriman.

Davis,

Clarke,

William Lowell,

West,

Hubbard.

Tucker,

Crehore.

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Muzzy,

Stark,

Prince,

Hayes,

McCobb,

Whidden,

Young,

Farwell,

Berry,

Drisko,

Gould,

Torsey.

The following Joint Standing Committees, appointed on the part of the Senate, and sent down for concurrence, came up joined, as follows, to wit:

On the Judiciary.

SENATE.

Messrs. Cutler, Hayes, Stark.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Abbott of Norridgewock,
Littlefield of Bridgton,
Johnson of Belfast,
Morrill of Augusta,
Ingersoll of Bangor,
Hilliard of Oldtown,
Carleton of Whitefield.

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

SENATE.

Messrs. McCobb, Prince, Clark.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Kendall of Bath,
Swasey of Bucksport,
Hubbard of Hiram,
Paine of Gorham,
Sanborn of Readfield,
Pierce of Kittery,
Fuller of Pittston.

On Education.

SENATE.

Messrs. Torsey,
McCobb,
Spofford.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Baker of Hallowell,
Dunnell of Hebron,
Knowlton of Liberty,
Abbott of Norridgewock,
Morrill of Augusta,
Gilman of Brunswick,
Trott of Woolwich.

On Banks and Banking.

SENATE.

Messrs. Stark,
Farwell,
Robinson.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Johnson of Belfast,
Bradbury of Standish,
Chase of Portland,
Harriman of Waterville,
Blanchard of Yarmouth,
Emery of Lebanon,
Burpee of Rockland.

On Incorporation of Towns.

SENATE.

Messrs. Clarke,
Vinton,
Nathaniel Blake.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Bisbee of Sumner,
Merrill of Vassalborough,
Legrow of Windham,
Foss of Weston,
Whipple of Solon,
Davis of Newfield,
Day of Milo.

On Division of Towns.

SENATE.

Messrs. Gould,
William Lowell,
Hubbard.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Bliss of Pownal,

Spalding of South Thomaston,
Hall of Jonesborough,
Bowler of Palermo,
Libbey of Bradford,
Hopkins of Trenton,
Brown of Monmouth.

On Division of Counties.

SENATE.

Messrs. Whidden,
Robinson,
Newell Blake.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Wood of Camden,
Waterhouse of Lyman,
Foster of East Machias,
Hayden of New Sharon,
Snow of Bloomfield,
Walker of Hampden,
Fernald of Castine.

On State Lands and State Roads.

SENATE.

Messrs. Robinson,
Whidden,
Nathaniel Blake.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Hill of Bangor,
Smith of Mattawamkeag,
Erskine of Bristol,
Ireland of St. Albans,
Pattee of Fort Fairfield,
Sanborn of Baldwin,
Drummond of Winslow.

On Indian Affairs.

SENATE.

Messrs. Newell Blake, Harriman, Vinton.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Adams of Cherryfield,
Robinson of Corinna,
Foster of Cooper,
Brown of Monmouth,
Smith of Glenburn,
Taft of Gouldsborough,
Pitcher of Northport.

On Agriculture.

SENATE.

Messrs. Prince,
Gould,
James Lowell.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Sawyer of Raymond,
Hayden of New Sharon,
Hancock of Otisfield,
Wing of Levant,
Gibson of Hiram,
Arnold of Searsmont,
Hubbard of Fayette.

On Fisheries.

SENATE.

Messrs. Ruggles, West, Crehore.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Fulton of Bowdoinham,
Turner of Cutler,
Keene of Bremen,
Smith of Deer Isle,
Tibbets of Brooklin,
Newman of Tremont,
Worster of North Haven.

On Manufactures.

SENATE.

Messrs. Young,
Muzzy,
Tucker.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Morton of Buxton,
Hodsdon of New Portland,
Dodge of Burnham,
Curtis of Surry,
Patch of Greenwood,
Dingley of Casco,
Chadbourn of Alfred.

On Railroads and Bridges.

SENATE.

Messrs. Hayes, Farwell, Davis.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Wood of Portland,
Smith of Mattawamkeag,
Kendall of Bath,
McGilvery of Searsport,
Lane of Leeds,
Hill of Bangor,
Gunnison of Eastport.

On Interior Waters.

SENATE.

Messrs. Drisko, Crehore, West.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Cushing of Frankfort,
Libbey of Westbrook,
Berry of Gardiner,
Butler of Farmington,
Nelson of Alna,
Eddy of Bradley,
Bliss of Pownal.

On Accounts.

SENATE.

Messrs. Hazen,
Nathaniel Blake,
Drisko.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Rogers of No. 11, R. 5,
Leighton of Columbia,
Hunt of Benton,
Baker of Orrington,
Greene of Newport,
Connor of Pittsfield,
Hanscom of South Berwick.

On Claims.

SENATE.

Messrs. Davis,
James Lowell,
Young.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Drake of Dover,
Hodsdon of New Portland,
Patten of Monroe,
Bolster of Peru,
Haines of Passadumkeag,
Briggs of Parkman,
Ham of Shapleigh.

On the Militia.

SENATE.

Messrs. Berry,
Whidden,
McIntire.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Ingersoll of Bangor,
Littlefield of Auburn,
Starr of Thomaston,
Porter of North Yarmouth,
Felker of Starks,
French of Corinth,
Bangs of Limerick.

On Military Pensions.

SENATE.

Messrs. Hubbard,
McIntire,
William Lowell.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Hatch of Wells,
Parker of Jay,
Frost of Bethel,
Clary of Windsor,
Muzzy of Carroll,
Wilson of Bowdoin,
Russell of Avon.

On Insane Hospital.

SENATE.

Messrs. Harriman, Clarke, Muzzy.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Wells of Freeport,
Millet of Lewiston,
Wing of Sidney,
Thompson of Augusta,
Hackett of Waldo,
Welch of Biddeford,
Whitney of Newburg.

On State Prison.

SENATE.

Messrs. Farwell,
Berry,
Vinton.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Burpee of Rockland,
Starr of Thomaston,
Moody of Falmouth,
Bowdoin of York,
Harriman of Waldoborough,
Hobart of Edmunds,
O'Brien of Warren.

On Public Buildings.

SENATE.

Messrs. Crehore, Tucker, Ruggles.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Chase of Portland,
Holt of Exeter,
Cutter of Saco,
Bridgham of Poland,
McKenney of Wiscasset,
Weston of Guilford,
Seavey of Limington.

On the Library.

SENATE.

Messrs. Spofford, Vinton, Hayes.

HOUSE.

Messrs. Dunnell of Hebron,
Jordan of Ellsworth,
Stone of Kennebunkport,
Hilliard of Oldtown,
Woodbury of Litchfield,
Harlow of Canton,
Gibson of Brownfield.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to take from the files, a Bill entitled "An Act to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes;" and that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill to incorporate the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, (laid upon the table by Mr. HAYES;)

Bill to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, (taken from the files of the last Legislature on motion of Mr. CUT-LER)—Severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Portland Gas Light Company, praying for increase of capital stock—Read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Benjamin Manter and others, praying for a bank at North Anson;

Petition of Daniel Cleaves and others, Directors of York Bank, praying for increase of capital stock of said bank;

Petition of Daniel Nason and others, of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport, praying for the incorporation of the Marine Bank—Severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen and Town Clerk of the town of Greenville, praying that the doings of said town at their annual town meeting held on the 11th day of April, 1853, may be legalized—Read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of James S. Holmes and others, praying for alteration of the charter of the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company—Read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of William H. Britton and others, praying for a bank to be located at Bangor—Read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the Mayor of the city of Bangor, praying for leave to loan the credit of the city in aid of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad Company;

Petition of Samuel F. Hersey and others of Bangor, praying for leave to loan the credit of the city to aid in the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad, from Milford to Mattawamkeag point;

Petition of E. G. Woodman and others, praying for an act incorporating the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company;

Petition of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad Company, praying that the city of Bangor may have leave to loan the credit of the same to aid in the completion of said Railroad—Severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of George Downes and others, praying that the city of Calais may be authorized to loan her credit, to aid in the construction of the Lewy's Island Railroad, came up from the House referred to a Joint Select Committee.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, nonconcurred the House in its reference, and referred the same to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. CLARKE,

Ordered, That Messrs. Clarke of Lincoln, McCobb of Cumberland, and Crehore of Waldo, be a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for United States Senator.

The hour of 12 o'clock, noon, having arrived, being the hour assigned by the Senate to ballot for United States Senator, the said Committee proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes, (the return of the Senate being 31,) and reported

That the whole number	of ballots is	31
Necessary for a choice,		16
William Pitt Fessenden	has	16
Lot M. Morrill,	и	12
John Hubbard.	"	3

And said Committee further reported, that they had sealed the ballots in a package, and deposited the same with the Secretary of this body for future reference.

Which Report was accepted, and WILLIAM PITT FESSENDEN was declared duly elected Senator, to fill the vacancy now existing in the Senate of the United States from this State, for the term of six years from and after the third day of March, 1853.

Of which election, the Secretary informed the House of Representatives, and also the Governor and Council, by message.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. PERRY, the Clerk, as follows:

"Mr. President—The House of Representatives has, on its part, elected William Pitt Fessenden, Senator, to fill the vacancy now existing in the Senate of the United States from this State, for the term of six years from and after the third day of March, 1853."

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess of Augusta.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. HILL of Bangor, as follows:

"Mr. President:—The House of Representatives proposes a Convention of the two Houses in the Hall of the House of Representatives, forthwith, for the purpose of qualifying Gideon Tucker and Theodore C. Woodman, Councilors elect."

The Senate concurred in said proposition, of which the Secretary informed the House by message.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That a message be sent to GIDEON TUCKER and THEODORE C. WOODMAN, Councilors elect, informing them that the two Houses of the Legislature are now assembled in Convention for the purpose of administering to them the necessary oaths to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Secretary of the Convention was charged with the message; and subsequently reported that he had delivered said message to the Councilors elect, who were pleased to say, that they would attend on the Convention, forthwith, for the purpose for which it was formed.

And thereupon, Gideon Tucker and Theodore C. Woodman, Councilors elect, came in, attended by the Secretary of State, and, before the President of the Senate, in presence of the two Houses of the Legislature, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties. The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

Petition of the city of Portland praying that authority may be granted to the County Commissioners of Cumberland County to lay out a public highway across Fore river, from Portland to Cape Elizabeth, on the line of Vaughan's bridge; Petition of Charles Barrett and 646 others for the same;

Petition of Gilbert L. Palmer and others of the town of Athens, in aid of the petition of James Moore, praying for right of steam navigation in the upper waters of the Sebasticook and Moose Pond;

Remonstrance of James M. Blaisdell and others against the petition of Augustus B. Perry, President of the Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Corporation, praying for an extension of three years to complete said Bridge;

Remonstrance of George W. Cotton and others for same;

Remonstrance of John F. Scammon and others for same—Severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Abner Oaks and others, praying for incorporation of the Maine Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company—Read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of E. G. Dunn and others, for an appropriation on the Presque Isle Road;

Petition of James Brophy and others of North Haven, praying for the repeal of the act of 1850, authorizing the erection of gates across the highways in that town—Severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the Penobscot Boom Corporation, for An act establishing and regulating the rate of tolls—Read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve authorizing the county of Washington to procure a loan, (reported by Mr. WHIDDEN, from the Joint Select Committee, consisting of the delegation of Washington, on petition of the County Commissioners of Washington)—Read once, and Monday next, 11 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott. There not being a quorum present, On motion of Mr. FARWELL, The Senate adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB.

On motion of Mr. STARK,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council, informing them that Theodore C. Woodman and Gideon Tucker, Councilors elect, have taken and subscribed the necessary oaths to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Which message was delivered by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to prepare a list of the members of the Senate, arranged according to the number of seats, designating their residences and boarding places; and that four hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of the Senate; and one copy of said list be bound with the Rules and Orders hereafter to be adopted.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That the petition of William Black, with the Report and other papers in the case, be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

And pursuant to said order, the Resolve in favor of William Black (the petition not on file) was taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a Resolve providing for a change of the Constitution, so as to make the office of Sheriff, Judge of Probate, and Register of Probate, elective by the people.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Ordered, by the House of Representative, (the Senate concurring,) that the Joint Rules and Orders adopted by this Legislature be amended, by providing for the appointment of a new Joint Standing Committee, to be entitled the Committee on the State Reform School.

Read and passed in coucurrence.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the expediency of an amendment to the Constitution of the State; and so much as relates to the granting to aliens the right to hold real estate in this State, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

That so much as relates to the sale, settlement and management of the public lands, and the granting permits, and the construction of State roads on the same, be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

And so much as relates to granting aid for the extension of Railroads toward Aroostook county, be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Railroads and Bridges;

That so much as relates to military affairs be referred to the Committee on the Militia;

That so much as refers to laws providing for the support, maintenance and encouragement of Public Schools, Academies, Colleges, and Seminaries of Learning, be referred to the Committee on Education;

And so much as relates to an Agricultural and Geological Survey of the State, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting, on the part of the Senate, of Messrs. Muzzy, Torsey and Clarke, with such as the House may join.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

And Messrs. Sawyer of Raymond, Smith of Mattawamkeag, Baker of Hallowell, Hill of Bangor, Gibson of Brownfield, Pattee of Fort Fairfield, and Hobart of Edmunds, were joined on the part of the House.

Mr. McCOBB of Cumberland, was appointed on the Committee on Banks and Banking, in lieu of Mr. ROBINSON, who was excused from serving on said Committee, agreeably to his own request.

Petition of George Downes and others, praying for charter to build Railroad from Baring to Lewy's Island—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Levi Emery, Jr., and others, praying for a Bank at Bloomfield, to be called Bloomfield Bank—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Leonard Andrews and others;

- of Stephen Everett and others;
- of David W. Foss and others;
- " of James A. Graham and others;
- " of Josiah Libby and others;
- " of Charles Morgan and others;
- " of M. M. Morse and others;
- " of Charles Murch and others;
- " of James Sawyer and others;
- " of J. S. Scamman and others;
- " of William Smith and others:
- " of J. H. Tarbox and others;

severally praying for the removal of the courts, county offices, and county institutions from Alfred to Saco, or Biddeford;

Petition of E. E. Gates and another, to be remunerated for time and money expended in the arrest of a criminal—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of John Dudley and others, inhabitants of Waite plantation, for remuneration for timber hauled from reserved lands;

Petition of S. K. Smith, that the Land Agent be authorized to convey lot number twelve to the heirs of Daniel D. Smith;

Petition of Samuel Leavitt for remuneration for services rendered upon a State Road;

Resolve in aid of road from Barnard to head of Chesuncook Lake, (laid upon the table by Mr. ROBINSON)—severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Remonstrance of the inhabitants of Monroe Gore, against being annexed to the town of Weston—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

A communication was received from Honorable John Appleton, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, transmitting his Opinion in full, upon the questions recently submitted to the Justices of said court by the House of Representatives.

Resolve authorizing the county of Washington to procure a loan, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheney.

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws relating to married women, as to secure to them their wages for personal labor and services, exempt from the debts and contracts, and claims of their husbands.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. VINTON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what amendments, if any, are necessary in the Act approved March 29, 1853, entitled "An Act prescribing the times when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation," and report thereon, as soon as may be, by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the incorporation of "Mutual Loan and Saving Associations and Building Societies," by a law similar to the act of 1847—"To authorize the incorporation of Charitable and Benevolent Societies."

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order, from the House of Representatives, (accompanied by a communication from Hon. Ether Shepley, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court,) instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of so amending the statute of 1852, chapter 246, that capital cases may be tried by one Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Susanna S. Low of Bath, praying for a divorce; Petition of Daniel Kelley and others, pew holders in the First Congregational Society in Eastport, for a law to enable them to take down and reconstruct their meetinghouse in said town;

Petition of Daniel Kilby and others, for same;

Petition of the inhabitants of the town of Washington, praying that the doings of their town meeting, held in said town April, 1851, may be made valid;

Petition of John A. Pettingill, for repeal of certain acts relating to the charter of the city of Augusta;

Petition of Assessors of Matinicus Plantation and Selectmen of Thomaston, for change of the law in regard to election returns in that representative district;

Petition of the Selectmen of Patten, to authorize the Trustees of the Ministerial and School Fund to release, in part, the payment of a note given for land sold by them;

Bill relating to School Districts—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Robert P. Dunlap and others;

- " of J. Williamson and others;
- " of J. R. Batchelder and others;
- " of J. T. Champlin and others; severally praying for aid for the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute—severally read and referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Edward Swan and others, for power to increase the capital stock of Cobbossee Contee Bank at Gardiner;

Petition of Samuel Pilsbury and others, for the charter of a bank to be called the City Bank of Rockland;

Petition of A. Hayford and others, for the charter of a bank to be called the Coasters' Bank;

Petition of the Directors of Ellsworth Bank;

Petition of the President and Directors of the Eastern Bank, Bangor;

Petition of the President and Directors of Traders' Bank of Bangor;

Petition of James Dunning, President of the Farmers' Bank; Petition of A. H. Kimball, President of Rockland Bank; severally praying for increase of capital;

Petition of M. E. Rice and others, for a charter for a bank by the name of Market Bank;

Petition of A. C. Spaulding and others, for a bank in Rockland, to be called South Bank;

Petition of Stephen N. Hatch and others, for a bank in Rockland, to be called North Bank—severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Mrs. Susan Padelford and others, ladies of Eddington, to be incorporated by the name of the "East Eddington Ladies' Sewing Circle";

Petition of Lysander Cutler and others, for increase of capital stock of the Dexter Company;

Petition of George W. Lewis and another, for the privilege of watering shipping in the harbor of Eastport—severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of William Butterfield and others, for the annexation of the Monroe Gore to the town of Weston—read and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of James Lenfist and others, to be set off from Palermo and be annexed to Washington;

Petition of John Hubbard and others, that certain lands may be set off from the town of Kennebec and be annexed to Hallowell;

Petition of Edward Nason and others, to be set off from Orneville and be annexed to Atkinson;

Petition of Zenas Fogler, to be set off from Bremen to Bristol;

Petition of William Pike and another, to be set off from Waterborough to Shapleigh;

Petition of Isaac Brown and others, of South Thomaston, to be set off to Thomaston;

Remonstrance of the inhabitants of Kennebec, against a division of that town, as prayed for by the Selectmen of Read-

field—severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of George L. Ward and others;

- " of Reuel Washburn and others;
- " of Henry Tallman and others;

severally praying for a new County—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Nelson and others, for land under the Treaty of Washington;

Petition of James Stickney, for lot of land claimed under the Treaty of Washington;

Petition of Thomas S. Roberts, for remuneration for expenses in making improvements upon a lot of land granted to him—severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of the Governor, Captains and principal men of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, against dividing the funds of said tribe—read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Petition of J. K. Killsa, for compensation for services rendered to a member of the Legislature in 1849—read and referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Sewall B. Swasey and others, for authority to widen the draw in the bridge leading from Bucksport to Orphan Island;

Petition of John Cameron and others, for a charter for a toll bridge across tide waters, between Boothbay and Southport;

Petition of Elijah L. Hamlin and others, for charter for Railroad from Mattawamkeag Point to the Aroostook River, to be called the Aroostook Railroad Company;

Petition of William Small and others, in aid of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Joshua Waterhouse and others, for the freedom of the navigable tide waters of the Georges River;

Petition of John Winn and others, to be incorporated by the name of the West Branch Dam Company;

Petition of William H. McCrillis and others, for a toll upon logs passing the dams on the Grand Falls, on the Passadumkeag River;

Petition of Ephraim K. Paulk and others, for charter to erect a dam on the East Branch of Mattawamkeag River;

Petition of William Brown and others, for an incorporation to be called the "Machias Log Driving Company";

Petition of James W. Moore and others, for authority to prevent obstructions in the Narraguagus River;

Petition of George W. Pickering, Mayor of Bangor, for an act further determining how far wharves, piers, &c., may be extended into the Penobscot River, within said city;

Petition of Nehemiah Kimball and others, for an act for the preservation of trout, in Rangely Lake;

Petition of Waldo T. Pierce and others, to be incorporated into a company by the name of the Baskahegan Inlet Company;

Petition of Daniel Moore and others, to be incorporated by the name of the Ticonic Boom Company;

Petition of Job Spear and others, to be incorporated for protecting the growth of oysters in the bed of Georges River;

Petition of Enoch Baldwin, for authority to extend his wharf in tide waters in the town of Eastport;

Remonstrance of D. M. Howard & Co., and others, against the petition of W. H. Smith and others, for a charter for a Log Driving Company from Eagle Lake to Penobscot Boom;

Remonstrance of William Singer and others, inhabitants of Thomaston, against the petition of Joshua Patterson and others, for free navigation of Georges River—severally read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of John D. Lang, for an act of incorporation as the Trustees of "Oak Grove School"—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the President, Directors & Co., of the Casco Bank;

Petition of the Cashier of Merchants' Bank, for increase of capital;

Bill to authorize the incorporation of Mutual Loan and Savings Association and Building Societies;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank—severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Kennebec Woolen Mills Company, for change of name—read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Remonstrance of Samuel Veazie, against the petition of John A. Peters, Clerk of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad Company, for amendment of charter—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to amend An Act prescribing the time when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation, (laid upon the table by Mr. HAYES,)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolves in favor of Free Institutions in Nebraska Territory, (introduced in the House of Representatives,) came up referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting, on the part of the House, of Messrs. Abbott of Norridgewock, Baker of Hallowell, Littlefield of Bridgton, Swasey of Bucksport, Knowlton of Liberty, Carleton of Whitefield, and Harlow of Canton, with such as the Senate may join—read and referred in concurrence; and Messrs. Hayes, Stark and McCobb were joined on the part of the Senate.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by its CLERK, as follows:

"Mr. President—The House of Representatives proposes a Convention of the two Houses in the Hall of the House of

Representatives, to-morrow, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing State Treasurer, and asks the concurrence of the Senate."

The Senate concurred in said proposition; of which the Secretary informed the House of Representatives by message.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE of Aroostook,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be directed to examine into any unfinished business under "Resolve in relation to certain debts due the State," approved April 24, 1852, and report thereon, by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether the Acts for the relief of Poor Debtors may be amended, so as to provide for further relief of Poor Debtors, without impairing the just rights of creditors; and especially, whether propriety and humanity do not demand that women be exempted from arrest and imprisonment for debt.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws for the relief of Poor Debtors, so that the examinations of such debtors may be had before any disinterested Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum for the county in which such examinations are had.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STARK,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to consider the expediency of reporting that it is inexpedient for this Legislature to grant any divorce from the marriage contract.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SPOFFORD,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of making additional appropriations of the Public Lands of the State, for the increase of the permanent School Fund for the benefit of Primary Schools.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That the papers relating to the application of Abner B. Thompson, be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the Act of 1852, establishing County School Commissioners, and reinstating the Board of Education and Teachers' Institutes.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Adjutant General's Report, on motion of Mr. YOUNG, was taken up and referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that Selectmen of Towns, Assessors of Plantations, and Aldermen of Cities, shall designate in their warrants calling meetings for the choice of State and County Officers, Members of Congress, and Electors of President and Vice President, the hour at which the polls will be closed at such meetings; and that in no case shall the polls be kept open after six o'clock in the afternoon.

And also to inquire if any further legislation is necessary to authorize towns to adjourn or prohibit them from adjourning, from time to time, and from place to place, during the days of said meeting.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Reports of the School Commissioners for the several Counties,

made to the Legislature in the Spring of 1853, to be taken from the files of the Secretary of State, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Read and passed in concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the Reports of the Bank Commissioners, and of the Trustees, Steward and Superintendent of the Insane Hospital.

And the Report of the Bank Commissioners, on motion of Mr. PRINCE, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking;

And the Report on the Insane Hospital to the Committee on the Insane Hospital.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Abner B. Thompson, (taken from the files of the Senate,) praying for remuneration for balance of pay while acting as Quartermaster General in the Aroostook War—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Ezekiel Holmes and others, for aid for the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of David Brown and others, of Biddeford and Hollis;

- " of Thomas Day and others, of same;
- " of Lincoln Waterhouse and others, of same;
- " of John Whitehouse and others, of same;

praying that a new town be formed from the said towns of Biddeford and Hollis—severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of the Assessors of Waite Plantation for payment of money expended under a resolve of the Legislature, approved July 23, 1849—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of the President and Directors of Skowhegan Bank, for increase of capital;

Petition of John Hubbard and others, for a bank at Hallowell—severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill additional to "An Act to provide for the Education of Youth, (laid upon the table by Mr. PRINCE)—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Knott Crockett and others, for charter to build a wharf into tide waters in Rockland, came up from the House of Representatives referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The Senate nonconcurred the House in its reference, and referred said petition to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Charles Holmes and others, for incorporation of Maine Railway Company at Rockland, came up from the House of Representatives referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. The Senate nonconcurred the House in its reference, and referred the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of James Eddy and others, for charter for a line of Electric Telegraph from Bangor to Castine;

Petition of L. Marsh and others, for same, from Bangor to Houlton—severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of President, Directors and Co. of Atlantic Bank;

- " of President, Directors and Co. of Belfast Bank;
- " of President, Directors and Co. of Calais Bank;
- " of President, Directors and Co. of Richmond Bank; severally praying for increase of capital stock;

Petition of Hiram O. Alden and others, for a Bank of Commerce at Belfast;

Petition of George A. Frost and others, for a bank at Sanford;

Petition of Manufacturers and Traders' Bank of Portland, for extension of time to pay in capital stock;

Petition of William R. Smith and others, for a bank at Augusta—severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Carter and others, praying for an act to prevent the hunting of deer on Long Island in Bluehill;

Petition of James M. Lincoln and others of the town of Pembroke, for an act to allow them to levy a tax on dogs;

Petition of the Selectmen of the town of New Vineyard that certain acts of said town may be made valid;

Petition of Betsey Waugh for a divorce;

Petition of Abner B. Thompson, for balance of pay as Quarter-master General—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of George R. Daggett and others, in aid of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Orneville, to be set off from said town to Atkinson—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of A. C. Robbins and others, for a new County—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of John S. Tenney and others;

- " of J. L. Blake and others;
- " of F. H. Morse and others;
- " of Trustees of Maine Wesleyan Seminary;

praying for aid for said Seminary and the Female Collegiate Institute—severally read and referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of N. A. Farwell and another, for charter to build a wharf into tide waters in Rockland;

Petition of inhabitants of Lubec, for a repeal of an Act authorizing John O'Donald to build a fish wier, passed March 6, 1853—severally read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of Sanford Noble, for remuneration claimed under a Resolve passed July 3, 1847;

Petition of William Cowperthwait, for same;

Petition of S. E. Benjamin and others, for appropriation on Aroostook Road, in township No. 3, R. 5—severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of George Brackett and others;

- " of Ebenezer Cobb and others;
- " of David Dunn and others;
- " of Elijah Hackett and others;
- " of Ezra Tobie and others;
- " of Otis Sawyer and others;

to be incorporated into a Company to be called the "Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company";

Petition of John Prior and others, of the town of Kittery, for a charter for a Bridge from Sevey's Island, over tide waters, to Navy Yard Island;

Petition of Simeon Allen and athers, of the town of Brooksville, for authority to erect a Bridge across Davis Narrows;

Petition of Joseph Givens and others, for charter to build a Bridge between the towns of Brunswick and West Bath;

Petition of Samuel Moody, Agent of Lewiston and Topsham Railroad Company, for change of location;

Petition of Rufus Burnham and others, for charter for Railroad from the eastern terminus of the Vassalborough and China Railroad to Bangor;

Petition of Jonathan Pulcifer and others of the town of Poland, for charter for a Railroad to be called the "Maine Central and Quebec Railroad—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of town of Waterville, for allowance of bill for the support of a State pauper—read and referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

A communication was received from Charles A. Everett, Councilor elect, signifying his acceptance of the trust, and his readiness to take and subscribe the oaths required by the Constitution.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. HILL of Bangor, proposing a Convention of the two Houses of the Legislature, in the Hall of the Representatives, this day, at five minutes before eleven o'clock, for the purpose of administering to Hon. Charles A. Everett, Councilor elect, the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties; and asking the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate concurred in said proposition, of which the Secretary informed the House by message.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HILL of Bangor,

Ordered, That a message be sent to Hon. CHARLES A. EVER-ETT, Councilor elect, informing him that the two Houses of the Legislature are now assembled in Convention for the purpose of administering to him the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Which message was delivered by the Secretary of the Convention—who subsequently reported, that the Councilor elect was pleased to say, that he would attend, forthwith, for the purpose for which the Convention was formed.

Thereupon Hon. CHARLES A. EVERETT, Councilor elect, came in, and before the President of the Senate, in presence of the two Houses of the Legislature, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

And the business for which the two Houses met, having been accomplished, the Convention dissolved.

And the hour having arrived, designated by a concurrent vote of the two Houses of the Legislature, to meet for the purpose

of electing a Treasurer of State, (the Convention not having separated,)

On motion of Mr. VINTON of Cumberland, of the Senate,

Ordered, That a Committee of seven be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for a Treasurer of State.

And Messrs. Vinton of Cumberland and Robinson of Piscataquis, of the Senate, and Messrs. Morrill of Augusta, Hilliard of Oldtown, Burpee of Rockland, Hanscom of South Berwick, and Foster of East Machias, were appointed to attend to that service.

Which Committee, having attended to the duty assigned them, (the return of the Convention being 137,) reported

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That the whole number of votes is		133
Necessary for a choice,		67
Washington Wilcox has		64
Samuel Cony,		64
William Caldwell,		2
Joseph Eaton,		1
Ebenezer Knowlton,		. 1
Washington,		1

No person having a majority of all the votes cast, the same Committee proceeded again to receive, sort and count the votes, (the return of the Convention being 137,) and reported

That the whole number of votes is	133
Necessary for a choice,	67
Washington Wilcox has	67
Samuel Cony,	65
Washington,	1

Which Report was read and accepted; and Washington Wilcox was declared duly elected Treasurer of State for the current political year.

And the business for which the two Houses met, having been accomplished, the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. VINTON,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to notify Washington Wilcox that he has been duly elected Treasurer of State for the current political year.

Mr. McCOBB submitted the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Joint Rules and Orders be directed to report a Rule to be added to the Joint Rules and Orders of the two Houses, containing the substance of the law of 1853, concerning private legislation, as that law may be amended by the Legislature.

Read, and the same, on motion of Mr. McCOBB, was laid upon the table.

Bill to amend an Act prescribing the time when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation, (reported by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Order and Bill relative to that subject,)—read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, that petitions and other matters of business, referred by the Legislature of 1853 to this Legislature, be taken from the files and referred to the several appropriate Committees having the several subjects in charge—read and passed in concurrence.

And, in pursuance of said order, the Secretary took from the files of the Senate all the petitions and other matters referred from the last Legislature to the present, and the same were disposed of as follows, to wit:

Bill to amend chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes;

Petition of James O. McIntire and others, of York County, for alteration of the Judiciary system;

Petition of Joseph Williamson and others, for same;

- " of Isaac Blethen and others, for same;
- " of John S. Holmes and others, for same;
- of Mordecai Mitchell and others, for same;
- " of J. V. Brown and others, for same;
- " of Selectmen of Biddeford, for Municipal Court;
- " of Selectmen of Searsport, for Biennial Sessions of the Legislature;

Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors—severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order relative to the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining and other purposes;

Bill concerning Foreign Insurance Companies—severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill respecting the division of School Districts;

Bill authorizing the town of Winthrop to divide one-third of its school money among its several School Districts;

Petition of N. E. Boutelle and others, of Waterville, for School Districts to provide suitable School Houses;

Petition of Joshua B. Johnson and others, for the repeal, in part, of the "Act to provide for the education of youth";

Petition of M. W. Dutton and others, for the repeal of the law establishing School Commissioners—severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Moses Sweat and others, for a Bank at Parsonsfield;

Petition of Isaac Redington and others, for a new Bank at Waterville—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Otis R. Abbott and others, to be incorporated into a town by the name of Umbagog;

Petition of Charles Reed and others, that Patricktown Plantation may be incorporated into a town—severally referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Abner U. Learned and others, to be set off from Winslow to Benton;

Petition of Daniel Brown and others, to be set off from Sebec to Dover—severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of A. W. Chabin and others, inhabitants of Newport, for a new County;

Petition of James Hawes and others, for same;

- of E. A. Boynton and others, for same;
- " of Warren Fuller and others, for same;
- " of Benjamin Pollard and others, for same;

Remonstrance of Volney A. Sprague;

Remonstrance of Jabez Knowlton and others, against same—severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Communication from the Land Agent, relative to prices offerred for lands;

Petition of Samuel Veazie and others, for a grant of land in aid of the Lincoln and Oldtown Railroad Company;

Resolve suspending the sale of Public Lands—severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Samuel Whitmore and others, of Deer Isle, in relation to the seining of Manhaden or Porgees;

Petition of Ira Witham and others, of Surry, for same;

Petition of C. G. Peck and others, of Ellsworth and adjoining towns, for same;

Petition of Warren Gilman and others, for the erection of Fishways on Denny's river—severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of James Dunning and others, for a charter for constructing a Plank Road from the city of Bangor to Frankfort;

Petition of Daniel Bunker and others, for a Railroad from North Anson, to connect with the Androscoggin and Kennebec Railroad at or near the Depot at West Waterville;

Petition of William Morse and others, that County Commissioners of Lincoln County be empowered to lay out a road over Winnegance creek, (tide waters);

Petition of R. H. Gardiner and others, for a Railroad from Gardiner to Monmouth;

Petition of John Short and others, for a Railroad from Bangor to Castine;

Petition of John Pierce and others, for a draw in Rutherford's island bridge;

Petition of Francis Thebodeau, Assistant Land Agent, for an appropriation to build bridges in Van Buren plantation;

Bill additional to An Act to incorporate the Dresden Neck Bridge Company;

Bill additional to An Act to incorporate Centre Bridge Company;

Petition of Germaine Cyr and others, of Van Buren plantation, for aid to build bridges in said plantation;

Petition of John G. Mayo and others, for a Railroad from Bangor through Dover to Moosehead lake—severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of R. H. Gray and others, for leave to clear obstructions out of the South Bay;

Petition of Isaac Gage, for incorporation with his associates, as the "Caloric Navigation Company";

Petition of John Winn and others, for leave to build a dam on Oldtown Falls;

Petition of the Milbridge Company, that it may be authorized to cut and sell ice;

Petition of Wallace Guptill and others, for leave to erect a weir below low water mark in Passamaquoddy Bay;

Petition of Hiram Smith and others, to be incorporated into a Boom Company, on Penobscot River, in Howland and Enfield;

Petition of William Moore, for the right to construct a canal and locks to run a steamboat on Sebasticook river;

Remonstrance of Hayes Tuttle and others, against the same; Petition of W. H. Smith and others, to be incorporated as a company to drive logs from Heron Lake to Penobscot river;

Remonstrance of D. M. Howard & Co., and others;

of Lorenzo Leadbetter;

severally against the same;

Petition of William Getchell, Jr., and others, for a boom on the Kennebec River;

Petition of William J. Moulton, for booms in the Kennebec river, above the Dam;

Petition of Nathan Fowler and others; and

" of Samuel Clark and others;

in aid of the same;

Order relative to the Kennebec Log Driving Company;

Bill to incorporate the Lowell Dam Company;

Bill to amend an act entitled "An Act to prevent obstructions in Machias river"—severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of Augusta, that the expenses of Joseph Solah Lolar's sickness, 1849, while attending the Legislature as a delegate from the Passamaquoddy Indians, be refunded;

Petition of Samuel Chase, Jr., guardian of George C. Minot, for remuneration for clothing lost by fire in the Insane Hospital;

Petition of Preston E. Woodward and others, for remuneration for loss by fire in the Insane Hospital—severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of G. S. Boynton and others;

- " of Gustavus G. Cushman and others;
- " of Francis B. Field and others;
- " of L. W. Hathaway and others;
- " of John A. Peters and others;
- " of Robert Perkins, Jr., and others;
- " of George C. Pickering and others;
- " of John Sargent, Jr., and others;
- of Winslow Staples and others;

severally praying for the repeal of the law of 1852, forbidding the distribution of arms to the Volunteer Militia—severally referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DALTON.

The order submitted yesterday by Mr. McCOBB, relative to notice on petitions for special legislation, was taken up and passed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary to compel towns in their corporate capacity to snow the track of their covered bridges during the winter season, so that travelers and teamsters may pass and repass over the same with convenience; and to report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That the petition of Arthur McArthur and others, for aid to the Limington Academy, be taken from the files of the last Legislature and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Ephraim C. Gates and Giles M. Wentworth, that they may be reimbursed for the payment of expenses incurred in the arrest of William Elliot, a criminal, who was subsequently convicted of larceny, reported a Resolve in favor of Ephraim C. Gates and Giles M. Wentworth;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred a bill entitled An Act to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, reported a bill bearing that title;—

These bills were severally read once, and to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON,

Ordered, That the petition of the Trustees of Foxcroft Academy, praying for aid in behalf of said Institution, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CUTLER, by leave, laid on the table a bill entitled An Act in relation to recognizances; which was read once, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAYES, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of George W. Pickering, Mayor of the city of Bangor, reported a bill entitled An Act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad.

The bill was read once, and, on motion of Mr. CLARKE, 350 copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature; and on motion of Mr. PRINCE, Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock, M., was assigned for its second reading.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad Company, and the petition of Samuel F. Hersey and others in aid of same, reported a bill entitled An Act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad, which was read once; and on motion of Mr. PRINCE, Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., assigned for its second reading; and 350 copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. DRISKO, by leave, laid on the table a bill entitled An Act to amend the act of 1853 in relation to the payment of bounties on Wolves and Bears—which was read once and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order from the House of Representatives, requesting the Committee on Education to take into consideration the expe-

diency of introducing a bill for the purpose of raising more School Funds for our Primary Schools than is now required by the laws of the State, was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing An Act entitled "An Act for the relief of bail in criminal cases," approved April 5th, 1845.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAYES presented the memorial of the Trustees of Limington Academy, praying for aid from the State—and the same was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McCOBB presented the petition of James C. Churchill and others, to be incorporated as a company by the name of the Casco Iron Company—and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator presented the petition of Edward E. Upham and others, to be incorporated as a company, for the purpose of Milling and Manufacturing by Steam Power, in the city of Portland—and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ROBINSON presented the remonstrance of Jesse Stevens and 143 others, against the petition of Daniel Brown, to be set off from Sebec to Dover—and the same was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MUZZY presented the petition of the Mayor of the city of Bangor, for leave to loan the credit of the city in aid of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad Company—and the same was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Secretary being absent, on motion of Mr. HARRIMAN, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Harriman, Gould and Drisko, was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for a Secretary, pro tempore. Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	17
Necessary to a choice,	9
Colby A. Jordan had	9
John Dorr had	7
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The Report was accepted, and Colby A. Jordan was declared duly elected, who signified his acceptance of the office, and the oaths of office were administered by Honorable Job Prince, authorized by dedimus potestatem.

On motion of Mr. VINTON, that Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate, in the absence of the Secretary, has made choice of Colby A. Jordan, as Secretary, pro tempore. Mr. Vinton subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he had been charged.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, that Senator was charged with a similar message to the Governor and Council; who subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he had been entrusted.

Remonstrance of E. Harris, Agent of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad, against the petition of Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad to extend their road to the city of Bangor;

Petition of certain inhabitants of Poland and Gray, in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, presented to the last Legislature, for an act incorporating the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Hill and others, for right to improve East Musquash Stream and take toll on logs;

Remonstrance of Charles Eaton and 24 others, against the petition of D. Moor and others for a boom below Ticonic Falls;

Remonstrance of F. Glazier and 38 others, against same petition;

Petition of William Todd and others, for right to improve Little Tomah Stream and take toll on logs—were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah P. Bean, for remuneration for injuries received while in the service of the State;

Petition of David Sevey, for increase of pension—were severally referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of Ezra Carter, Jr., and others, of Portland, for the incorporation of the Mechanics' Bank, Portland;

Petition of David White and 46 others, for a charter for a Bank in Skowhegan—were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of the heirs of N. Marks, to legalize title to estates; Petition of West Bath, to legalize their proceedings;

Memorial of the Mayor, &c., and others, of the city of Calais, in aid of the heirs of N. Marks—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of William M'Lellan and others, for an Academy in Lisbon;

Petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary, for alteration of charter—were severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of E. C. Kimball, of Belfast, to be incorporated for manufacturing purposes;

Petition of George F. White and others, of Belfast, to be incorporated as a company for manufacturing purposes—were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of Edward McClellan and others, for removal of the China Bank—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Adjourned.

COLBY A. JORDAN, Secretary pro tem.

A true transcript:

ATTEST—WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess of Augusta.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of further legislation for the management of the property and affairs of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, was read;

And, on motion of Mr. VINTON, amended, by striking out the word "Judiciary," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "Indian Affairs," and as amended, passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing that the petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Northern Bank at Hallowell, for increase of the capital stock of said bank, be taken from the files of last year and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking—was passed in concurrence.

Bill entitled An Act additional to An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Savings Institution—was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Tainter and others, for an amendment of the homestead exemption law, so called—was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Tyler P. Towns and others against the petition of A. H. Gerrish and others;

Bill entitled An Act for the regulation of intelligence offices; Remonstrance of Ebenezer Clough and others, against the petition of A. H. Gerrish and others;

Petition of A. H. Gerrish and others, to be incorporated into a company under the name of the Bethel Steam Mill Boom Company;

Petition of Lowell & Senter and others, to amend the Act relating to Hawkers and Pedlers;

Petition of Wm. Demming and others, for An Act to incorporate the Schoodiac Steamboat Company—were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Seward Merrill and others, for leave to erect a wharf;

Petition of Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Corporation, for extension of time to build bridge;

Bill entitled An Act for the regulation of ways dedicated to public uses—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of James Robinson, for renewal of military pension—was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of David W. Dinsmore, for remuneration for services rendered the State—was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An Act in addition to chapter 155 of the Revised Statutes:

Petition of the Selectmen of Hebron, for an act legalizing the doings of said town since March 1, 1850—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathan D. Appleton and others, for a bank at Alfred:

Petition of the President, Directors & Co. of the Canal Bank of Portland, asking for increase of capital stock—were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An Act regulating the election of School Commissioners—was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Lorenzo Linnell and others, praying that Township No. 5, Range 1, be incorporated into a town by the name

of Louisville—was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of D. Eldridge and others, to be set off from Canaan to Clinton—was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Mr. DRISKO presented the remonstrance of William H. Bechrist and 54 others, citizens of Machiasport, against the petition of Jacob Longfellow and others—and the same was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WHIDDEN presented the remonstrance of J. C. Talbot and 93 others, against the petition of Jacob Longfellow—and the same was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of the Portland Gas Light Company, reported a bill entitled An Act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company—and the same was read once, and Tuesday next at half past 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Mr. PRINCE, by leave, laid on the table a bill entitled An Act to provide for the selection and introduction of a text book of the rudiments of Agriculture into Common Schools—and the same was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. WHIDDEN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending the 148th chapter of the Revised Statutes, so as to provide for the disclosure of poor debtors arrested upon execution, in the same manner as if arrested upon mesne process.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE, that Senator was charged with

a message to the Governor and Council, informing them that Hon. Charles A. Everett has been duly elected and qualified as a Councilor to advise the Governor in the Executive part of government for the current political year. And Mr. Prince subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he had been entrusted.

Resolve authorizing the county of Washington, to procure a loan, was finally passed, and presented by the Secretary, protempore, to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. McCOBB, by leave, laid on the table a bill entitled An Act to enable Insurance Companies of this State to comply with certain provisions of law in other States—and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled An Act to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, was read a second time.

Mr. HAYES moved to amend the bill by striking out the second section thereof.

On motion of Mr. VINTON, the bill was laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of Ephraim C. Gates and Giles M. Wentworth, was read a second time; and, on motion of Mr. WHID-DEN, laid on the table.

Petition of James Brophy and others, inhabitants of the town of North Haven, for an act authorizing the erection of gates across the highways in that town, came up from the House, that branch having nonconcurred the Senate in its reference to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and referred the same to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate reconsidered the vote whereby said petition was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and referred the same to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

COLBY A. JORDAN, Secretary, pro tem.

A true transcript:

ATTEST-WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott of Augusta.

Petition of George Ricker, Jr., and others, in aid of the petition of George L. Ward and others, for a new county;

Petition of the Selectmen of Danville, in aid of same;

- " of Selectmen of Auburn, in aid of same;
- " of Seth Bradford and others, in aid of same;
 - of T. A. D. Fessenden and others, in aid of same;
- " of E. P. Tobie and others, in aid of same;
- " of Rufus Sylvester and others, in aid of same—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Charles Foster and 49 others, against the petition of Jacob Longfellow;

Remonstrance of M. J. Talbot, against same;

Remonstrance of A. P. Cushing and 45 other citizens of East Machias, against same;

Remonstrance of Dunbar H. Norton and 43 other ship-masters, against same;

Petition of Jacob Longfellow and others, for widening the draw in the Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge;

Petition of the Selectmen of Readfield, for alteration of town line;

Remonstrance of John Creighton, Jr., and 106 others, against the petition of Joshua Patterson and others, for the removal of the Warren Bridge—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Archelaus Ripley, for divorce;

Petition of the Selectmen of the town of Gilead, to have their acts and doings legalized—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence. Petition of James Philpot and 21 others, for an amendment to the Homestead Exemption Law—was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of James Lawrence, for pension—was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of the Trustees of Corinna Union Academy, asking for aid—was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending section fourth, article fourth, of an act entitled "An Act to provide for the Education of Youth," and approved August 28, 1850, so that the assessors of the town in which a union school house may be located, shall have power to make a uniform valuation of all the taxable property lying in such school district, and to assess upon it such tax as the inhabitants of such district shall raise for the purpose of building or repairing such school house, and to report by bill or otherwise—was passed in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, requesting the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of so altering the thirty-second section of chapter two hundred and sixty-two of the Acts of the Thirty-First Legislature, and approved April 20, 1852, as that it may be consistent with the thirty-second section of chapter one hundred and twenty-fifth of the Revised Statutes, of which that purports to be an amendment—was passed in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Penobscot—was passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of the town of Greene, in aid of the petition of G. L. Ward and others;

Petition of Benjamin Bradford and 64 others, inhabitants of

Livermore, to be incorporated into a new county with Lewiston and other towns;

Petition of Paul C. Tibbets and others, inhabitants of Lisbon, in aid of the petition of G. L. Ward and others;

Petition of Isaac Gross and others, inhabitants of Turner, in aid of same—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, presented the petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Lumberman's Bank, for an increase of capital stock—and the same was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, (by Mr. JOHNSON of Belfast,) informing the Senate, that in the absence of the Speaker, the House had made choice of Francis Gould Butler of Farmington, as Speaker, pro tempore.

Adjourned.

C. A. JORDAN, Secretary, pro tem.

A true transcript:

Attest-WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Webb of Augusta.

Petition of Meshach Humphrey and 75 others, of Gray, in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, presented to the last Legislature, for an act incorporating the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company;

Petition of John S. Stedman and 116 others, citizens of Gray and Poland, in aid of same—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill entitled an act relating to the duties of Registers of Probate—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing that the remonstrances of citizens of the county of Oxford, against the petition of G. L. Ward and others, for a new county, presented to the last Legislature, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties—was passed in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing that the petition of Charles Reed and others, for the incorporation of Patricktown plantation, which was referred to this Legislature, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns—was passed in concurrence.

Mr. STARK presented the petition of the Waterville Bank, for increase of capital stock—and the same was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CLARKE,

Ordered, That the several petitions for incorporation of a new County, to comprise all the towns in Lincoln west of the

Kennebec, together with Dresden, Woolwich, Georgetown, Arrowsic and Westport, be taken from the files of the last session, and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill additional to An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Gas Light Company, (introduced in the House by Mr. BERRY of Gardiner,)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Bill to change the time of electing assessors in certain cities (laid upon the table by Mr. McCOBB,)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in favor of cheap ocean postage, (introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. KNOWLTON of Liberty)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of making it the duty of Cashiers of Banks to obtain their necessary bondsmen, who shall be inhabitants of this State—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the petition of James Lawrence, and the papers relating to the same, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions—read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of James Fuller and others, to be incorporated into a company by the name of the Hartland Manufacturing Company—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Sarah Towne, for a divorce; Petition of Sewall C. Strout and others, for An Act to incorporate the "Bridgton Centre Village Fire Department"—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Jonas Greene and others, in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, for an act incorporating the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of John Bunker and others;

- " of S. H. Horn and others;
- of D. Wilson and others, against the petition of Edward Nason and others, to be set off from Orneville to Atkinson;

Remonstrance of M. D. Lane and others;

- " of Harrison Lowell and others;
- " of Jonathan Tuck and others against the petition of Thomas Day and others, for the incorporation of a new town from the towns of Biddeford and Hollis—severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Amos H. Boyd and 49 others;

- " of Samuel Gould and 45 others;
- " of O. D. Boyd and 51 others;
- of Benjamin Dudley and 24 others;
- " of Lyman W. York and 43 others;

praying that the Courts, the County Offices and County Institutions may be removed from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the Trustees of Limerick Academy, for endowment;

Petition of John H. Ingraham, in behalf of the Cony Female Academy, for aid—severally read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of T. Cushing, for an act authorizing him and others interested to make improvements in the South Branch of

the Meduxnekeag River—read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac H. Hunt, for remuneration for sufferings, while confined in the Insane Hospital—read and referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital, in concurrence.

Bill to amend an act entitled An Act additional to chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, (introduced in the House by Mr. BERRY of Gardiner,)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, in conformity to the provisions of the Revised Statutes, chapter 82, section 8, laying before the Legislature such returns of the Agricultural Societies in this State, as have been received in the Secretary's Office up to this day—read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT announced the following Joint Standing Committee on the State Reform School, on the part of the Senate, to wit:

Messrs. Cutler of Franklin,
Vinton of Cumberland,
Clarke of Lincoln,

and the same was appointed.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up with

Messrs. Paine of Gorham,
Libbey of Westbrook,
Beath of Boothbay,
Hubbard of Hiram,
Whittemore of Lisbon,
Thompson of Augusta,
Came of Portland,

joined in concurrence.

Bill relating to the duties of Registers of Probate, (introduced in the House,)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad, was read the second time.

Mr. CUTLER moved "to recommit said bill with instructions to report provisions providing for the setting apart a sum of money accruing as a sinking fund for the purpose of reimbursing the principal of the scrip."

And the question of recommitting with said instructions, being ordered to be taken by year and nays, was decided in the negative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Clarke, Crehore, Cutler, Harriman, Moore, Tucker and Whidden—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Davis, Drisko, Hayes, Hazen, Lowell of Cumberland, Lowell of Lincoln, McCobb, Muzzy, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Stark, Torsey and Vinton—16.

And the question of passing said bill to be engrossed, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Davis, Drisko, Hazen, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, McCobb, Muzzy, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Stark, Torsey and Vinton—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Crehore, Harriman, Moore and Whidden—4. [Messrs. Clarke, Cutler, Hayes and Tucker, being excused from voting.]

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the Reports of the School Commissioners for the Counties of York, Cumberland, Hancock, Washington, Oxford, Somerset, Penobscot, Waldo, Piscataquis and Aroostook, made to the Legislature in the Spring of 1853—read and referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, that the remonstrance of citizens of the County of Oxford, against the petition of G. L. Ward and others, for a new County, and presented to the last Legislature, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties—read and passed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheney of Augusta.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill for the appointment of three Railroad Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to report to the Legislature on the necessity and feasibility of projected lines of railroads applying for charters to ascertain and adjudicate upon the damages sustained by the owners of real estate over which railroads are located, and prescribe all necessary rules and regulations for connecting lines in the State, and the terms on which the connecting business shall be performed—read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG,

Ordered, That the petition of the Trustees of Camden Academy, and accompanying papers, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Education.

Order from the House of Representatives, requesting the Committee on the Judiciary, to inquire into the expediency of allowing the Supreme Judicial Court additional chancery powers—read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Lewiston Bank;

Petition of the President of Exchange Bank, for increase of capital stock—severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Memorial of the Board of Agriculture, respecting the Geological and Agricultural Survey of the State—read and referred to the Special Committee that have that subject under consideration.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the Trustees of Camden Academy, for a grant of half a Township of land; and accompanying petition of Maurice C. Blake and others, in aid of the same (taken from the files of the Senate of 1852)—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Ephraim Hall and others, for an act of incorporation for improvement of Lime Quarries—read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of James B. Cahoon and others, for aid to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Jeremiah Berry and others, for an act incorporating the City of Rockland—read and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Jesse Davis and others of Webster;

- " of Selectmen of Livermore:
- " of Arza G. Lothrop and others, in aid of the petition of G. L. Ward and others:

Petition of Selectmen of Lewiston, in aid of the same;

- " of Alfred Pierce and others;
- " of Hiram Foss and others;
- " of F. C. Marr and others:
- " of inhabitants of Minot and Poland, for new county—severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad Company, against the petition of Rufus Burnham and others:

Remonstrance of Samuel Bennett and others, of Cape Elizabeth, against the petition for a charter to rebuild the Vaughan Bridge across Fore river—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of President, Directors and Company of Sandy River Bank, for increase of capital stock—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Reuben Ladd to be set off from Vienna and annexed to Mt. Vernon—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Robert C. Thorndike and others, for an appropriation of arms;

Petition of Abram Simonton and others, for same—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Mr. HAYES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which were referred the petition of William Smith and others, and sundry other petitions for the removal of the Courts, County Offices and Institutions, from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford, reported order of notice to present session—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the county of York to procure a loan, (on motion of Mr. HAYES,) was taken up, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to amend "An Act prescribing the time when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation," came up from the House of Representatives amended.

The Senate nonconcurred the House in its proposed amendments, and insisted upon the vote of the 16th inst. passing the said bill to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolves providing for an amendment of the Constitution, (reported by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to that subject)—read once, and on motion of Mr. CUTLER, laid upon the table, and ordered that 400 copies of said resolves be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Resolve in favor of Ephraim C. Gates and Giles M. Wentworth, was taken up and read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. ROBINSON, was amended.

And on motion of Mr. FARWELL, said resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John Francis (laid upon the table by Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot) was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws concerning the proceedings and practice in cases in equity.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of an alteration in the statute law relative to the taxation of cost in real and mixed actions—read and passed in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, requesting the Committee on Banks and Banking to inquire into the expediency of enacting a general banking law upon the principle of free banking—read and passed in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws in relation to lands reserved for public uses, as to authorize the assessors of plantations organized for election purposes to settle with trespassers for stumpage of timber and grass which may have been cut on the reserved lands within their respective plantations; and also to amend so as to prohibit the Land Agent from selling the right to cut and carry away the timber and grass cut from said reserved lands without the written consent of the assessors of said plantations—read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Mayor of Calais, for a law to restrain the going at large of dogs in that city;

Remonstrance of Sylvanus R. Bearce and others, against the petition of the Selectmen of Hebron, to legalize the doings of said town;

Bill to increase the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court established in the city of Portland, (laid upon the table by Mr. McCOBB,)—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Remonstrance of the Directors of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, against the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, for a railroad from Mechanic Falls to Portland—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of John Kendall and others, for right to construct a dam across the Kennebec river at Carrying Place Rips in Carratunk;

Petition of Mayor of the city of Calais, for a law to authorize that city to regulate their harbor—severally read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to repeal the law of 1851, providing for the appointment of a General Inspector of beef and pork, and re-enact the law of 1842, (introduced in the House,)—read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of E. F. Beal and others, for the incorporation of the Norway Manufacturing Company—read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to abolish the duty payable by the inspector of pot and pearl ashes, (laid upon the table by Mr. McCOBB,)—read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Portland Society of Natural History, for the renewal by the State authorities, of its unfinished geological survey, and kindred objects—read and referred to the Committee on the Geological and Agricultural Survey.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Moses B. Bliss of Pittston, for aid in defence of land against Vassal claims;

Petition of the County Commissioners of Hancock county, for abolishing the winter term of the Supreme Judicial Court in that county;

Bill to amend chapter 172, section 22, of the Revised Statutes, (introduced in the House)—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Alvan Bolter and others, for the incorporation of the Oxford Central Railroad Company;

Petition of Hiram Ricker and others, for same—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of John Francis, governor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, for an equal distribution of Indian funds;

Petition of Peol Socksis, in aid of the education of the Penobscot tribe of Indians—severally read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of the names of such Inspectors of Fish as were in commission the past year, designating such as have made returns in compliance with the 27th section of chapter 54 of the Revised Statutes—read and referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Mr. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Josiah P. Bean, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on Claims—which report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petition of the President, Directors and Company of Casco Bank,) was read once, and to-morrow, 11 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dalton of Augusta.

Petition of Attian Orson and 52 others, of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, in relation to existing treaties with said tribe;

Credentials of Attian Orson, special agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians—severally read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel F. Deering and others, for a charter for "The Portland Mutual Loan and Savings Association"—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of C. W. Lawrence and others, in aid of the petition of Joshua Patterson and others, for the free navigation of Georges river;

Petition of John P. Mason and others, for the enlargement of the draw in the bridge crossing from Bucksport to Orphan island;

Remonstrance of Joshua Abbott and others of Wetmore island, against the petition of Sewall B. Swasey and others, for enlargement of the draw in the bridge aforesaid;

Remonstrance of Selectmen of Bucksport, against the same; Resolve authorizing a survey for a railway route between the eastern shore of the Penobscot waters and the eastern boundary of the State—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Stevens Rich and others, for amendment of the city charter of Portland—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of B. C. Bailey and others, in aid of the petition of Henry Tallman and others, for a new county—read and referred to the Committee on the Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathan Dyer and 74 others, for a division of the town of Cape Elizabeth, and the incorporation of a new town by the name of South Portland—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles and William D. Crooker, for compensation on account of failure of title to land deeded to them by the State—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John Fitzgerald and others, (introduced in the House)—read and referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petitions of Susannah S. Low, Archelaus Ripley, Sarah Towne, and Betsey Waigh; and legislation inexpedient on an order relative to divorces—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which were referred the petitions of Lysander Cutler and others, and James Fuller and others, made a report asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petitions, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on Manufactures—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of A. H. Gerrish and others, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on Interior Waters—read and accepted.

Mr. DRISKO, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Enoch Baldwin, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Inhabitants of Lubec, for repeal of an act authorizing John O'Donald to build a fish weir, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending its reference to the Committee on Fisheries—severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of William Butterfield and others, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on Division of Towns—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill creating the Centre Bridgton Village Corporation, (reported in the House by the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Sewall C. Strout and others,) was read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the Penobscot Telegraph Company, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of L. March and others);

Bill to incorporate the Bangor and Castine Telegraph Company, (reported by same Senator, from same Committee, on petition of James Eddy and others);

Bill to change the time of electing assessors in certain cities, (reported by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill relating to the duties of Registers of Probate, (reported in the House of Representatives by the same Committee, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill additional authorizing the city of Bangor to regulate the building of wharves in Kenduskeag stream and Penobscot river, (reported by Mr. DRISKO, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of G. W. Pickering, Mayor of Bangor);

Bill to incorporate the town of Umbagog, (reported by Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on petition of Otis R. Abbott and others);

Resolve in relation to certain debts due the State, (reported in the House of Representatives by the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relative to unfinished business under the "Resolve in relation to certain debts due the State," approved April 24, 1852);

Resolve in favor of the town of Rockland, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. FARWELL,)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 11 o'clock A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill for the regulation of intelligence offices, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said bill had been referred,) was read once, and Wednesday next, 10 o'clock A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to secure married women their earnings, (reported by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to that subject,)—read once, and the same, on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN, was laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess.

Order from the House of Representatives, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to a change of the Constitution, so that a plurality of votes shall elect certain officers, be referred to a select committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join—read, and the same, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That the Secretary procure the printing of 250 additional copies of the list of the members of the Senate, and that a similar list of the members of the House of Representatives, together with the Joint Standing and Select Committees, and the Standing Committees of each House, be added to the lists to be printed—for the use of the Legislature.

Petition of S. W. Howe, and

" of C. W. Howe, praying that the administrator of the estate of George Howe and the guardian of his minor children may be authorized to make a deed conveying real estate to said petitioners;

Petition of Bernard Morse and others, of School District number three, in Belmont, that the doings of said district may be legalized—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of "The Atlantic Ship Wharf and Lime Manufacturing Company," for increase of capital stock;

Petition of E. E. Rice and others, for the incorporation of the Hallowell Gas Light Company—severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence. Petition of Joseph Bowman and others, in aid of the Vassalborough and China Railroad;

Remonstrance of D. Robbins and others, against the petition of V. D. Parris, for a railroad;

Remonstrance of J. W. Porter and others, against the same—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Tolman and others, for the incorporation of the Tilson and Ulmer Lime Rock Company—read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of Alexander G. Turner, for compensation for injuries received while in the service of the State—read and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of Justus Gray, for a lot of land;

- of Almond S. Richards, for same;
- " of Washington S. Vaughan and others, for an appropriation to build a bridge over the Aroostook river—severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands, and State Roads, in concurrence.

Mr. DRISKO, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Joshua Patterson and others, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported order of notice on petition of William Brown and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which had been referred the petition of Seward Merrill and others, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Education, to which was referred bill respecting the division of school districts, and bill authorizing the town of Winthrop to divide one-third of its school money equally among its several school districts, reported that said bills ought not to pass—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The same Committee reported leave to withdraw on petition of Joshua B. Johnson and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing a tax on the several counties in this State, (reported in the House of Representatives by the Committee on County Estimates,)—read once, and Monday next, 11 o'clock A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of the town of Rockland, was read the second time; and the same, on motion of Mr. LOWELL of Cumberland, was laid upon the table.

Bill to incorporate the Bangor and Castine Telegraph Company;

Bill to incorporate the Penobscot Telegraph Company—severally read the second time; and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, were laid upon the table.

Bill relating to the duties of Registers of Probate, was read the second time; and the same, on motion of Mr. GOULD, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the town of Umbagog;

Bill to change the time of electing assessors in certain cities:

Bill additional authorizing the city of Bangor to regulate the building of wharves in Kenduskeag stream and Penobscot river—severally read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Bill creating the Centre Bridgton Village Corporation; Resolve in relation to certain debts due the State—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dalton.

On motion of Mr. HARRIMAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be required to inquire into the expediency of submitting to the people an alteration of the Constitution of the State, requiring elections of State officers and sessions of the Legislature to be held biennially.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be required to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law requiring the officers of cities, towns and plantations, within this State, to call meetings of the inhabitants thereof on some day in the month of June next, to act upon any questions that may be submitted to them by this Legislature for amending the constitution of the State.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. MUZZY,

Ordered, That the petition of the Mayor of Bangor, for an act in relation to the collection of taxes assessed in said city in the year 1853, with the accompanying papers, be taken from the files of the Senate, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. HUBBARD,

Ordered, That the petition of the Trustees of the Oxford Normal Institute, and accompanying papers, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Education.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether any further provision is required by law in cases where school districts refuse or neglect to build school houses in districts where none exist—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, requesting the Governor to communicate a copy of the deed of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, made in pursuance of the agreement entered into between the Commissioners on the part of the said Commonwealth, and on the part of the State of Maine, dated July 23, 1853, and such other papers relating to the purchase of said lands, not heretofore communicated to the Legislature, if any, as it may be proper to make public—read and passed, in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting a written communication from Washington Wilcox, Esq., Treasurer of State, elect, signifying his non-acceptance of that office.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. PERRY, its Clerk, as follows, to wit:

"Mr. President:—The House proposes a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing a State Treasurer, in place of Washington Wilcox, who has signified his non-acceptance; and requests the concurrence of the Senate."

The Senate concurred in said proposition, of which the Secretary informed the House by message.

Petition of R. M. Chapman and 144 others of Saco and Biddeford;

Petition of Stephen Andrews and 24 others of the town of Lyman;

Petition of Gideon Tucker and 25 others of Saco and Biddeford;

Petition of William L. Thompson and 33 others of Kennebunk—praying for the removal of the Courts, the County Offices and Institutions, from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford;

Petition of Ebenezer C. Staples and others of Scarborough and neighboring towns, for the repeal of "An Act for the

preservation of the fish called Bass, in Dunston river in Scarborough";

Petition of the Mayor of Bangor, for an act in relation to the collection of taxes assessed in said city in the year 1853, (taken from the files, with accompanying papers, by order of the Senate,)—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the Board of Trade of Portland, to be incorporated—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the representatives of the Passamaquoddy Indians, concerning the distribution of funds to said tribe—read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Searsport Union School—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Remonstrance of Aaron Barton and others of Livermore Falls;

Remonstrance of Jeremiah Curtis and others of Leeds;

Remonstrance of John Smith and others of Livermore, against the petition of V. D. Parris and others, for charter for a railroad from Canton point to the boundary line of the State—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Henry R. Parsons and others, and

" of William H. Rust and others, for aid of the Oxford Normal Institute, (taken from the files by order of the Senate,) referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend "An Act prescribing the time when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation," came up from the House of Representatives, that branch insisting upon its former vote passing said bill to be engrossed, as amended, and proposing a conference, and appointing Messrs. Hill of Bangor, Littlefield of Auburn, and Jordan of Ellsworth, as conferees on the part of the House.

The Senate, insisting on its former vote, concurred in the proposition for a conference, and appointed Messrs. Whidden, Hayes, and Gould, as conferees on the part of the Senate.

Resolves relative to the Nebraska bill, (reported in the House of Representatives by the Joint Select Committee to which had been referred "Resolves in favor of free institutions in Nebraska Territory,") was read once and to-morrow, 11 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of John Francis, came up from the House of Representatives amended, by striking out in the fourth line the word "forty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty."

The Senate receded from its vote passing said resolve to be engrossed, adopted the amendment proposed by the House, and passed said resolve to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing a tax on the several counties of this State, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Penobscot Telegraph Company;

Bill to incorporate the Bangor and Castine Telegraph Company, were taken up, and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, were amended, and severally passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to secure married women their earnings, on motion of Mr. HAYES, was taken up, and the same, on motion of Mr. HARRIMAN, was amended, by adding the following proviso, to wit:

Provided, however, that no husband shall be compelled to pay any costs that may accrue from any action authorized by this act; and said bill, on motion of Mr. McCOBB, was further amended by adding the following: and that nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive the husband of his right to the personal services of the wife, when he may require them at home.

And the question of passing said bill to be engrossed, as amended, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Cutler, Davis, Drisko, Gould, Harriman, Hayes, McCobb, Moore, Torsey—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Crehore, Hazen, Hubbard, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, Muzzy, Vinton, West, Whidden and Young—10.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Webb.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on State Lands and State Roads to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the repair of the State road across township No. 5, Range 6—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on Agriculture to inquire into the expediency of amending the Act of 1853, in relation to the payment of bounty on Wolves, by the addition of five dollars to the amount provided for by that act—read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of the stockholders of Stillwater Bridge Company, for extension of charter—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of John Armstrong and others, praying for an amendment of the Act for the preservation of Moose and Deer;

Petition of Michael Mann and others, for same;

Petition of Thomas Mann and others, for alteration of homestead law;

Bill to regulate proceedings in criminal prosecutions;

Bill concerning the transfer of bonds, &c., for the conveyance of real estate;

Petition of E. Knight and others, for a law to raise highway taxes in plantations;

Petition of the Selectmen of Kirkland, to have the proceedings of said town legalized—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Seth Paine and others, for incorporation to build booms and pier in Stillwater river, and for other purposes; Petition of Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company, for amendment of their charter;

Petition of Penobscot Log Driving Company, for amendment of charter—severally read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of E. Robinson and others, for aid for the Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute;

Petition of E. H. Smart and others, for grant of land to the Camden Academy—severally read and referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Samuel Bradbury and others, inhabitants of Hollis;

Remonstrance of Elias Guilford and others, of said town, against the division of the same—severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Report of School Committee of Oldtown, relating to Indian school—read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Petition of N. Dillingham and others of Oldtown, in relation to existing treaties with the Penobscot Indians—read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Stephen Conory, for a pension—read and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 25th of the Revised Statutes, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. PRINCE,)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill additional to the 129th chapter of the Revised Statutes, introduced in the House,)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

The Committee on Division of Towns reported leave to withdraw on petition of Isaac Brown and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill concerning the Passamaquoddy Indians, (reported by Mr. VINTON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the petition of John Francis, Governor of the said tribe, and also, the petition of Joe Lola Solmere,) was read once, and to-morrow, 11 o'clock A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to amend An Act concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction, approved April 9, 1852, (reported in the House by the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to that subject,) was read twice and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. WHIDDEN, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on the "Bill to amend An Act prescribing the time when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation," reported that they had met the conferees on the part of the House, but that the conferees had been unable to agree; therefore recommended that the Senate insist upon the vote of the 16th instant, passing said bill to be engrossed—read and accepted.

Resolves relating to the Nebraska bill, were read the second time, and the question of passing the same to be engrossed in concurrence, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative, as follows to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Crehore, Cutler, Davis, Drisko, Farwell, Gould, Harriman, Hayes, Hubbard, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, McCobb, Moore, Muzzy, Prince, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, Tucker, Vinton, West, Whidden and Young—27.

Nay-Mr. Hazen-1.

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad; and

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad, came up from the House amended. The Senate receded from the vote passing said bills to be engrossed, adopted the amendments proposed by the

House, and passed said bills to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Peol Socksis and Attian Orson, (reported by Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the credentials of Peol Socksis); and

Resolve in favor of Joe Lola Salmore, (reported by same, on credentials of Joe Lola Salmore)—severally read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot,

The vote, whereby the "Bill to secure married women their earnings," passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered; and the said bill, on motion of Mr. HAYES, was laid upon the table.

Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relative to the management of Indian Affairs—on petition of the Governor and Captains of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, and on petition of Attian Orson and others—read and accepted; and subsequently, on motion of the same Senator, the vote accepting said report was reconsidered, and said report was recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed:

Bill to change the time of electing assessors in certain cities—and the same was passed to be enacted, and the same was presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed:

Resolve in relation to certain debts due the State—and the same was finally passed, and said resolve was presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed:

Resolve in favor of John Francis—and the same was finally passed, and said resolve was presented to the Governor for his approval.

The hour having arrived, designated by a concurrent vote of the two Houses of the Legislature, to meet in Convention for the purpose of electing Treasurer of State in lieu of Washington Wilcox, who has signified his non-acceptance, the Senate went

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. WELLS of Freeport,

The return of the Convention was taken; and 142 members were present.

On motion of Mr. VINTON of the Senate,

Ordered, That a Committee of seven be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for State Treasurer; and Messrs. Vinton and Cutler of the Senate, and Morrill of Augusta, Emery of Lebanon, Bradbury of Standish, Stone of Kennebunkport, and Gunnison of Eastport, were appointed said Committee,—who, having attended to the duty assigned them, reported

That the whole number of votes is	142
Necessary for a choice,	72
Samuel Cony has	70
Henry C. Babb,	40
William Caldwell,	30

Which report was accepted.

No person having received a majority of all the votes, the same committee proceeded again to receive, sort and count the votes; which Committee, having attended to the same, (the return of the Convention being 145,) reported

That the whole number of votes is	142
Necessary for a choice,	72
Samuel Cony has	87
Henry C. Babb,	40
William Caldwell.	15

Which report was accepted, and SAMUEL CONY was declared duly elected Treasurer of State for the current political year.

The business for which the two Houses met, having been accomplished, the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. WEST, the Senate adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheney.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to notify Hon. Samuel Cony, that he has been duly and constitutionally elected Treasurer of State, for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any person recognizing as surety in criminal cases should or not be required to make oath that he is worth property, at least, to the amount of the sum for which he is surety, over and above all his debts and liabilities; and whether said oath should be made a matter of record.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That the remonstrances of Asa Thayer and others, Allen H. Cobb and others, Directors of Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, W. W. Woodbury and others, Thomas Harmon and others, John Morrill and others, Henry Goddard and others, Joseph Lufkin and others, Jonas W. Strout and others, Hugh Norcross and others, Adam Winslow and others, Ephraim Sturdivant and others, Charles P. Jordan and others, Sewall Libby and others, and John Leavitt and others, against the petitions for a charter for a railroad from Mechanic's Falls towards Portland; and any other remonstrances against like petitions, on the files of the last Legislature, be taken from the said files, and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

And said remonstrances were taken from the files of the Senate and referred accordingly.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the several petitions in favor of incorporating the "Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company," (presented to the last Legislature) be taken from the files of the Secretary, and the same be referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

And said petitions were taken from the files of the Senate and referred accordingly.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether any further legislation be needed to secure to persons furnishing materials, and mechanics furnishing labor on vessels, by an extension of the time giving a lien on such vessels for the payment of such materials and labor so furnished.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

A communication was received from Samuel Cony, Treasurer of State elect, signifying his acceptance, and transmitting the bond required by the Constitution—which communication, with the bond, was referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Treasurer's Report.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Remonstrance of Phinehas Barnes and others, against the petition for a railroad from Mechanic Falls towards Portland;

Remonstrance of Thomas Hammond and others, against the same;

Remonstrance of B. P. Butler and others, against the same; Petition of W. L. Bonney and others; and

" of E. C. Millet and others, in favor of said railroad; Bill to provide a tribunal for regulating the joint business of railroad companies, (by leave of the Senate, laid on the table by Mr. HAYES)—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Petition of the President and Trustees of Waterville College, for the establishment of State Scholarships in Waterville and Bowdoin Colleges;

Petition of William Smith and others, for the organization of a Board of Public Instruction, and the re-establishment of Teachers' Institutes—severally read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill relating to the duties of Clerks of the Supreme Judicial Courts, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. CUTLER)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of William Connor and others, for a bank at Fair-field—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of John M. Adams and others, for a law authorizing foreigners to hold and transmit real estate in Maine;

Petition of Portland Society of Natural History, for a grant of State Lands;

Petition of Samuel Meserve and wife, for deed of bounty land—severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Edwin Noyes and others;

- " of Joseph Butterfield and others;
- " of Samuel Tarbox and others, praying for the division of the county of Lincoln—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Division of Counties.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of N. Dillingham and others, of Oldtown, in relation to existing treaties with the Penobscot tribe of Indians—read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of William Witherell and others, to be incorporated as a Steam Navigation Company, to be called the "Hancock and Washington Steam Navigation Company,"—read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of James Kirby and his wife, Amanda F. Kirby, for a divorce—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Jacob Bemis and others, for an act to incorporate them into a company by the name of the "Pownal Mutual Fire Insurance Company"—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Bradford D. Farnham and others, for a Board of Education and Teachers' Institute—read and referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of John H. Hartwell and others, for the incorporation of the Maine Horticultural and Pomological Society;

Petition of Charles Rogers and others, for the repeal of the inspection law of beef and pork—severally read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of Cumberland County Agricultural and Horticultural Society, praying for a geological survey of the State—read and referred to the Committee on the Geological and Agricultural Survey, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of William F. Burnham and others, against the division of Hollis;

Remonstrance of John Haley and others, against the same—severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on an order respecting the time for acting on amendments to the Constitution—read and accepted.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred a bill to increase the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court established in the city of Portland, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill, and recommending the reference of the same to the delegation from the county of Cumberland—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee, (on the part of the House,) to which was referred the order of February 21st, respecting Cashiers of Banks, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said order, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on Banks and Banking—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on State Lands, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Tainter and others, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on the Judiciary—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to make valid the doings of the town of Gilead, (reported by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the Selectmen of Gilead);

Bill in relation to recognizances, (reported by same Senator, from same Committee, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill to prevent the destruction of trout in Rangely and Mooselocmaguntic lakes, (reported by Mr. DRISKO, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Nehemiah Kimball and others);

Bill to prevent obstructions in the Narraguagus river, (reported by the same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of James W. Moore and others)—severally read once and to-morrow, ten o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of the heirs of Daniel D. Smith, (reported in the House, by the Committee on State Lands, on the petition of J. R. Smith)—was read once and to-morrow, 11 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Resolve authorizing the county of York to procure a loan, came up from the House of Representatives, amended.

The Senate receded from the vote of the 22d of February, passing said resolve to be engrossed, adopted the amendments proposed by the House, and passed said resolve to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to amend the act of March 29, 1853, providing for the payment of bounties on Wolves and Bears, (reported by Mr. PRINCE, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which said bill was referred, and also an order of the 27th of February relative to that subject);

Bill to incorporate the Bank of Commerce, Belfast, (reported in the House, by the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of H. O. Alden and others);

Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Lisbon Academy, (reported in the House, by the Committee on Education, on petition of William McLellan and others)—severally read once and tomorrow, 11 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Bill for the regulation of Intelligence Offices;

Bill concerning the Passamaquoddy Indians;

Resolve in favor of the town of Rockland—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed:

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad—and the question of passing said bill to be enacted, on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN, was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Davis, Gould, Hazen, Hubbard, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, McCobb, Muzzy, Prince, Spofford, Torsey and West—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Moore, Whidden and Young—3.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed:

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad;

Bill creating the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation;

Bill additional authorizing the city of Bangor, to regulate the building of wharves in Kenduskeag stream and Penobscot river—and the same were severally passed to be enacted; and these four bills were presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed:

Resolves relating to the Nebraska bill, and the same were finally passed; and the same were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That Messrs. Cutler, Stark, and Blake of Penobscot, with such as the House may join, be a Committee to prepare joint rules and orders for the government of both Houses.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up joined as follows, to wit: Messrs. Millett of Lewiston, Hill of Bangor, Harriman of Waterville, Gunnison of Eastport, Starr of Thomaston, Whitney of Newburg and Russell of Avon.

Order from the House of Representatives, requesting the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of so altering chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, as to place the cutting of canals and erection of walls and embankments on any stream not navigable, whereby the water may be diverted from its natural channel or current, on the same principles as the building of dams and flowage of lands, and to give the same remedies therefor—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of further legislation to provide for the payment of the expenses of transporting youth sentenced to the Reform School, from different parts of the State, to that institution—read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WHIDDEN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of changing the time of holding the court for the trial of jury causes in the county of Washington.

Order from the House of Representatives, requesting the Committee on State Lands to inquire whether any legislation be necessary to perfect the title to certain lands in John K. Russell—read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 144th chapter of the Revised Statutes, as to make the provisions consistent with other portions of the Revised Statutes, and the principles of the common law.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the Directors of the Marine Bank of Damariscotta, for increase of capital—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles W. Cottle and 47 others of Kittery;

- " of J. G. Garland and 68 others, of Biddeford;
- " of Samuel Waterhouse and 86 others, for the removal of the Courts, the County Offices, and County Institutions from Alfred to Saco, or Biddeford;

Remonstrance of Harrison Beverage and others, against the petition of James Brophy and others;

Bill to establish County Courts, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of James D. Simmons and others, for the incorporation of a Gas Light Company;

Petition of the Maine Telegraph Company, for amendment of their charter—severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of John A. Poor, in behalf of the European and North American Railway Company;

Remonstrance of D. Y. Pierce and others, citizens of Pownal, against the petition for a railroad from Mechanic Falls to Portland—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Ephraim Sturdivant and others, of the Yarmouth Institute, for aid—read and referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Tillson Waterman, for compensation for services rendered as Justice of the Peace in criminal prosecution—read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Walter Brown and others, for an amendment to the charter of the Penobscot Boom Corporation—read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Josiah Rogers, that his title to certain lands may be confirmed—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Mr. WHIDDEN moved to reconsider the vote of Tuesday last, whereby the Senate accepted the report of the conferees on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on the "Bill to amend an act prescribing the time when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation." And, on motion of Mr. VINTON, the 15th number of the rules and orders of the Senate was so far suspended, that the Senate reconsidered said vote. Whereupon,

Mr. WHIDDEN, from the conferees on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on said bill, made a report, that the conferees on the part of the House of Representatives had agreed to recommend to that Branch to recede from its amendments, and pass said bill to be engrossed, in concurrence with the Senate. Which report was accepted. Sent down. Subsequently, the House of Representatives receded and concurred with the Senate in passing said bill to be engrossed, without amendments.

Bill to incorporate the Market Bank, Bangor, (reported by Mr. STARKS, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of M. E. Rice and others);

Bill to increase the capital stock of Waterville Bank, (reported in the House of Representatives, by same Committee,

on petition of President, Directors and Company of Waterville Bank);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Farmers' Bank, (reported by Mr. FARWELL, from same Committee, on petition of James Dunning, President of said bank);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Atlantic Bank in Portland, (reported in the House of Representatives, by same Committee, on petition of the President and Directors of the Atlantic Bank);

Bill to amend chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, (reported by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the Mayor of Calais);

Resolve in favor of Justus Gray, (reported in the House, by the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Justus Gray)—severally read once and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to make valid the doings of the town of Gilead;

- " to prevent obstructions in the Narraguagus river;
- " in relation to recognizances;
- " to amend the act of March 29, 1853, providing for the payment of bounties on wolves and bears;

Bill to prevent the destruction of trout in Rangely and Mooselocmaguntic lakes;

Resolve in favor of the heirs of Daniel D. Smith—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Bank of Commerce, Belfast;

Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Lisbon Academy—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the petition of the Trustees of the Norridgewock Female Academy, for aid, to be taken from the files of the last Legislature and referred to the Committee on Education—read and passed in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing that the remonstrances now on file against the removal of the Courts from Alfred, in the county of York, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary—read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STARK,

Ordered, That the petition of the Trustees of Fryeburg Academy be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the President and Directors of North Bank, for increase of capital, (taken from the files by order of the 18th of February)—referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the Trustees of the Norridgewock Female Academy, (taken from the files by order of the Legislature)—referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the Selectmen of Scarborough, praying that the County Commissioners of Cumberland be authorized to lay out

a road on the line of Vaughan's Bridge, from Portland to Cape Elizabeth—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Abigail O'Brien, for the benefit of the resolve of March 20, 1838—read and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Samuel K. Hilton and others, for an extension of time for building and completing the bridge between Barter's island and the main land in the town of Boothbay;

Petition of Ephraim Atwood and others, in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, for the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad;

Remonstrance of Moses Woodman and others;

Remonstrance of the Androscoggin Railroad Company against the same;

Petition of Bradbury T. Dinsmore and others;

- " of Calvin Hale and others;
- " of William B. Snow and others, in aid of the petition of Daniel Bunker and others—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Farrar, President of the Maritime Bank, for increase of capital stock—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Lysander Cutler and others, to be incorporated by the name of the Dexter Gas Light Company;

Petition of John Winn and others, to be incorporated by the name of the Milford Gas Light Company;

Petition of John W. Veazie and others, to be incorporated by the name of the Oldtown Gas Light Company;

Petition of Gideon Mayo and others, to be incorporated by the name of the Orono Gas Light Company;

Petition of Samuel H. Dale and others, for a Board of Portwardens in Bangor—severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Hiram Belcher and others;

- " of Stillman Noyes and others;
- " of J. B. Scales and others;
- " of John Smith and others;
- " of Caleb Smith and others;
- of B. R. Smith and others, against the repeal of chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes—severally read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Seth Labaree and others, against the division of Lincoln county—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Mr. PRINCE, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported reference to the next Legislature on petition of Enoch Baldwin—which report, on motion of Mr. STARK, was laid upon the table.

Mr. McCOBB, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of George W. Lewis and another; and legislation inexpedient on bill additional to chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes—read and excepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The same Senator from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Levi Emery and others—and the same was recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Railroads and Bridges, to which were referred petitions of Germain Cyr and others, and Francis Thebodeau, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petitions, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill relating to the duties of Registers of Probate, came up from the House of Representatives, that branch having non-concurred the Senate in the indefinite postponement of said bill, and proposed a conference, and appointed as conferees, Messrs. Abbott of Norridgewock, Morrill of Augusta, and Hilliard of Oldtown.

The Senate insisting on the vote indefinitely postponing said bill, concurred with the House of Representatives in the proposition for a conference, and appointed Messrs. Gould, Whidden and Farwell.

Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Searsport Union School, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Education, to which said bill had been referred)—read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolutions providing for an amendment of the Constitution; Resolve in favor of A. B. Thompson and others, on motion of Mr. VINTON, were severally taken up, and Thursday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to increase the capital stock of Farmers' Bank;

- " to incorporate the Market Bank, Bangor;
- " to increase the capital stock of Waterville Bank;
- " to amend chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes;

Resolve in favor of Justus Gray—severally read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Atlantic Bank of Portland—read the second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the town of Umbagog;

On motion of Mr. GOULD, the vote whereby said bill was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and said bill was recommitted; of which the Secretary informed the House of Representatives by message, and its concurrence requested.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve authorizing the County of York to procure a loan;

" in favor of Joe Lola Solmere:

Resolve in favor of Peol Socksis and Attian Orson—and the same were severally finally passed.

These three resolves were severally presented to the Governor for his approval on Wednesday, March 8, 1854.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the Bank of Commerce;

" to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Atlantic Bank, in Portland;

Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Lisbon Academy—and the same were severally passed to be enacted.

These four bills were severally presented to the Governor for his approval, on Wednesday, March 8, 1854.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee appointed to draft Rules and Orders for the government of the Senate, made a report, which was accepted.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess.

Order from the House of Representatives, that the remonstrances against the division of the county of Lincoln, be taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on the Division of Counties—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, that the petition presented to the last Legislature from the Trustees of the Oxford Normal Institute for aid, be taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on Education—read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TORSEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the act of 1849, authorizing the taxation of real estate owned by literary institutions.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order from the House of Representatives, relative to joint rules and orders of the Legislature—read and referred to the Committee on Joint Rules and Orders, in concurrence.

Petition of the clerk of Central Market House Company, for an amendment of charter—read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the Waldoborough and Thomaston Steam Navigation Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives) came up referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. FARWELL, nonconcurred the House in its reference, and referred said bill to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Albert Pilsbury and others, for changing the time of holding courts in the county of Washington;

Petition of H. B. Conner and others, that the doings of William K. Lancy, Justice of the Peace, may be legalized;

Bill to amend an act to amend the 125th chapter of the Revised Statutes, approved April 20, 1852, (introduced in the House);

Bill to legalize the doings of the Selectmen of the town of New Vineyard in the year 1853, (presented in the House, by Mr. ABBOTT of Norridgewock)—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the establishment and maintenance of public libraries, (introduced by Mr. SPOFFORD)—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Joseph Berry and others, for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters at Bath;

Remonstrance of William Billings, against the petition of George W. Lewis and another—severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Northern Bank, for increase of capital stock—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of David Weymouth and others, for the distribution of arms and accourrements to the militia—read and referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Readfield, for alteration of town line—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of George Hathaway, against the petition of J. K. Killsa—read and referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Berry and others;

- of John Rogers and others;
- " of Sewall Watson and others, in aid of the petition

of H. Tallman and others, for the division of the county of Lincoln;

Remonstrance of Isaac Allen and others;

Remonstrance of John Starrett, Jr., and others, against the division of the county of Lincoln—severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Benjamin Carr and others, and 26 other remonstrances, against the division of the county of Lincoln, (taken from the files of the Senate, in pursuance of a joint order of the 3d instant)—referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Petition of E. E. Houdlett, agent of Dresden Neck Bridge Company, for alteration of charter;

Petition of the Selectmen of Cape Elizabeth, that said town be authorized to raise and pay \$500 annually, for three years, in aid of a steam ferry between Cape Elizabeth and Portland;

Petition of Nathaniel Wilson and others, for incorporation to build a bridge over Penobscot river at Orono;

Petition of Ephraim Marble and others, in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, for the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad;

Petition of Calvin Crowell and others, in aid of the petition of Daniel Bunker and others;

Remonstrance of Scott Dyer and others;

- " of Clement Jordan and others;
- " of Benjamin Waterman and others, against the petition of Charles Barrell and others;

Remonstrance of Elias Thomas and others;

" of Robert Noyes and others, against the petitions for the Oxford Central Railroad—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of John Bodwell and others, and 82 other remonstrances, against the removal of the Courts, County Offices and Institutions from Alfred to Saco, or Biddeford, (taken from the files of the Senate, in pursuance of a joint order of

the Legislature of the 2d instant,) and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Trustees of Fryeburg Academy, (taken from the files of the Senate in pursuance of an order of yesterday,) and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Enoch Baldwin, on motion of Mr. PRINCE, was taken up and recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw on petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Sandy River Bank—read and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve providing for the pay of Commissioners of Maine and Massachusetts, appointed in 1852 and 1853, under the act of separation, (introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. HILL of Bangor);

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians, (reported by Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of Peol Socksis);

Bill to incorporate the North Bank, (reported by Mr. FAR-WELL, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of Stephen N. Hatch and others);

Bill authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Rockland, (reported by Mr. DRISKO, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of N. A. Farwell and another)—severally read once, and Monday, 11 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Searsport Union School, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott.

Petition of George Downes and others, for a change in the time of holding the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Washington—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Merithew and others, for the incorporation of the Searsport Mill Company—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to repeal certain provisions of an act to provide for the Education of Youth, (submitted by Mr. SPOFFORD)—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Joshua Howes and others, that school districts in the town of Frankfort be incorporated for the purpose of owning fire engines, and establishing police regulations—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Robert Treat and others, for extension of time to pay in the capital stock of Mount Waldo Bank—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Nequasset Lake Ice Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of George W. Chamberlain and others, for an act to incorporate the Harvey Stream Log Driving Company—read

and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which had been recommitted report on petition of Governor and Captains of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, petitions of N. Dillingham and others, and Attian Orson and others, and an order relative to the management of the property and affairs of said Indians, reported legislation inexpedient—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of James Philpot and others, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on the Judiciary—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Rockland Bank, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of I. K. Kimball, President of Rockland Bank);

Bill granting power to plant and protect oysters in the bed of Georges river and tributaries, in Lincoln county, (reported by Mr. DRISKO, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Job Spear and others)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians;

Bill to incorporate North Bank;

Bill authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Rockland—severally read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve providing for the pay of Commissioners of Maine and Massachusetts, appointed in 1852 and 1853, under the act of separation, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in favor of the heirs of Daniel D. Smith, and the same was finally passed.

And the same was presented to the Governor for his approval, Wednesday, March 8, 1854.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed:

Bill to amend "An Act prescribing the time when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation";

Bill to make valid the doings of the town of Gilead at the annual meeting holden in March, 1852—and the same were severally passed to be enacted.

These bills were presented to the Governor for his approval, Wednesday, March 8, 1854.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

The President of the Senate being absent, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. SPOFFORD,

Ordered, That Messrs. Spofford, McCobb and Ruggles, be a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President, pro tempore.

Which Committee, having attended to the duty assigned them, reported

That the whole number of votes is	17
Necessary for a choice,	9
Nathan A. Farwell has	9
Job Prince,	5
Henry P. Torsey,	1.
John L. Cutler,	1
Rendol Whidden,	1

which report was accepted, and NATHAN A. FARWELL was declared duly elected President, pro tempore.

Mr. FARWELL signified his acceptance in the following Address:

Senators:—For this expression of your confidence, I thank you, and relying on your kind forbearance and assistance in the discharge of the duties, I will accept the trust.

The Secretary then read the Journal of yesterday.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that, in the absence of the President, the Senate has made choice of Hon. Nathan A. Farwell, as President, pro tempore.

Mr. PRINCE was charged with said message, who subsequently reported that he had delivered said message.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council, informing them that in the absence of the President, the Senate has elected Hon. Nathan A. Farwell, President, pro tempore.

The SECRETARY was charged with said message.

On motion of Mr. WHIDDEN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the time of holding the Court of County Commissioners, for Washington county.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking, be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that banks may stamp as "counterfeit" or "altered" any counterfeit or altered bank bill received by them.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That the remonstrance of the citizens of the town of Durham, against setting off a portion of Cumberland county, be taken from the files of last year, and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred. And said remonstrances were taken from the files and referred accordingly.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on Military Pensions to inquire into the expediency of repealing the resolve in favor of Thomas Briggs, approved March 28, 1853, and to report by bill or otherwise—read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Savage and others, for appropriation on road from Fort Kent to the mouth of Allagash river—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association for aid similar to that extended to Agricultural Societies by existing laws-read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Remonstrance of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, against the petition of Seward Merrill and others read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Abner Weeks and 6 others of the town of Patten, to be incorporated by the name of "Patten Union Company";

Petition of William Duren and others, to be incorporated as Schoodic Lake Steamboat Company—severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company, for a change of name;

Remonstrance of Sylvanus Blanchard and others, against the petition for a Railroad from Mechanic Falls through Gray towards Portland—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Gustavus G. Cushman, for a re-organization of the militia—read and referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Petition of James B. Cleaveland and others, in aid of the State bridge in Passadumkeag—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Ebenezer C. Newell and others, for the repeal of the Act of July 30, 1848, repealing the charter of the Montville and Searsmont Canal Company;

Petition of Andrew J. Roberts and others, for the right to build a dam across the Passadumkeag stream at Sculp Rock, so called;

Remonstrance of John S. Ricker and others, against the petition of the Central Market House Company—severally read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Bill additional to An Act concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction, approved April 9, 1852, (introduced in the House by Mr. ABBOTT of Norridgewock)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. GOULD, from the Conferees on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on the "Bill relating to the duties of Registers of Probate," made a report, that they had met the Conferees on the part of the House, but had been unable to agree, and therefore recommended that the Senate adhere to the vote indefinitely postponing said bill—read and accepted.

Resolve in favor of Justus Gray, came up from the House of Representatives recommitted.

The Senate receded from the vote of the 3d instant, passing said bill to be engrossed, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

Documents in relation to the purchase of the fee of the Reform School Farm—read and referred to the Committee on the Reform School, in concurrence.

Bill concerning the transfer of bonds and writings for deeds, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred said bill)—read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Rockland Bank, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

Bill granting power to plant and protect oysters in the bed of Georges river and tributaries, in Lincoln county, was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to amend An Act concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction, approved April 9, 1852;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Waterville Bank; Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Searsport Union School—and the same were severally passed to be enacted.

These bills were presented to the Governor for his approval, Wednesday, March 8, 1854.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess.

Order from the House of Representatives, that there be paid to John Sargent, Jr., out of the State Treasury, the sum of forty dollars, and interest on the same from August, 1842; that sum being due him for services rendered by him as Forage Master, in the Aroostook war, and not yet paid—read and referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on State Lands and State Roads to inquire and report what sum will be necessary for repairing the Mattawamkeag bridge—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, requesting the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether any further legislation be necessary to empower coroners to serve and return legal process—read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HARRIMAN,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee be raised, consisting of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to consider the propriety of changing the existing laws providing for the support of paupers, so that the expense may be paid by counties instead of towns—read and passed; and Messrs. Harriman, Vinton and Ruggles, were appointed on the part of the Senate. Sent down for concurrence. Came up with Messrs. Morrill of Augusta, Gilman of Brunswick, Pierce of Kittery, Dodge of Burnham, Adams of Cherryfield, Bridgham of Poland, and Baker of Hallowell, joined on the part of the House.

Petition of Newcomb W. Stevens and others, for an appropriation on road from Aroostook river to Fort Kent—read

and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to amend 82d chapter of the Revised Statutes;

Bill appropriating lands for the endowment of Seminaries for teaching the scientific principles of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, (submitted by Mr. PRINCE)—severally read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Jeremiah Millay and others of Bowdoinham, in aid of petition of Henry Tallman and others, for division of Lincoln county;

Petition of S. V. Given and others, of said town, for same—severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Orient plantation in the county of Aroostook, (submitted by Mr. SPOFFORD)—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Charles Q. Clapp and an other, for further extension of charter of the Junction Railroad—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Zenas Cobb and others;

- " of Jeremiah Day and others;
- " of Addison Fisher and others;
- " of Lincoln Litchfield and others;
- " of Selectmen of Woolwich;
- " of John Greenleaf and others:
- " of Lee Leavitt and others;
- " of Josiah Merrow and others;
- " of James L. Rogers and others;
- of J. G. West and others—for a new county;

Remonstrance of A. B. Austin and others;

- " of Samuel Alley and others;
- " of Benjamin Bailey and others;

Remonstrance of Leonard McCobb and others;

" of John Ryan and others;

" of John Siders and others, against the division of the county of Lincoln—severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of C. Cushing, for a divorce;

Petition of Peter Cooper, for aid in defence of lands against Vassal claims;

Petition of Robert Wilder and others, for power to raise highway taxes in plantations—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Franklin Black and others, for a railroad from Wiscasset to Richmond—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in cnocurrence.

Petition of Daniel Sughrue and others, for appropriation of money on road to a back settlement in Madawaska—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. W. Winslow and others, against the change of town lines as prayed for by the petition of the Selectmen of Readfield—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Ebenezer Farley and others, for a bank in New-castle—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Ozias Bartlett and others, in aid of the petition of James Moore—read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of N. W. Stevens and others, for appropriation on road from Aroostook river to Fort Kent—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill for the preservation of salmon, shad, and alewives, in Penobscot river and bay, and their tributary streams, (introduced in the House of Representatives) came up referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate nonconcurred the House in its reference, and referred said bill to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on State Lands and State Roads made a report on the petition of Portland Society of Natural History, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on Education—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the bond of Samuel Cony, Treasurer of State elect, as principal, for the sum of \$150,000, with Reuel Williams, William A. Brooks, and George W. Stanley, as sureties, reported that they had examined the same, and that said sureties appear to be good and sufficient—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, from the Special Committee on Joint Rules and Orders, made a report—which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported reference to the next Legislature on petition of Seward Merrill and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on petition of Selectmen of Searsport, for biennial sessions of the Legislature; on an order relative to the same subject; also on an order relative to a change in the Constitution, so as to make Sheriffs, Judges, and Registers of Probate, elective by the people; and also an order relative to snowing the track of covered bridges—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. VINTON submitted the following Order:

That the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison be directed to visit the prison in person, to examine into the con-

dition and affairs of the same, and make a report to the present Legislature. And the same, on motion of Mr. YOUNG, was amended, by adding after "directed," the words, to select from their number a sub-committee of five, and the same was passed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to prevent the destruction of trout in Rangely and Mooselocmaguntic lakes—came up from the House of Representatives amended. The Senate insisted upon its vote of the 2d instant, passing said bill to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill concerning the transfer of bonds and writings for deeds—was read the second time; and the same, on motion of Mr. YOUNG, was ordered to lie on the table, and that 350 copies of said bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate, (reported by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Nehemiah Marks, and memorial of the Mayor of Calais);

Bill to amend an act entitled An Act to incorporate the city of Augusta, (reported by same Senator from same Committee, on petition of John A. Pettingill)—severally read once, and the same, on motion of Mr. VINTON, were laid upon the table, and ordered that 350 copies of each be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill changing the time of holding the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Washington county, (reported by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of George Downes and others, and an order relative to that subject);

Bill to change the time of holding the Court of County Commissioners, (reported by same Senator, from same Committee, on an order relative to same);

Bill relating to the duties of Clerks of Supreme Judicial Court, (reported by same Senator, from same Committee, to which said bill had been referred); Bill to amend An Act to amend the 125th chapter of the Revised Statutes, approved April 20, 1852, (reported by same Senator, from same Committee, on an order relative to amending chapters 262 and 125);

Bill to legalize the doings of the Selectmen of the town of New Vineyard in the year 1853, (reported by same Senator, from same Committee, on petition of the Selectmen of New Vineyard);

Bill to incorporate the Board of Trade of Portland, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of the Board of Trade of Portland);

Bill to incorporate the Casco Iron Company, (reported by same Senator, from same Committee, on petition of James C. Churchill);

Bill to set off a portion of the town of Waterborough and annex the same to the town of Shapleigh, (reported by the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of William Pike and another);

Resolve relating to the ministerial and school fund in Patten, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the Selectmen of the town of Patten)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dalton.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of further regulations for the protection of lumber in the Penobscot river between Oldtown and Bangor—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire and report what further legislation, if any, is expedient in relation to taxing bank stock apparently owned by persons not residents within this State—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of authorizing coroners to execute all precepts now in their hands; and also, what further legislation (if any) is necessary in relation to the jurisdiction of coroners in the service and execution of civil and criminal precepts generally—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on Banks and Banking to report, forthwith, the amount of bank capital which has been asked for, from this Legislature, and at what places increase of bank capital is asked for, and what amount the Committee propose to grant, and for what places—read, and the same, on motion of Mr. STARK, was laid upon the table.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on Public Buildings to inquire into the expediency of erecting on the public grounds, at the Capitol, a Meridional Magnetic and Time Standard, for the use of the State—read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of William Connor and others, of the town of Fair-field, owners of water power and mill property, for an act of incorporation—read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Josiah E. Ellis and others, for arrears of pensions to be allowed Leonard Trask—read and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of C. H. Hudson and another, for a Telegraph Corporation in this State;

Petition of Hezekiah Williams and others, members of the Hancock bar, for abolishing the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court, in Hancock county;

Petition of the Selectmen of Bowdoin, that the doings of said town may be made valid;

Petition of Joseph Curtis and 55 others of Wells;

- " of George Donnell and 16 others of York;
- " of O. A. Jones and 45 others of York;
- " of Johnson Lunt and 153 others of Saco;
- " of John Main and 58 others of York;
- " of Thomas Norton and 101 others of York;
- of Samuel P. Young and 40 others of York;
- " of Henry H. Staples and 106 others of Limerick and Limington;

Petition of David Stevens and 308 others, of Biddeford and Lyman, for the removal of the Courts, County Offices and Institutions from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary, to inquire into the expediency of enacting a general law for the incorporation and government of telegraph companies—read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Jesse Lander and others;

" of Samuel Taylor and others;

Petition of Reuel Bates and others, in aid of the petition of Samuel Bunker and others;

Petition of Hiram Burrell and others, for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Pishon's Ferry;

Petition of William C. Hammatt and others, for extension of time to build Howland bridge;

Petition of Dustine Spalding and others, in aid of the petition of E. Cobb and others, for the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad;

Petition of Apollos Osgood and others, for same—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of John H. Bois, for title to land;

of D. G. Cook and others, in aid of same;

Resolve relating to the building of roads, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill in addition to An Act incorporating the Bath Mutual Marine Insurance Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of the Executive Committee of Board of Trustees of Litchfield Liberal Institute—read and referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Solomon L. Lothrop and others, to be incorporated as a Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company—read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Robert Davis and others;

Remonstrance of Edward Robinson and others, against the division of the county of Lincoln—severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Levi Emery and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the Norway Manufacturing Company, (reported by Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition E. F. Beal and others);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers' and Traders' Bank, Portland, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of the Manufacturers' and Traders' Bank);

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to collect the taxes assessed upon the polls and estates of said city for the year 1853, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the Mayor of Bangor);

Resolve in favor of David Seavy, (reported by the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of David Seavy)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to establish the county of Androscoggin, (reported by Mr. WHIDDEN, from the Committee on Division of Counties, on petition of George L. Ward and others, and twenty-two other petitions); on motion of the same Senator, said bill was ordered to lie on the table, and that 350 copies of the same be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Subsequently, said bill was taken up, read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of A. B. Thompson and others, was read the second time; and the same, on motion of Mr. VINTON, was laid upon the table.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Rockland Bank, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was taken up and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve relating to the ministerial and school fund in Patten, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill to amend an act entitled "An Act to amend the 125th chapter of the Revised Statutes," approved April 20, 1852;

Bill relating to the duties of clerks of the Supreme Judicial Court;

Bill to incorporate the Board of Trade of Portland;

- " to incorporate the Casco Iron Company;
- " to legalize the doings of the town of New Vineyard in the year 1853—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to set off a portion of the town of Waterborough and and annex the same to the town of Shapleigh, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to change the time of holding the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Washington;

Bill to change the time of holding the April term of the Court of County Commissioners for the county of Washington—and the same were severally passed to be enacted.

And the same were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dalton.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to procure for the Library, ten copies of the laws passed since the Revised Statutes, bound in one volume.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, requesting the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether further legislation is necessary to enable School Districts to purchase localities for school buildings, when parties holding such localities as desired, refuse to sell the same. And if such legislation should be found necessary, that said Committee be directed to report a bill to this Legislature in conformity therewith—read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Reform School—be directed to visit the school in person, to examine the condition and affairs of the same, and make report to the present Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary—be instructed to inquire in the expediency of amending the 12th section of chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Library, to inquire whether any and what further legislation is necessary for the better regulation and preservation of the Maine State Library—read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Jonathan Purinton of Fairfield, for compensation for services rendered in a criminal prosecution;

Bill to amend the 148th chapter of the Revised Statutes, (submitted by Mr. McCOBB)—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of James S. Holmes and others, to be incorporated by the name of the Piscataquis Railroad Company—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the Selectmen of Bowerbank, for reduction of State valuation—read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend the act incorporating the "Hancock Mutual Insurance Company," (submitted by Mr. SPOFFORD)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill concerning the assignment and redemption of mortgages, (introduced in the House of Representatives);

Bill in addition to the 91st chapter of the Revised Statutes of this State, (introduced in the House);

Petition of John N. Goodwin and 42 others of South Berwick;

Petition of William Andrews and 19 others of Biddeford;

Petition of William C. Briggs and 16 others of North Berwick;

Petition of E. H. McKenney and 61 others of Buxton and Hollis;

Petition of M. C. Strout and 82 others of Limington and Cornish;

Petition of Isaachar Weymouth and 105 others of Saco, for the removal of the Courts, County Offices and Institutions from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

The Committee on Banks and Banking reported leave to withdraw on petition of John Hubbard and others—read, and the same was recommitted, in concurrence.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petitions of Amanda F. Kirby and C. Cushing, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petitions—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. STARK, from the same Committee, to which was referred the order in relation to Mutual Loan Associations and Building Societies, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said order, and recommended the reference of the same to the Committee on Banks and Banking—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Lowell & Senter—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Moses Sweat and others; the President, Directors & Co. of the Lumbermen's Bank; A. C. Spaulding and others; President, Directors & Co. of Skowhegan Bank, and Ezra Carter, Jr., and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. WHIDDEN, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported leave to withdraw on petition of A. C. Robbins and and others; A. B. Chapin and others, and sundry other petitions, for a new county—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the town of Umbagog came up from the House of Representatives, that branch insisting on its former vote passing the same to be engrossed, proposed a conference,

and appointed as conferees, Messrs. Frost of Bethel, Carleton of Whitefield, and Hilliard of Oldtown. The Senate, insisting on its vote of the 3d instant recommitting said bill, concurred in the proposition for a conference, and appointed as conferees, Messrs. Prince, Davis and Whidden.

Bill to establish the county of King, (reported by Mr. WHIDDEN, from the Committee on Division of Counties, on petition of Henry Tallman and others, and sundry other petitions)—read once, and the same, on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN, was ordered to lie on the table, and that 350 copies of said bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Subsequently said bill, on motion of Mr. ROBINSON, was taken up, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Merchants' Bank, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of the Cashier of Merchants' Bank);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Ellsworth Bank, (reported by same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of the Directors of Ellsworth Bank);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Dexter Company, (reported by Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Lysander Cutler and others);

Bill to incorporate the Maine Pomological and Horticultural Society, (reported by Mr. PRINCE, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of John H. Hartwell and others);

Bill to provide for the selection and introduction of a text book of the rudiments of Agriculture into common schools, (reported by same Senator, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill to amend the 82d chapter of the Revised Statutes, (reported by same Senator, from same Committee, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill to repeal an act for the preservation of the fish called bass, in Dunston river, in Scarboro', in the county of Cumberland, (reported by HAYES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Ebenezer C. Staples and others);

Bill to incorporate the Lewy's Island Railroad Company, (reported by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of William Todd and others);

Bill to enable Insurance Companies of this State to comply with certain provisions of law in other States, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill to amend the 154th chapter of the Revised Statutes, (reported by Mr. HAYES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to that subject;)

Bill in addition to the 155th chapter of the Revised Statutes, (reported by Mr. STARK, from same Committee, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill to incorporate the Nequasset Lake Ice Company, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said bill had been referred)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill authorizing the erection of a wharf at the South Steam Mill property, in Bath, (reported by Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Joseph Smith and others)—read once, and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was ordered to lie on the table, and that 350 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Resolve in favor of David Seavy, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. McCOBB, was laid upon the table.

Bill to establish the county of Androscoggin, was read the second time, and amended; and the question of passing the same to be engrossed, as amended, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Cutler, Davis, Drisko, Hayes, Lowell of Lincoln, McIntire, Muzzy, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, West, Whidden and Young—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Farwell, Hazen, Hubbard, Lowell of Cumberland, McCobb and Vinton—6.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate;

Bill to incorporate the Norway Manufacturing Company (amended);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers' and Traders' Bank;

Bill to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Augusta"—severally read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to collect taxes, assessed upon the polls and estates of said city for the year 1853, was read the second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Frontier Steamboat Company, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of William Denning and others,) was read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, assigned for second reading.

Bill to incorporate the North Vassalborough Manufacturing Company, (reported by Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of John D. Lang and another)—read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Mr. DRISKO was discharged from serving on the Committee on Accounts, agreeably to his own request, and

Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, was appointed in his stead.
Adjourned.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheney.

On motion of Mr. MUZZY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether further legislation is necessay in order to protect the rights of parties interested in attachments of the right of redemption under mortgage of real estate.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Boyd and others, for an insolvent law, together with all other petitions for the same measure, now on the files of the Senate, be taken therefrom and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Henri Dionne and others, for an appropriation for schools in Madawaska plantation—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. WHIDDEN, from the conferees on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on the "bill to incorporate the town of Umbagog," reported that the conferees of the two Houses had met, and that the conferees on the part of the House had agreed to recommend to that branch to recede and concur with the Senate in recommitting said bill—read and accepted.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported legislation inexpedient on bill in relation to lands reserved for public uses; and on an order relative to timber and grass lands reserved for public uses; and leave to

withdraw on petition of Charles and William D. Crocker—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. HAYES, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw on petition of James Dunning and others; John G. Mayo and others; Samuel Moody, agent of Lewiston and Topsham Railroad Company, and John Short and others; reference to next Legislature on petition of William Morse and others, and order of notice to next Legislature on petition of John Cameron and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The same Committee reported order of notice on petition of Franklin Clark and others—read, and the same, on motion of Mr. SPOFFORD, was recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in favor of Alexander G. Turner, (reported by Mr. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of Alexander G. Turner);

Resolve in favor of Orient plantation, in the county of Aroostook, (reported by Mr. SPOFFORD, from the Committee on Education, to which said resolve had been referred);

Bill to incorporate the Hartland Manufacturing Company, (reported by Mr. TUCKER, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of James Fuller and others);

Bill to authorize the town officers of Hebron, for the year 1853, to amend their records, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the Selectmen of Hebron)—severally read once, and Monday, 11 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Bill to provide for the selection and introduction of a Text Book of the rudiments of Agriculture into common schools, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. TORSEY, was laid upon the table.

Bill to establish the county of King;

" to incorporate the Frontier Steamboat Company;

Bill in addition to chapter 155 of the Revised Statutes;

" to incorporate the North Vassalborough Manufacturing Company;

Bill to incorporate the Maine Pomological and Horticultural Society;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Dexter Company;

- " to amend the 154th chapter of the Revised Statutes;
- " to incorporate the Nequasset Lake Ice Company;
- " to amend the 82d chapter of the Revised Statutes;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Ellsworth Bank;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Merchants' Bank;
- " to repeal An Act for the preservation of the fish called bass in Dunston river, in Scarborough, in the county of Cumberland;

Bill to enable Insurance Companies of this State, to comply with certain provisions of law in other States, (amended,) severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Lewy's Island Railroad Company, was read the second time, the amendment proposed by the House adopted, and said bill was further amended, (as on B and C,) and the same was passed to be engrossed as on sheets annexed to said bill marked A, B and C.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the petition of Ira B. Delano, for remuneration for damage, to be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Claims—read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathan Cummings and others, to be incorporated by the name of the Trustees of the Sailors' Home—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Ephraim Packard and others, for appropriation on Blanchard and Kingsbery road—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Sylvester Cook and 26 others;

Petition of William Pike and 8 others, for the removal of the Courts, County Offices and Institutions from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford;

Petition of B. L. Morrison and others of Rangely plantation, for authority to raise money for the support of schools;

Bill concerning real actions, (introduced in the House, by Mr. ABBOTT of Norridgewock);

Bill to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Portland, (introduced in the House, by Mr. CHASE of Portland)—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Leander Morton and others, for the right to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bristol;

Petition of A. L. Kelley and others, to be incorporated as the Waldo Mountain Granite Company—severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Butler and others, for an appropriation for the repair of the road from Lexington to Flag Staff, in Somerset county—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Joab Harriman, for change of the name of Clinton Academy to that of Benton Institute—read and referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which had been referred the petition of John M. Adams and another, made a report asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on the Judiciary—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Railroads and Bridges, to which had been referred the "Bill for the regulation of ways dedicated to public use," made a report asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on the Judiciary—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which had been referred "Bill concerning Foreign Insurance Companies," reported that said bill ought not to pass—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill authorizing the erection of a wharf at South Steam Mill Property at Bath, on motion of Mr. McCOBB, was taken up, and a week from next Friday, (24th instant,) 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the "Waldoborough and Thomaston Steam Navigation Company," (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred)—read once and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Bill to authorize the town officers of Hebron, for year 1853, to amend their records, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of David Seavey, on motion of Mr. WHID-DEN, was taken up, and the same was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Alexander G. Turner;

Resolve in favor of Orient plantation, in the county of Aroostook;

Bill to incorporate the Hartland Manufacturing Company—severally read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey Pumpkin Island to the United States, (introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. HILL of Bangor,) was read twice, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve authorizing the trustees of the ministerial and school fund of the town of Patten to make a discount on certain notes taken for land sold by them;

Resolve providing for the pay of Commissioners of Maine and Massachusetts, appointed in 1853, under the act of separation—and the same were severally finally passed.

And said resolves were severally presented to the Governor for his approval, on Tuesday, March 14.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the Market Bank, Bangor;

- " to increase the capital stock of Casco Bank;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Rockland Bank;
- " to incorporate the Frontier Steamboat Company;
- " to set off a portion of the town Waterboro' and annex the same to Shapleigh;

Bill to authorize the city of Bangor to collect taxes assessed upon the polls and estates of said city for the year 1853;

Bill to prevent the destruction of trout in Rangely and Mooselocmaguntic lakes—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*.

And said bills were severally presented to the Governor for his approval, on Tuesday, March 14.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petitions of Christopher Cushing, James Kirby and Amanda F. Kirby, came up from the House of Representatives referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting, on the part of the House, of Messrs. Carleton of Whitefield, Hill of Bangor, Gilman of Brunswick, Harriman of Waterville, Starr of Thomaston, Foster of East Machias, and Hopkins of Trenton, with such as the Senate may join; and the said report, on motion of Mr. VINTON, was ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Webb.

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures be directed to inquire into the propriety of making some remuneration to Elliot R. Bowdoin for his services as Commissioner of this State to the late "Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations." Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of John A. Berry and 103 others, for the removal of the Courts, County Offices and Institutions, from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford;

Petition of Nathaniel Chamberlain and 7 others, to abolish the Court of County Commissioners—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of P. M. Foster and others, of the town of North Anson to exempt certain property from taxation—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of R. M. Chapman and others, for aid to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute—read and referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill concerning assessments on unincorporated townships, (laid upon the table by Mr. McCOBB)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Haskell W. Johnson and others, for a grant to build a bridge across "Davis's Narrows" in Bluehill—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence. Petition of Edmund D. Norcross, for additional pay for putting gas pipes in State House—read and referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of William Poor, for renewal of pension—read and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of Dennett Weymouth and others, in aid of petition of W. Wood and others, for a railroad from Richmond to Wiscasset—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of G. L. Bailey, sealer of weights and measures in Portland, for amendment of law "Of Weights and Measures"—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Remonstrance of Nathan Allen and others;

of John Bartlett and others;

" of D. R. Carlton and others, against the petition of Samuel Whitmore and others—severally read and referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw on petition of David White and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petitions of C. Cushing, James Kirby and Amanda F. Kirby, on motion of Mr. VINTON, was taken up; the Senate, nonconcurring the House in its reference to a Joint Select Committee, adhered to the vote of the 10th instant, in accepting said report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to provide for the selection and introduction of a Text Book of the rudiments of agriculture into common schools, on motion of Mr. TORSEY, was taken up, that Senator proposing an amendment to the same; and said bill, with the amendment, on motion of Mr. ROBINSON, was laid upon the table.

Pesolve in favor of Waite plantation, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the Assessors of Waite plantation);

Bill authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Eastport harbor, (reported by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Enoch Baldwin—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the Waldoborough and Thomaston Steam Navigation Company, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheney.

Order from the House of Representatives, requesting that all the papers in favor of William Poor, for injuries received while in the service of the State, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions—read and passed, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of B. C. Bailey and others;

" of Samuel Farrar and others;

" of John Hubbard and others;

" of James White and others, against the petition of C. H. Hudson and another, for a charter to construct lines of Telegraph;

Bill concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of the Maine Charity School, for aid—read and referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. I. Bragg and others, against the incorporation of Umbagog township—read and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Joshua Hathaway, for a tract of land in Passadumkeag—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Baldwin Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives, by Mr. SANBORN of Baldwin)—read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Skowhegan, for a change in the State valuation of said town and the town of North Anson—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. ROBINSON, reconsidered the vote of yesterday, whereby the petition of Haskell W. Johnson and others was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence, and referred said petition to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Claims, to which had been referred the petition of Preston E. Woodward and others, made a report, that the same be referred to the Committee on State Prison—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Portland Mutual Loan and Savings Association, (reported in the House, by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Nathaniel F. Deering and others);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Traders' Bank, (reported in the House, by the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of the President, Directors and Co. of the Traders' Bank);

Bill to incorporate the Kennebunk Bank, (reported in the House, by same Committee, on petition of Daniel Nason and others);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Maritime Bank of Bangor, (reported in the House, by same Committee, on petition of Isaac Farrar and others);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Belfast Bank, (reported in the House, by same Committee, on petition of the President, Directors and Co. of Belfast Bank);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Cobbossee Contee Bank, (reported in the House, by same Committee, on petition of Edward Swan and others);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Canal Bank in Portland, (reported in the House, by same Committee, on petition of the President and Directors of the Canal Bank);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Eastern Bank, (re-

ported in the House, by same Committee, on petition of the President, Directors and Co. of the Eastern Bank);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the York Bank, (reported in the House, by same Committee, on petition of Daniel Cleaves and others);

Bill to increase the capital stock of Richmond Bank, (reported in the House, by same Committee, on petition of President, Directors and Co. of said bank);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Lewiston Falls Bank, (reported in the House, by same Committee, on petition of the Directors of the Lewiston Falls Bank);

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Sailors' Home in Portland, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Nathan Cummings and others);

Bill to amend the charter of the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company, (reported by same Senator, from same Committee, on petition of James S. Holmes and others);

Bill additional to an act to incorporate the Gardiner Gas Light Company, (reported in the House, by same Committee to which said bill had been referred);

Bill to incorporate the Portland Milling Company, (reported in the House, by the same Committee, on petition of Edward E. Upham and others);

Bill to incorporate the Rockland Marine Railway Company, (reported in the House, by the same Committee, on petition of Charles Holmes and others);

Bill to incorporate the proprietors of the Howland Bridge, (reported in the House, by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of William C. Hammatt and others);

Bill to incorporate the East Eddington Ladies' Social and Benevolent Society, (reported in the House by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Susan Paddeford and others);

Bill to authorize the Frst Congregational Society in Eastport to alter or rebuild their meetinghouse, (reported in the House, by the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Daniel Kelley and others); Bill additional to the 91st chapter of the Revised Statutes of this State, (reported in the House by the same Committee to which said bill had been referred);

Bill additional to "An Act to incorporate the Atlantic Ship, Wharf and Lime Manufacturing Company, (reported in the House by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of the Atlantic Ship, Wharf and Lime Manufacturing Company);

Bill to make valid the acts of William K. Lancy, as Justice of the Peace and Quorum, (reported in the House by the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of H. B. Conner and others);

Bill to increase the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court, established in the city of Portland, (reported in the House by the Joint Select Committee, consisting of the delegation from Cumberland county, to which said bill had been referred)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the Mousam River Bank, (reported in the House by the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of George A. Frost and others)—read once, and Wednesday next, (22d,) 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of Waite plantation, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Eastport Harbor—was read the second time, the amendment proposed by the House adopted, and said bill passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill concerning the transfer of bonds and writings for deeds, was taken up, the amendments proposed by the House, marked A and B, adopted, and said bill passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill in relation to recognizances, and bill granting power to plant and protect oysters in the bed of Georges river and tributaries, in Lincoln county, came up from the House severally amended, and the same, on motion of Mr. ROBINSON, were laid upon the table.

Bill concerning the Passamaquoddy Indians, came up from the House recommitted. The Senate receded from the vote of the first instant, passing said bill to be engrossed, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

The Committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw on petitions of Edward McClellan and others, and Robert Treat and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which had been referred "Bill to establish County Courts;" "Bill relating to School Districts" and "Bill to regulate proceedings in criminal prosecutions," reported that said bills ought not pass—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The same Senator from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Joshua Howes and others; and legislation inexpedient on an order relative to regulating city, town and plantation meetings, and an order relative to the location of school houses in school districts—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Present, Honorable LUTHER S. MOORE, President, in the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE.

Order from the House of Representatives, that the petition of Leonard Trask, and other documents and papers accompanying the same, be taken from the files of the year 1852, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions—read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary in relation to the support of paupers in plantations.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on Agriculture, to inquire into the expediency of increasing the annual appropriation to the several societies in this State—read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TORSEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pay of Committees and Supervisors of Common Schools.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Cyrus Cleaves and 18 others;

- " of Cyrus Davis and 131 others;
- " of Mark Dennett and 13 others;
- " of Simeon Goodwin and 3 others;
- " of James Goodwin and 31 others;
- " of Cyrus K. Lunt and 42 others;

Petition of George Rumery and 24 others;

- " of Henry Small and 74 others;
- " of Amos Woodman and 16 others, for the removal of the Courts, County Offices and Institutions from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford;

Remonstrance of the town of North Berwick;

Remonstrance of town of Shapleigh, against the same;

Petition of the Selectmen of Biddeford, for authority to raise money on the credit of said town;

Petition of the proprietors of steamboat wharf in Belfast, to revive their act of incorporation;

Bill to revive an act establishing the Belfast Steamboat Wharf Company, (introduced in the House by Mr. JOHNSON of Belfast);

Bill to repeal chapter 77 of the public laws of 1848, (introduced in the House by Mr. CAME of Portland);

Bill to regulate the construction and maintenance of public drains in the city of Portland, (introduced in the House by the same gentleman)—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Gardiner H. Cushing and another, to be incorporated as the "Spring Garden Factory Company;"

Petition of B. C. Bailey, Mayor of the city of Bath, for leave to purchase the Sagadahoc Ferry;

Bill to incorporate the South Berwick Company, (introduced in the House)—severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of George K. Smith, for pension on account of injuries sustained while on military duty;

Memorial of D. L. Conant and others, in aid of the petition of Leonard Trask—severally read and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of Calvin Boody and others, to be incorporated by the name of the Webster Association—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Isaac Fairfield and others, for an act for the preservation of fish in Webber pond, in Vassalborough—read and referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Parker and others, to be incorporated for saving and benevolent purposes—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of James Cochran, Jr., and others, of Monmouth, to be incorporated for manufacturing oil cloths—read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Burrill and others, for incorporation of West Penobscot Agricultural Society—read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of Stephen Haines and others;

- " of Charles Hill and others;
- " of Joseph Murphy and others;
- of Samuel Pope and others;
- " of Jeremiah Wadlin and others, for the removal of the Courts, County Offices, and Institutions from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford;

Remonstrance of inhabitants of Alfred;

- " of inhabitants of Acton;
- " of Selectmen of Acton;
- " of Selectmen of Elliot;
- " of Selectmen of Parsonsfield;
- " of town of Berwick;
- " of inhabitants of Kennebunk;
- " of inhabitants of Kittery;
- " of inhabitants of Sanford;
- " of County Commissioners of York county;
- " of inhabitants of Waterborough;
- " of Stillman B. Allen and others of Kittery;
- " of Daniel Appleton and others of Buxton;
- " of Gilman L. Bennett;
- " of Aaron Brooks and others of Buxton;
- " of Joseph Dane and others of Kennebunk;

Remonstrance of Theodore F. Jewett and others of South Berwick;

Remonstrance of Isaac Mitchell and others of Limington;

" of Samuel Stillings and others of Berwick, against the removal of the Courts, County Offices, and Institutions from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford;

Bill granting additional powers to the trustees of the Franklin Bank, (introduced in the House)—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel C. Blake and others, for the survey of railway from Mattawamkeag point to the river St. John;

Petition of Henry Butman and others of Dixmont, in aid of the petition of Rufus Burnham and others, for the extension of Vassalborough and China Railway;

Remonstrance of S. Pickard and others, against the charter of a railroad from Mechanic Falls to Portland—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Arkwright Company;

- " to incorporate the Franklin Company;
- " to incorporate the Aroostook Company;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Lewiston Bagging Company;

Bill to authorize the town of Lewiston to regulate the measurement and sale of wood and bark, (all introduced in the House)—severally read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Lewiston Linen Company, (introduced in the House)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of John Goddard and others, for an appropriation for the Umcolcus road;

Petition of Raphael Martin and others, in relation to land claims—severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of John Eaton and others, for an act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Taylor pond—read and referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of John T. Greely and others;

Petition of H. K. Dexter and others, in aid of the petition of Nathaniel Burrill and others—severally read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Bill to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Wilson pond—read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of William Allen and others;

- " of Job Chase and others;
- " of George Cobb and others;
- " of Virgil D. Parris and others;
- " of Ervin Robinson and others, for a charter for the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad;

Petition of William Carlisle and others of Boothbay;

- " of Arnold Blaney and others;
- " of B. W. Plummer and others, for a railroad from Wiscasset to Richmond;

Petition of stockholders of Martin's Point Bridge, for increase of toll;

Petition of Henry Baker and others, in aid of the petition of Rufus Burnham and others;

Petition of Amasa Taylor and others, in aid of the same—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Seth Tisdale and others, that certain conditions may be imposed on the Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Corporation—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of a law to secure the rights of laborers and those furnishing materials on railroads, in the same manner as the rights of others are secured under the provisions of the lien law, so called, for building vessels, houses, &c.—read and passed, in concurrence.

Mr. VINTON, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature on petition of Lorenzo Linnell and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Calais Bank, (reported by Mr. STARK, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Calais Bank);

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Northern Bank, (reported by same Senator from same Committee, on petition of the President, and Directors of the Northern Bank);

Bill to incorporate the Tilson and Ulmer Lime Rock Company, (reported by Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Jeremiah Tollman and others);

Bill to incorporate the Belfast City Mills Company, (reported by same Senator from same Committee, on petition of E. C. Kimball)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the Kennebunk Bank, was read the second time, and the amendment proposed by the House, to wit: "strike out the words 'Kennebunk Bank' wherever they occur in the bill and insert the words Ocean Bank; also amend the title by striking out the word 'Kennebunk,' and inserting the word Ocean," was adopted, and the title, as amended, will be an act to incorporate the Ocean Bank; and said bill was further amended by inserting as corporators the names of all the petitioners, and said bill passed to be engrossed, with the amendments marked A and B.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Belfast Bank;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Canal Bank, in Portland;

- Bill to increase the capital stock of the Cobbossee Contee Bank;
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Eastern Bank;
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Lewiston Falls Bank;
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Maritime Bank, of Bangor;
 - " to increase the capital stock of Richmond Bank;
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Traders' Bank;
 - " to incorporate the Portland Mutual Loan and Savings Association;
 - " to incorporate the Atlantic Ship Wharf and Lime Manufacturing Company;
 - " to incorporate the Proprietors of the Howland Bridge;
 - " to incorporate the Rockland Marine Railway Company;
 - " to incorporate the Portland Milling Company;
 - " to incorporate the East Eddington Ladies' Social and Benevolent Society;
 - " to authorize the First Congregational Society in Eastport, to alter or rebuild their meetinghouse;
 - " additional to An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Gas Light Company;
- " to increase the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court, established in the city of Portland—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the York Bank, was read the second time, the amendment proposed by the House adopted, and passed said bill to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to amend the charter of the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company;

Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Sailors' Home in Portland—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill additional to the 91st chapter of the Revised Statutes of this State, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was laid upon the table.

Bill to make valid the acts of William K. Lancy, as Justice of the Peace and Quorum, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, the vote passing the same to be engrossed, in concurrence, was reconsidered, and said bill was laid upon the table.

Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland county to locate a highway across Fore river, in said county, (reported by Mr. HAYES, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of Charles Barrell and others,) was read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. McCOBB, the vote assigning to-morrow for a second reading was reconsidered, and ordered that said bill be laid upon the table and 350 copies of same be printed for the use of the Legislature, and Wednesday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Mr. ROBINSON submitted the following order, to wit:

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to investigate the affairs of the China Bank, with power to send for persons and papers.

Amendments were proposed, and said order, with the proposed amendments, on motion of Mr. McCOBB, was laid upon the table.

Mr. STARK moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday, whereby the Senate assigned Wednesday next for the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Mousam River Bank; and said motion, (on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN,) was laid upon the table till to-morrow morning.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the Lewy's Island Railroad Company;

" to authorize the town officers of Hebron, for the year 1853, to amend their records;

Bill to incorporate the Norway Manufacturing Company—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*—and said bills were severally presented to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

The President being absent, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. CREHORE,

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for President, pro tempore. And Messrs. Crehore, Robinson, and Blake of Aroostook, were appointed said Committee. Which Committee, having attended to the duties assigned it, reported

That the whole number of votes is	18
Necessary to a choice,	10
Stephen Stark has	8
Elisha Clarke,	6
Newell Blake,	2
Rendol Whidden,	1
John L. Cutler,	1

which report was accepted.

No person having received a majority of all the votes, the same Committee proceeded again to receive, sort and count the votes for President, pro tempore. Which Committee reported

That the whole number of votes is	20
Necessary to a choice,	11
Stephen Stark has	13
Elisha Clarke.	7

which report was accepted, and STEPHEN STARK was declared duly elected President, pro tempore.

Mr. STARK signified his acceptance in the following address:

"For this unexpected expression of your confidence in me, you have my sincere thanks. I am aware of the responsibility of the place, but, for the short time I may occupy the chair, relying on your courtesy and assistance, I hope to be able to discharge my duty acceptably."

The Secretary then read the Journal of yesterday.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DALTON.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that in the absence of the President, the Senate has made choice of Hon. Stephen Stark, President, pro tempore. Which message was delivered by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council, informing them, that in consequence of the absence of the President, the Senate has made choice of Hon. Stephen Stark, President, pro tempore. Which message was delivered by the Secretary.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the manner in which the official duties of John C. Cochran, Judge of the Municipal Court for the town of Rockland, have been discharged, and to report such legislative action in respect to the same as they shall deem expedient—read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Nehemiah Abbott and others, for an act authorizing the city of Belfast to loan its credit to the Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railroad;

Petition of Thomas Bolster and others, for amendment of the charter of the city of Portland;

Bill to authorize the city of Belfast to aid the construction of the Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railway—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of John Gooch, to be relieved from sentence to pay fine and costs imposed upon him by a Justice of the Peace read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Nicholas Pierce, of the town of Limerick, for continuance of pension—read and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in relation to Western Aroostook road, (laid upon the table by Mr. BLAKE of Aroostook);

Resolve for the repair of the State road across the Indian township, in the county of Washington, (laid upon the table by Mr. WHIDDEN)—severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to regulate the taxing of stock in banks and other corporations, (introduced in the House)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petition of the assessors of Matinicus plantation—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported legislation inexpedient, on petition of G. L. Bailey—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the Schoodiac Lake Steamboat Company, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of William Duran and others);

Bill to incorporate the Rockland Long Wharf Company, (reported by same Senator from the same Committee, on petition of Knott Crockett and others);

Bill to incorporate the Hancock and Washington Steam Navigation Company, (reported by same Senator from same Committee, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill to incorporate the State Bank, (reported by same Senator, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of William R. Smith and others);

Bill to incorporate the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, (reported in the House by the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the White Lime Rock Company, (reported by Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Ephraim Hall and others;

Resolve in relation to the claims of the State upon the United States for land taken and required to be taken to satisfy claimants under the treaty of Washington; and

Resolve authorizing the appointment of Commissioners to locate grants and determine the extent of possessory claims under the late treaty with Great Britain—(these resolves reported in the House of Representatives by the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of William Black, Samuel Leavitt, James Stickney, Sanford Noble and Joseph Nelson and others)—severally read once, and Wednesday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Northern Bank;

- " to increase the capital stock of the Calais Bank;
- " to incorporate the Belfast City Mills Company—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the Tilson and Ulmer Lime Rock Company, was read the second time, and amended;

Bill additional to the 91st chapter of the Revised Statutes of this State, (on motion of Mr. CUTLER,) was taken up and amended, and severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve for the repair of the Baring and Houlton Road, in Baileyville, in the county of Washington, (laid upon the table by Mr. WHIDDEN)—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to provide in part, for the expenditures of government, (reported in the House by the Committee on Finance)—read twice, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in favor of the town of Rockland;

Resolve for the benefit of David Seavey;

" authorizing the Land Agent to convey Pumpkin island to the United States—and the same were severally finally passed.

And the same were severally sent to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Farmers' Bank;

- " to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Bank;
- " to incorporate the North Bank;
- " to incorporate the Maine Pomological and Horticultural Society;
- " to incorporate the North Vassalborough Manufacturing Company;
- " to incorporate the Waldoborough and Thomaston Steam Navigation Company;
- " to amend the 82d chapter of the Revised Statutes;
- " additional to the 155th chapter of the Revised Statutes—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*.

And these bills were severally sent to the Governor for his approval.

Bill to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was taken up; and while the same was under consideration,

On motion of Mr. DAVIS, the Senate adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE of Aroostook,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to repair the Military road leading from Lincoln, county of Penobscot, to Houlton, county of Aroostook.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order from the House of Representatives, requesting the Committee on State Lands to inquire into the expediency of granting a portion of the public domain of this State to individuals, in such a manner as to insure a more speedy settlement thereof, and report by bill or otherwise—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to persons owing money on bond and mortgage, as to make it the duty of assessors to deduct such indebtedness from their personal property-read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 151st chapter of the Revised Statutes, by inserting the words fifty cents, after the word "one dollar," in the first part, and the word one dollar, in the place of "fifty cents," in the second part of the twelfth section, so that said section when amended shall read: witnesses, whether in the Supreme Judicial Court, District Court, Probate Court, or before the County Commissioners, shall receive one dollar and fifty cents for each day's attendance, and four cents for each mile's travel, going out and returning home; and before a Justice of the Peace, Judge of the Municipal or Police Court, or referees, auditors or commissioners, specially appointed to take testimony, one dollar a day for attendance, and for travel the same as at courts aforesaid; and report by bill or otherwise—read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of John L. Hodsdon, Judge of the Police Court of Bangor, for increase of salary;

Petition of Mayor and Aldermen of Bangor, for same;

- " of the Selectmen of Richmond, for a village charter;
- " of Benjamin Houghton and others, of the town of Weld, for the repeal of the law taking the ministerial funds for the support of schools—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill additional to An Act to prevent obstructions in the Machias river, (introduced by Mr. DRISKO);

Remonstrance of John Harvey and others, against the petition of George W. Churchill and others—severally read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill additional to An Act incorporating the Bangor Water Company, (introduced in the House)—read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of the town of Kennebec, that its name may be changed to Manchester—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of the Judge of Probate for Hancock county, for increase of salary—read and referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of the delegation from Hancock county, in concurrence.

Petition of Horace Merriam and others, in aid of the petition of Wilmot Wood and others, for a railroad from Wiscasset to Richmond—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Ketcham and others, for an appropriation for building a bridge over a branch of the "Big Presque Isle"—

read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Enoch Barnard and others, for a bank at Bucksport—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Isaiah Burgess and others;

- " of Calvin Copel and others;
- " of Moses Philbrook and others, in aid of the petition of Nathaniel Burrell and others, for the West Penobscot Agricultural Society—severally read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of Louisa A. Gillmore, and 16 other ladies, of Fort Kent, for aid to build a school house—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. HAYES, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Rufus Burnham and others; and legislation inexpedient on

Bill additional to an act to incorporate Centre Bridge Company; and

Bill additional to an act to incorporate the Dresden Neck Bridge Company—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. GOULD, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature on petition of William Butterfield and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Same Committee reported reference to next Legislature, on petition of John Hubbard and others, and Nathan Dyer and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which had been referred the petition of Gardiner H. Cushing and others, made a report asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Manufactures—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Rockland Long Wharf Company;

" to incorporate the Hancock and Washington Steam Navigation Company—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the State Bank, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

Bill to incorporate the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to establish the county of Androscoggin;

- " to provide in part for the expenditures of government;
- " authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Eastport harbor;
- " for the regulation of Intelligence Offices;
- " Bill allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate;
- " to make valid certain doings of the town of New Vineyard, in the year 1853;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Dexter Company;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Merchants' Bank;
- " to incorporate the Casco Iron Company;
- " authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Rockland;
- " concerning the transfer of bonds and other writings for deeds;
- " to enable Insurance Companies of this State to comply with certain provisions of law in other States;
- " to incorporate the Board of Trade of Portland;
- " to repeal an Act for the preservation of fish called bass in Dunston river, in Scarborough, in the county of Cumberland;

Bill to prevent obstructions in the Narraguagus river;

Bill to amend an act entitled An Act to amend the 125th chapter of the Revised Statutes, approved April 20, 1852; and the same were severally passed to be enacted.

And these bills were severally presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve authorizing a tax on the several counties of this State—and the same was *finally passed*, and presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was taken up, and passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Bangor and Castine Telegraph Company; and

Bill to incorporate the Penobscot Telegraph Company, came up from the House of Representatives further amended. The Senate receded from the votes of the 27th of February, passing said bills to be engrossed with the amendment marked A, on each, and adopted the House amendments marked B, and passed said bills to be *engrossed* with the amendments (on each) marked A and B, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Schoodiac Lake Steamboat Company, was read the second time, and amended, and the same was passed to be *engrossed*, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in favor of Leonard Trask, (reported by the Committee on Military pensions, on petition of D. L. Conant and others, and Josiah E. Ellis and others,) was read twice, the amendment proposed by the House adopted, and the same was passed to be *engrossed*, as amended, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of so far altering and amending section 20, chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes, as to authorize the County Commissioners to suspend the payment of damages awarded to owners of land over which any county road may be located until said land is actually taken and occupied for said road—read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture, be directed to inquire into the expediency of so changing the act entitled "An Act to incorporate the West Lincoln Agricultural and Horticultural Society," that the same shall apply to the county of Androscoggin.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of William Gardiner, for a divorce—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Richard McBrien, for title to land;

Petition of Sumner Whitney, for compensation for building bridge—severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of the B Company of Artillery, in Phillips, for an appropriation to build a gun house—read and referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Bradbury and others, for money to be refunded to them which they paid to the State and received no consideration—read and referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Edward Hill and others, for the division of the town of Cape Elizabeth—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill additional to An Act to establish the County of Androscoggin, (introduced in the House)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill to provide for the survey of lumber in the city of Portland, (introduced by Mr. ROBINSON)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of the Directors of the Marine Bank and A. Hayford and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the State Bank, (on motion of Mr. MUZZY) was taken up, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in favor of Leonard Trask;

Resolve in favor of Waite plantation—which were severally finally passed.

And the same were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Webb.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of repealing the 6th article of section 1, chapter 93, of the Revised Statutes of this State—read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That all petitions presented to the Legislature, from and after the 24th of March instant, shall be referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. HAYES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the 5th section of the 167th chapter of the Revised Statutes, so that if any person shall, within this State, procure the commission of a felony in another State or county, such accessory shall be prosecuted and punished in this State.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the 6th section of the 166th chapter of the Revised Statutes, so that, if any mortal wound, or other violence or injury, shall be inflicted, or poison, within the jurisdiction of this State, by means of which death shall ensue within any other State or county, such offense may be prosecuted and punished in this State.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend 178th chapter of the Revised Statutes, (introduced by Mr. McCOBB);

Petition of J. C. Churchill and others, for aid for Westbrook Seminary—severally read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of E. R. Wiggin and others, for incorporating the Saco River Ice Company—read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the Hope Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of R. C. Stickney and others, to be incorporated by the name of "The Milltown Trading Association"—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Isaiah Avery and others, in aid of petition of Nathaniel Burrell and others, to incorporate the West Penobscot Agricultural Society—read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurence.

Petition of Furbur Libbey and others, to be set off from Monmouth and Leeds and annexed to Wales—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill additional allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Resolves relating to the revenue laws of Congress, (introduced in the House of Representatives, by Mr. MORRILL of Augusta,) came up from that branch referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting on the part of the House of Messrs. Morrill of Augusta, Pierce of Kittery, Dunnell of Hebron, Hilliard of Oldtown, Abbott of Norridgewock, Spaulding of Thomaston, and Walker of Hampden, with such as the Senate

may join—read and referred; and Messrs. Robinson, Prince and Davis were joined, in concurrence.

Bill in relation to minor children, (introduced by Mr. HAZEN)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The motion, made by Mr. STARK on Thursday last, (and laid upon the table on the motion of Mr. WHIDDEN,) to reconsider the vote of the 15th instant, whereby the second reading of the "Bill to incorporate the Mousam River Bank" was assigned for Wednesday next, was taken up, and said vote reconsidered, and said bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill to amend an act entitled An Act to incorporate the city of Augusta, came up from the House of Representatives recommitted. The Senate receded from the vote of the 10th instant, whereby said bill was passed to be engrossed, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SPOFFORD, the 15th number of the Rules and Orders was so far suspended as to reconsider the vote of the 11th instant, whereby the report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on petition of John Short and others, was accepted, and said report was recommitted, with instructions to report reference of said petition to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. STARK, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel Pillsbury and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in favor of James Lawrence, (reported by Mr. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of James Lawrence);

Resolve in favor of James Robinson, (reported by same, on petition of James Robinson);

Resolve on Roll of Accounts No. 34, (reported by Mr. HAZEN, from the Committee on Accounts);

Bill additional to the 129th chapter of the Revised Statutes, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill to incorporate the Cobbossee Contee Railroad Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of Robert H. Gardiner and others)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Belfast Bank;

- " to increase the capital stock of the Canal Bank, Portland;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Cobbossee Contee Bank of Gardiner;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Eastern Bank;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Lewiston Falls Bank;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Richmond Bank;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Traders' Bank;
- " to incorporate the proprietors of the Howland Bridge;
- " to incorporate the Nequasset Lake Ice Company;
- " to incorporate the Portland Milling Company;
- " to incorporate the Portland Mutual Loan and Savings Association;
- " to increase the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court, established in the city of Portland;
- " relating to the duties of Clerks of the Supreme Judicial Court;
- " additional to "An Act to incorporate the Atlantic Ship Wharf and Lime Manufacturing Company," and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*.

Which bills were presented to the Governor for his approval. Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheney.

On motion of Mr. DRISKO,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be directed to inquire into the expediency of requiring clerks of companies incorporated in this State to furnish copies of votes and other doings of the company at the request of any person on reasonable notice and pay therefor.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of repealing all laws of this State in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes on ministerial funds and other property belonging to religious societies—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary, to inquire into the expediency of so changing the law, whereby the power is vested in the County Commissioners to make appropriations and expenditures on county buildings and other county property, that said power shall be taken from them and transferred to the legal voters of the several counties of the State—read and passed in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, requiring the Committee on Railroads to inquire into the expediency of passing a general railroad law, which shall enable capitalists to invest their capital in building railroads whenever they may desire—read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Reed and others;

" of John Ruggles and others;

Petition of D. W. Seiders and others, for a railroad from Wiscasset to Richmond—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Hawes and others, for the incorporation of township No. 11, Range 5, by the name of Aroostook—read and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel B. Lock and others, for the protection of pickerel in North pond and other waters in Oxford county;

Petition of Joseph Cousens and others, for the passage of an act to protect fisheries;

Remonstrance of F. A. Jarvis and others, against the petition of Samuel Whittemore and others—severally read and referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Bill in addition to An Act to incorporate the Bath Mutual Marine Insurance Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Bill in addition to chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes;

Resolve in addition to a resolve authorizing a tax on the several Counties of this State, (severally introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of William Gardiner; and order of notice to the next Legislature, on petition of B. L. Morrison and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Same Committee reported leave to withdraw, on petition of C. H. Hudson and another; and legislation inexpedient, on an order relative to a general law regulating Telegraph Companies—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported legislation inexpedient, on an order relative to the formation of Companies for Mechanical and Manufacturing purposes—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported legislation inexpedient, on an order relative to the granting a portion of the public domain to encourage a more speedy settlement thereof—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Communication from the Governor, transmitting deed and other papers relating to sale of the public lands—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Ellsworth Bank, came up from the House of Representatives recommitted. The Senate receded from the vote of the 11th instant, passing said bill to be engrossed, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, came up from the House of Representatives indefinitely postponed. The Senate non-concurred the House in the indefinite postponement of said bill, and insisted on its vote of the 18th instant, passing said bill to be engrossed, and proposed a conference, and appointed as conferees, Messrs. Davis, Stark and Cutler.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to establish Seminaries for teaching the scientific principles of agriculture and mechanic arts, (reported by Mr. PRINCE, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which said bill had been referred)—read once, and the same on motion of said Senator, was laid upon the table, and Ordered, that 350 copies of said bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill to incorporate the Cobbossee Contee Railroad Company, was read the second time, the amendments of the House marked A, B, C and D, severally adopted, and said bill passed to be engrossed as thus amended, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of James Robinson, was read the second time, amended, and passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve on Roll of Accounts, number 34;

Resolve in favor of James Lawrence, were severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the White Lime Rock Company, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

Bill additional to the 129th chapter of the Revised Statutes, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. STARK, was laid upon the table.

Resolve in relation to the claims of the State upon the United States for lands taken and required to be taken to satisfy claimants under the Treaty of Washington—was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the appointment of Commissioners to locate grants and determine the extent of possessory claims under the late treaty with Great Britain, was read the second time, and amended by striking out the last resolve, and passed to be engrossed, as thus amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the erection of Bliss' Meridional Magnetic and Time Standard on the public grounds, (reported by Mr. CREHORE, from the Committee on Public Buildings, on an order relative to that subject);

Resolve in favor of John K. Russell, (reported by Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relative to the claims of said Russell);

Resolve in favor of Hannah, wife of Samuel Meservey, (reported by same Senator, from same Committee, on petition of Samuel Meservey and wife);

Resolve correcting an error in State valuation, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Finance);

Resolve authorizing the administrator on the estate of the late George T. Howe and guardian of his minor children, to convey certain real estate, (reported in the House of Repre-

sentatives, by the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Cyprian S. Howe);

Resolve, (same in name as the above, reported by same Committee, on petition of Stephen W. Howe);

Bill to incorporate the Orono Bridge, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of Nathaniel Wilson and others);

Bill to incorporate the Seavey's Island Bridge Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the same Committee, on petition of John Prior and others);

Bill authorizing the city of Bath to assist the Sagadahoc Ferry Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of B. C. Bailey, Mayor of Bath);

Bill to revive An Act establishing the Belfast Steamboat Wharf Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Portland, (reported by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill to incorporate the Swanville Manufacturing Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of George F. White and others);

Bill to incorporate the South Berwick Company, (reported in the House, by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill authorizing the City Council of Portland to appoint a surveyor of lumber under certain regulations, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill additional to "An Act to establish a literary institution in Westbrook," approved March 4, 1831, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Education, on petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary);

Bill to change the name of Clinton Academy to Benton Institute, (reported in the House of Representatives, by same

Committee, on petition of J. Harriman)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians;

Resolve in favor of Alexander G. Turner—and the same were finally passed.

These resolves were severally presented to the Governor for his approval, on Thursday, the 23d instant.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company;

- " to incorporate the Bangor and Castine Telegraph Company;
- " to incorporate the East Eddington Ladies' Social and Benevolent Society;
- " to incorporate the Hartland Manufacturing Company;
- " to incorporate the Mousam River Bank;
- " to incorporate the Rockland Marine Railway Company;
- " additional to An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Gas Light Company;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Maritime Bank of Bangor;
- " to increase the capital stock of the York Bank;
- " to amend the Act of March 29, 1853, providing for the payment of bounties on wolves and bears;
- " to authorize the First Congregational Society in Eastport, to alter or rebuild their meetinghouse—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*.

And these bills were presented to the Governor for his approval, Thursday, the 23d instant.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on State Lands and State Roads to inquire into the claim of the heirs of Dorcas Farnham to lots No. 31 and No. 8, Range 3; also of the heirs of Ruth Duren to lot No. 104, in said township, under certificates issued to the said Ruth and Dorcas; which certificates it is said are lost; and report by bill or otherwise—read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of John Seavey and others, in aid of the petition of Thomas Day and others—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Stephen Dunham and others, for an amendment to the present homestead law;

Petition of Ebenezer Knowlton and others, for license to sell the old burying ground, in South Montville;

Bill to establish the Union School District, in Cherryfield, (introduced in the House by Mr. ADAMS of Cherryfield)—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Lewis Williams and others, for an act to incorporate the Maine Iron Manufacturing Company;

Bill to incorporate the Maine Oil Cloth and Carpet Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. BAKER of Hallowell)—severally read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Porter D. Gray and others, against the petition of Samuel Allen and others, for a bridge over Davis'

Narrows—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Mr. STARK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petition of William Gardiner, for a divorce—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. HAYES, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported order of notice to next Legislature, on petition of John Short and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported an order of notice to the next Legislature, on petition of James S. Holmes and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petition of William Smith and others, and sundry other petitions for the removal of the Courts, County Offices and Institutions from Alfred to Saco, or Biddeford—which report came up from the House of Representatives recommitted—read and recommitted, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Tillson and Ulmer Lime Rock Company, came up from the House of Representatives recommitted.

The Senate receded from the vote of the 17th instant, passing said bill to be engrossed, and recommitted the same in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Bethel Boom Company, (reported in the House of Representatives by the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of A. M. Gerrish and others);

Bill to incorporate the Hope Company, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill to facilitate the detection and to prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills, (reported by same Senator from same Committee, on an order relative to that subject)—severally

read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to authorize the establishment and maintenance of public libraries, (reported by Mr. SPOFFORD, from the Committee on the Library, to which said bill had been referred)—read once, and Monday next, 11 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of Hannah, wife of Samuel Meservey;

- in favor of John K. Russell;
- " authorizing the erection of Bliss' Meridional Magnetic Time Standard on the public grounds;

Resolve authorizing the city council of Portland to appoint a surveyor of lumber under certain restrictions;

Bill to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Portland—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the administrator on the estate of the late George T. Howe, and the guardian of his minor children, to convey real estate;

Resolve [of the same title as the above];

Resolve correcting an error in the State valuation;

Bill to incorporate the Orono Bridge;

- " South Berwick Company;
- " Seavey's Island Bridge Company;
- " " Swanville Manufacturing Company;

Bill to revive An Act establishing the Belfast Steamboat Wharf Company;

Bill additional to "An Act to establish a literary institution in Westbrook," approved March 4, 1831;

Bill to change the name of Clinton Academy to Benton Institute;

Bill authorizing the city of Bath to assist the Sagadahoc Ferry Company—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to increase the capital stock of Calais Bank;

- " to incorporate the Belfast City Mills Company;
- " to incorporate the Hancock and Washington Steam Navigation Company;
- " to incorporate the Penobscot Telegraph Company;
- " to incorporate the Rockland Long Wharf Company;
- " to incorporate the Sailors' Home, in Portland;
- " to incorporate the Schoodiac Lake Steamboat Company;
- " to incorporate the Ocean Bank;
- " to incorporate the State Bank—and the same were severally passed to be enacted.

Which bills were severally presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland county to locate a highway across Fore river, in said county, on motion of Mr. McCOBB, was taken up, and an amendment proposed by said Senator; and while the same was under discussion, the Senate

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing that the bill, reported to the Legislature in the year 1852, by H. W. Paine and Lot M. Morrill, in relation to Insolvent Debtors, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the Clerks of the Courts from receiving a per diem in any of the counties in this State, as allowed by the County Commissioners, and fix the compensation of clerks by law—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether any further legislation is required to prevent the illegal and fraudulent marking of prize logs, and for the protection of the rights of log-owners against such illegal practices, and that they report by bill or otherwise—read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MUZZY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of making such alterations as may be found necessary in the 122d chapter of the Revised Statutes, in order to carry into effect the objects of said Statutes.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the Trustees of East Pittston Academy, for aid—read and referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON, the Senate so far suspended the 15th rule as to reconsider the vote of the 18th instant, accept

ing the report of the Committee on Division of Towns, referring to the next Legislature the petition of Nathan Dyer and others, and said report and petition were recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB, the Senate so far suspended the 15th rule as to reconsider the vote of Wednesday last, accepting the reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, giving leave to withdraw on petition of C. H. Hudson and another; and legislation inexpedient on an "order relative to a general law regulating Telegraph Companies"—and said petition and order were severally recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Elias Story of Camden, for divorce—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Thomas A. Deblois and others, against the petition of C. Q. Clapp and others, for amendment of the charter of the Atlantic Junction Railroad—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Hartley Hamilton, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which had been referred the "Bill to incorporate the Lewiston Linen Company," reported reference of said bill to the Committee on Manufactures—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting order of notice to next Legislature, on petition of B. L. Morrison and others, came up from the House of Representatives recommitted.

The Senate receded from the vote of Wednesday last, accepting said report, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

The report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of the assessors of Matinicus plantation, came up from the House of Representatives recommitted.

The Senate receded from the vote of the 17th instant,

accepting said report, and concurred in the recommitment of said petition.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Stephen Dunham and others, Ebenezer Knowlton and others, Thomas Mann and others, James Philpot and others, Samuel Tainter and others; legislation inexpedient on an order relative to increasing the fees of witnesses, and that the "Bill to amend chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes," ought not to pass—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. HAYES, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported order of notice to the next Legislature, on petition of Simeon Allen and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The same Committee, in the House of Representatives, reported order of notice to the next Legislature on petition of Franklin Clark and others, and on petition of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company; and leave to withdraw on petition of E. E. Houdlette, agent of Dresden Neck Bridge Company—severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Division of Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Zenas Fogler, and petition of Edward Hill and others; and leave to withdraw on petition of Edward Nason and others—severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

- Bill to amend the 167th chapter of the Revised Statutes, (reported by Mr. HAYES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relative to amending the 5th section of said chapter);
 - " to amend the 166th chapter of the Revised Statutes, (reported by same Senator from same Committee, on an order relative to amending said chapter);
- " to amend an act to incorporate the Maine Telegraph Company, passed in the year 1848, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of the Maine Telegraph Company);

- Bill to incorporate the Hallowell Gas Light Company, (reported by same, on petition of Elisha E. Rice and others);
 - " to incorporate the Leeds Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, (reported by Mr. MUZZY, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Solomon S. Lothrop and others);
 - " to incorporate the Maine Oil Cloth and Carpet Company, (reported by same, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to incorporate the Arkwright Company, (reported by same, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Lewiston Bagging Company, (reported by same, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to amend the Act incorporating the Hancock Mutual Insurance Company, (reported by Mr. PRINCE, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to incorporate the New Castle Bank, (reported by Mr. STARK, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of Ebenezer Farley and others);
 - " to incorporate the city of Rockland, (reported by Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on petition of Jeremiah Berry and others);
- Resolve in favor of Nicholas Pierce, (reported by Mr. Mc-INTIRE, from the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of Nicholas Pierce);
- " making an appropriation for the support of schools at Fort Kent, in Aroostook county, (reported by Mr. TORSEY, from the Committee on Education, on petition of Louisa Gillmore and other ladies at Fort Kent)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.
- Mr. VINTON, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, to which had been committed "Bill to incorporate the Bethel Boom Company," reported, "That the petitioners cause

the bill to be written in a fair and legible hand before any further action of the Legislature is had thereon"—read and accepted.

Bill additional to the 129th chapter of the Revised Statutes, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was taken up—and the amendment proposed by the House marked A, was amended by adding in 14th line, after "years," the word next,—and said proposed amendment, as thus amended, was adopted; and said bill, on motion of Mr. SPOFFORD, was laid upon the table.

Bill to facilitate the detection and to prevent the circulation of counterfeit or altered bank bills;

" to incorporate the Hope Company—severally read the second time and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of A. B. Thompson and others, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was taken up—and the question of passing the same to be engrossed, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Davis, Farwell, Gould, Harriman, Hayes, McCobb, Moore, Muzzy, Robinson, Ruggles, Torsey and West—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Hazen, Lowell of Lincoln, Prince and Vinton—5.

(Mr. Whidden was excused from voting on said question.) Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland county to locate a highway across Fore river, in said county, (under consideration at the adjournment yesterday,) was further considered, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the Seavey's Island Bridge Company;

Bill to change the name of Clinton Academy to Benton Institute;

" additional to "An Act to establish a literary institution in Westbrook," approved March 4th, 1831—and the same were severally passed to be enacted.

Which bills were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess.

Petition of Sampson & Tappan and others;

" of N. L. Woodbury and others, in aid of the petition of C. H. Hudson and another, for an act to incorporate the Atlantic Telegraph Company—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve to aid in completing the agricultural and geological survey of the State, (laid upon the table by Mr. TORSEY)—read and referred to the Committee on the Agricultural and Geological Survey.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Benjamin J. Herrick and other inhabitants of Alfred, in behalf of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute—read and referred to the committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of the Ladies' Temperance Band in Liberty, for an amendment of the Act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops;

Remonstrance of Nathaniel J. Miller and others of Hollis;

" of the town of Newfield, against the removal of the Courts, County Offices and Institutions from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford;

Bill in relation to petitions for partition, (introduced in the House)—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, as follows, viz:

"Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to send for persons and papers in relation to the official conduct of John C. Cochran, as Judge of the Municipal Court, in

the town of Rockland"—read, and the same, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was amended by striking out the word "send," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, inquire into the expediency of sending—and the order, as thus amended, on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SPOFFORD,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the appointment of some suitable person to incorporate the amendments of the Revised Statutes into the body of the Revised Statutes, and the publication of a new edition of said statutes in that form.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. GOULD, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which had been referred "Bill to repeal the law of 1851, providing for the appointment of a general inspector of beef and pork, and re-enact the law of 1842," reported said bill in a new draft—read and the same was recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, to which had been referred the petition of Gilbert L. Palmer and others, made a report asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on Interior Waters—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the town of Umbagog, and Bill additional to the 129th chapter of the Revised Statutes, on motion of Mr. SPOFFORD, were taken up and further amended, and passed to be *engrossed*, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill in relation to recognizances, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was taken up, and the same on motion of Mr. DAVIS, was recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the Bethel Boom Company, reported by Mr. VINTON, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment; and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of Ephraim C. Gates and Giles M. Wentworth, came up from the House of Representatives, that branch having non-concurred the Senate in the indefinite postponement of said resolve, and passed the same to be engrossed. Said bill, on motion of Mr. DAVIS, was laid upon the table.

Bill to incorporate the Hallowell Gas Light Company, was read the second time; and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

Bill to incorporate the White Lime Rock Company, on motion of Mr. McCOBB, was taken up, and the same was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to increase the salary of the Police Judge in the city of Bangor, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of John L. Hodsdon)—was read once, and Monday, 11 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the town of Dayton, (reported by Mr. GOULD, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of David Brown and others,) was read once, and Thursday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of Nicholas Pierce;

" making an appropriation for the support of schools at Fort Kent, in Aroostook county;

Bill to incorporate the Arkwright Company;

- " to incorporate the city of Rockland;
- " to incorporate the Leeds Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company;
- " to incorporate the New Castle Bank;
- " to incorporate the Maine Oil Cloth and Carpet Company;

Bill to amend An Act to incorporate the Maine Telegraph Company;

- " to amend the Act incorporating the "Hancock Mutual Insurance Company;"
- " to increase the capital stock of the Lewiston Bagging Company;
- " to amend the 166th chapter of the Revised Statutes;
- " to amend the 167th chapter of the Revised Statutes—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

 Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve correcting an error in the State valuation;

- " authorizing the administrator on the estate of the late George T. Howe, and the guardian of his minor children, to convey certain real estate; and another
- " [same title as the above]—and the same were severally finally passed.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the Cobbossee Contee Railroad Company;

- " to incorporate the proprietors of the Orono Bridge;
- " to incorporate the Swanville Manufacturing Company;
- " to revive the Act establishing the Belfast Steamboat Wharf Company, and to authorize the owners of said steamboat wharf to maintain said wharf;
- " to amend the charter of the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company;
- " authorizing the city of Bath to assist the Sagadahoc Ferry Company—and the same were severally passed to be enacted.

These bills and resolves were presented to the Governor for his approval, Monday, March 27th, 1854.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott.

Bill to incorporate the Calais Granite Company, (laid upon the table by Mr. McCOBB)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Germaine Cyr and others, Josiah Rogers and Daniel Sughrue and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DRISKO, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of the Clerk of the Central Market House Company of Bangor, made a report asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The same Senator reported that the Committee on Interior Waters, finding themselves overburdened with business, and that their labor for the last six weeks has been extremely arduous, and believing that if the amount of business now before them, remains in their hands for their action and report thereon, the session of the Legislature will be materially prolonged:

Therefore, they unanimously request, that a part of their business, embracing the petitions herewith submitted, may be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the usual number, as the Joint Standing Committees, to be appointed by and from each branch of the Legislature.

The petitions submitted, are the following:—Samuel Clark and others; George W. Chamberlin and others; Nathan Fowler and others; William Getchell, Jr., and others; Wallace Guptill; Isaac Gage; John Kendall and others; Mill Bridge Company; Ebenezer C. Nowell and others; Waldo T. Pierce and others; Ephraim Paulk; Kennebec Log Driving Company; Andrew J. Roberts; W. H. Smith and others; Hiram Smith and others; William Witherell and others; John Winn and others; R. H. Young; Remonstrance of John Harvey and others; D. M. Howard & Co.; Lorenzo Leadbetter; and "Bill to incorporate the Lowell Dam Company."

Which report was accepted, and said petitions, remonstrances and bill, were referred to a Joint Special Committee on Interior Waters, consisting on the part of the Senate, of Messrs. Whidden, Gould and Ruggles, with such as the House may join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up with Messrs. Hobart of Edmunds, Gilman of Brunswick, Ireland of St. Albans, Snow of Bloomfield, Harlow of Canton, Wood of Camden, and Starr of Thomaston, joined on the part of the House, in concurrence.

Mr. HAYES, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported reference to next Legislature on petition of Selectmen of Cape Elizabeth—read, and the same, on motion of Mr. McCOBB, was laid upon the table.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether further legislation is necessary to secure an equitable taxation of bank stock—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the petitions for the removal of the Courts and County Buildings of York county, presented to the Legislature of 1852, to be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary—read and passed; and said petitions were taken from the files of the Senate and referred accordingly.

Petition of Luther Warren and others of Waterborough;

" of Miles Ford and others, of said town, for the

removal of the Courts, County Offices and Institutions from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Veazie, for toll on sluice at Oldtown—read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of Rowland Jacobs, Jr., and others, to be incorporated by the name of the Central Wharf Company;

Bill to incorporate the Lubec Steamboat Wharf Company, (introduced in the House)—severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land in Bangor, (introduced in the House)—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Mark Johnson and others;

- of F. P. Theobald and others, for Railroad from Wiscasset to Richmond;
- " of E. B. Pierce and others, to extend the time of building bridge at Oldtown;

Bill to authorize the formation of railroad corporations, (introduced in the House)—severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill the incorporate the Bethel Boom Company, on motion of Mr. PRINCE, was taken up, read the second time and amended, as on sheet annexed to the bill marked A; and said bill, on motion of Mr. McCOBB, was laid upon the table, and Ordered, that 350 copies of the same, as amended, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill to increase the salary of the Police Judge in the city of Bangor, reported without amendment by Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, to whom said bill had been committed; on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. CUSHING of Frankfort:

"Mr. President:—The House of Representatives requests the Senate to return to the House the report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Robert Treat and others, for extension of time to pay in the capital stock for Mount Waldo Bank."

The Senate concurred in the request of the House, and the report was returned to the House by the Secretary.

- Bill to incorporate the Maine Iron Manufacturing Company, (reported by Mr. MUZZY, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Lewis Williams and others);
 - " to incorporate the Oak Grove School, (reported by Mr. TORSEY, from the Committee on Education, on petition of John D. Lang and others);
 - " additional to An Act to prevent obstructions in the Machias river, (reported by Mr. DRISKO, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to amend An Act authorizing John O'Donald to build and maintain a fish weir in tide waters, approved March 28, 1853, (reported by Mr. RUGGLES, from the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of John O'Donald);
 - " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Taylor pond, (reported by same, on petition of John Eaton and others);
- " to abolish the duty payable by the inspector of pot and pearl ashes, (reported by Mr. PRINCE, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which said bill had been referred)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts, (reported by Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Thomas S. Roberts,) was read twice by unanimous consent, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to authorize the establishment and maintenance of public libraries, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Webb.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That the law changing the time within which corporations are required to return to assessors of towns, &c., the names of stockholders, and the amount of stock held by them in such corporations, passed at the extra session of 1853, and approved 27th September, 1853, be published forthwith in the Tri-Weekly Age, and Kennebec Journal, Tri-Weekly, and that the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of the paper, containing the publication, to the proper officer of every corporation, required by said law to make such returns.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether any alteration of law is necessary relative to the collection of taxes of non-resident owners of real estate—read and passed, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, giving leave to withdraw on petition of Robert Treat and others, came up from the House of Representatives recommitted.

The Senate receded from the vote of the 15th instant, accepting the report of said Committee, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

The Committee on Agriculture, to which had been referred the petition of the Selectmen of Bowerbank, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and recommending the reference of the same to the Committee on Finance—read and accepted, in concurrence. The Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported reference to the next Legislature on petition of James B. Cleaveland and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. RUGGLES, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which had been referred the "Bill for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Penobscot river and bay and their tributary streams," reported that said bill ought not to pass—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which had been referred the communication of the Governor, transmitting a copy of the deed and other papers relating to the purchase of the Massachusetts lands, reported that the Secretary of State be directed to cause the original deed to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds in the county of Penobscot, and when so recorded, that it be deposited for safe keeping in the office of the Treasurer of State—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors—read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending the 35th chapter of the Revised Statutes—read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of A. D. Atwood and others, for the revival of An Act to incorporate the Orrington Pier and Warehouse, came up from the House of Representatives referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. The Senate non-concurred the House in its reference, and referred the same to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of the First Parish in Winthrop, for authority to repair their meetinghouse, came up from the House of Repre-

sentatives referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Senate nonconcurred the House in its reference and referred said petition to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to authorize the owners of pews in the meetinghouse of the South Parish in Hallowell, to make alterations in said house, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Ellsworth Gas Light Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the South Berwick Company, came up from the House of Representatives amended by striking out the words, "South Berwick," in the title of the bill, and also in section one, 6th line, and inserting in lieu thereof, Newichawanick, so that the title, as amended, will be—Bill to incorporate the Newichawanick Company.

The Senate receded from the vote of the 23d, passing said bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment proposed by the House, and ordered that the same be re-engrosed, as thus amended, in concurrence.

Resolves providing for an amendment of the constitution in relation to the election of civil officers, on motion of Mr. CUT-LER, was taken up and discussed; and the further consideration of the same, on motion of Mr. HAYES, was postponed till next Thursday, 11 o'clock, A. M.

Resolve relating to the Revenue Laws of Congress, (reported in the House of Representatives by the Select Committee on an order relative to that subject);

in aid of road in the county of Somerset, (reported by Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Thomas Butler and others);

- Resolve in aid of roads in the county of Penobscot, (reported by same, on petition of S. E. Benjamin and others, and an order relative to making an appropriation for the repair of the State road across township No. 5, Range 6);
 - " in aid of the road from Barnard Centre line to the head of Chesuncook road, (reported by same, to which said resolve had been referred);
 - " in aid of roads in the county of Piscataquis, (reported by same, on an order relative to repairing the road leading from the town of Kingsbery to Blanchard);
 - " in aid of roads in the county of Aroostook, (reported by same, on petition of N. W. Stevens and others, E. G. Dunn and others, and Francis Thebodeau);
- Bill to incorporate the Brunswick Gas Light Company, (reported in the House of Representatives by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of of James D. Simmons and others);
 - " to incorporate the Randall Saving and Benevolent Association, (reported in the House of Representatives by the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of Thomas Parker and others);
 - " to incorporate the Aroostook Company, (reported in the House by the Committee on Manufactures, to which said bill had been referred;)
 - " to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Hancock, (reported by the Select Committee consisting of the Hancock delegation, on petition of the Judge of Probate, for said county;)
 - " to establish the Union School District, in Cherryfield, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to abolish the January terms of the Supreme Judicial Court, in the county of Hancock, (reported in the House of Representatives by the same Committee, on petition of Hezekiah Williams and others);

- Bill to extend the charter of the Stillwater Bridge, (reported in the House of Representatives by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of the stockholders of Stillwater Bridge Company);
 - " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond and other waters in Oxford county, (reported by Mr. RUGGLES, from the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of Samuel B. Lock and others);
 - " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Wilson pond, (reported by Mr. DRISKO, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which said bill had been referred);
- " to change the names of certain persons, (reported in the House of Representatives by the Committee on Change of Names—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the Oak Grove School;

" to incorporate the Maine Iron Manufacturing Company—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheney.

Order from the House of Representatives, appointing Messrs. Pierce of Kittery, Parker of Jay, Smith of Mattawamkeag, Burpee of Rockland, Littlefield of Auburn, Whitney of Newburg, and Felker of Starks, a Committee, with such as the Senate may join, to inquire of the several Committees when they will be able to make their final reports; and also to make such other inquiries necessary to enable them to report when this Legislature may adjourn without day—read and passed, and Messrs. Prince, Young, and Clarke, joined, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TORSEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the 16th section of article 1st of the school law.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. CREHORE,

Ordered, That the Committee on Interior Waters be ar thorized to cause the usual numbers of their report and bill, on the petition of the Penobscot Boom Corporation, to be printed for the use of the Legislature, as soon as a majority of said Committee have agreed thereto.

Remonstrance of Scott Dyer and 42 others;

- " of Charles Hannaford and 40 others;
- " of Clement Jordan and 39 others;
- " of George W. Rollins and 46 others, citizens of Cape Elizabeth, against the petition of Nathan Dyer and others, for a division of said town—severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Mr. RUGGLES, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported reference to next Legislature on petitions of Joseph Cousens and others, C. G. Peck and others, Ira Witham and others, and Samuel Whitmore and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on petition of John H. Boyce and John Goddard and others; and reference to the next Legislature on petition of Joseph Ketchum and others, Raphael Martin and others, Almond S. Richards, Sumner Whitney, and Richard McBrien—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MUZZY, the Senate so far suspended the 15th rule, as to reconsider the vote of the 18th instant, accepting the report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, to which had been referred the "Bill additional to An Act to incorporate the Dresden Neck Bridge Company," that "legislation on that subject is inexpedient," and recommitted the same.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in aid of roads in Aroostook county, (reported by Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Daniel Savage and others);

Resolve in aid of roads in the county of Washington, (reported by same, to which had been referred resolve for the repair of the Baring and Houlton road, and resolve for the repair of the State road across the Indian township in the county of Washington);

Bill to incorporate the Calais Granite Company, (reported by Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said bill had been referred)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill requiring persons having the control of youth, to procure for them public instruction, (submitted by Mr. TORSEY)—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve relating to the revenue laws of the United States, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. DAVIS, was laid upon the table.

Bill to secure married women their earnings, on motion of Mr. HAYES, was taken up and discussed; and the same, on motion of Mr. VINTON, was laid upon the table.

Bill to change the names of certain persons;

- " to incorporate the Aroostook Company;
- " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Wilson pond; to extend the charter of Stillwater bridge;
- " to establish the Union School District in Cherryfield;
- " to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Hancock;
- " to abolish the January terms of the Supreme Judicial Court in Hancock county—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Resolve in aid of road from Barnard Centre line to the head of Chesuncook lake in the county of Piscataquis;

- " in aid of roads in the county of Penobscot;
- " in aid of road in the county of Somerset;
- " in aid of roads in the county of Piscataquis;
- " in favor of Hartley Hamilton;

Bill to abolish the duty payable by the inspector of pot and pearl ashes;

- " to amend "An Act authorizing John O'Donald to build and maintain a fish weir in tide waters," approved March, 28, 1853;
 - to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Taylor pond;
- " additional to An Act to prevent obstructions in the Machias river;
- " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond and other waters in Oxford county—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the Brunswick Gas Light Company, was read the second time, amended, and passed to be *engrossed*, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred. Adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE.

Mr. GOULD, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature on petitions of David Brown and others, Furber Libbey and others, Reuben Ladd, and Selectmen of Skowhegan—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAYES, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported reference to the next Legislature on petition of the stockholders of Matinicus Island Bridge—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Claims reported leave to withdraw on petition of Josiah P. Bean, David Dinsmore, J. E. Killsa and Tillson Waterman—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Orrington Pier and Warehouse Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the West Penobscot Agricultural Society, (reported by Mr. PRINCE, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of Nathaniel Burrill and others)—read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for second reading.

Resolves against the repeal of fishing bounties and the alteration of the navigation laws, (introduced by Mr. SPOFFORD)—read and referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting, on the part of the Senate, of Messrs. Spofford, McCobb and Clarke, with such as the House may join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up with Messrs. Morrill of Augusta, Swasey of Bucksport, Blanchard of Yarmouth, Dolbier of Kingfield, Hill of Bangor, Cox of Robbinston, and Worcester of North Haven, joined in concurrence.

Resolve in aid of roads in the county of Aroostook, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. VINTON, was laid upon the table.

Bill to incorporate the town of Dayton, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The further consideration of the resolves providing for an amendment of the Constitution, on motion of Mr. HAYES, was postponed till to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

- Bill to increase the capital stock of Ellsworth Bank, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which said bill had been re-committed);
 - " to incorporate the Franklin Company, (reported in the House of Representatives by the Committee on Manufactures, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to incorporate the Spring Garden Oil Cloth Carpet Company, (reported in the House of Representatives by same Committee, on petition of Gardiner H. Cushing and others);
 - " to incorporate the Lewiston Linen Company, (reported by Mr. YOUNG, from same Committee, to which said bill had been referred);

Resolve for the repair of the State road across the Indian Township, in the county of Washington, (reported by Mr. ROB-INSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which had been referred resolve for the repair of the Baring and Houlton road, and resolve for repair of road across Indian township, in the county of Washington)—severally read once and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolves in favor of A. B. Thompson and others, with the communication of said Thompson, came up from the House of

Representatives recommitted, and the same, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was laid upon the table, and Ordered, that 500 copies of the communication of A. B. Thompson be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Resolve in aid of roads in the county of Washington;

in aid of roads in Aroostook county;

Bill to incorporate the Calais Granite Company—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend An Act to incorporate the Maine Telegraph Company, passed in the year 1848, came up from the House of Representatives, amended, by adding another section.

The Senate receded from the vote of the 26th instant, passing said bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment proposed by the House, and passed said bill to be *engrossed*, as amended, in concurrence.

Mr. PRINCE, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relative to increasing the annual appropriation to the several Agricultural Societies in this State—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to establish the county of King, came up from the House of Representatives with sundry amendments, marked A, B, C, E, F, G and H.

The Senate receded from the vote of the 11th instant, passing said bill to be engrossed; and the question of adopting the amendment A, to wit: "Inserting in the second line of the first section, between the words 'Georgetown' and 'Perkins,' the word Woolwich," being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Cutler, Davis, Drisko, Gould, Harriman, Hazen, Lowell of Lincoln, McCobb, Muzzy, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, Tucker, Vinton and Whidden—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Farwell, Hubbard, West and Young—4.

The amendment B, to wit: "Strike out the word 'King,' wherever it occurs as the name of the county, and insert Sagadahoc, was adopted, and the title of the bill, as amended, will read—Bill to establish the county of Sagadahoc.

And the other amendments, to wit: C, E, F, G and H, were severally adopted, and said bill, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the Newichawanich Company;

- " in addition to the 91st chapter of the Revised Statutes of this State;
- " authorizing the city council of Portland to appoint a surveyor of lumber under certain regulations—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*.

Which bills were severally presented to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dalton.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which had been re-committed the petition of William Smith and others, and sundry other petitions, praying that the Courts, County Offices and Institutions of York county may be removed from Alfred to Saco or Biddeford, reported that they had given the subject a patient, protracted and laborious examination, and unanimously affirmed the former report of the Committee, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw—read and accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. VINTON, the Senate so far suspended the 15th Rule as to reconsider the vote of the 10th instant, accepting the report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, giving leave to withdraw on petition of Ezra Carter, Jr., and others, and re-committed the same.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. HARRIMAN, the Senate so far suspended the 15th Rule, as to reconsider the vote of the 14th instant, accepting the report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, giving leave to withdraw on petition of David White and others, and re-committed the same.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Remonstrance of Stephen N. Richards and others, against the incorporation of Umbagog plantation—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Hezekiah H. Buzzell and others, against the petition of Elias Story—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence. Petition of E. S. Hanson and others of South Berwick, in favor of incorporating the "Maine Mutual Fire Marine Insurance Company";

" of Alfred J. Stone and others of Brunswick, in aid of the petition of Abner B. Oaks and others—severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Mr. GOULD, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Nathan Dyer and others, Daniel Eldridge and others, Ashner H. Learned and others, and Reuben Ladd—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill additional authorizing the city of Bangor to regulate wharves on the Kenduskeag stream and Penobscot river, (introduced in the House)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Elias Story—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Wetherspoon, Kingsford & Co., and others, merchants of the city of New York, in aid of the petiof Charles H. Hudson and others, for an act to incorporate the Atlantic Telegraph Company;

" of Josiah M. Blake and others, in favor of the incorporation of the Maine Mutual Insurance Company—severally read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to next Legislature on petition of William Todd and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the American Bank, (reported by the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of John Hubbard and others)—read twice, by unanimous consent, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill granting power to plant and protect oysters in the bed of Georges river and tributaries, in Lincoln county, came up from the House of Representatives, amended. The first amendment of the House, to wit: "Strike out in the title, and wherever they may occur in the bill, the words 'and tributaries," so that the title will be, as amended—"An Act granting power to plant and protect oysters in the bed of Georges river, in Lincoln county." Which amendment was adopted.

The second amendment proposed by the House was adopted, to wit:—Add to section 7, "it shall not be necessary for said owners or occupants to mark and stake out the ground upon which said oysters shall have been laid or planted."

And said bill passed to be engrossed, as thus amended, in concurrence.

Resolve in aid of roads in the county of Aroostook, was taken up, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Meduxnekeag Dam and Sluice Company, (reported by the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Theophilus Cushing and others)—read and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Bill to secure to married women their earnings, on motion of Mr. VINTON, was taken up, and passed to be *engrossed*, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

The further consideration of the resolves providing for an amendment of the Constitution, on motion of Mr. HAYES, was postponed till to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Bill for arming and equipping companies of volunteer militia, and for other purposes, (reported by Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on the Militia, on petition of Robert Perkins and others, David Weymouth and others, and sundry other petitions)—read once, and the same, on motion of Mr. BERRY, was laid upon the table, and Ordered, that 350 copies of said bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the Aroostook Company;

- " to incorporate the Oil Cloth and Carpet Company;
- " to incorporate the New Castle Bank;
- " to abolish the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Hancock;
- " to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Hancock;
- " respecting the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Portland;
- " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the Wilson pond;
- " to change the names of certain persons;
- " to extend the charter of Stillwater Bridge;
- " to establish the Union School District, in the town of Cherryfield—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*. These bills were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill to establish the county of Sagadahoc, was taken up, and the amendment proposed yesterday by Mr. FARWELL was further considered, which is as follows, to wit:

"Amend by inserting after the nineteenth section,

SECTION 20. Be it further enacted, that the towns of Rockland, Thomaston, South Thomaston, St. George, Cushing, Washington and Warren, Patricktown plantation, Matinicus plantation, and Muscle Ridge plantation, all in the county of Lincoln; and the towns of Camden, Hope, Liberty, Appleton, North Haven and Vinalhaven, in the county of Waldo, be and the same are hereby incorporated and made a county by the name of Knox.

SECT. 21. The proper authorities of the several cities, towns and plantations in the county of Lincoln, and the several towns mentioned in this act, in the county of Waldo, shall, on the first Monday of May next, duly notify meetings of the legal voters of said cities, towns and plantations above mentioned, and shall provide ballot boxes, marked, "Shall the act establishing the counties of Sagadahoc and Knox, be accepted?" and the said

inhabitants, all in favor of establishing said counties of Sagadahoc and Knox shall vote "yes," and all opposed to establishing said counties of Sagadahoc and Knox shall vote "no;" and the several clerks of the cities, towns and plantations, above named, shall within ten days after said meeting make returns of the votes of the several cities, towns and plantations to the office of the Secretary of State, who shall at the first meeting of the Governor and Council, lay the same before them, who shall count the votes, and if they shall find a majority of all the votes thrown is in favor of accepting this act, then the Governor shall issue his proclamation declaring this act to be in full force."

And the question of adopting said proposed amendment was decided in the *negative*, by year and nays, as follows:

YEAS-Messrs. Farwell and Tucker-2.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Cutler, Davis, Gould, Harriman, Hayes, Hazen, Lowell of Lincoln, Muzzy, Prince, Robinson, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, West, Whidden and Young—19.

Mr. FARWELL proposed a further amendment, by inserting in third line, printed bill, after the word *Topsham*, and before the words *West Bath*, the words *Brunswick and Harpswell*, and the question of adopting said proposed amendment was decided in the *negative*, by year and nays, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Drisko, Farwell, Gould, Hayes, Tucker, West and Young—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Clarke, Davis, Harriman, Hazen, Lowell of Lincoln, Muzzy, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Stark, Torsey, Vinton and Whidden—14.

And the question of passing said bill to be engrossed, with the amendments, A, B, C, E, F, G and H, in concurrence, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Cutler, Davis, Drisko, Gould, Harriman, Hayes, Lowell of Lincoln, Muzzy, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark, Tucker, West and Whidden—19.

NAY-Mr. Farwell-1.

Bill to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Common Schools, and for county conventions of teachers, (reported by Mr. TORSEY, from the Committee on Education, on petitions of Bradford D. Farnham and others, M. W. Dutton and others, and William Smith and others, and an order relative to repealing the law establishing County School Commissioners)—read once, and Tuesday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading; and

Ordered, That 350 copies of said bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill to incorporate the town of Dayton, (reported by the Committee on Division of Towns, to which said bill had been re-committed,) was read twice, by unanimous consent, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

- Bill to incorporate the Grocers' Bank, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of William H. Britton and others);
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Exchange Bank, (reported in the House of Representatives, by same on petition of the President and Directors of Exchange Bank);
 - " to incorporate the Central Wharf Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives);
- " to incorporate the Lubec Steamboat Wharf Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said bill had been referred)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill giving additional powers to the Trustees of the Franklin Bank, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which said bill had been referred)—read once, and Wednesday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DALTON.

Petition of Elisha Holman and others;

" of Samuel Witham and others, for the repeal of chapter 610 of the special laws—severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Scott Dyer and 27 others;

" of Nathaniel Jordan and 45 others, of Cape Elizabeth, for a division of said town, came up from the House of Representatives referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

The Senate non-concurred the House in its reference, and referred the said petitions to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Albert Moore and others, against the petition of P. M. Foster and others;

Bill extending the time of the Franklin Bank to commence and maintain suits;

- " giving further powers to County Commissioners in certain cases;
- " additional concerning Municipal and Police Courts, (severally introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

The Committee on Finance reported leave to withdraw on petition of the Selectmen of Bowerbank—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on State Lands and State Roads reported leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel Veazie and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Railroads and Bridges reported leave to withdraw on petition of Julius Gray—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. DRISKO, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to the Select Committee on Interior Waters, the petitions of the Mayor of the city of Calais, the Penobscot Log Driving Company, Seth Paine and others, the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company, and James Moore—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city of Bath to determine how far wharves and piers may be extended into Kennebec river, (introduced by Mr. CLARKE)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend section 22 of chapter 172 of the Revised Statutes, was read, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Bill to increase the capital stock of Ellsworth Bank, was read the second time. Mr. WEST proposed to amend said Bill, by striking out the words "twenty-five thousand," and inserting in lieu thereof, fifty thousand. And the further consideration of said bill and proposed amendment, on motion of Mr. McCOBB, was postponed till Wednesday next, 10 o'clock.

Bill for the regulation of Intelligence Offices, (introduced in the House of Representatives) was read once, and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table, and ordered, that 350 copies of said bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill to incorporate the West Penobscot Agricultural Society, was read the second time; and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON, the Senate reconsidered the vote of yesterday whereby the "Bill to incorporate the Meduxnekeag Dam and Sluice Company" was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence, and the same was laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of James Simmons, (laid upon the table by Mr. ROBINSON);

- " in favor of Joshua Hathaway, (reported by same, on petition of Joshua Hathaway);
- "to aid in completing the Agricultural and Geological Survey of the State, (reported by the Select Committee on the Geological and Agricultural Survey, on the memorial of the Board of Agriculture, the petition of the Portland Society of Natural History, the Cumberland County Agricultural Society, and also the said resolve);
 - Bill to incorporate the Bucksport Bank, (reported by Mr. STARK, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of Enoch Barnard and others);
 - " to repeal chapter 77 of the public laws of 1848, (reported by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to authorize the owners of pews in the meetinghouse of the South Parish, in Hallowell, to make alterations in said house, (reported by same, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to authorize Leander Morton to construct a wharf in tide waters, in Bristol, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Leander Morton);
 - " to incorporate the Machias Log Driving Company, (reported by Mr. DRISKO, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of William Brown and others);
 - " additional to acts establishing and regulating the Penobscot Boom Corporation, (reported by same, on petition of Walter Brown and others);
 - " to incorporate the Saco Ice Company, (reported by Mr. WEST, from same Committee, on petition of E. R. WIGGIN and others);
 - " to regulate the construction and maintenance of public drains in the city of Portland, (reported by Mr. STARK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);

Bill to incorporate the Aroostook Railroad Company, (reported by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of Elijah L. Hamlin)—severally read once, and Monday next, 11 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the Grocers' Bank;

- " to incorporate the Randall Saving and Benevolent Association, (as amended);
- " to incorporate the Lubec Steamboat Wharf Company;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Exchange Bank;
- " to incorporate the Franklin Company;
- " to incorporate the Spring Garden Oil Cloth Carpet Company;
- " to incorporate the Central Wharf Company—severally read the second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill to set off certain territory from the town of Kennebec, and annex the same to the town of Readfield, (reported by Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of the Selectmen of Readfield,) was read twice, by unanimous consent, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the American Bank;

- " to incorporate the Grocers' Bank;
- " to set off certain territory from the town of Kennebec and annex the same to the town of Readfield—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*, and presented to the Governor for his approval.

Resolve for the repair of the State Road across the Indian township, in the county of Washington;

Bill to incorporate the Lewiston Linen Company;

" to incorporate the Hallowell Gas Light Company, (amended)—severally read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott.

Resolve in favor of the members of the Board of Agriculture, (introduced in the House of Representatives, by Mr. SMITH of Mattawamkeag)—read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Aroostook Railroad Company, was read the second time; and the same, on motion of Mr. WHID-DEN, was laid upon the table, and

Ordered, That 350 copies of said bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill to abolish the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Hancock, came up from the House of Representatives recommitted.

The Senate receded from the vote of the 29th of March, passing said bill to be engrossed, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Meduxnekeag Dam and Sluice Company, on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN, was taken up—and the same was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, to which had been committed, bill to repeal chapter 77 of the public laws of 1848, made a report, that said bill be recommitted with instructions to report the same in a new draft—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of Sullivan and Hancock

Bridge Company,) was read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill additional to Acts establishing and regulating the Penobscot Boom Corporation, was read the second time, and to-morrow, 11 o'clock, on motion of Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, was assigned for the further consideration of said bill.

Resolve to aid in completing the Agricultural and Geological Survey of the State;

- " in aid of Joshua Hathaway;
- " in favor of James Simmons;
- Bill to regulate the construction and maintenance of public drains in the city of Portland;
 - " to authorize the owners of pews in the meetinghouse of the South Parish in Hallowell, to make alterations in said house;
 - " to incorporate the Bucksport Bank;
 - " to incorporate the Machias Log Driving Company;
- " to incorporate the Saco Ice Company—severally read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to authorize Leander Morton to construct a wharf in tide waters in Bristol, was read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Resolves in favor of A. B. Thompson and others, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was taken up. The Senate nonconcurred the House in the recommitment of the report and petition, and insisted on its former vote passing said resolve to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to make valid the acts of William K. Lancey, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was taken up; and while the same was under discussion, the Senate adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tappan.

Bill to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Oxford, (laid upon the table by Mr. PRINCE)—read and referred to a Joint Select Committee consisting of the Oxford delegation.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill additional to the 147th chapter of the Revised Statutes, (laid upon the table by Mr. PRINCE)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, referring to the next Legislature the petition of the Selectmen of Cape Elizabeth, on motion of Mr. McCOBB, was taken up and recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill additional relating to hawkers and pedlers, (introduced in the House, by Mr. ABBOTT of Norridgewook)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Joshua E. Hall and others of Gorham;

" of Jotham Patterson and others of Biddeford, in aid of the petition of Abner Oaks for the establishment of the "Maine Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company"—severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

The Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw on petitions of George H. Chamberlain, R. H. Gray and others, William Getchell, Jr., and others, and Andrew J. Roberts and others; and legislation inexpedient on an order rela-

tive to the Kennebec Log Driving Company—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on "Bill for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Penobscot river and bay and their tributary streams," came up from the House of Representatives recommitted. The Senate receded from the vote of the 28th ultimo, accepting said report, and recommitted said report, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of A. B. Thompson, came up from the House of Representatives—that branch insisting upon its vote recommitting said report. The Senate receded and concurred in the recommitment of said petition.

Bill to provide for the selection and introduction of a text book of the rudiments of agriculture into common schools, came up from the House of Representatives, referred to the Committee on Education.

The Senate receded from the vote of March 15, passing said bill to be engrossed, and referred the same to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill authorizing the proprietors of the First Congregational meetinghouse in Winthrop, to repair, sell or rebuild said meetinghouse, (introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. BAKER of Hallowell)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Resolve for the relief of Charles Crooker and William D. Crooker, (introduced in the House by Mr. ERSKINE of Bristol)—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Percival and others, of Waterville, praying for a bank, came up from the House, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. The Senate non-concurred the House in its reference, and referred the same to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Jacob Bemis and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Interior Waters reported leave to withdraw on petition of William Smith and others, and Isaac Gage, and reference to the next Legislature on petition of Seth Paine and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Joint Select Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw on petition of F. Chase and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Common Schools, and for County Conventions of Teachers, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. TORSEY, was laid upon the table.

Bill in relation to draws on the Passadumkeag river, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of William H. McCrillis);

" to incorporate the Scarsport Mill Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Jeremiah Merithew and others)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of Ephraim C. Gates and Giles M. Wentworth, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was taken up.

The Senate receded from the vote of the 22d of February, indefinitely postponing said resolve, and passed the same to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

The Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of the Penobscot Boom Corporation, and the petition of certain log owners, for an act regulating said boom, has had said matters under consideration, and submit the following

SPECIAL REPORT:

Some days since, your committee reported at length upon said subject, and submitted a bill annexed thereunto, entitled, "An Act additional to Acts establishing and regulating the

Penobscot Boom Corporation," to the Senate; which bill has been printed, and is "Senate number 10." Since reporting said bill, your Committee, at the request of the parties interested, again met, and heard them, and said parties have agreed that said bill, reported as aforesaid, shall be amended after section nine, by inserting therein two sections marked 10 and 11, contained on a paper marked A, and herewith submitted: And said parties have further agreed that a bill shall be reported, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Penolscot Lumbering Association, and to amend the charter of the Penolscot Boom Corporation." Which bill is herewith submitted. Your Committee having examined and approved said amendment and bill, ask leave to report the same.

GEORGE W. DRISKO, JOHN WEST, MINOT CREHORE, FRANCIS G. BUTLER, GEORGE LIBBY, JOHN BERRY, Ja.

April 4, 1854.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

And the said bills, to wit:

Bill additional to Acts establishing and regulating the Penobscot Boom Corporation, (with the amendment marked A);

- " to incorporate the Penobscot Lumber Association, and to amend the charter of the Penobscot Boom Corporation; and also
- " additional to An Act to incorporate the county of Sagadahoc, (introduced by Mr. CLARKE)—severally read twice and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill in relation to the Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Corporation, was read the second time and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in favor of Hannah, wife of Samuel Meservey;

" in favor of James Lawrence—and the same were severally finally passed.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to establish the county of Sagadahoc;

- " to incorporate the Brunswick Gas Light Company;
- " to incorporate the Central Wharf Company;
- " to incorporate the Franklin Company;
- " to incorporate the Lubec Steamboat Wharf Company;
- " to incorporate the Randall Savings and Benevolent Association;
- " to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove School;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Exchange Bank;
- " to increase the capital stock of the Northern Bank;
- "granting power to plant and protect oysters in the bed of Georges river, in Lincoln county—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*. And these bills and resolves were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheney.

Bill to establish Seminaries for teaching the scientific principles of agriculture and mechanic arts, was taken up, and the same, on motion of Mr. PRINCE, was referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting, on the part of the Senate, of Messrs. Prince, Davis and Gould, with such as the House may join.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to procure the printing of 1,200 copies of the transactions of the several agricultural societies in this State for the year 1853, to be arranged and prepared for publication under the direction of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, and to be distributed to the members of this and the next Legislature, heads of the State Department, State Library, Agricultural Societies, cities, towns and organized plantations, publishers of the several newspapers in the State, Seminaries of Learning, and to the several States from which this State has received such documents.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order from the House of Representatives, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary, to inquire into the expediency of determining, by law, the duties of the Attorney General, or of reducing the salary of that office—read and passed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Maine Mining, Quarrying and Stone Dressing Company, (introduced by Mr. YOUNG)—read and referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill in relation to the increase by this Legislature of the capital stock of existing banks, (laid on the table by Mr. TUCKER);

Bill in relation to the act increasing the capital stock of the Cobbossee Contee Bank, (introduced by same)—severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GOULD, the Senate so far suspended the 15th rule as to reconsider the votes of March 9th and 10th, accepting the reports of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Levi Emery and others, and President, Directors and Company of Skowhegan Bank, and recommitted the same.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. STARK,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives requesting the return of the petition of Joseph Percival and others of Waterville, for a bank. Which message was delivered by the Secretary. And subsequently a message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. PERRY, the Clerk, returning said petition. The Senate reconsidered the vote of yesterday nonconcurring the House and referring said petition to the next Legislature, and referred same to Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of plantations in Washington county, (laid on the table by Mr. WHIDDEN)—read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Cochnewaggan pond, (introduced in the House, by Mr. BROWN of Monmouth)—read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported reference to next Legislature on petition of Abner Oaks and others, and sundry other petitions in aid of the same—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw on petition of William J. Moulton, Samuel

Clark and others, and Nathan Fowler and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petitions of Assessors of Matinicus plantation, Moses B. Bliss, and memorial of Peter Cooper; and legislation inexpedient on an order relative to the duties of Clerks of Incorporations—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to abate certain taxes on the towns of Minot, Poland, Auburn, Danville and Durham, (introduced in the House of Representatives, by Mr. LITTLEFIELD of Auburn)—was read once, and the same, on motion of Mr. STARK, was laid upon the table.

Bill giving additional powers to the Trustees of Franklin Bank;

" in relation to dams on the Passadumkeag river—severally read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

Bill to incorporate the Bethel Boom Company, on motion of Mr. PRINCE, was taken up, and further considered; and the same, on motion of Mr. DAVIS, was laid upon the table.

Bill to increase the salary of the Police Judge in the city of Bangor, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was taken up, the amendment proposed by the House adopted, and passed to be *engrossed*, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the owners of pews in the meetinghouse of the South Parish in Hallowell, to make alterations in said house—came up from the House of Representatives, amended. The Senate receded from the vote of the 3d instant, passing said bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment proposed by the House, and passed said bill to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Searsport Mill Company, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Common Schools, and for County Conventions of Teachers, was taken up, amended, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in favor of the members of the Board of Agriculture, (introduced in the House of Representatives);

- " in relation to schools in Madawaska settlement, (reported by the Committee on Education, on petition of Henrie Dionne and others);
- " in favor of Township No. 4, Range 1, in the county of Penobscot, (introduced in the House of Representatives, by Mr. HILL of Bangor);
- " in favor of the heirs of Dorcas Farnham and of the heirs of Ruth Duran, (reported by the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relative to the claims of said Farnham and Duren);
- " in favor of John Fitzgerald and others, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on State Prison, to which was referred said resolve);
- Bill to authorize the city of Bath to determine how far wharves may be extended into the Kennebec river, (reported by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to incorporate the Orrington Pier and Warehouse Company, (reported by same Committee, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " additional to An Act to incorporate the Central Market House Company, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from same Committee, on petition of said company);
 - " to incorporate the Waldo Mountain Granite Company, (reported by same, on petition of A. L. Kelley and others);

- Bill to incorporate the Fairfield Junction Mill and Water Power Company, (reported by Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of William Conner and others);
 - " additional to An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Savings Institution, (reported by Mr. STARK, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to repeal chapter 77 of the public laws of 1848, (reported in new draft, by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been recommitted);
 - " additional to authorize the city of Bangor to regulate wharves on the Kenduskeag stream and Penobscot river, (reported by same Committee, to which said bill had been referred);
- " additional to An Act incorporating the St. Croix Log Driving Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

- Bill to incorporate the Penobscot Lumber Association and to amend the charter of the Penobscot Boom Corporation;
 - " additional to Acts establishing and regulating the Penobscot Boom Corporation;
 - " additional to incorporate the county of Sagadahoc, passed April 4, 1854;
 - " to incorporate the Arkwright Company;
 - " to incorporate the Maine Iron Manufacturing Company;
 - " to incorporate the Spring Garden Oil Cloth and Carpet Company;
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Lewiston Bagging Company;
 - " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond, South pond, and Round pond, in the county of Oxford;
 - " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Taylor pond;

- Bill to authorize Leander Morton to construct a wharf in tide waters in the town of Bristol;
 - " to amend An Act authorizing John O'Donald to build and maintain a fish weir in tide waters, approved March 28, 1853;
- " to amend An Act to incorporate the Maine Telegraph Company, passed in the year 1848—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*.

And these bills were severally presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in favor of Ephraim C. Gates and Giles M. Wentworth;

- " in favor of Orient plantation, in the county of Aroostook;
- " for the payment of roll of accounts numbered thirty-four—and the same were severally finally passed.

These resolves were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. (Chaplain absent.)

Bill to amend An Act to incorporate the Richardson Lake Dam Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Special Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 109 of the Revised Statutes, (laid upon the table by Mr. VINTON)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Harris C. Barnes and others; and legislation inexpedient on an order relative to a remuneration to Eliot R. Bowdoin—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance reported leave to withdraw on petition of R. C. Whitney and others; and reference to the next Legislature on petition of Abner Weeks and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Select Committee on Interior Waters reported leave to withdraw on petition of Mill Bridge Company—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Claims reported leave to withdraw on petition of Edmund D. Norcross—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which had been referred "Bill concerning real actions," reported that said bill ought not to pass—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Interior Waters reported leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel Veazie—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of Joel Wellington, Judge of Probate for the county of Aroostook, for increase of salary;

" of Z. P. Wentworth, Register of said Court, for increase of salary—came up from the House of Representatives referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of the Aroostook delegation.

The Senate nonconcurred the House in its reference, and referred said petitions to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill additional to An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Savings Institution;

- " additional to An Act to incorporate the Central Market House Company;
- " to authorize the city of Bath to determine how far wharves and piers may be extended into the Kennebec river;
- " to incorporate the Waldo Mountain Granite Company;
- " to incorporate the Fairfield Junction Mill and Water Power Company;
- " to incorporate the Orrington Pier and Warehouse Company;

Resolve in favor of the heirs of Dorcas Farnham, and of the heirs of Ruth Duran;

Bill regulating the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court for the city of Bath, (submitted by Mr. CLARKE)—severally read the second time and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill in relation to dams on the Passadumkeag river, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was taken up, amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. CARLETON of Whitefield, as follows:

"Mr. President—I am directed by the House of Representatives to request the Senate to return to the House the bill to amend the Act incorporating the 'Hancock Mutual Insurance Company,' being chapter 468 of 1852."

In which request the Senate concurred.

Resolves in favor of cheap ocean postage, (reported by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said resolves had been referred);

Bill to incorporate the Maine Mining, Quarrying and Stone Dressing Company, (reported by the Committee on Manufactures, to which said bill had been referred);

- " to incorporate the Monmouth Manufacturing Company, (reported by same, on petition of James Cochran, Jr.);
- " to incorporate the Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society, (introduced by Mr. CLARKE);
- " additional to An Act to incorporate the West Lincoln Agricultural and Horticultural Society, (reported by Mr. PRINCE, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relative to changing the Act to incorporate the West Lincoln Agricultural Society, that the same shall apply to the county of Androscoggin);
- " to provide for the appointment of assayers of ores, metals, and other substances, requiring a chemical analysis, (introduced by Mr. McCOBB)—severally read once, and tomorrow, 10 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. MUZZY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, requesting the return to the Senate, of the order directing the Secretary of State to procure the printing of 1200 copies of the transactions of the several agricultural societies for the year 1853.

Resolve in favor of John Fitzgerald and others;

Resolve in favor of township No. 4, Range 1, in the county of Penobscot—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Bank of Somerset, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of David White and others);

- " additional to An Act to incorporate the St. Croix Log Driving Company;
- " additional to authorize the city of Bangor to regulate wharves on the Kenduskeag stream on Penobscot river—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to schools in Madawaska settlement, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. WHID-DEN, was laid upon the table.

Bill repealing chapter 77 of the public laws of 1848, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. DAVIS, was laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of the members of the Board of Agriculture, was read the second time, and the question of passing the same to be engrossed, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Crehore, Davis, Farwell, Harriman, Hubbard, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, McCobb, Prince, Spofford, Torsey Vinton and Young—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Cutler, Gould, Hazen, McIntire, Moore, Muzzy, Robinson, Stark, Tucker, West and Whidden—11.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolves providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to the election of civil officers, on motion of Mr. VINTON, was taken up. That Senator (several days ago) moved the indefinite postponement of said resolves. And the question of indefinite postponement, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Hubbard, Lowell of Cumberland, Muzzy, Prince, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, Tucker, Vinton, West and Whidden—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Crehore, Cutler, Davis, Farwell, Gould, Harriman, Hazen, McCobb, McIntire, Moore, Robinson and Young—12.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the Bank of Somerset—and the same was passed to be enacted,

And presented to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dalton.

The Committee on Railroads and Bridges reported reference to next Legislature on the petition of Charles Q. Clapp and others. The House of Representatives recommitted said petition with instructions to report a bill—read and concurred.

Mr. PRINCE, from the Joint Select Committee appointed pursuant to an order of the 28th March, to inquire of the several Committees when they will be able to make their final report, and also to make such other inquiries as to enable them to report when the Legislature may adjourn without day, made the following

REPORT.

That several of the Committees have disposed of all business referred to them, and have already made their final report; and that the residue of said Committees will report upon all matters before them this week, with the exception of the Committees on the Judiciary and Education, which will make their final report in the early part of next week. And further reported that the Legislature may adjourn without day on the 18th instant—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TORSEY, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred "Bill requiring persons having the control of youth to procure for them public instruction," reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CLARKE,

Ordered, That on and after to-morrow, April the 8th, the sessions of the Senate be opened at 9 of the clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. HARRIMAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Insane Hospital be allowed to procure the printing of their report, embracing a statement of facts in relation to the appropriation on a new wing to the Insane Hospital.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend chapter 30 of the special laws for the year 1853, (introduced by Mr. CUTLER)—read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which had been referred "Bill additional to An Act to incorporate the Bangor Water Company," reported that said bill ought not to pass—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relative to amending the 35th chapter of the Revised Statutes—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve in aid of road from Barnard to Chesuncook lake;

" in aid of roads in the county of Aroostook, (these resolves, submitted by Mr. ROBINSON, as substitutes for similar resolves, said to be lost subsequent to their passage to be engrossed in the Senate)—severally read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend An Act to incorporate the Richardson Lake Dam Company, (reported by Mr. WHIDDEN, from the Select Committee on Interior Waters, to which said bill had been referred)—read twice and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend the 167th chapter of the Revised Statutes came up from the House of Representatives amended. The Senate receded from the vote of the 25th of March, passing said bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment proposed by

the House, and passed said bill to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to amend the 166th chapter of the Revised Statutes came up from the House of Representatives amended. The Senate receded from the vote of the 26th of March, passing said bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment proposed by the House, and passed said bill to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Resolve relating to the revenue laws of the United States, (taken up on motion of Mr. DAVIS);

- " in relation to schools in Madawaska settlement, (taken up on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN);
- Bill amending An Act to establish a draw in the Wetmore Isle Bridge, approved March 9, 1852, (introduced in the House);
 - " to abate certain taxes on the towns of Minot, Poland, Auburn, Danville and Durham, (taken up on motion of Mr. LOWELL of Cumberland);
- " to incorporate the Aroostook Railroad Company, (taken up on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN)—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Bill to increase the capital stock of Ellsworth Bank, on motion of Mr. SPOFFORD, was taken up and further considered, and the amendment proposed by Mr. WEST, on Saturday last, was adopted, and said bill passed to be *engrossed*, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve making an appropriation for the Insane Hospital, (reported by Mr. HARRIMAN, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, on the report of the Trustees, Steward and Superintendent of the same);

" making appropriation for religious services at the Insane Hospital, (reported by same);

Bill to incorporate the Maine Mining, Quarrying and Stone Dressing Company—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolves in favor of A. B. Thompson and others, (reported in an amended form, by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said resolves had been recommitted)—read twice, by unanimous consent, and passed to be *engrossed*. Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in favor of Hartly Hamilton;

- " " Nicholas Pierce;
- " " Thomas S. Roberts;
- " James Robinson;
- " " John K. Russell;
- " in aid of road in the county of Aroostook;
- " " Penobscot;
- " " " Piscataquis;
- " " " Somerset;
 " " Washington;
- " making an appropriation for the support of schools at Fort Kent in Aroostook county;
- " in favor of John Fitzgerald and others—and the same were severally finally passed.

And these resolves were presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the town of Dayton;

- " to incorporate the Machias Log Driving Company;
- " to incorporate the Leeds Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company;
- " in relation to the Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Corporation;

Bill to increase the salary of the Police Judge in the city of Bangor;

- " to incorporate the Hallowell Gas Light Company;
- " to incorporate the White Lime Rock Company;
- " to amend An Act to incorporate the Richardson Lake Dam Company, approved March 22, 1853;
- " additional to An Act to incorporate the St. Croix Log Driving Company—and the same were severally passed to be enacted.

And these bills were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill to incorporate the Bethel Boom Company, was taken up, amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

- Bill to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewy's Island Railroad, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of George Downes and others);
 - " to authorize the Mayor of the city of Calais to regulate the duties of Harbor Master, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of the Mayor of the city of Calais);
 - " to establish the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Penobscot, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to that subject);
 - " to make valid the doings of the inhabitants of the town of Kirkland, (reported by same, on petition of the Selectmen of Kirkland);
 - " to abolish the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Hancock, (reported by same, to which said bill had been recommitted);
 - to change the name of John Guptill, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Change of Names);

- Bill to set off certain territory from the town of Palermo and annex the same to the town of Washington, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of James Lenfest and others);
 - " to incorporate the Washington Hotel Company, (laid upon the table by Mr. WHIDDEN);
- " to amend An Act incorporating the Warren Bridge Company, (introduced in the House of Representatives, by Mr. STARR of Thomaston)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the State Reform School, to which was referred an order of the 10th of March, directing said Committee to visit the School in person, to examine the condition and affairs of the same, and make report to the present Legislature, made the following

REPORT:

That they have made such observation of the condition of the school, as they were enabled to do in a single day.

The examination was highly satisfactory to the members of the Committee.

The condition of the institution reflects credit on its officers. The management of the school, by the Superintendent, seems judicious and prudent, and his administration of its affairs is conducted economically.

Believing that the people of the State, who have so laudably undertaken the reform of the juvenile offenders within our borders, have a right to expect as early as practicable, a detailed account of the operations of the school, the Committee have taken measures to procure the report of the Superintendent, brought down to the present time.

The law requires the Superintendent to make his report to the Trustees annually, in the month of November. Last year, at that time, vacancies existed in the Board, and the same was not organized.

The school had been open for a short time only for the reception of boys.

From these considerations, no report was made by the Trustees to the Governor and Council as contemplated by law.

The Committee avail themselves of the subjoined report of

the Superintendent, furnished by the Trustees, and transmit the same, together with the correspondence, to the Legislature.

Which report was read and accepted—and on motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That 1200 copies of said report, with the accompanying documents, be printed—1000 of which for the use of the Legislature, and 200 for the use of the Superintendent of the Reform School.

Resolve in favor of cheap ocean postage;

Bill to authorize the Mayor of the city of Calais to regulate the duties of harbor master;

- " to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewy's Island Railroad;
- " giving additional powers to the Trustees of Franklin Bank;
- " to make valid the doings of the inhabitants of the town of Kirkland;
- " to change the name of John Guptill;
- " to abolish the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Hancock;
- " to set off certain territory from the town of Palermo, and annex the same to the town of Washington;
- " additional to An Act to establish a free bridge from Barter's Island to the main land in Boothbay;
- " to amend An Act incorporating the Warren Bridge Company—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Petition of County Commissioners of Penobscot county, for authority to hire money;

" of Nathan Weston, Jr., and others, in aid of the same—severally read and referred to the Penobscot delegation, in concurrence.

Claim of D. Pray, Adjutant of 1st Regiment, 1st Brigade, 2d Division, for compensation for military services, came up from the House of Representatives referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate nonconcurred the House in its reference, and referred said claim to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House of Representatives, requesting the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether any change is necessary in the law regulating divorces—read and passed, in concurrence.

Resolve for the appointment of Commissioners to draft a general law for the regulation of railroads, (introduced in the House)—read and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill additional to chapter 123 of the laws of Maine, in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes on unincorporated places, approved April 14, 1849, (introduced in the House)—read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Hancock, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the delegation of Hancock county, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State, in executing the order of the 5th instant, in relation to procuring the printing of the transactions of the several agricultural societies in this State for the year 1853, be directed to publish only such portions of said reports as the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture may deem important and useful to the community.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to next Legislature on petition of Thomas Moan and others; legislation inexpedient on an order in relation to limiting the powers of County Commissioners relative to expenses on county buildings; and that the "Bill in relation to minor children" ought not to pass—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee, (on the part of the House of Representatives,) reported legislation inexpedient on an order relative to school districts neglecting or refusing to build school houses—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Special Committee on Interior Waters, reported reference to next Legislature on petition of Ephraim Paulk and others—read, and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

Mr. RUGGLES, from the Special Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Hiram Smith and others, and Wallace Guptill and others—read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee, (on the part of the House of Representatives,) reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of John Kendall and others; Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company; and John Winn and others; and leave to withdraw on petition of Ebenezer C. Newell and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw on petition of E. B. Pierce and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported reference to next Legislature on petition of G. K. Smith, and leave to withdraw on petition of Stephen Conery—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report that the "Bill in relation to recognizances" be referred to the next Legislature—read, and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

Bill to establish the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Penobscot, was read the second time—and the same, on motion of Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, was referred to a Joint Select Committee consisting of the Penobscot delegation.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend An Act to establish the Atlantic and Junction Railroad, (reported by Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, to which was recommitted the petition of Charles Q. Clapp and others)—read once, and Tuesday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading. And, on motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Ordered, That 350 copies of said bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

- Bill to incorporate the Inlet Dam Company, (reported by Mr. RUGGLES, from the Special Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Waldo T. Pierce and others);
 - " relating to the State Library, (reported by Mr. SPOF-FORD, from the Committee on the Library);
 - " to amend chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes, (reported by Mr. STARK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);
- " to repeal chapter 298 of the laws of 1850, (reported in the House of Representatives, by same Committee, on petition of James Brophy and others)—severally read once, and the same, on motion, was laid upon the table.

Bill for arming and equipping companies of Volunteer Militia and for other purposes, was read the second time—and, on motion of Mr. VINTON, Tuesday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for the further consideration of said bill.

Bill to regulate draws in bridges over navigable rivers, (reported by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of Sewall B. Swasey and others)—came up from the House of Representatives recommited.

The Senate nonconcurred the House in the re-commitment, and said bill was read once, and Wednesday next, 9 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve fixing the place for the meeting of the next Legislature, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. VINTON);

- Resolve in favor of William Poor, Jr., (reported by Mr. HUB-BARD, from the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of William Poor, Jr.);
 - " authorizing the Governor and Council to compound debts due the Passamaquoddy Indians, (reported by Mr. HARRIMAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs);
 - " in favor of certain members of the Legislature who visited the State Reform School, (laid upon the table by Mr. CLARKE);
 - " in favor of the county of Androscoggin and Sagadahoc, (laid upon the table by Mr. PRINCE);
 - " in favor of certain members who visited the State Prison, (laid upon the table by Mr. VINTON);
 - " in relation to Passamaquoddy Indian lands, (reported by Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, from the Committee on Indian Affairs);
 - " in favor of Mary N. Hunter, (reported by Mr. ROB-INSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which said resolve had been referred);
- Bill additional to an act to establish the Reform School, (reported by Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to the expense of transporting youth to said school);
 - " authorizing the erection of a bridge across the Kennebec river at or near Pishon's Ferry, (reported by Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of Hiram Burrell and others);
 - " to amend the 6th section of the 119th chapter of the Revised Statutes, (introduced by Mr. MUZZY);
 - " to legalize the doings of the town of West Bath, (reported by Mr. STARK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred;)
 - " concerning the Passamaquoddy Indians, (reported by Mr. BLAKE, of Penobscot, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which said bill had been recommitted);

Bill to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Cochnewaggan pond, (reported by Mr. CREHORE, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which said bill had been referred)—severally read once, and Monday next, 9 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewy's Island Railroad, was read the second time—and Tuesday next at 10 o'clock, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, assigned for the further consideration of the same.

Bill to incorporate the Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society, was read the second time, amended, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to provide for the appointment of assayers of ores, metals and substances requiring a chemical analysis;

- " additional to An Act to incorporate the West Lincoln Agricultural and Horticultural Society;
- " to incorporate the Monmouth Manufacturing Company;
- " to incorporate the Washington Hotel Company—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. VINTON, of the Sub-Committee from the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison, appointed to visit the prison to examine into the condition and affairs of the same, and make a report to the present Legislature, in pursuance of an order of the 8th of March, having attended to that duty, made the following

REPORT:

Your Committee waited on the officers of the prison on the morning of the 22d ultimo, who received them cordially and extended to them every facility for prosecuting the object of their visit.

Your Committee found by actual inspection, the report of the warden and inspectors of the prison as submitted to the Governor and Council at the present session of the Legislature, to be correct in all its details.

The Warden, the Clerk, the Chaplain, and all the subordinate officers of the prison appear to be well qualified for their several posts and are discharging their duties faithfully.

The prison is in good repair—neatness and order prevail throughout, and your Committee were particularly pleased with the assurance that the apparatus for warming the prison is now sufficient, so that every cell and the entire prison has been kept sufficiently warm during the severe cold weather the past winter.

The convicts are sufficiently fed and clothed, and are generally in good health. There is one instance, however, of impaired health, wherein your Committee are of the opinion that a pardon ought to be granted, and that from considerations applicable to the State as well as to the convict.

Three times has the prison been laid waste by fire, in consequence of which, heavy expenditures have been incurred by the State. Your Committee are of the opinion that these severe losses might have been prevented in whole or in part, had the prison been supplied with a sufficient fire engine. As the prison has now been fully rebuilt, and is in better condition than ever before, but still destitute of any adequate means to protect it from fire, your Committee would recommend the purchase, forthwith, of a sufficient fire engine for the use and protection of the prison buildings; and to meet the expense of said purchase, they would recommend the sale of a piece of land now owned by the State, adjacent to the prison, which, it is believed, will not be required by any of its future wants.

During the past year six hundred feet have been added to the prison walls; three hundred and sixty feet will complete the same, and your committee would recommend an appropriation for this purpose.

The blacksmith shop is badly out of repair, and is altogether too small for the advantageous prosecution of this department of prison labor. Your Committee would recommend an appropriation for the purpose of repairing and enlarging this shop. It is believed that both appropriations herein recommended need not exceed the sum of \$2,000.

Your Committee would further recommend that the office of Chaplain of the State Prison be abolished, and the salary now paid that officer, to wit, \$300, be hereafter appropriated, as follows:—\$200 to the several clergymen of Thomaston, who will perform the duties of Chaplain of the prison; \$50 to the maintenance of a school, and \$50 to the purchase of books for the use of the convicts.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. VINTON,
GEORGE A. STARR,
GLENDY MOODY,
N. A. BURPEE,
SETH O'BRIEN,

Committee

Augusta, April 7, 1854.

Which report was read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in favor of township No. 4, Range 1, in the county of Penobscot—and the same was finally passed—and presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the Aroostook Railroad Company;

- " to incorporate the Saco Ice Company;
- " to incorporate the Bucksport Bank;
- " to incorporate the Lewiston Linen Company;
- " additional authorizing the city of Bangor to regulate the building of wharves in Kenduskeag stream and Penobscot river:
- " to amend the 167th chapter of the Revised Statutes;
- " to authorize the owners of pews in the meetinghouse of the South Parish in Hallowell, to make alterations in said house;
- " regulating the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Bath—and the same were severally passed to be enacted.

And these bills were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill to incorporate the Tillson and Ulmer Lime Rock Company, (reported by the Committee on Manufactures, to which said bill [engrossed] had been recommitted)—the same was ordered to be *re-engrossed*, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott.

Resolve in aid of schools in certain plantations in the county of Washington, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. WHIDDEN)—read, and the same, on motion of Mr. VINTON, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Agriculture, to which had been referred the "Bill to repeal the law of 1851, providing for the appointment of a General Inspector of beef and pork, and re-enact the law of 1842, reported that said bill ought to pass—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. BLAKE, from the Select Committee, consisting of the Penobscot delegation, reported leave to withdraw on petition of the County Commissioners of Penobscot county and Nathan Weston, Jr.—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CREHORE,

Ordered, That on and after Monday the 10th instant, the Senate shall hold two sessions a day, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon and half-past two in the afternoon.

The Committee on the Judiciary reported leave to withdraw on petition of Ira B. Delano—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of claimants under the treaty of Washington, of lands the title of which is now in the State, (introduced in the House of Representatives);

" in favor of claimants under the treaty of Washington, of lands the title of which is not in the State, (introduced in the House of Representatives);

- Resolve in favor of William Black, (introduced in the House of Representatives);
 - " in aid of Hartly Hamilton, (reported by Mr. ROB-INSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads);
- Bill to provide for rebuilding the Mattawamkeag bridge on the Whitney road, (reported by the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relative to rebuilding the Mattawamkeag bridge);
 - " additional to An Act to incorporate the Dresden Neck Bridge Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of James Carney and others);
- " to incorporate the town of Aroostook, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on petition of Benjamin Howes and others)—severally read once, and to-morrow 10 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.
 - Bill to incorporate Brown Ferry Bridge Corporation, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of Joseph C. Given and others);
 - " to authorize the Bangor Mercantile Association to appoint a Port Warden, (reported by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Samuel H. Dale and others);
 - " to apportion and assess on the inhabitants of this State a tax of \$201,187.50 for the year 1854, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Finance);
 - " to incorporate the Orono Gas Light Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Gideon Mayo and others);
 - " to incorporate the Dexter Gas Light Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by same Committee, on petition of Lysander Cutler and others);

- Bill to incorporate the Oldtown Gas Light Company, (reported by same, on petition of John W. Veazie and others);
 - " to incorporate the Milford Gas Light Company, (reported by same, on petition of John Winn and others);
 - " to incorporate the Baldwin Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Manufactures, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " additional to chapter 123 of the laws of Maine, in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes on unincorporated places, approved August 14, 1854, (reported by Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which said bill had been referred);
 - to amend An Act to provide for the education of youth, approved March 28th, 1850, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to the education of youth);
 - " for the regulation of ways dedicated to public use, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to incorporate the Webster Association of Fryeburg Academy, (reported by the Committee on Education, on petition of Alvin Boody and others);
 - " giving further powers to County Commissioners in certain cases, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " additional concerning Municipal and Police Courts, (reported by same, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " authorizing the proprietors of the First Congregational meetinghouse in Winthrop to repair, sell or rebuild said meetinghouse, (reported by same, to which said bill had been referred);
- " to authorize the plantation D and Salmon Brook to raise money to repair the roads in said plantation, (reported by said Committee, on petition of E. Knight and others and Robert Wilder and another)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill concerning the Passamaquoddy Indians, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN, was laid upon the table.

Mr. PRINCE, from the Joint Select Committee to which had been referred the bill to establish seminaries for teaching the scientific principles of agriculture and mechanic arts, made the following

REPORT:

That said bill ought not to pass. And your Committee further report a bill to repeal the Act establishing a Board of Agriculture, which is herewith submitted, and recommend the passage of the same—read, and said report, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was amended, by striking out the last paragraph, and said report was accepted, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to repeal chapter 274 of the public laws of 1852, entitled, "An Act to establish a Board of Agriculture," (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. DAVIS,) was read once, and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STARK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Stephen Rich and others, and Thomas Bolton and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill additional to An Act to establish the Reform School was amended, and passed to be *engrossed*, with the amendments A and B.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in favor of certain persons of the Legislature who visited the State Prison;

- " in favor of certain members of the Legislature, who visited the State Reform School;
- " in favor of the county of Androscoggin and Sagadahoc;

Resolve in favor of Mary N. Hunter;

- " in favor of William Poor, Jr.;
- " in relation to Passamaquoddy Indian lands, (as amended);
- " authorizing the Governor and Council to compound debts due the Passamaquoddy Indians;

Bill to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Cochnewaggan pond;

- " to legalize the doings of the town of West Bath;
- " to amend the 63d section of 119th chapter of the Revised Statutes—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill authorizing the erection of a bridge across the Kennebec river, at or near Pishon's Ferry, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. GOULD, was laid upon the table.

Bill to incorporate the city of Rockland, came up from the House of Representatives amended. The Senate receded from the vote of the 25th of March, passing said bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment proposed by the House, and passed the same to be *engrossed* with the amendments A and B, in concurrence.

Resolve fixing the place for the meeting of the next Legislature of this State, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN, was laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bill relating to writs of error and certiorari, (introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. ABBOTT of Norridgewock)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill additional to An Act to set off certain territory from the town of Kennebec and annex the same to the town of Readfield,

(introduced in the House of Representatives by same gentleman)—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill for arming and equipping companies of volunteer militia, and for other purposes, was taken up on motion, and the question of passing the same to be engrossed, was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Crehore, Cutler, Gould, Harriman, Hazen, McIntire, Moore, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Stark, Whidden and Young—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Davis, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, Muzzy, Torsey and Vinton—7.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in relation to schools in the Madawaska settlement;

- " in aid of roads in the county of Aroostook;
- " in aid of road from Barnard to Chesunkook lake;
- " relative to the revenue laws of the United States;
- " in favor of cheap ocean postage—and the same were severally finally passed.

And these resolves were presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Ellsworth bank;

- " additional to An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Savings Institution;
- " in relation to the dams on the Passadumkeag river;
- " to regulate the construction and maintenance of public drains in the city of Portland;
- " to incorporate the Maine Mining, Quarrying and Stone Dressing Company;
- " to incorporate the Tillson and Ulmer Lime Rock Company;
- " to amend the 166th chapter of the Revised Statues;

- Bill authorizing the city of Calais to regulate the duties of Harbor Master for said city;
 - " to amend An Act incorporating the Warren Bridge Company;
 - " amending An Act to establish a draw in the Wetmore Isle Bridge, approved March 9th, 1852;
 - " to abolish the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Hancock;
- " to change the name of John Guptill—and the same were severally passed to be enacted.

And these bills were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Resolve authorizing the appointment of Commissioners to locate grants and determine the extent of possessory claims under the late treaty with Great Britain, on motion of Mr. HAZEN, was taken up. The Senate receded from the vote of 22d of March, passing said resolve to be engrossed with the amendment A, (striking out the last section) adopted the amendment B, proposed by the House of Representatives, to wit:—Strike out in 43d line, 1st section, the words, "not exceeding three dollars per day"—and passed said resolve to be engrossed, with the amendment B, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Webb.

On motion of Mr. FARWELL, the Senate reconsidered the vote of yesterday, passing to be engrossed bill to incorporate the city of Rockland, and further amended the same, and passed said bill to be *engrossed*, with the amendments, A, B and C.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of the same Senator, the bill to incorporate the White Lime Rock Company, (passed to be enacted 7th instant, and sent to the Governor but not approved,) was returned.

The Senate receded from the votes passing said bill to be enacted and to be engrossed, and amended section 8, line 7, by striking out the word "corporation," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the word person, and ordered the bill to be re-engrossed, as thus amended, of which the House of Representatives was informed by message, and its concurrence requested. Concurred.

Bill to amend the 124th chapter of the Revised Statutes, (introduced in the House of Representatives, by Mr. ABBOTT of Norridgewock)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Calais Granite Company, came up from the House of Representatives, amended. The Senate receded from the vote of March 30th, passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment proposed by the House of Representatives, and passed the said bill to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the East Musquash Improvement Company, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Daniel Hill and

others)—was read once, and Friday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

- Bill to make valid the doings of the town of Greenville, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the Selectmen of Greenville);
 - " to amend chapter 30 of the special laws for the year 1853, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " additional to An Act to set off certain territory from the town of Kennebec and annex the same to the town of Readfield;
- Resolve in favor of Big Lake and other plantations in aid of schools, (reported by Mr. TORSEY, from the Committee on Education, to which said resolve had been referred);
 - " in favor of Camden Academy, (reported by same, on petition of E. K. Smart and others);
 - " in aid of Foxcroft Academy, (reported by Mr. SPOFFORD, from same Committee, on petition of Trustees of said Academy);
 - " in favor of Limerick Academy, (reported by Mr. TORSEY, from same Committee, on petition of the Trustees of said Academy);
 - " in favor of Limington Academy, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the same Committee, on petition of the Trustees of said Academy);
 - " in favor of Norridgewock Female Academy, (reported by same, on petition of Trustees of Norridgewock Female Academy);
 - " in favor of Litchfield Liberal Institute, (reported by Mr. TORSEY, from same Committee, on petition of the Trustees of said Institute);
 - " in favor of Yarmouth Institute, (reported by Mr. SPOFFORD, from same Committee, on petition of Ephraim Sturdivant and the Trustees of said Institute);

- Resolve in favor of Oxford Normal Institute, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from same Committee, on petition of Oxford Normal Institute);
 - in favor of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute, (reported by same, on petitions of J. R. Batchelder and others, J. L. Blake and others, J. B. Cahoon and others, R. M. Chapman and others, J. T. Champlin and others, R. P. Dunlap and others, B. J. Herrick and others, E. Holmes and others, Trustees of Maine Wesleyan Seminary, F. H. Morse and others, E. Robinson and others, John S. Tenney and others, J. Williamson and others);
 - " in favor of Waterville College, (reported by same, on petition of the President and Trustees of Waterville College);
- " in favor of the Portland Society of Natural History, (reported by Mr. TORSEY, from same Committee, on petition of said society)—severally read once, and this afternoon, half past two o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of certain members of the Legislature, who visited the State Reform School;

- " in favor of William Black;
- " in favor of claimants under the Treaty of Washington, of lands the title of which is now in the State;
- " in favor of claimants under the Treaty of Washington, of lands the title of which is not in the State;
- Bill to incorporate the Baldwin Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company;
 - " additional concerning Municipal and Police Courts;
 - " to establish the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Penobscot;
 - " to authorize the plantation D and Salmon Brook, to raise money to repair the roads in said plantation;
 - " to incorporate the Webster Association of Fryeburg Academy;

- Bill authorizing the proprietors of the First Congregational meetinghouse in Winthpop, to repair, sell or rebuild said meetinghouse;
 - " giving further powers to County Commissioners in certain cases;
 - " for the regulation of ways dedicated to public use;
 - " to authorize the Bangor Mercantile Association to appoint port wardens;
 - " to incorporate the Brown's Ferry Bridge Corporation;
 - " to amend An Act to provide for the Education of Youth, approved August 27, 1850;
 - " to apportion and assess on the inhabitants of this State, a tax of \$201,187.50 for the year 1854;
- " to improve the navigation of the Sebasticook river—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Resolve in aid of Hartly Hamilton;

Bill additional to chapter 123 of the laws of Maine, in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes on unincorporated places, approved August 14, 1849—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the town of Aroostook, was read the second time, the amendments of the House marked A, adopted, and the bill, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

Bill additional to An Act to incorporate the Dresden Neck Bridge Company, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

Bills concerning the Passamaquoddy Indians, was taken up and amended, and the same, on motion of Mr. HARRIMAN, was laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Resolve designating and locating the twenty-four half townships of land, appropriated to common schools by Resolve approved August 24, 1850, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. SPOFFORD)—was read twice, by unanimous consent, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in aid of Foxcroft Academy, was read the second time. And the question of passing the same to be *engrossed*, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Cutler, McCobb, McIntire, Moore, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, Whidden and Young—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Crehore, Farwell, Gould, Hubbard, Lowell of Cumberland, Muzzy and Tucker—8.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve repealing a Resolve approved March 27, 1852, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. VINTON)—read once, and Friday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy, was read the second time. And the question of passing the same to be *engrossed*, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Cutler, Davis, Harriman, Hubbard, McCobb, Moore, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, Tucker, Whidden and Young—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Crehore, Gould, Hazen, Lowell of Lincoln, and Muzzy—6.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Yarmouth Institute, was read the second time. And the question of passing the same to be *engrossed*, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Cutler, Davis, Harriman, Hubbard, McCobb, Moore, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, Vinton, Whidden and Young—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Crehore, Farwell, Gould, Hazen, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, and Muzzy—8. Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute, was read the second time. And the question of passing the same to be *engrossed*, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Clarke, Cutler, Davis, Harriman, Hubbard, McCobb, Moore, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, Vinton, Whidden and Young—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Gould, Hazen, Lowell of Lincoln, and Muzzy—5.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Norridgewock Female Academy, was read the second time. And the question of passing the same to be engrossed, was decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Cutler, Davis, Harriman, Hubbard, McCobb, Moore, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, Vinton, Whidden and Young—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Crehore, Farwell, Gould, Hazen, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, and Muzzy—9.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the Searsport Mill Company;

- " to incorporate the Bethel Boom Company;
- " additional to An Act to establish a free bridge from Barter's Island to the main land in Boothbay;
- " to set off certain territory from the town of Palermo and annex the same to the town of Washington;
- " to make valid the doings of the inhabitants of the town of Kirkland, in the county of Penobscot;
- " to abate certain taxes in the towns of Minot, Poland, Danville and Durham—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*.

And these bills were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Resolve in favor of Limington Academy, was read the second time; and the question of passing the same to be *engrossed*, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Davis, Gould, Harriman, Lowell of Cumberland, McCobb, Moore, Prince, Robinson, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, Vinton, Whidden and Young—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Lowell of Lincoln and Muzzy—2. Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Portland Society of Natural History, was read the second time; and the question of passing the same to be *engrossed*, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Clarke, Cutler, Davis, Harriman, Lowell of Cumberland, McCobb, Moore, Prince, Robinson, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, Vinton, Whidden and Young—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Crehore, Hazen and Muzzy—3. Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Corinna Union Academy, (reported by the Committee on Education, on petition of the Trustees of said Academy);

- " in favor of Camden Academy;
- " in favor of the Litchfield Liberal Institute;
- " in favor of Oxford Normal Institute;
- " in favor of Waterville College—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to establish the Kennebec and Sheepscot Railroad Company, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. FAR-WELL)—and, on motion of that Senator,

Ordered, That 350 copies of said bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheney.

Bill relating to Judicial proceedings, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. CUTLER)—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Charity School at Bangor, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. MUZZY);

- " in favor of Westbrook Seminary, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. PRINCE);
- " in favor of the State prison, (laid upon the table by Mr. FARWELL);
- " authorizing the sale of land connected with the State prison, (submitted by same);
- " in favor of the Cony Female Academy, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. CUTLER);
- Bill additional to the act to incorporate the State Bank, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by same Senator);
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot);
- " in addition to An Act to establish the Androscoggin Railroad Company, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. SPOFFORD)—severally read once, and this afternoon, half past two o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of the town of Norridgewock, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—read and referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

The Committee on Claims, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of Samuel G. Chase, Jr., and an order directing the payment of John Sargent, Jr., the sum of \$40—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to make valid the doings of the town of Greenville, was read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Oldtown Gas Light Company, was read the second time, amended, and passed to be *engrossed*, with the amendments A and B.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

- Bill additional to An Act to set off certain territory from the town of Kennebec and annex the same to the town of Readfield;
 - " to amend chapter 30 of the special laws for the year 1853;
- " to amend An Act to establish the Atlantic and Junction Railroad, (amended)—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bill in relation to the dams on the Passadumkeag river, (passed to be enacted April 10th)—came up from the House of Representatives amended, by adding at the end of the first section the words, "This act shall not take effect until it shall be accepted by the said Grand Falls Dam Company." The Senate receded from the votes passing said bill to be enacted and to be engrossed, adopted the said amendment proposed by the House of Representatives, and ordered said bill to be reengrossed, as thus amended, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Big Lake and other plantations in aid of schools, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. ROBINSON, was laid upon the table.

Bill to amend chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. DAVIS, was laid upon the table.

Bill to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewy's Island Railroad, was taken up, and further discussed. And the same, on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN, was laid upon the table.

Bill in addition to An Act concerning railroads, (reported by Mr. STARK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);

" to incorporate the Waterville Gas Light Company, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. STARK)—severally read once, and Friday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the Dexter Gas Light Company, was read the second time, amended, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Railroads and Bridges reported reference to the next Legislature on petition of E. G. Woodman and others. Which report came up from the House of Representatives amended, by striking out all after the word "The," and inserting in lieu thereof, petitioners have leave to bring in the bill herewith submitted.

By a subsequent vote the House of Representatives referred the said report and said bill, with the petitions and remonstrances, to the next Legislature.

The Senate accepted said report, as amended, and Friday next, half-past 2 o'clock, P. M., assigned for the further consideration of said report.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in relation to the claims of the State upon the United States for lands taken and required to be taken to satisfy claimants under the Treaty of Washington; Resolve authorizing the appointment of Commissioners to locate and determine the extent of possessory claims under the late treaty with Great Britain—and the same were severally finally passed. And these resolves were presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

- Bill to incorporate the Fairfield Junction Mill and Water Power Company;
 - " to incorporate the Orrington Pier and Warehouse Company;
 - " to incorporate the Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society;
 - " to incorporate the Waldo Mountain Granite Company;
 - " additional to An Act to incorporate the Central Market House Company;
 - " to amend An Act to establish the Atlantic Junction Railroad;
 - " additional to the 129th chapter of the Revised Statutes;
 - " additional to an act entitled "An Act to prevent obstructions in Machias river";
 - " authorizing the city of Bath to determine how far wharves and piers may extend into the Kennebec river;
- " additional to An Act to incorporate the West Lincoln Agricultural and Horticultural Society—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*—and these bills were presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. BLAKE of Aroostook,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourn, it adjourn till Friday next, 10 o'clock, in the forenoon.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheney.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

The Senate reconsidered the vote of the 12th instant, referring "Resolve in favor of the town of Norridgewock" to the Committee on Claims, and referred the same to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Bank, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. McCOBB)—read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on the Judiciary reported leave to withdraw on petition of C. H. Hudson and another, Sanford & Tappan and others, Witherspoon, Kingsford and Company, Merchants of New York, and Nathan L. Woodbury and others; and legislation inexpedient on an order relative to a general law for the government of Telegraph Companies—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of the Lewy's Island Railroad, was taken up, and further considered; and the question of referring said bill to the next Legislature, on the motion of Mr. WHIDDEN, made on Wednesday last, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the *negative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Crehore, Cutler, Harriman, McIntire, Robinson, Vinton, Whidden and Young—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penóbscot, Clarke, Davis, Gould, Hubbard, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, McCobb, Muzzy, Prince, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark, Torsey and Tucker—16.

And the question of passing said bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, was decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Davis, Gould, Hubbard, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, McCobb, Muzzy, Prince, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark and Tucker—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Crehore, Cutler, Harriman, McIntire, Robinson, Vinton, Whidden and Young—9.

Resolve authorizing Cape Elizabeth to raise money in aid of Portland and Cape Elizabeth Ferry, (reported by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of the Selectmen of Cape Elizabeth);

" in favor of William Cowperthwait, (reported by the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of William Cowperthwait);

" in favor of Sanford Noble, (reported by same Committee, on petition of said Noble);

" in favor of Isaac Bradbury and others, (reported by the Committee on Claims, on petition of Isaac Bradbury and others);

" in favor of Samuel Leavitt, (reported by the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of said Leavitt);

" in relation to original settlers' lot, numbered 93, in Bangor, (reported by the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of G. M. Weston);

" in favor of the Astor Library, (reported by the Committee on the Library, on a communication from the Governor in relation to that subject);

Bill to establish the Kennebec and Sheepscot Railroad Company;

" additional to An Act authorizing the First Congregational Society in Eastport, to alter or rebuild their meetinghouse;

" to incorporate the town of Umbagog, (re-reported by Committee on Incorporation of Towns);

Bill to prevent the destruction of fish in Webber's pond, in the town of Vassalborough, (reported by the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of Isaac Fairfield)—severally read once, and half past 2 o'clock, in the afternoon, assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Charity School at Bangor, was read the second time. Mr. ROBINSON moved to refer this resolve to the Committee on Education. And the question of so referring was decided in the *negative*, by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Davis, Harriman, McCobb, Moore, Robinson, Spofford, Whidden and Young—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Crehore, Cutler, Gould, Hazen, Hubbard, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, McIntire, Muzzy, Prince, Tucker and Vinton—12.

[While said resolve was under consideration, (by unanimous consent,)

On motion of Mr. FARWELL,

Ordered, That the President adjourn the Senate at one o'clock and at six o'clock, P. M., until otherwise ordered.]

Mr. ROBINSON moved to lay said resolve upon the table.

And while the said motion was under discussion, the Senate, agreeably to the last order, was, by the President,

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bill to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, assigned for a second reading this day, was taken up. And to-morrow morning, half-past 10 o'clock, on motion of Mr. VINTON, was assigned for the second reading.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Charity School was further considered. And the question of passing the same to be engrossed, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the negative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Crehore, Cutler, Hazen, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, Muzzy and Tucker—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Davis, Farwell, Harriman, McCobb, McIntire, Moore, Robinson, Spofford, Stark and Young—11.

And thus the same was refused a passage.

Bill additional to the Act to incorporate the State Bank;

"to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.
Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to establish the Kennebec and Sheepscot Railroad Company, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. FARWELL, was amended, by striking out the word "Sheepscot" in the title, and also in section 1, line 21, and inserting in lieu thereof the word Wiscasset; and the bill was further amended, section 5, lines 37 and 38, by striking out the words "one hundred dollars," and inserting in lieu thereof the words fifty dollars. And the said bill passed to be engrossed, as thus amended.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr. PRINCE, was amended, by striking out the words "two half townships," and inserting in lieu thereof the words one half township—and the said resolve was refused a passage, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Crehore, Cutler, Davis, Gould, Hubbard, Lowell of Lincoln, McCobb and Prince—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Harriman, McIntire, Moore, Muzzy, Robinson, Stark, Torsey, Vinton, Whidden and Young—11.

Resolve to provide for rebuilding the Mattawamkeag bridge on the military road, was read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the town of Umbagog, was read the second time, and a passage refused.

Resolve in favor of Benton Institute, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. ———);

Bill for the protection of telegraphic property, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. CUTLER)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in favor of the counties of Androscoggin and Sagadahoc;

- " in favor of certain persons of the Legislature who visited the State Prison;
- " in favor of Hartly Hamilton;
- " in favor of certain members of the Legislature who visited the State Reform School—and the same were severally finally passed.

And these resolves were presented to the Governor for his approval, on Saturday, April 15th.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to incorporate the Baldwin Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company;

- " to incorporate the Brown's Ferry Corporation;
- " " Calais Granite Company;
- " " " Monmouth Manufacturing Company;
- " " Webster Association of Fryeburg Academy;
- " " White Lime Rock Company;
- " " Washington Hotel Company;
- " giving additional powers to the trustees of Franklin Bank;
- " additional to chapter 133 of the laws of Maine in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes in unincorporated places, approved August 14, 1849;
- " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Cochnewaggan pond;
- " additional concerning Municipal and Police Courts;
- " to amend the 63d section of the 119th chapter of the Revised Statutes;
- " to authorize the Bangor Mercantile Association to appoint Port Wardens for the port of Bangor;

- Bill to provide for the appointment of assayers of ores, metals and other substances, requiring a chemical analysis;
 - " to establish the salary of the County Attorney of Penobscot;
 - " for the regulation of ways dedicated to public use;
 - " in relation to the dams on the Passadumkeag river;
 - " to authorize the plantations D and Salmon Brook to raise money to repair the roads in said plantations;
 - " authorizing the proprietors of the First Congregational meetinghouse in Winthrop to repair, sell, or rebuild said meetinghouse;
 - " giving further powers to County Commissioners in certain cases;
 - " to improve the navigation of the Sebasticook river;
 - " to amend An Act to provide for the Education of Youth, approved August 27, 1850;
- " to make valid the doings of the town of Greenville—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*—and these bills were presented to the Governor for his approval, on Saturday, April 15.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Burgess.

Resolve laying a tax on the county of Androscoggin, (introduced in the House);

Bill additional to establish the county of Androscoggin, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred)—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

- Resolve in relation to certain proposed modifications of the navigation laws of the United States—allowances of bounty to fishing vessels, and reciprocal trade with the British North American Colonies, (reported by Mr. SPOFFORD, from the Joint Special Committee, to which said resolve had been referred);
 - " authorizing the county of Sagadahoc to borrow money, (by leave of the Senate, laid on the table by Mr. CLARKE);
 - " authorizing the city of Bath to elect directors in bridge and other stock, (introduced by same Senator);
- Bill to incorporate the Ticonic Boom Company, (reported by the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Daniel Moore and others);
 - " to amend the charter of the Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge Company, approved March 24, 1845, (introduced in the House of Representatives);
 - " in relation to costs in real and mixed actions, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to amend the 124th chapter of the Revised Statutes, (introduced in the House of Representatives);

Bill in addition to An Act to establish the county of Sagadahoc, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. CLARKE)—severally read once, and this afternoon, half-past 2 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the National Pacific Railroad Company, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. TUCKER.)

Mr. MUZZY moved to refer said bill to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Mr. TUCKER moved to lay said motion on the table. And while the same was under consideration, the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Senate was

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of E. G. Woodman, as amended, giving leave to bring in the

Bill to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, was further considered, and the question of concurring with the House in referring said report, together with the petitions and remonstrances and the said bill, to the next Legislature, was decided in the *negative*, by year and nays, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Crehore, Davis, Farwell, Harriman, Lowell of Lincoln, McCobb, Moore, Muzzy and Stark—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Aroostook, Blake of Penobscot, Cutler, Gould, Hazen, Hubbard, Lowell of Cumberland, Prince, Robinson, Ruggles, Spofford, Tucker, Vinton and Whidden—14.

Said bill was read once, and Monday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. ROBINSON);

" in favor of the publishers of certain papers, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. McCOBB);

Rill to amend the 124th chapter of the Revised Statutes;

Bill additional to incorporate the city of Rockland, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. FARWELL)—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve providing a seal for the office of the Adjutant General, (introduced in the House);

- " to correct the State valuation, (reported in the House by the Committee on Finance);
- " for the relief of Charles Crooker and William D. Crooker, (reported in the House by the Committee on State Lands and State roads, to which said resolve had been referred);
- " in favor of Henry W. Paine and Lot M. Morrill, (introduced in the House of Representatives);
- Bill to amend chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " additional in relation to hawkers and pedlers, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845, (reported by same Committee, on an order relative to repealing all laws relative to the assessment of taxes on ministerial funds);
 - " relating to petitions for partition, (reported by same);
 - " to incorporate the Richmond Village Corporation, (reported by same);
 - " additional to chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, (reported by same Committee on an order relative to same);
 - " to provide a tribunal for regulating the joint business of railroad companies, (reported by Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on an order relative to that subject);
 - " in addition to An Act to incorporate the Bath Mutual Marine Insurance Company, (reported by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said bill had been referred);

- Bill additional to An Act to provide for the Education of Youth, (reported by the Committee on Education, on sundry petitions, orders and bills proposing amendments to the school laws);
 - " to amend chapter 36 of the statutes of 1853, (introduced in the House of Representatives);
- " to legalize the doings of Muscle Ridge plantation, in the county of Lincoln, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—severally read once, and Monday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in favor of Joshua Hathaway;

- " in favor of William Poor, Jr.;
- in favor of the members of the Board of Agriculture;
- " in aid of the Passamaquoddy Indian lands;
- " in favor of the heirs of Dorcas Farnham and of the heirs of Ruth Duren;
- " authorizing the Governor and Council to compound debts due the Passamaquoddy Indians;
- "to provide for rebuilding the Mattawamkeag bridge on the military road—and the same were severally finally passed—and these resolves were presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

- Bill to establish the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad Company;
 - " to incorporate the city of Rockland;
 - " additional to An Act to establish the county of Androscoggin;
 - " to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Common Schools and for County Conventions of Teachers;
 - " to authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland county to locate a highway across Fore river, in said county;

Bill additional to An Act to establish the Reform School—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*—and these bills were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill to repeal chapter 298 of the laws of 1850, was taken up. And the question of *postponing* the same *indefinitely*, in concurrence with the House of Representatives, was decided in the *negative* by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Crehore, Davis, Gould, Harriman, Hubbard, Moore, Whidden and Young—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Clarke, Farwell, Hazen, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, Muzzy, Prince, Ruggles, Spofford, Torsey, Tucker and Vinton—13.

And Monday next, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of A. B. Thompson and others, came up from the House of Representatives amended.

The Senate nonconcurred the House in the proposed amendment, marked B, and amended said resolve, and passed the same to be *engrossed*, with the amendment A.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill in relation to costs in real and mixed actions, was read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Mr. BLAKE of Aroostook, has leave of absence from and after Monday next, agreeably to his own request.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott.

Resolve to authorize plantation No. 14, county of Washington, to re-organize for election purposes, (by leave of the Senate, laid upon the table by Mr. WHIDDEN)—read twice and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve providing for the sale of water power on the Indian township, (laid upon the table by Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot)—read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve for payment of additional roll of accounts No. 34, (reported by Mr. HAZEN, from the Committee on Accounts)—read twice and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Order from the House of Representatives, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of allowing to publishers of newspapers a greater compensation for publishing the laws—read and passed, in concurrence.

Mr. TUCKER has leave of absence from and after to-morrow, agreeably to his own request.

- Bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Bank, (reported by Mr. McCOBB, from the Committee on Banks and Banking);
 - " to abolish the office of chaplain in the State prison;
 - " to incorporate the Maine Submarine and Wrecking Company, (laid upon the table by Mr. CLAKE);

Resolve in favor of George Ross, (laid upon the table by same);

- Resolve in favor of the abolition of spirit rations in the United States Navy, (introduced in the House of Representatives);
 - " in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office, (introduced in the House of Representatives);
 - " in favor of plantations Nos. 21 and 33, in the county of Hancock, (introduced in the House of Representatives);
 - " to repeal a resolve to authorize the sale of lot No. 12, in township letter D, (submitted in the House of Representatives);
- Bill to change the name of the town of Kennebec to Manchester, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Division of Towns);
 - " to extend the lien of ship carpenters and others on vessels, (reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to that subject);
 - " to incorporate the Hallowell Savings Institution, (introduced in the House of Representatives);
 - " to incorporate the Ellsworth Gas Light Company, (reported by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which said bill had been referred);
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank;
- "to dissolve the bonds of matrimony between Mary E. Kennedy and William Kennedy, (introduced in the House of Representatives)—severally read once, and this afternoon, half past 2 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Resolves in relation to certain proposed modifications of the navigation laws of the United States, allowances of bounty to fishing vessels and reciprocal trade with British North American Colonies;

- " in favor of the Cony Female Academy—not concurred in by the House;
- " in favor of the State prison;
- " authorizing the county of Sagadahoc to borrow money;

Resolve authorizing the city of Bath to elect directors in bridge and other stock;

Bill additional to the act to incorporate the State Bank;

- " to incorporate the Milford Gas Light Company, (amended);
- " additional to an act entitled "An Act to establish the Androscoggin Railroad Company";
- " in addition to An Act to establish the county of Sagadahoc;
- " to incorporate the Waterville Gas Light Company;
- " to amend An Act granting power to plant and protect oysters in the bed of Georges river in Lincoln county;
- " in addition to An Act concerning railroads, (amended)—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

 Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. CREHORE submitted the following order, to wit:

Ordered, The House concurring, that when the two branches of the Legislature adjourn on Wednesday, the 19th instant, it be without day—and the same, on motion of Mr. FARWELL, was laid upon the table.

Bill to make valid the acts of William K. Lancey, as Justice of the Peace and Quorum;

- " to incorporate the East Musquash Improvement Company;
- " additional to "An Act authorizing the First Congregational Society in Eastport to alter or rebuild their meetinghouse";
- " to prevent the destruction of fish in Webber's pond in the town of Vassalborough;
- " additional to chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes;
- " to legalize the doings of Muscle Ridge plantation in the county of Lincoln;
- " relating to petitions for partition;
- " to incorporate the Richmond Village Corporation; Resolve in favor of Sanford Noble;
 - " in favor of Henry W. Paine and Lot. M. Morrill;
 - " in favor of the Astor Library;
 - " in favor of William Cowperthwait;

Resolve relating to original settlers' lot numbered 93, in Bangor;

- " in favor of Isaac Bradbury and others;
- " authorizing Cape Elizabeth to raise money in aid of Portland and Cape Elizabeth Ferry;
- " providing a seal for the office of the Adjutant General;
- " to correct the State valuation—severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill to legalize the doings of the town of West Bath, came up from the House of Representatives amended.

The Senate receded from the vote of the 10th instant, passing said bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment A, proposed by the House of Representatives, and passed said bill to be *engrossed*, as thus amended, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the town of Aroostook, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was taken up, further amended by striking out the word "Aroostook," and inserting in lieu thereof the word Ashland, and passed to be engrossed, with the amendments A and B.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845;

" to amend chapter 36 of the statutes of 1853;

Resolve for the relief of Charles Crooker and William D. Crooker—severally read the second time, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to annex Lisbon to the county of Sagadahoc, came up from the House of Representatives referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

The Senate nonconcurred the House in its reference, and indefinitely postponed said bill.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. GILMAN of Brunswick, as follows:

"Mr. President—I am directed by the House of Representatives to request the Senate to return to the House the 'Resolve in favor of William Black.'"

[The Resolve, having been sent to the engrossing department, was not in the possession of the Senate—therefore not returned.]

A message was received from the Governor, by Mr. JACK-SON, Secretary of State, returning the "Bill additional to an act entitled an act to prevent obstructions in Machias river," with the following *veto*, to wit:

To the Senate:—I herewith return to the branch of the Legislature in which it originated, a bill entitled "An Act additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Machias river."

By the provisions of this bill the owners, lessees, and agents of any mill engaged in the manufacture of lumber on the Machias river, in the towns of Machias and Whitneyville, are responsible not only for their own acts and the acts of those in their employ or under their control, but also for the acts of all other persons. It does not accord with my ideas of justice to hold any man responsible for the acts of another over whom he has no control, or with whom he is in nowise identified. However acceptable such legislation may be to those who are at the present time the parties in interest and most to be affected by its provisions, it should not be forgotten that in process of time their interest will pass into other hands. We are legislating for the future as well as the present.

For the foregoing reason I am compelled to withhold my approval of the bill.

WM. G. CROSBY.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, April 17, 1854.

The bill, with the said message, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

Order from the House of Representatives, as follows, to wit: "Ordered, That, the Senate concurring, this Legislature will adjourn on Wednesday, the 19th instant, without day"—read,

and the same, on motion of Mr. FARWELL, was laid upon the table.

Resolve authorizing the sale of land connected with the State Prison;

- " repealing a resolve approved March 27, 1852, relating to seminaries of learning;
- " in favor of Samuel Leavitt;

Bill for the protection of telegraphic property;

- " in addition to An Act to incorporate the Bath Mutual Marine Insurance Company;
- " to amend chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes—severally read the second time and laid upon the table.

Bill to incorporate the National Pacific Railroad Company, on motion of Mr. TUCKER, was taken up, and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Messrs. SPOFFORD and RUGGLES were appointed on the Committee on Engrossed Bills to fill the vacancies occasioned by the absence of Messrs. HAYES and DRISKO.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank;

- " to incorporate the Mechanics' Bank;
- " to incorporate the Maine Submarine and Wrecking Company;
- " to abolish the office of Chaplain in the State Prison;

Resolve in favor of George Ross—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the Orono Gas Light Company, was taken up, amended, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes, was taken up, amended, and passed to be *engrossed*, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Ticonic Boom Company, was read the second time. The amendments proposed by the House, marked A, B, C, D and E, were adopted; and the bill was further amended, and passed to be *engrossed*, with the amendments A, B, C, D, E and F.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the "Resolve providing for the sale of water power on the Indian township," reported that said resolve ought not to pass—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve to repeal a resolve to authorize the sale of lot No. 12, in township letter D;

" in favor of the abolition of spirit rations in the U. S. Navy;

Bill to incorporate the Hallowell Savings Institution;

- " to change the name of the town of Kennebec to Manchester;
- " additional to "An Act to incorporate the Bath Mutual Marine Insurance Company;
- " to incorporate the Ellsworth Gas Light Company—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.
 - Bill to amend 89th chapter of the Revised Statutes, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to divorce);
 - " to make valid the doings of plantation No. 11, in the county of Aroostook, at their annual meeting held in April, 1854, (introduced in the House of Representatives);
- " providing for the taxation of certain bank stock, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to taxation of bank stock)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill to establish an Experimental Farm, (introduced in the House of Representatives,) came up referred to the next Legislature—read and concurred.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in favor of A. B. Thompson and others;

- " in favor of Mary A. Hunter;
- " laying a tax on the county of Androscoggin;
- " in favor of William Black;
- "to authorize plantation number 14, county of Washington, to re-organize for election purposes—and the same were severally *finally passed*—and these resolves were presented to the governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to apportion and assess on the inhabitants of this State, a tax of \$201,187.50 for the year 1854;

- " to incorporate the Dexter Gas Light Company;
- " to incorporate the Oldtown Gas Light Company;
- " in relation to costs in real and mixed actions;
- " to amend Chapter 30 of the special laws for the year 1853—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*—and these bills were presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill to repeal chapter 298 of the laws of 1850, was read the second time, amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on the Judiciary reported order of notice to next Legislature, on petition of Bernard Morse and others read and accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Alexandria, in favor of a volunteer militia, came up from the House of Representatives referred to the Committee on the Militia.

The Senate nonconcurred the House in its reference, and referred the same to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill in relation to the increase by this Legislature of the capital stock of existing banks, came up from the House of Representatives indefinitely postponed—read and concurred.

Resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State, in the Land Office.

" in favor of plantations Nos. 21 and 33, in the county of Hancock—severally read the second time, and laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. FARWELL,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. And the Senate accordingly

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. CREHORE, the order from the House of Representatives, "That, the Senate concurring, this Legislature will adjourn on Wednesday the 19th instant, without day," was taken up. The Senate nonconcurred the House in the passage of said order. On motion of Mr. FARWELL, the said order was amended by striking out the words "Wednesday the 19th," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, Friday the 21st—and passed said order as thus amended.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Penobscot river and bay and their tributaries, (reported by the Committee on Fisheries, to which said bill had been referred,) came up from the House of Representatives amended and referred to the next Legislature—read and referred, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Hope Company was taken up. The Senate receded from the vote of the 24th of March, adopted the amendment proposed by the House of Representatives, and passed said bill to be *engrossed*, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to make valid the doings of plantation No. 11, in the county of Aroostook, at their annual meeting held in April, 1854, was read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the erection of Bliss' Meridional Magnetic Time Standard on the public grounds, came up from the House of Representatives indefinitely postponed.

The Senate receded from the vote of March 23d, passing said resolve to be engrossed, and *indefinitely postponed* the same, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of E. G. Woodman and others, with the bill to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, was further considered.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL of Cumberland, the Senate receded from the vote non-concurring with the House of Representatives in referring the same to the next Legislature, and referred the said report and said bill to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Bill extending the lien of ship carpenters and others on vessels;

" relating to the State Library—severally read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill authorizing the erection of a bridge across the Kennebec river at or near Pishon's Ferry, was taken up. The Senate reconsidered the vote passing said bill to be engrossed, and referred the same to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve making an appropriation for the Insane Hospital, came up from the House of Representatives, that branch having refused said resolve a passage. The Senate, on motion of Mr. HARRIMAN, insisted on the vote of the 7th instant, passing said resolve to be engrossed, and proposed a conference, and appointed as conferees Messrs. Harriman, Muzzy and Clarke.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

And Messrs. Carleton, Keene and Swasey appointed conferees on the part of the House.

Bill for arming and equipping companies of volunteer militia and for other purposes, came up from the House of Representatives amended. The Senate receded from the vote of the 10th instant, passing the same to be engrossed, adopted the amendment proposed by the House, (to strike out the 6th section,) and passed said bill to be *engrossed*, as thus amended, in concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 36 of the statutes of 1853, came up-

the House of Representatives insisting upon its vote passing the same to be engrossed, proposed a conference, and appointed as conferees Messrs. Carleton, Morrill, Came, Hilliard, Abbott, Emery and Dunnells.

The Senate, insisting on its vote of yesterday, indefinitely postponing said bill, concurred in the proposition for a conference, and appointed as conferees, Messrs. Cutler, Stark and McCobb.

• A message was received from the Governor, by Mr. JACK-SON, Secretary of State, as follows, to wit:

"Mr. President—I am directed by the Governor to inform the Senate that a vacancy exists in the office of Major General of the Fifth Division of the Militia of Maine, occasioned by the resignation of Major General Barbour B. Porter. The duty of filling the vacancy devolves upon you."

Subsequently, a message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. BUTLER of Farmington, as follows, to wit:

"Mr. President—The House of Representatives has elected Wendell P. Smith, Major General of the Fifth Division of the Militia of this State, and requests the concurrence of the Senate."

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That the Senate, twenty minutes past 11 o'clock, this day, proceed to the election of Major General for the Fifth Division of the Militia of this State.

The time having arrived to proceed to the election of Major General for the Fifth Division of the Militia of this State—on motion of Mr. FARWELL, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Farwell, Stark and Berry was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes.

Which Committee, having attended to the duties assigned it, (the return of the Senate being twenty-two) reported

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That the whole number of votes is	20
Necessary for a choice,	11
Wendell P. Smith has	17
Warren H. Vinton.	3

Wendell P. Smith was declared duly elected Major General of the Fifth Division of the Militia of this State, in concurrence with the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that Branch that the Senate has elected Wendell P. Smith, Major General of the Fifth Division of the Militia of this State, in concurrence.

And also, that a message be sent to the Governor and Council informing them that Wendell P. Smith, by a joint ballot of the two Houses of the Legislature, has been duly elected Major General of the Fifth Division of the Militia of this State, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Barbour B. Porter.

Which messages were delivered by the Secretary.

Bill to amend the charter of the Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge Company, approved March 24, 1845, was taken up and further considered, and the question of passing the same to be engrossed in concurrence, was decided in the affirmative, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Davis, Farwell, Gould, Harriman, Lowell of Cumberland, McCobb, Muzzy, Ruggles, Spofford, and Stark—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Clark, Hazen, Lowell of Lincoln, Prince, Torsey, Whidden and Young—8.

Bill for the protection of telegraphic property was taken up and further discussed.

It was then moved that said bill be indefinitely postponed. And the question of postponing indefinitely, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative, as fellows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Clark, Crehore, Farwell, Gould, Harriman, Lowell of Cumberland, Moore, Muzzy, Prince, Ruggles, Stark and Whidden.—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Cutler and Hazen—3. Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve for the payment of additional roll of accounts, No. 34;

- " in relation to original settlers' lot No. 93, in Bangor;
- " authorizing the County Commissioners of Sagadahoc to borrow money;
- " providing a seal for the office of Adjutant General;
- " in favor of William Cowperthwait;
- " to correct the State valuation;
- " in favor of the Astor Library;
- " in favor of Henry W. Paine and Lot M. Morrill;
- " in favor of Sanford Noble;
- " making appropriation for religious services at the Insane Hospital;
- " authorizing the town of Cape Elizabeth to raise money in aid of the Portland and Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry;
- " in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State;
- " in favor of the State Prison;
- to repeal a resolve authorizing the sale of lot No. 12, in township letter D;
- " in favor of the abolition of spirit rations in the United States Navy;
- " in favor of Isaac Bradbury and others—and the same were severally finally passed.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

- Bill to make valid the acts of William K. Lancey, a justice of the peace and quorum;
 - " to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Augusta;
 - " additional to "An Act authorizing the First Congregational Society in Eastport, to alter or rebuild their meetinghouse";
 - " additional to An Act to incorporate the State Bank;
 - " to prevent the destruction of fish in Webber's pond, in the town of Vassalborough;

- Bill authorizing the city of Bath to elect directors to represent stock owned by said city;
 - " additional to chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes;
 - " additional to incorporate the city of Rockland;
 - " to incorporate the Mechanics' Bank;
 - " to incorporate the town of Ashland;
 - " to incorporate the Maine Submarine and Wrecking Company;
 - " to incorporate the East Musquash Improvement Company;
 - " in addition to An Act to establish the county of Sagadahoe;
 - " to provide a tribunal for regulating the joint business of railroad companies;
 - " to change the name of the town of Kennebec to Manchester;
 - " to abolish the duty payable by the inspector of pot and pearl ashes;
 - " in addition to incorporate the Bath Mutual Marine Insurance Company;
 - " to legalize the doings of the town of West Bath;
 - " for the arming and equipping companies of volunteer militia and for other purposes;
 - " to amend chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes;
 - " to incorporate the Hope Company;
- " to make valid the doings of Muscle Ridge plantation, in the county of Lincoln;
- " to amend the charter of Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge, approved March 24, 1845—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*—and these bills and resolves were presented to the governor for his approval.

Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to settle the account of Adams Treat for services in superintending repairs of State Prison, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Finance);

" in favor of certain members of the Legislature, (reported by the Select Committee on an order relative to the sickness of members of the Legislature);

Bill to incorporate the Inlet Dam Company, (reported by Mr. RUGGLES, from the Select Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Waldo T. Pierce);

" to amend the charter of the Penobscot Log Driving Company, (introduced in the House)—severally read once, and half past 2 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bill additional to An Act to incorporate the Dresden Neck Bridge Company, was taken up. Mr. —— moved the *indefinite postponement* of said bill, and the question of postponing indefinitely, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Cutler, Davis, Farwell, Harriman, Lowell of Cumberland, McCobb, Muzzy, Ruggles, Spofford, Stark and Young—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Clarke, Crehore, Gould, Hazen, Prince, Torsey and Whidden—7.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Big Lake and other plantations, in aid of schools, on motion of Mr. WHIDDEN, was taken up and amended, and said resolve with the amendments, A, D and E, referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to settle the account of Adams Treat for services in superintending repairs of State Prison;

- " in favor of certain members of the Legislature;
 Bill to amend the charter of the Penobscot Log Driving
 Company;
- " to amend chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Inlet Dam Company, on motion of Mr. RUGGLES, was taken up, read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes was taken up, on motion of Mr. GOULD, and to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of Stephen G. Woodward, (introduced in the House);

- " for the transfer of military papers from the office of the Secretary of State to the office of the Adjutant General, (introduced in the House of Representatives);
- Bill to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Hancock, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the joint delegation of Hancock county, to which said bill had been referred);
- " additional to An Act to incorporate the American Bank, (reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of John Hubbard and others)—severally read once, and to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M., assigned for a second reading.

The report of the Committee on the State Reform School, on motion of Mr. CUTLER, was taken up and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CUTLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petition of the town of Washington; reference to the next Legislature on petition of Benjamin Houghton and others; Elisha Holman and others, and Samuel Witham and others; legislation inexpedient on an order relative to fees of clerks of courts, and an order relative to practice in cases in equity: and that the "Bill to amend chapter 109 of the Revised Statutes; Bill additional to chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes; Bill concerning assignments and redemption of mortgages; Bill concerning assessments in unincorporated plantations; Bill relative to writs of error and certiorari," ought not to pass—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STARK, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relative to repealing an act of 1849,

taxing literary institutions; order relative to insolvent debtors; order relative to bail in criminal cases; order relative to amending 41st section of An Act concerning railroads; and that the "Bill additional allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate," and "Bill to amend chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes," ought not to pass—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of Nathan D. Appleton and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Charles Reed and others—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy, came up from the House of Representatives amended; and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was laid upon the table.

Bill to amend the 124th chapter of the Revised Statutes;

- " additional to An Act to provide for the Education of Youth;
- " providing for the taxation of certain bank stock; Resolve in favor of Benton Institute—severally read the second time, and laid upon the table.

Mr. SPOFFORD submitted the following:

"Ordered, That the President of the Senate be directed to appoint one or more persons, whose duty it shall be to prepare a General Index to all the Senate Journals from the organization of the State Government, to and including the Journals of 1853—and cause 350 copies of said Index, when so prepared, to be printed and bound in a single volume—100 copies thereof for the use of future Senates—one copy each to the members of the present Senate, and the balance to be deposited in the State Library"—read and the same, on motion of Mr. SPOF-FORD, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourn, it adjourn till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1854.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheney.

Bill concerning the Passamaquoddy Indians, on motion of Mr. BLAKE of Penobscot, was taken up, amended, and passed to engrossed, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes, (passed to be *enacted* yesterday,) came up from the House of Representatives, [that branch having requested the Governor to return the same,] amended in section 3d, line 2d, by inserting between the word "been" and "allowed," the syllable *dis*.

The Senate receded from the votes passing said bill to be enacted and to be engrossed, and ordered the same to be reengrossed, as thus amended, in concurrence.

Bill additional to An Act to provide for the Education of Youth, was taken up, the amendments marked A, B and C, proposed by the House, adopted, and said bill passed to be engrossed, with said amendments, in concurrence.

Resolve for the transfer of military papers from the office of the Secretary of State to the office of the Adjutant General;

- " in favor of John A. Poor;
- " in favor of Thomas Dixon, (by Mr. HAZEN) and Bill to increase the salary of Register of Probate for the county of Hancock—severally read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Bill in relation to the admeasurement of fire wood, bark and charcoal, (introduced in the House)—read once, and this afternoon, half-past 2 o'clock, assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. CUTLER,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to prepare and procure the printing of 350 copies of the Journal of the Senate for the current session; and there be distributed three copies to each of the Senators, one copy to each of the State Senators for the year 1855, and the remaining copies be deposited in the State Library.

Bill to incorporate the West Penobscot Agricultural Society, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was taken up, and referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. BUTLER of Farmington, as follows, to wit:

"Mr. President:—I am charged with a message from the House of Representatives, requesting the Senate to return to the House the resolve in favor of of Limerick Academy."

And said message, on motion of Mr. YOUNG, was laid upon the table.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. DUNNELL of Hebron, as follows:

"Mr. President:—I am charged with a message from the House of Representatives, requesting the return to that body the bill to incorporate the town of Umbagog.

The Senate concurred in the request, and said bill was returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. FARWELL,

The message from the House of Representatives requesting the return to the House of the "Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy," was taken up, and the Senate concurred in the request of the House.

Mr. CUTLER, from the conferees on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on the "Bill to amend chapter 36 of the statutes of 1853," reported that the conferees had had the same under consideration, and recommended that the said bill be amended by adding at the end of

section 1, the words, for assistance in the trial of capital cases, and recommended the passage of the Bill with said amendment—read and accepted.

The Senate receded from the vote indefinitely postponing said bill, adopted the said amendment, and passed the said bill to be *engrossed*, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to amend chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes, was read the second time, amended, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in favor of Samuel Leavitt, was read the second time, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the reporters of the Senate and House of Representatives, (submitted by Mr. LOWELL of Cumberland,) was read twice, and passed to be *engrossèd*.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bill to incorporate the town of *Umbagog*, came up from the House of Representatives—that branch insisting upon its vote passing said bill to be *engrossed*; proposed a conference, and appointed as conferees, Messrs. Frost of Bethel, Legrow of Windham and Bisbee of Sumner. The Senate, insisting on the vote refusing the bill a passage, concurred in the proposition for a conference, and appointed as conferees Messrs. Clarke, Stark and Gould.

Resolve in favor of Thomas Dixon, (laid on the table by Mr. HAZEN,) was read twice, by unanimous consent, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 14, of the Revised Statutes;

Resolve in favor of Stephen G. Woodward—severally read the second time and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve fixing the place for the meeting of the next Legislature, (amended,) on motion of Mr. VINTON, was taken up; and the question of passing the same to be *engrossed* as amended, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Crehore, Hazen, Hubbard, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, McCobb, Muzzy, Prince, Ruggles, Spofford and Vinton—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Clarke, Cutler, Davis, Gould, Moore, Stark, Torsey, Whidden and Young—10.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill for the regulation of Intelligence Offices, was taken up; "in relation to the admeasurement of wood, bark and charcoal, was read second time—and severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to provide for the increase of the permanent school fund;

" to regulate the recording of mortgages of personal property;

Resolves respecting French spoliation, (introduced in the House);

- " in favor of George Savage;
- " in favor of W. E. Hilton—severally read twice, by unanimous consent, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the land office, was taken up, and referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Hon. Elisha Clarke, (laid on the table by Mr. LOWELL of Cumberland,) was read twice, by unanimous consent, and passed to be *engrossed*.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve authorizing the sale of land connected with the State Prison, was taken up, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill in relation to recognizances, was taken up, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to settle the account of Adams Treat, for services in superintending repairs of the State Prison;

- " in favor of George Ross;
- " in favor of certain members of the Legislature;
- " in relation to certain proposed modifications of the navigation laws of the United States; allowances of bounty to fishing vessels, and reciprocal trade with the British North American colonies—and the same were severally finally passed—and these resolves were presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to amend chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes;

- " to amend chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes;
- " relating to petitions for partition;
- to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank;
- " to make valid the doings of plantation No. 11, in the the county of Aroostook, at their annual meeting holden in April, 1853;
- " to amend the Act incorporating the Hancock Mutual Insurance Company;
- " to abolish the office of Chaplain of the State Prison;
- " in addition to An Act to establish the Androscoggin Railroad Company;
- " additional to An Act to set off certain territory from the town of Kennebec and annex the same to the town of Readfield;
- " to amend the charter of the Penobscot Log Driving Company—and the same were severally passed to be enacted—and these bills were presented to the Governor for his approval.

The order relative to preparing a general index to all the Senate Journals, on motion of Mr. SPOFFORD, was taken up; and the same, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, was indefinitely postponed.

Resolve in favor of M. Littlefield, (House,) was read twice, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Benton Institute, was read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Messrs. BERRY and LOWELL of Cumberland, have leave of absence from and after 11 o'clock, to-morrow.

Resolve in favor of plantations Nos. 21 and 33, in the county of Hancock;

Bill authorizing the erection of a wharf at the South Steam Mill Property, in Bath—severally read the second time, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to authorize the consolidation of the Androscoggin and Kennebec, and the Androscoggin Railroad Companies, (by Mr. STARK)—read and referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill repealing chapter 77 of the public laws of 1848, on motion of Mr. DAVIS, was taken up, and referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy, was taken up. The Senate receded from the vote passing the same to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the House, and passed the same to be *engrossed*, as amended, in concurrence.

Resolve on the pay roll of the House of Representatives, was read twice, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CREHORE,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to make up the pay roll of the Senate to, and including Friday, the 21st, inst.

On motion of Mr. McCOBB,

Ordered, That there be made up on the pay roll of the Senate to the Secretary, the same amount for completing the journal and filing the papers, as is allowed on the roll of accounts, and on the pay roll of the House to the Clerk for completing the journal of the House.

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate, was read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Special Committee on Interior Waters reported reference to the next Legislature on petition of Ephraim Paulk and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported reference to the next Legislature on petition of Abigail O'Brien—read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Banks and Banking reported leave to withdraw on petition of Benjamin Manter and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Education reported leave to withdraw on petition of J. C. Churchill, John H. Ingraham, and the Maine Charity School; reference to the next Legislature, resolve in favor of plantations in Washington county—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petition of J. D. Brown and others; P. M. Foster and others; John Armstrong and others; Ladies' Temperance Band; Michael Mann and others; Jonathan Purington and others; Selectmen of Biddeford; James M. Lincoln and others; and reference to the next Legislature on petition of Nathaniel Churchill and others; Selectmen of Biddeford; Selectmen of Bowdoin; John Gooch; Mordecai Mitchell and others; B. L. Morrison and others; order relative to assessment of taxes on mortgaged property; relative to chancery powers of the Supreme Judicial

Court; relating to the official conduct of J. C. Cochran; relative to taxation of costs in real actions; resolve authorizing a tax on the several counties of this State; bill extending the time of the Franklin Bank to commence and maintain suits; and legislation inexpedient on an order relative to aliens holding real estate; an order relative to amending chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes; an order relative to the support of paupers in plantations; an order relative to repealing section 1, of chapter 93, Revised Statutes; an order relative to sureties on recognizances; an order relative to collection of taxes; and that the bill concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction ought not to pass—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1854.

Met according to adjournment.

The Senate reconsidered the vote of yesterday, indefinitely postponing the resolve in favor of plantation No. 21 and 33, in the county of Hancock, and passed the same to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. MUZZY, reconsidered the vote of yesterday referring to next Legislature the resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the land office—and passed the same to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Resolve making an appropriation for the Insane Hospital, came up from the House of Representatives amended (on the recommendation of the conferces.) The Senate receded from the vote of the 7th instant, passing said resolve to be engrossed, adopted the amendment proposed by the House, and passed said resolve to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to regulate draws in bridges over navigable waters, was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to dissolve the bonds of matrimony between Mary E. Kennedy and William Kennedy, was read the second time; and the question of passing the same to be *engrossed*, in concurrence, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Clarke, Crehore, Cutler, Davis, Gould, Harriman, Lowell of Lincoln, Lowell of Cumberland, Moore, Prince and Torsey—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Hubbard, McCobb, Muzzy, Ruggles, Stark, Vinton, Whidden and Young—9.

The Committee on the Insane Hospital reported leave to withdraw on petition of Isaac H. Hunt—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Maine Submarine and Wrecking Company, [passed to be enacted the 18th instant, and returned before its approval by the Governor by request.]

The Senate receded from the votes passing the said bill to be enacted and to be engrossed, amended the 3d section, in the 13th and 14th lines, by striking out the words "if known to be within the State"—and ordered said bill to be re-engrossed, as thus amended.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in favor of Thomas Dixon, came up amended. The Senate reconsidered the vote passing the same to be engrossed, adopted the amendment proposed by the House, and passed said resolve to be *engrossed*, as amended, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STARK,

The Senate reconsidered the vote passing to be enacted and to be engrossed, "Bill in addition to An Act concerning railroads," and amended the same by adding, in section 1, line 6, after "have," the word paid, and ordered said bill to be re-engrossed, as thus amended.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in favor of A. A. Hanscom and others, (introduced in the House,) was read twice, by unanimous consent, amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAZEN,

The Senate reconsidered the vote of yesterday, indefinitely postponing "Resolve in favor of M. Littlefield," and passed the same to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the reporters of the Senate and House of Representatives, was read twice, by general consent, amended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Maine Submarine and Wrecking Company, came up from the House of Representatives indefinitely postponed. The Senate, insisting on the vote passing the same

to be engrossed, proposed a conference, and appointed Messrs. Clarke, Whidden and Davis, conferees.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

And Messrs. Johnson, Carleton and Morrill, were appointed conferees on the part of the House.

Bill relating to the State Library, came up from the House of Representatives indefinitely postponed. The Senate non-concurred with the House in the indefinite postponement, insisted on the vote passing said bill to be *engrossed*, and proposed a conference, and appointed Messrs. McCobb, Spofford and Vinton, conferees.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to amend the 124th chapter of the Revised Statutes, was taken up, the amendment of the House adopted, and the bill further amended by adding, "Provided that this act shall not be construed to affect any actions now pending," and the same was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

· Resolve in relation to the promulgation of the laws of the State, (introduced in the House,) was read twice, and the question of passing the same to be *engrossed*, in concurrence, was decided in the *affirmative*, as follows, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Clarke, Crehore, Cutler, Davis, Gould, Harriman, Lowell of Lincoln, McCobb, Moore, Spofford, Stark, Torsey, Whidden and Young—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Hazen, Hubbard, Muzzy, Prince and Vinton—6.

Bill providing for the taxation of certain bank stock was taken up and further amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Railroads and Bridges, to which had been referred, "Resolve authorizing a survey for railway route between the eastern shore of Penobscot waters and the eastern boundary of the State," reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature—read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate;

- " on the pay roll of the House of Representatives;
- " in favor of claimants under the treaty of Washington, of lands the title to which is now in the State;
- " in favor of claimants under the treaty of Washington, of lands the title to which is *not* in the State; in relation to the collection of debts due the State
 - in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the land office;
- " in favor of the reporters of the Senate and House of Representatives;
- " respecting French Spoliations;
- " in favor of John A. Poor;
- " in favor of plantations Nos. 21 and 33 in the county of Hancock;
- " in favor of W. E. Hilton;
- " in favor of Ebenezer Witham;
- " in favor of George Savage;
- " authorizing the sale of land connected with the State Prison;
- " in favor of Honorable Elisha Clarke;
- " in favor of the publishers of certain papers;
- " in favor of M. Littlefield;
- " in favor of Samuel Leavitt;
- " additional to the pay roll of the Senate—and the same were severally *finally passed*—and these resolves were sent to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Hancock;

- " to incorporate the Orono Gas Light Company;
- " to incorporate the Ellsworth Gas Light Company;
- " to incorporate the Hallowell Savings Institution;
- " to dissolve the bonds of matrimony between Mary E. Kennedy and William Kennedy;

Bill additional to An Act to incorporate the American Bank;

- " additional to An Act concerning railroads;
- " to incorporate the Inlet Dam Company;
- " to incorporate the Richmond Village Corporation;
- " concerning the Passamaquoddy Indians;
- " to authorize the establishment and maintenance of public libraries;
- " to incorporate the Milford Gas Light Company;
- " for the regulation of intelligence offices;
- " to regulate the recording of mortgages of personal property;
- " additional to An Act for the education of youth—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*—and these bills were sent to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. VINTON,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to make up on the pay roll of the Senate, twenty-five dollars additional to Daniel T. Pike and John Dorr, for their services as reporters of the Senate for the present session.

Bill to incorporate the Maine Submarine and Wrecking Company, came up from the House further amended. The Senate adopted the House amendment, and passed the said bill to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to provide in part for the expenditures of government, (reported in the House, by the Committee on Finance)—was read twice, by general consent, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Resolve additional on the pay roll of the Senate, (laid upon the table by Mr. VINTON,) was read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Joint Select Committee, to which was referred an order to consider the propriety of changing the existing laws providing for the support of paupers, so that the expense may be paid by counties instead of towns, having had the same under consideration, made the following

REPORT:

That legislation on that subject is expedient; but owing to the great importance of the subject under consideration, and the large amount of business already reported by other Committees to be considered, they had not been able to mature the subject for the action of the present Legislature, and therefore refer the same to the next Legislature, with the order herewith submitted.*

What is the whole number of permanent paupers in the town of ———, on the 1st day of April, 1854?

What number of persons received temporary relief during the year ending April 1st, 1854?

What was the whole amount of money expended for, or in consequence of paupers during the year ending April 1st, 1854, including the amount paid for the services of town officers attending to paupers, physicians' bills, or the costs arising in any suit commenced in consequence of paupers?

What was the sum paid for the support of permanent paupers during the year ending April 1st, 1854?

What sum was paid for temporary relief of persons falling into distress during said year?

What sum has been paid to town officers for serving in pauper cases?

What amount has been paid to other towns for the support of paupers?

What amount of costs has said town paid arising from suits concerning paupers?

What sum or sums, now unpaid, has accrued against said town for costs in pauper suits during the year ending April 1st, 1854?

What amount has been paid to physicians for attendance on paupers during said year?

What amount claimed by physicians and remaining unpaid? Have you a poor house and farm, or either?

^{*}The order referred to was not received in the Senate.

Does the income of the farm meet all the expenses of supporting the poor on said farm, and if not, what is the default?

Interrogatories to Assessors of Plantations.

What is the number of persons who have fallen into distress and in need of immediate relief within the plantation of———during the year ending April 1st, 1854?

What share of them have received relief, and how?—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy, came up from the House of Representatives, *indefinitely postponed*. The Senate, on motion of Mr. PRINCE, *adhered* to the vote passing said resolve to be *engrossed*.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Bill relating to the State Library, (introduced in the House); Resolve for buying six copies of Colton's maps of New England and British Provinces, 56 by 64 inches, (introduced in the House)—severally read twice, and passed to be *engrossed*, in concurrence.

Resolve fixing the place for the meeting of the next Legislature, came up from the House of Representatives refused a passage. The Senate receded and concurred.

Bill in relation to recognizances, came up from the House of Representatives amended and *indefinitely postponed*. The Senate receded and concurred.

Resolve in favor of Big Lake and other plantations in aid of schools, came up from the House of Representatives indefinitely postponed. The Senate receded from the vote referring said resolve to the Committee on Education, and indefinitely postponed the same, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Yarmouth Institute, came up from the House of Representatives refused a passage. The Senate receded from the vote passing said resolve to be engrossed, and concurred with the House. Resolve in favor of Benton Institute, came up *indefinitely* postponed. The Senate receded and concurred.

Resolve in favor of a survey of the Aroostook Railroad, (reported in the House, by the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on petition of Samuel C. Blake and others,) was read once, and referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

The Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported reference to next Legislature on petition of Daniel Bunker and others—read and accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Foxcroft Academy, came up for its final passage, and the same was refused a passage.

Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on the "Bill to incorporate the town of *Umbagog*," reported that the conferees of the two Houses were unable to agree, and recommended that the Senate adhere to its former vote—read and accepted.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing that when the two branches of the Legislature next adjourn, they adjourn without day.

Which message was delivered by the Secretary.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. PERRY, their Clerk, as follows, to wit:

"Mr. President—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House concurs in the proposition of the Senate, that when the two branches next adjourn they will adjourn without day."

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Resolve in favor of Thomas Dixon;

- " making an appropriation for the Insane Hospital;
- " relating to the State Library;

Resolve for the transfer of military papers from the office of the Secretary of State to the office of the Adjutant General;

- " in relation to the promulgation of the laws of the State;
- " in favor of A. A. Hanscom and others;
- " for the purchase of six copies of Colton's maps of New England and British Provinces, 56 by 64 inches—and the same were severally finally passed.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed—

Bill to amend chapter 36 of the Statutes of 1853;

- " providing for the taxation of certain bank stock;
- " to amend chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes;
- " to incorporate the Maine Submarine and Wrecking Company;
- " to provide for the expenditures of government—and the same were severally passed to be *enacted*—and these bills and resolves were sent to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. PRINCE,

Ordered, That Messrs. Prince, Stark and Davis, with such as the House may join, be a Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted upon all the business before them, and are ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

Sent down for concurrence. Came up with Messrs. Blanchard, Baker, Rogers, Foster, Parker, Stone and Jordan, joined, in concurrence.

Mr. PRINCE, from the Committee aforesaid, reported that the Committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor was pleased to say, that he would forthwith communicate by the Secretary of State.

A message was received from the Governor, by Mr. JACK-SON, Secretary of State, as follows:

"Mr. President:—I am directed by the Governor to lay before the Senate a list of 259 Acts and 106 Resolves, passed at the present session of the Legislature, and which have received his official signature and approval, and to inform you that he has no further communication to make."

Mr. STARK of Kennebec, rose in his place and addressed the Senate as follows, to wit:

Mr. President:—We are about to close our session, and I dare say it is a moment of pleasure to us all, that we are so soon to return to our families and friends; and of pain, that we separate many of us in all probability never to meet again. But if there be aught of melancholy in the thought, let it be dispelled from our minds, by the firm persuasion that we separate in a spirit of amity, and with feelings of mutual good will.

The associations that have originated in our mutual relationship at this board, have impressed themselves deeply upon my feelings and will continue through life. May I be indulged, on this occasion, with a single legislative reminiscence.

Many of us were associated in this branch last year with the kind hearted and lamented Steward, whose courtesies and friendship we all valued so highly. His seat is occupied by another, and I am constrained to ask where is he now? "Gone to that country from whose bourne no traveler returns." The messenger of death, too, although he has not actually entered our hall, yet he has cut down in the vigor of his strength and the prime of his manhood, one who was constitutionally a candidate for a seat here. And, Senators, the places which now know us as servants of the public or in private walks of life, will soon know us no more forever.

Our session has been somewhat protracted beyond the usual length of time, but that time, I believe, has been faithfully improved in maturing and enacting such laws as are demanded by the great and growing interests of our State.

An unusual degree of harmony has characterized our proceedings here, and for this (I speak, I think, the sentiments of every Senator at this board,) we are largely indebted to the ability and impartiality of the presiding officer of the Senate, and to the courtesy of members one towards another.

Mr. Secretary—I ask leave to lay on your table the following resolution, which I hope will be unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to the Hon. LUTHER S. MOORE, for the ability and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties devolving upon him as presiding officer of the Senate during this session.

The resolution having been read by the Secretary, on motion of Mr. PRINCE, the question on its adoption was taken by rising, and it passed *unanimously*.

The PRESIDENT responded as follows:

Senators:—For the truly kind and sincere manner in which you have been pleased to signify your approval of the manner in which I have presided over your deliberations, I tender you individually and collectively, my warmest and most grateful acknowledgements. No words of mine can adequately express the feelings and emotions of my heart.

The youngest member of this body, with a single exception, I entered upon the discharge of the duties of the chair, with extreme diffidence, relying much upon the kind offices, and forbearance of my fellow Senators to sustain me in the discharge of the arduous and responsible duties of the position. I have not been disappointed—the confidence I reposed, has been nobly repaid. It has been my constant endeavor to discharge my duties faithfully and impartially—and if any measure of success has attended me, I owe it mainly to the generous and liberal support which has been accorded me by every Senator at the Board.

Senators:—I congratulate you upon the harmony, may I not say the unprecedented harmony and good feeling which have characterized your deliberations.

And, Senators, I assure you it has been a source of sincere gratification to me to witness the uninterrupted good feeling which has pervaded the intercourse of Senators at this Board,—to mark, day by day, the growth and strengthening of those ties which have bound us together like a band of brothers.

The session has been an unusually laborious one, and it gives me great pleasure to bear witness to the fidelity and ability which you have brought to the discharge of your duties—and the patience and diligence with which you have investigated the many important matters committed to your charge. And I doubt not you will receive, as you deserve, the approval of an enlightened and intelligent constituency.

Senators—We are about to separate, many of us never to meet again on earth. May our lives be such that we may all re-assemble in that brighter and better world above.

Permit me again to tender you the thanks of a full heart, and to assure you that the associations and friendships formed in this Chamber, will be cherished among the most grateful recollections of my life, and whenever, in the future, we scan our past lives, memory will unfold no brighter page than that which contains the record of the brief period spent in this Chamber.

Wishing you a safe and speedy return to your respective families, I assure you, Senators, you will bear with you my best wishes for your future prosperity and happiness.

Mr. FARWELL offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Ordered, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to William Trafton, Esq., Secretary of the Senate, to Dr. C. A. Jordan, Assistant Secretary, for the faithful and acceptable manner in which they have severally discharged the duties of their respective offices.

On motion of Mr. GOULD,

Ordered, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to J. M. WATERHOUSE, Messenger, and N. J. THOMAS, Assistant Messenger, for the faithful and gentlemanly manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

Which was unanimously passed.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS, The Senate then adjourned without day.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.

TITLES OF ACTS

Passed by the Legislature of 1854.

AN ACT to change the time of electing assessors in certain cities.

- " to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad.
- " to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad.
- " creating the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation.
- " additional, authorizing the city of Bangor to regulate the building of wharves in Kenduskeag stream and Penobscot river.
- "to amend An Act concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction, approved April ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.
- to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company.
- "to incorporate the Bank of Commerce.
- "to incorporate the Trustees of Lisbon Academy.
- " to increase the capital stock of the Atlantic Bank, in Portland.
- " to amend "An Act prescribing the time when notice shall be given upon petitions for special legislation."
- " to make valid the doings of the town of Gilead at the annual meeting holden in March, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.
- " to increase the capital stock of Waterville Bank.
- " to incorporate the Trustees of Searsport Union School.
- " to change the time of holding the April term of the court of County Commissioners for the county of Washington.
- " to change the time of holding the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court, in the county of Washington.
- " to increase the capital stock of the Rockland Bank.
- to prevent the destruction of trout in Rangely and Mooselocmaguntic lakes.

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AN ACT to incorporate the Market Bank, Bangor.

- " to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank.
- " to set off a portion of the town of Waterborough and annex the same to the town of Shapleigh.
- "to authorize the city of Bangor to collect taxes assessed upon the polls and estates of said city for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three.
- " to incorporate the Frontier Steamboat Company.
- " to incorporate the Lewy's Island Railroad Company.
- "to authorize the town officers of the town of Hebron for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, to amend their records.
- " to incorporate the Norway Manufacturing Company.
- " to establish the county of Androscoggin.
- " to provide in part for the expenditures of government.
- " to incorporate the North Bank.
- " to increase the capital stock of the Merchants' Bank.
- to incorporate the North Vassalborough Manufacturing Company.
- " to amend the eighty-second chapter of the Revised Statutes.
- " in addition to the one hundred and fifty-fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes.
- " to incorporate the Maine Pomological and Horticultural Society.
- to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers' and Traders' Bank.
- "to increase the capital stock of the Farmers' Bank.
- " authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Rockland.
- " to incorporate the Casco Iron Company.
- " to increase the capital stock of the Dexter Company.
- "te enable insurance companies of this State to comply with certain provisions of law in other States.
- " to prevent obstructions on the Narraguagus river.
- " authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Eastport harbor.
- " allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate.
- " to incorporate the Board of Trade of Portland.
- " to repeal "An Act for the preservation of the fish called bass in Dunstan river in Scarborough, in the county of Cumberland."

- AN ACT to make valid certain doings of the town of New Vineyard, in the year eighteen hundred fifty-three.
 - " to incorporate the proprietors of the Howland Bridge.
 - " to incorporate the Nequasset Lake Ice Company.
 - " additional to An Act to incorporate the Atlantic Ship Wharf and Lime Manufacturing Company.
 - "to increase the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court, established in the city of Portland.
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Canal Bank, Portland.
 - "to increase the capital stock of the Cobbossee Contee Bank of Gardiner.
 - " to increase the capital stock of Belfast Bank.
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Lewiston Falls Bank.
 - " to incorporate the Portland Milling Company.
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Traders' Bank.
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Eastern Bank.
 - " to incorporate the Portland Mutual Loan and Savings Association.
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Richmond Bank.
 - " relating to the duties of clerks of the Supreme Judicial Court.
 - to incorporate the Waldoborough and Thomaston Steam Navigation Company.
 - to authorize the First Congregational Society in Eastport to alter or rebuild their meetinghouse.
 - " to incorporate the Hartland Manufacturing Company.
 - to incorporate the East Eddington Ladies' Social and Benevolent Society.
 - " to incorporate the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company.
 - to increase the capital stock of the York Bank.
 - " to incorporate the Rockland Marine Railway Company.
 - " to increase the capital stock of the Maritime Bank of Bangor.
 - " additional to "An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Gas Light Company."
 - " to incorporate the Bangor and Castine Telegraph Company.
 - "to amend the Act of March twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred fifty-three, providing for the payment of bounties on wolves and bears.
 - " to incorporate the Mousam River Bank.
 - "to incorporate the Ocean Bank.
 - " to incorporate the Penobscot Telegraph Company.

AN ACT to incorporate the Trustees of the Sailors' Home in Portland.

- " to increase the capital stock of Calais Bank.
- " to incorporate the Rockland Long Wharf Company.
- " to incorporate the Schoodiac Lake Steamboat Company.
- " to incorporate the Hancock and Washington Steam Navigation Company of Castine.
- " to incorporate the State Bank.
- " to incorporate the Belfast City Mills Company.
- " to change the name of Clinton Academy to Benton Institute.
- " additional to "An Act to establish a literary institution in Westbrook," approved March fourth, eighteen hundred thirty-one.
- " to amend the charter of the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company.
- " to incorporate the Swanville Manufacturing Company.
- " to revive the act establishing the "Belfast Steamboat Wharf Company," and to authorize the owners of said steamboat wharf to maintain said wharf.
- " to incorporate the proprietors of the Orono Bridge.
- " to authorize the city of Bath to assist the Sagadahoc Ferry Company.
- "to incorporate the Cobbossee Contee Railroad Company.
- " to incorporate the Seavey's Island Bridge Company.
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 in addition to the ninety-first chapter of the Revised Statutes of this State.
- " authorizing the City Council of Portland to appoint a surveyor of lumber under certain regulations.
- to incorporate the Newichuwanick Company.
- " to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Hancock.
- " to establish the Union School District in the town of Cherry-
- to incorporate the Aroostook Company.
- to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the Wilson pond.
- " to extend the charter of Stillwater Bridge.
- " to change the names of certain persons.
- " to incorporate the New Castle Bank.
- " to incorporate the Maine Oil Cloth and Carpet Company.
- " respecting the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Portland.
- " to incorporate the American Bank.
- " to incorporate the Grocers' Bank.

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AN ACT to set off certain territory from the town of Kennebec and annex the same to the town of Readfield.

- " to establish the county of Sagadahoc.
- " to increase the capital stock of the Northern Bank.
- " to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove School.
- " to incorporate the Brunswick Gas Light Company.
- " to increase the capital stock of the Exchange Bank.
- " to incorporate the Lubec Steamboat Wharf Company.
- " to incorporate the Randall Savings and Benevolent Association.
- " to incorporate the Central Wharf Company.
- " granting power to plant and protect oysters in the bed of Georges river in Lincoln county.
- " to incorporate the Franklin Company.
- " to incorporate the Penobscot Lumber Association, and to amend the charter of the Penobscot Boom Corporation.
- " additional to An Act to incorporate the county of Sagadahoc, passed April 4, 1854.
- ' additional to Acts establishing and regulating the Penobscot Boom Corporation.
- to amend An Act to incorporate the Maine Telegraph Company, passed in the year 1848.
- " to incorporate the Maine Iron Manufacturing Company.
 - to incorporate the Spring Garden Oil Cloth Carpet Company.
- to authorize Leander Morton to construct a wharf in tide waters in the town of Bristol.
- to increase the capital stock of the Lewiston Bagging Company.
- " to incorporate the Arkwright Company.
- " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Taylor pond.
- "to amend An Act authorizing John O'Donald to build and maintain a fish wear in tide waters, approved March twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred fifty-three.
- " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond, South pond and Round pond, in the county of Oxford.
- " to incorporate the Bank of Somerset.
- " to incorporate the town of Dayton.
- " in relation to the Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Corporation.
- "to incorporate the Leeds Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company.
- " to increase the salary of the Police Judge of the city of Bangor.

- AN ACT additional to An Act to incorporate the St. Croix Log Driving Company.
 - "to amend An Act to incorporate the Richardson Lake Dam Company, approved March 22, 1852.
 - to incorporate the Hallowell Gas Light Company.
 - " to incorporate the Machias Log Driving Company.
 - " to incorporate the Bucksport Bank.
 - " to incorporate the Saco River Ice Company.
 - " regulating the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court for the city of Bath.
 - " to incorporate the Lewiston Linen Company.
 - " to incorporate the Aroostook Railroad Company.
 - to incorporate the Maine Mining, Quarrying and Stone Dressing Company.
 - " to authorize the owners of pews in the meetinghouse of the South parish in Hallowell to make alterations in said house.
 - " to regulate the construction and maintenance of public drains in the city of Portland.
 - " to amend the 167th chapter of the Revised Statutes. •
 - "to incorporate the Tillson and Ulmer Lime Rock Company.
 - " additional to An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Savings Institution.
 - " to amend the 166th chapter of the Revised Statutes.
 - amending An Act to establish a draw in the Wetmore Isle Bridge, approved March 9, 1852.
 - " to abate certain taxes on the towns of Minot, Poland, Auburn, Danville and Durham.
 - " to set off certain territory from the town of Palermo and annex the same to the town of Washington.
 - additional to An Act to establish a free bridge from Barter's island to the main land in Boothbay.
 - " to amend An Act incorporating the Warren Bridge Company.
 - "to abolish the January terms of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Hancock.
 - "to make valid the doings of the inhabitants of the town of Kirkland, in the county of Penobscot.
 - " to incorporate the Bethel Boom Company.
 - " authorizing the city of Calais to regulate the duties of Harbor Master for said city.
 - "to incorporate the Searsport Mill Company.
 - " to change the name of John Guptill.

AN ACT to increase the capital stock of the Ellsworth Bank.

- " to amend An Act to establish the Atlantic and Junction Railroad.
- " additional authorizing the city of Bangor to regulate the building of wharves in Kenduskeag stream and Penobscot river.
- " to incorporate the Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society.
- " to incorporate the Waldo Mountain Granite Company.
- " additional to 129th chapter of the Revised Statutes.
- " to incorporate the Fairfield Junction Mill and Water Power Company.
- " to incorporate the Orrington Pier and Warehouse Company.
- " additional to An Act to incorporate the West Lincoln Agricultural and Horticultural Society.
- " authorizing the city of Bath to determine how far wharves and piers may extend into the Kennebec river.
- "to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of the Lewy's Island Railroad.
- " to incorporate the White Lime Rock Company.
- " to incorporate the Washington Hotel Company.
- " to incorporate the Monmouth Manufacturing Company.
- " to provide for the appointment of Assayers of ores, metals and other substances requiring chemical analysis.
- to amend An Act to provide for the Education of Youth, approved August 27, 1850.
- " to incorporate the Brown's Ferry Bridge Company.
- " to authorize the Bangor Mercantile Association to appoint Port Wardens for the port of Bangor.
- " for the regulation of ways dedicated to public use.
- "giving further powers to County Commissioners in certain cases.
- " authorizing the proprietors of the First Congregational meetinghouse in Winthrop to repair, sell, or rebuild said meetinghouse.
- "to incorporate the Webster Association of Fryeburg Academy.
- " to authorize the plantations D and Salmon Brook to raise money to repair the roads in said plantations.
- " to establish the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Penobscot.
- " additional concerning Municipal and Police Courts.

AN ACT to incorporate the Baldwin Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company.

- " to make valid the doings of the town of Greenville.
- " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Cocknewaggan pond.
- " to amend the 63d section of 119th chapter of the Revised Statutes.
- " in relation to the dams on the Passadumkeag river.
- " to incorporate the Calais Granite Company.
- " additional to chapter 133 of the laws of Maine in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes in unincorporated places, approved August 14, 1849.
- " giving additional powers to the Trustees of the Franklin Bank.
- " additional to An Act to establish the county of Androscoggin.
- " to establish the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad Company.
- " to incorporate the city of Rockland.
- " to improve the navigation of the Sebasticook river.
- "to apportion and assess on the inhabitants of this State a tax of \$201,187.50 for the year 1854.
- " to authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland county to locate a highway across Fore river in said county.
- " additional to An Act to establish the Reform School.
- " to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Common Schools, and for County Conventions of Teachers.
- " to incorporate the Dexter Gas Light Company.
- " to incorporate the Oldtown Gas Light Company.
- " to amend chapter 30 of the special laws for the year 1853.
- " in relation to costs in real and mixed actions.
- " to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Augusta."
- "to make valid the acts of William K. Lancey as a justice of the peace and quorum.
- " to prevent the destruction of fish in Webber's pond in the town of Vassalborough.
- " additional to An Act to incorporate the State Bank.
- ' additional to An Act authorizing the First Congregational Society in Eastport to alter or rebuild their meeting-house.

AN ACT additional to chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes.

- additional to incorporate the city of Rockland.
- " authorizing the city of Bath to elect directors to represent stock owned by said city.
- "to provide a tribunal for regulating the joint business of railroad companies.
- " to legalize the doings of the town of West Bath.
- " to incorporate the East Musquash Improvement Company.
- " to incorporate the town of Ashland.
- "to abolish the duty payable by inspectors of pot and pearl ashes.
- " in addition to An Act to establish the county of Sagadahoc.
- "to amend An Act giving power to plant and protect oysters in the bed of Georges river in Lincoln county."
- " in addition to An Act to incorporate the Bath Mutual Marine Insurance Company.
- " to change the name of the town of Kennebec to Manchester.
- " to incorporate the Mechanics' Bank.
- " to make valid the doings of Muscle Ridge plantation in the county of Lincoln.
- to amend the charter of the Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge Company, approved March 24, 1845.
- " to incorporate the Hope Company.
- " for arming and equipping companies of volunteer militia, and for other purposes.
- " relating to petitions for partition.
- " to incorporate the Waterville Gas Light Company.
- "to incorporate the Ticonic Boom Company.
- " to amend the Act incorporating the Hancock Mutual Insurance Company.
- " to amend chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes.
- to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank.
- "to make valid the doings of plantation No. 11, in the county of Aroostook, at their annual meeting holden in April, 1854.
- " to abolish the office of chaplain in the State Prison.
- "to amend chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes.
- additional to An Act to set off certain territory from the town of Kennebec and annex the same to the town of Readfield.
- " to amend the charter of the Penobscot Log Driving Company."

- AN ACT in addition to An Act to establish the Androscoggin Railroad Company.
 - " additional to An Act to incorporate the Central Market House Company.
 - " to incorporate the Ellsworth Gas Light Company.
 - " to incorporate the Orono Gas Light Company.
 - " to incorporate the Inlet Dam Company.
 - " additional to An Act to incorporate the American Bank.
 - " to dissolve the bonds of matrimony between Mary E. Kennedy and William Kennedy, Jr.
 - " to incorporate the Richmond Village Corporation.
 - to incorporate the Hallowell Savings Institution.
 - " concerning the Passamaquoddy Indians.
 - " to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Hancock.
 - " to incorporate the Maine Submarine and Wrecking Company.
 - " to regulate the recording of mortgages of personal property.
 - " additional to An Act to provide for the Education of Youth.
 - " for the regulation of intelligence offices.
 - " to provide in part for the expenditures of government.
 - " to incorporate the Milford Gas Light Company.
 - " to authorize the establishment and maintenance of public libraries.
 - " in addition to An Act concerning railroads.
 - " to amend chapter 36 of the statutes of eighteen hundred fifty-three.
 - " relating to the State Library.
 - " to amend chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes.

TITLES OF RESOLVES

Passed by the Legislature of 1854.

RESOLVE authorizing the county of Washington to procure a loan.

- " in relation to certain debts due the State.
- " in favor of John Francis.
- " relating to the Nebraska bill.
- " authorizing the county of York to procure a loan.
- in favor of Peol Sockis and Attien Orson.
- " in favor of Joe Lolar Solmere.
- " in favor of the heirs of Daniel D. Smith.
- " providing for the pay of Commissioners of Maine and Massachusetts, appointed in eighteen hundred and fifty-two and eighteen hundred and fifty-three, under the act of separation.
- " authorizing the Trustees of the Ministerial and School Fund of the town of Patten, to make a discount on certain notes taken for land sold by them.
- " authorizing a tax on the several counties of this State.
- " for the benefit of David Sevey.
- " authorizing the Land Agent to convey Pumpkin island to the United States.
- " in favor of the town of Rockland.
- " for the benefit of Leonard Trask.
- " in favor of Waite plantation.
- " in favor of the Penobscot Indians.
- in favor of Alexander G. Turner.
- " authorizing the administrator on the estate of the late George T. Howe and the guardian of his minor children to convey certain real estate.
- " correcting an error in the State valuation.
- " authorizing the administrator on the estate of the late George T. Howe and the guardian of his minor children to convey certain real estate.
- " in favor of Hannah, wife of Samuel Meservey.

RESOLVE in favor of James Lawrence.

- " in favor of Orient plantation in the county of Aroostook.
- " for the payment of Roll of Accounts, No. 34.
- " in favor of Ephraim C. Gates and Giles M. Wentworth.
- " in favor of John K. Russell.
- " in favor of James Robinson.
- " in favor of Hartly Hamilton.
- " in aid of roads in the county of Piscataquis.
- " in aid of roads in the county of Penobscot.
- " in favor of Nicholas Pierce.
- " in aid of roads in the county of Washington.
- " making an appropriation for the support of schools at Fort Kent, in Aroostook county.
- " in favor of Thomas S. Roberts.
- " in aid of road in the county of Somerset.
- " in aid of roads in the county of Aroostook.
- " in favor of John Fitzgerald and others.
- " in favor of township No. 4, range 1, in the county of Penobscot.
- " in aid of road from Barnard to Chesuncook lake.
- " in aid of roads in the county of Aroostook.
- " in favor of cheap ocean postage.
- " in relation to the claims of the State upon the United States for lands taken and required to be taken to satisfy claimants under the treaty of Washington.
- " authorizing the appointment of commissioners to locate grants and determine the extent of possessory claims under the late treaty with Great Britain.
- " in relation to schools in Madawaska settlement.
- " in favor of certain persons of the Legislature who visited the State Prison.
- " in favor of the counties of Androscoggin and Sagadahoc.
- " in favor of certain members of the Legislature who visited the State Reform School.
- " in aid of Hartly Hamilton.
- " in relation to Passamaquoddy Indian lands.
- " authorizing the Governor and Council to compound debts due the Passamaquoddy Indians.
- " in favor of William Poor, Jr.
- " in favor of Joshua Hathaway.
- " in favor of the heirs of Dorcas Farnham, and of the heirs of Ruth Duren.

RESOLVE in favor of the members of the Board of Agriculture.

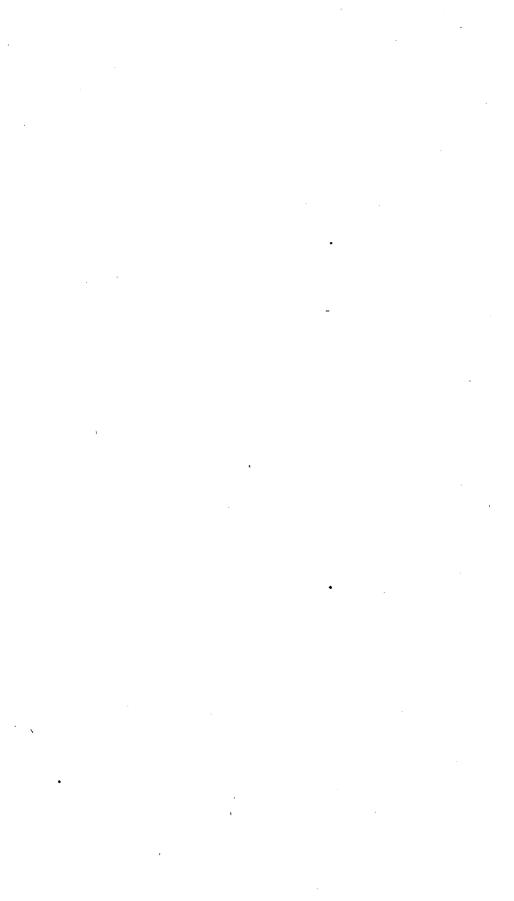
- to provide for rebuilding the Mattawamkeag Bridge on the military road.
- " laying a tax on the county of Androscoggin.
- " in favor of Mary A. Hunter.
- " in favor of A. B. Thompson and others.
- " for payment of additional Roll of Accounts No. 34.
- " authorizing County Commissioners of Sagadahoc county to borrow money.
- " in relation to original settlers' lot No. 93 in Bangor.
- " in favor of Sanford Noble.
- " in favor of Henry W. Paine and Lot M. Morrill.
- " to correct the State valuation.
- " providing a seal for the office of the Adjutant General.
- " in favor of William Cowperthwait.
- " in favor of the Astor Library.
- " authorizing the town of Cape Elizabeth to raise money in aid of the Portland and Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry.
- in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State.
- " making appropriation for religious services at the Insane Hospital.
- "to authorize plantation No. 14, county of Washington, to re-organize for election purposes.
 - in favor of the abolition of spirit rations in the United States Navy.
- " to repeal a Resolve authorizing a sale of lot No. 12 in township letter D.
- " in favor of the State Prison.
- " in favor of Isaac Bradbury and others.
- " in relation to certain proposed modifications of the navigation laws of the United States; allowances of bounty to fishing vessels, and reciprocal trade with the British North American Colonies.
- " in favor of George Ross.
- " authorizing the Governor and Council to settle the account of Adams Treat, for services in superintending repairs of State Prison.
- " in favor of William Black.
- " in favor of certain members of the Legislature.
- " in favor of claimants under the treaty of Washington, of lands, the title to which is now in the State.

RESOLVE in favor of claimants under the treaty of Washington, of lands, the title to which is not in the State.

- " on the Pay Roll of the Senate.
- " for the Pay Roll of the House of Representatives.
- " in favor of John A. Poor.
- " respecting French Spoliations.
- " in favor of the publishers of certain papers.
- " in favor of Samuel Leavitt.
- " in favor of W. E. Hilton.
- " in favor of George Savage.
- " in favor of Honorable Elisha Clarke.
- " in favor of plantations No. 21 and 33, in the county of Hancock.
- " in favor of Ebenezer Witham and John J. Perry.
- " in favor of M. Littlefield.
- " in favor of the reporters of the Senate and House of Representatives.
- " authorizing the sale of land connected with the State-Prison.
- " additional on the Pay Roll of the Senate.
- " in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office.
- " in favor of Thomas Dixon.
- " in relation to the promulgation of the laws of the State.
- " in favor of A. A. Hanscom and others.
- " making an appropriation for the Insane Hospital.
- " for the transfer of military papers from the office of the Secretary of State to the office of the Adjutant General.
- " for purchasing six copies of Colton's map of New England and British Provinces, 56 by 64 inches.



APPENDIX.



APPENDIX.

STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, January 17, 1854.

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, viz:

On the first Wednesday of January instant, the members elect of the house of representatives assembled in the representatives' hall, and, a quorum being present, the members were qualified, and the house was duly organized by the choice of a speaker and clerk, of which organization the governor and council and senate were, by order, to be informed by message, according to the usual custom.

From an examination by the governor and council of the lists of votes returned to the office of the secretary of state, but thirteen senators appeared to be elected, leaving vacancies in the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, eleventh, and thirteenth districts—all which appeared by a report accepted by the governor and council.

The thirteen senators thus appearing to be elected assembled in the senate chamber on the first Wednesday of January current, and proceeded to organize by the election of a president and secretary protempore, after being duly qualified, of which the house of representatives was notified by message.

The secretary of state then laid upon the table of the senate the lists of votes for senators, which were referred to a committee for examination.

That committee on a subsequent day reported the election of the thirteen members who had been declared elected and summoned to appear by the governor and council, and further reported that vacancies existed in the second and fifth senatorial districts, and also the names of the constitutional candidates to fill those vacancies—which

report was accepted. But no report was then, or has since been made, or vote passed, with reference to the other districts.

After the acceptance of the above named report, a message was sent to the house of representatives, informing the house that vacancies existed in the second and fifth senatorial districts, giving the names of the constitutional candidates to fill the same, and proposing a convention to fill said vacancies—with which proposition the house refused to concur.

It has been the uniform usage in this state, since the formation of the government, to determine and declare all vacancies, existing in the senate on the day appointed for the meeting of the legislature in each year, before the members of the house of representatives, and such senators as shall have been elected, proceed to elect, by joint ballot, the number of senators required, and then to appoint a convention for that purpose.

In the year 1847 but eleven senators appeared to be elected. The senators elect met on the day appointed, elected a president and secretary pro tempore, and the votes for senators were laid on the table, and committed. The committee subsequently reported who were elected, and also the whole number of vacancies existing in the senate and the names of the constitutional candidates to fill said vacancies. This report was accepted, and a message was subsequently sent to the house, informing that body that vacancies existed as reported by the committee, and stating the names of the constitutional candidates to fill the same, and proposing a convention for the purpose of filling the same, with which proposition the house concurred, and the same were filled accordingly.

In the year 1851 but fifteen senators appeared to be elected, and the same course was taken.

QUESTIONS.

First. Whether, if a majority of the whole number of senators required by law are elected, and the senate duly organized, the provisions of section five, article four, part second, of the constitution require, or contemplate, that the senate shall determine who are elected to be senators in all the senatorial districts, before the members of the house of representatives, and such senators as shall have been elected, proceed to elect, by joint ballot, the number of senators required? If the constitution does so require, does it necessarily result that all existing vacancies should be ascertained and declared before proceeding to such election?

Second. Whether the provisions of that section contemplate, or authorize, a convention, in the first instance, for the purpose of filling a part only of the vacancies existing in the senate on the first Wednesday of January?

Third. Whether a senator, elected by "the members of the house of representatives, and such senators as shall have been elected," to fill a vacancy existing on the first Wednesday of January, is entitled to vote in a convention held for the purpose of filling other vacancies in the senate, existing on said first Wednesday of January?

Fourth. When less than a majority of the whole number of senators required by law appear, by the lists returned to the office of the secretary of state, to be elected, can such senators, less than a majority, constitute "the senate," in the sense in which that term is used in the constitution? Can such senators, less than a majority, exercise the powers, or perform all, or any part of, the duties devolved upon "the senate" by section five, article four, part second, of the constitution? If so, what part? Can such senators, less than a majority, decide on the legality of election returns as shown by the lists returned to the secretary's office, receive evidence of election other than is contained in such lists, and determine elections upon such evidence? Can they declare vacancies in the senate, and determine who are constitutional candidates? If so, upon what evidence?

Fifth. When the house of representatives has been duly organized, and a minority only of the whole number of senators required by law appear to be elected, can the members of the house and a minority of such senators as appear to be elected legally form a convention for filling vacancies in the senate, all of such senators being duly notified, but a majority refusing to act?

Ordered, That a copy hereof, signed by the speaker, and attested by the clerk of this house, be communicated forthwith, and by the most expeditious mode, to each of the justices of the supreme judicial court, and an answer to the foregoing questions requested at the earliest possible moment.

House of Representatives, January 18, 1854.

Read and passed.

NOAH SMITH, JR., Speaker.

Attest: John J. Perry, Clerk.

OPINIONS OF THE S. J. COURT.

PORTLAND, January 26, 1854.

Hon. Noah Smith, Jr.,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

DEAR SIR: Enclosed herewith I have the honor to transmit opinions of justices of the supreme judicial court, in obedience to an order of the house passed on January 18, 1854.

Most respectfully,

ETHER SHEPLEY.

The undersigned, justices of the supreme judicial court, present the following observations and answers to communicate their opinions and some of the reasons therefor, in obedience to an order of the house of representatives, passed on January 18, 1854:

The constitution provides that "the legislative power shall be vested in two distinct branches, a house of representatives and a senate, each to have a negative on the other."

In several sections the words "each house" are used to designate the respective branches. In others the word "senate" is used to designate the branch so denominated. No term is found to be used in the constitution, other than senate, or house, or house of representatives, to describe or designate those branches when less than a quorum of members is present. When so composed, the senate is designated by the word "house" in article four, part third, and sections three, four, five and six; and is authorized to exercise certain of the powers conferred upon the senate by those sections. By the third section it may, when so composed, adjourn, from day to day, compel the attendance of absent members, provide the manner in which their attendance shall be procured, and prescribe the penalties under which they shall be required to attend.

By the fourth section it may, when so composed, punish its members for disorderly behavior. If such were not the true construction, it could not protect itself, or be in a condition to perform duties required of it when so composed.

By the fifth section it is required, when so composed, as well as at other times, to keep a journal of its proceedings.

By the sixth section it may, when so composed, punish a person not a member, for obstructing its proceedings, or assaulting or abusing any of its members for anything said or done in the senate. This construction is also necessary for its protection, and to enable it to perform duties enjoined upon it when so composed. Other powers named in those sections it may not be authorized to exercise when so composed.

The governor and council are required to "issue a summons to such persons as shall appear to be elected by a majority of the votes in each district, to attend that day (the day appointed by the constitution) and take their seats." They must take their seats as senators, and can act only in their official capacity, and in that capacity they must act as a branch of the legislature for certain purposes. It is only as representing that branch that they can be authorized to organize in any manner as a senate, or to notify the other branches of the government of their organization or presence in the chamber appointed for them, or can receive from the governor and council the copies of the "lists," or can adjourn or keep a journal. These are acts essentially necessary to be performed, whether a majority of the senators be or be not elected and present. Unless this be the true construction, this branch of the legislature may, under certain circumstances, fail to be organized according to its provisions.

The words "senate" and "house" appear to be used in the constitution to designate that branch, whether composed of a greater or less number of senators, when it is in a condition to keep a journal or record of its proceedings, or to perform acts required of it or authorized by the provisions of the constitution.

In the year 1830, when a quorum of both branches of the legislature were present, the justices of this court gave their opinions that no other body than the senate could, under the constitution, designate the constitutional candidates to supply deficiencies of senators occasioned by omissions to elect by the qualified voters. When less than a quorum of senators is present, no express provision is found in the constitution to authorize such a designation. It is not perceived how any such power can be implied without depriving the senate of

the power of being the judge of the election and qualification of its own members.

By the fifth section of article four and part second, it is provided, "the senate shall, on said first Wednesday of January, annually, determine who are elected by a majority of votes to be senators in each district."

If the word "senate" or "house" be used in this section and in all other parts of the constitution, as it appears to be, to designate that branch, whether composed of a quorum or a less number, the power to perform that duty is expressly conferred upon a senate so composed, unless its power to do it is restricted by some other constitutional pro-No such provision is found, unless it be in the phrase "and a majority shall constitute a quorum to do business." That phrase or provision should not receive such a construction, without the most urgent necessity for it, as would under any conceivable circumstances prevent the organization of the legislature according to the provisions of the constitution, and leave the state without a constitutional government, to be governed by one existing, and organized only as a necessity; or such construction as would prevent the performance by the senate of duties expressly required of it, and which cannot be performed by any other body or branch of the government, according to the provisions of the constitution.

If the only acts to be performed by a senate composed of less than a majority of senators, were considered to be fully enumerated in the latter clause of the third section of article four and part third, a senate so composed would be deprived of the power to protect itself, to keep a journal of its proceedings, and of the power to punish its own members or others for obstructing its proceedings.

It is not unusual to find language used when a particular subject is under consideration, which would be too comprehensive to exhibit the idea intended, if not limited by the subject occupying the thoughts. The subject then under consideration appears to have been the "legislative power." It does not treat of their organization. That had been provided for before. It treats of their power to do business after they have been duly organized. That language may, therefore, upon familiar principles of interpretation, be regarded as applicable only to such business as the houses could respectively perform after they had become organized, and as not applicable to proceedings required to procure an organization. When considered as thus restricted, and yet as having its intended and appropriate meaning, there is found no limitation of the authority of the senate, whether composed of a

majority of the senators or not, to determine under any circumstances, and for all purposes, who are not elected by a majority of the qualified voters to be senators, and are eligible or qualified to be senators.

If a senate so composed could not constitutionally so determine, senators legally elected by qualified voters, and having the qualifications required for senators, might be excluded from the senate, and deprived of the rights secured to them by the constitution. If all vacancies apparent from the proceedings of the governor and council were to be filled by joint ballot of the members of the house and such senators as shall have been elected, those senators so elected could not be deprived of their seats by a subsequent decision of the senate alone. Those who are assembled to make such elections by joint ballot, must of necessity and by a power fairly implied, determine who have been so elected; and when they have so determined, the vacancies are filled according to the provisions of the constitution, and the constitutional right to be senators is secured to them. If the senate alone could determine that such senators were not legally elected, and not entitled to their seats, they could annul the proceedings of the body or convention authorized to elect them and to decide that they had been legally elected. If this could be done once, it might be continued to be done, and the final organization of the senate be prevented for an indefinite time. This would neither comport with the language or intention of the constitution. The elections of senators, respecting which the senate is made the exclusive judge, are such as are made by the qualified electors. The election of senators by a joint ballot must be made from the "lists" of persons voted for, and made by the selectmen and clerks of the several corporations composing the district, or from copies Persons whose names are not upon such lists cannot be The senate, while determining who are constitutional candidates, must also be confined to such lists, and so must the governor and council, while ascertaining who appear to have been elected. This does not make such lists conclusive evidence who are truly elected senators, or who have the qualifications required for senators. No person, by such lists alone, can, therefore, be considered as conclusively entitled to be a senator, or as certainly not entitled to be one, by an election by qualified voters.

By this construction, and by this only, upon the facts stated, can the senate be constitutionally organized without considering some other branch of the government to possess powers not conferred upon it by the constitution, and without depriving the senate of power conferred upon it. The construction of the constitution presented by this paper will, under any perceivable circumstances, enable the state to have a constitutional government without conferring powers upon any branch of the government not found to be vested in it by the constitution, and without depriving any branch of any power conferred upon it, and will prevent any occasion for a resort to a government of necessity. No other construction has been presented leading to such results.

By the third section of article fourth and part third, each house "may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as each house may provide." This power is expressly conferred upon each house when composed of a less number than a quorum to do business. The word "members" in that section appears to have been used in the former clause respecting elections as designating senators who have not, as well as those who have, been qualified and been present as members of the senate; and no sufficient reason is perceived why the word should not have the same meaning in the latter clause of the same section. The section would then authorize a senate composed of less than a quorum to compel the attendance of those whom it adjudged to be members, whether they had ever been present as such or not. If this be not the true construction of the latter clause of that section, the senate, after a majority of senators have been constitutionally elected, may fail to be organized and there may be no constitutional government in the state.

If the governor and council should ascertain that a majority of the whole number of senators had been elected, and should summon them to appear at the appointed time and place, and a sufficient number to prevent a quorum should deny that they had been constitutionally elected, or should for factious purposes willfully refuse to attend, thereby to prevent a quorum, those who should attend, being less in number than could form a quorum, would then constitute a house or senate expressly authorized to compel the attendance of the absent members.

This construction of a similar provision in the constitution of the United States appears to have been sanctioned by rules adopted by the senate of the United States, as stated in Jefferson's Manual, on pages 24 and 25 of the edition published at Concord in the year 1823. The rule is said to be "in case a less number than a quorum shall convene, they are hereby authorized to send" "for any or all absent members." "And this rule shall apply as well to the first convention of the senate at the legal time of meeting, as to each day of the session." This rule as applicable "to the first convention of the senate," could not have been legally established unless the senate, when composed of a less

number of senators than would form a quorum had authority, by the constitution, to compel the attendance of absent members. of this state when so composed, to be enabled to compel the attendance of absent members, must determine who were elected. It would be expressly authorized to act as a senate to determine the manner in which their attendance should be procured, and the penalties to be incurred by their refusal to attend. It is only by its acts as a senate, that a number less than a quorum composing it could for such purpose issue any legal precept, which must be issued in the name and by the authority of the senate, or could cause the legislature to be organized, or could keep a journal of its proceedings. The governor and council are only authorized to ascertain who appear to be elected senators, and have no power to determine who are elected. That power is entrusted to the senate alone, and it must determine whether those appearing from the "lists" to have been elected, were elected and had the qualifications required for senators. Here then is an instance in which an express power is given to a senate composed of less than a quorum, and it may by possibility be of a single senator to determine who are elected senators and to compel their attendance. If any number of senators, however small, may be designated as a senate, and be organized and act, and may by an express power determine who are elected for one purpose, there can be no sufficient reason to conclude that it was not the intention of the framers of the constitution, that a senate composed in the same manner should act for all other constitutional purposes to determine who are not elected, for the purpose of procuring an organization of the senate in another and different mode.

The constitution requires the senate to determine who are elected senators by a majority of the qualified voters in each district. It contemplates it as an act to be performed on the day appointed for the first meeting of the members of the legislature after they have been elected. There is a provision in the fourth section of the ninth article, that in case the elections required shall not be completed on that day, the same may be adjourned from day to day until completed.

Circumstances may prevent the senate from being able to determine in one day, and for several days, who are constitutionally elected, having the required qualifications.

It is not made the duty of the members of the house, to meet the senators who have been elected to elect by joint ballot other senators before the senate has determined who are not elected in all the districts. It is not however considered that senators could not be legally elected by the agreement of both branches, before the senate had determined who were not elected in all the districts; while it is considered.

ered that each house may rightfully refuse to proceed to an election by a joint ballot until after a determination has been made by the senate respecting the non-election of senators in all the districts.

It is such senators and such only "as shall have been elected," who are authorized to vote in joint ballot with the members of the house to elect other senators. The words "shall have been elected," have reference to such senators as shall have been elected by the qualified voters. If it should be admitted that these words may properly describe those senators who have in any mode been elected before the elections by joint ballot are made, still the constitution contemplating all such elections should be made at one time, and on the day appointed for the first meeting of the legislature, it would not have been expected or intended that other electors should be entitled to vote, if circumstances should require an adjournment to another day, after a part of the elections had been made by joint ballot.

When a determination has been made, who are not elected senators, and who are the constitutional candidates, and other persons have been duly elected senators by joint ballot of the members of the two houses, there can be no revision of that determination without annulling the elections made in joint ballot, which is entirely inadmissible. Such determination is therefore necessarily a final and conclusive one.

By a construction which will authorize a number less than a quorum, to determine who are not elected senators, and what vacancies exist, and who are the constitutional candidates, there may be a compliance with every requirement of the constitution, and a constitutional government at all times secured; without such a construction there can be no such compliance, and no such security. And without such a construction occasions may frequently occur and circumstances be presented which will prevent the organization of a constitutional government without the exercise of power not conferred upon it by some branch of the government, or without a resort to the organization of a government from necessity. There is little cause for alarm, that such powers may by possibility be exercised by one senator. occurrence can be expected but rarely, if ever. Powers more extensive and important may, under the constitution of the United States, and under those of several of the states, he exercised by one person. Experience has proved that the most important and delicate trusts are as faithfully performed by one, and by a few persons, as by a large number of persons.

To the first question, the answer is: That section does require the senate to determine who are elected senators in a district before other persons can, by joint ballot, be elected senators for such district.

It does contemplate that the senate shall determine who are elected senators in all the districts, and "that all existing vacancies should be ascertained and declared before proceeding to such election." And each house may rightfully refuse to meet the other to make such elections by joint ballot until all existing vacancies have been so ascertained and declared; while this mode of proceeding is not regarded as so essential, that senators could not by the agreement of both houses be legally elected before all existing vacancies have been so ascertained and declared.

To the second question the answer is: The provisions of that section do not contemplate a meeting of the members of the two houses to make such elections by joint ballot "for the purpose of filling a part only of the vacancies existing in the senate on the first Wednesday of January." Those provisions are not regarded as forbidding such a course, when adopted by the agreement of both houses.

To the third question the answer is: A senator so elected is not entitled to vote in a meeting or convention of the members of the two houses "held for the purpose of filling vacancies in the senate existing on the first Wednesday of January."

To the fourth question the answer is in the affirmative to the first interrogation put in that question; and to the second interrogation put in that question, it is in the affirmative. To the third interrogation it is: All the powers required by the constitution to be exercised by the senate to procure an organization of that house. To the fourth interrogation the answer is in the affirmative, and to the fifth also. To the sixth the answer is: The senate being authorized to decide upon the election of its own members, must have the right to determine upon what evidence it will do it.

To the fifth question the answer is in the negative.

All of which is most respectfully submitted to the house of representatives, by

ETHER SHEPLEY, JOHN S. TENNEY, SAMUEL WELLS, JOSEPH HOWARD, J. W. HATHAWAY, JOHN APPLETON. My concurrence extends to the answers to questions one, two, three, five, and to the first interrogatory of question four, and to such part of the opinion as gives less than a majority full power to do all necessary acts to complete the senatorial board, but not to the full extent of powers indicated in the opinion.

JOHN APPLETON.

Not having been able to meet and confer with my associates in the consideration and adoption of the foregoing opinion, I have examined the same, and concur in the answers to the fourth and fifth questions, but not in all the reasons stated for coming to such conclusions. I do not concur in the answer to the third question, nor to so much of the answer to the first question as states that the members of the house may rightfully refuse to meet those senators who have been elected to elect others by joint ballot. To the second question, I answer that the provisions of the section referred to, do authorize a convention in the first instance for the purpose of filling a part only of the vacancies existing in the senate on the first Wednesday in January.

RICHARD D. RICE.

OPINION OF JUDGE RICE.

In Senate, January 30, 1854.

Ordered, That the Honorable RICHARD D. RICE, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, be requested to communicate to the Senate, at the earliest convenient time, his Opinion, in full, upon the questions propounded to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, by the House of Representatives, January 17, 1854, and especially upon those portions of the answers of a majority of said Justices which did not receive his concurrence. And that a copy of this order, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Senate, be communicated forthwith to the said Justice.

To Hon. LUTHER S. MOORE.

President of the Senate of the State of Maine:

The undersigned, in response to the order of the senate, dated January 30, 1854, presents some of the considerations for the answers by him returned to the questions propounded by the house of representatives, January 18, 1854, to the justices of the supreme judicial court, and the reasons for his non-concurrence with a majority of the court in all the answers by them returned.

The powers of our government, conferred by the constitution, are, primarily, divided into three distinct departments—the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. These departments are severally entrusted with certain specified powers which they are required to exercise, each for itself, entirely independent of the other. The powers confided to these departments, are in many instances, subdivided and distributed among different branches, and upon these branches are conferred powers, to be exercised, sometimes in concurrence with each other, and in other cases, by independent action; thus constituting a government, at once free, and so regulated by checks and balances, arising out of the distribution of its powers, as to prevent precipitate and

inconsiderate action, in times, when by reason of excitement, single bodies, acting under a common impulse, may be in danger of running into error.

Though our government is thus complex in its form, with important powers confided to the independent action of its different departments, and the different branches of those departments, yet there are in it no conflicting powers, but the legitimate action of the whole will be found to be entirely harmonious. Thus, when a power is conferred upon a department, or branch, to be by it exercised independently, the exercise of that power is, either by distinct provision, or by necessary implication, withheld from all others.

In the construction of provisions of the constitution, which may appear ambiguous, regard should be had to the general scope and object of the whole instrument, and when it is doubtful to which department or branch, the exercise of an independent power belongs, it should be assigned to that, by which, from its character, it can be most appropriately exercised.

These considerations being kept in view when cases of apparent conflict arise, will always afford a safe rule of interpretation.

The legislative power of the government is vested in two distinct branches, a house of representatives and a senate, each having a negative upon the other. Some of the powers conferred on these branches, are common to both, and are to be exercised in concurrence. Others are confided to the separate action of each, and are to be exercised by each, with absolute independence of the other.

Prominent among the latter, stands the provision, in the third section of part third, article fourth, which declares that "each house shall be the judge of the elections and qualifications of its own members." This provision, so far as the senate is concerned, may be deemed rather declaratory of existing rights, than as conferring new powers. Section five, of article four, part second, confers upon the senate the power to "determine who are elected to be senators, by a majority of the votes, in each district," and as a necessary correlative, who are not elected, or rather, in what districts, if any, vacancies exist.

In the same class of independent powers, is found the power of the senate to try all impeachments, and of each house to choose its own officers; to compel the attendance of absent members; to determine the rules of its proceedings; to punish its members for disorderly behavior; to keep a journal of its proceedings; to punish persons not members for disrespectful or disorderly behavior in its presence; or for obstructing any of its proceedings; or for threatening, assaulting, or

abusing any of its members for any thing said, done, or doing in either house.

These powers can only be exercised by each house, according to itso discretion, and neither has the right to exercise them for the other, or in any way to dictate the manner in which they shall be exercised by the other. All of them may be exercised when a majority of members, or a quorum for doing business is in attendance, and many of them when less than a quorum is present.

The result of the possession of these independent powers is to authorize each branch, or house, to perfect its own organization. To the house, this power, in its fullest extent, has never been denied, or questioned. It is a power, incident to, and inherent in all independent deliberative bodies, founded upon the most universally recognized principles of parliamentary law.

Article fourth, part second, section fourth, provides, that the governor shall issue a summons to such persons as appear to be elected, to attend and take their seats.

Like the credentials of the members of the house, the "summons" of the governor is prima facie evidence of election, and authorizes those who "appear to be elected," in the first instance, to take their seats as members of the senate.

These members, when assembled, the fifth section recognizes as "the senate," and confers upon it the power, and imposes the duty, to determine who are elected by a majority of the votes, to be senators in each district. This section also contemplates that vacancies may be found to exist, and makes no distinction in the power of the senate, dependent upon the number of those vacancies, but in all cases where vacancies exist, the duty of the senate and the mode of its procedure in effecting its organization are the same.

It has been supposed that the power to act, does not exist, on the part of the senate, unless a majority of its members appear to be elected, and shall have been summoned by the governor. This opinion is based upon that clause of section third, part third of article fourth, which declares that "a majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

In construing particular provisions of the constitution, care should always be taken to observe the connection in which they occur. Part second, of article fourth, treats of the election and qualification of senators, and the organization of the senate. Part third, of the same article, treats of the "legislative power" after both branches have been duly organized and are in a condition to act as a legislature;

and the clause referred to, as limiting the power of the two houses when less than a majority is present, is manifestly intended to apply to the transaction of that kind of business incident to legislation. Any other construction would be liable to obstruct and wholly prevent the organization of the senate, even when a majority appeared to have been elected, and had been summoned by the governor. An examination of the returns, or other evidence, might disclose errors which would compel the senate to determine, that only a part of those who had been summoned, less than a majority, had actually been elected. Under the construction contended for, that body would thereby be rendered powerless, unable to proceed, and that branch of the legislature be practically dissolved. The same result would follow when less than a majority were "summoned" by the governor.

The constitution is not justly chargeable with any such self destructive principles. It contemplates a government continuous and permanent in its character, and as the various instruments by which it is carried forward decay, or pass away, it will be found to contain vital energies and recuperative principles sufficient, under all circumstances, to reproduce others, of a similar character, in endless succession.

The senate has the power, when organized, and when a quorum is not present, to compel the attendance of absent members. There is no good reason perceived, why the same power should not exist before it has perfected its organization. Indeed it may be necessary that it should then possess that power to enable it to effect this object. That power has been supposed to authorize a senate composed of less than a quorum to compel the attendance of those whom it may determine to be elected, whether they have been duly qualified to act as members or not. This would seem to extend that power beyond its legitimate limits. The "members" whose attendance may be rightfully coerced, are those who have not only been elected to be senators, but who have actually become such, by taking upon themselves the prescribed oaths of office, by which they are qualified to act as members of the senate.

Should it be said that if this power, to its fullest extent, be denied to minorities, factious men may be enabled to prevent the organization of that branch of the legislature, and thus all constitutional government be destroyed, the answer is that the same result may be effected, by resignation, revolution, or usurpation. But the constitution, relying upon the intelligence and patriotism of our people, contemplates no such contingencies. When the time shall arrive in which citizens cannot be found, who are willing to assume the official trusts required by the constitution, and when they shall, with one consent, abjure all official

station, then may we pronounce the experiment of maintaining a free government to be "a failure." It is believed no such unfortunate contingency is now apparent.

If these positions are correct, then it follows that those who "appear to be elected" and who are summoned by the governor, whether more or less than a majority, constitute "the senate" within the meaning of the constitution, with powers sufficient to perform all those acts which are necessary to perfect the organization of that body as a branch of the legislature. These powers are derived from distinct constitutional provisions,—they also would arise by necessary implication from the fact that the senate is an independent, co-ordinate branch of the government, if the constitution were silent upon the subject.

The fifth section provides that "the senate shall, on the said first Wednesday of January annually, determine who are elected by a majority of votes to be senators in each district," and further provides the manner in which existing vacancies shall be supplied. This provision undoubtedly contemplates that the "determination" shall be made on the said first Wednesday of January annually. But the contingency is also contemplated by the constitution, in which all the vacancies may not be filled, on that day; as section four, of article nine, provides, that "in case the elections, required by this constitution on the first Wednesday of January annually, by the two houses of the legislature, shall not be completed on that day, the same may be adjourned from day to day until completed."

There is no provision in the constitution, wherein the order of time in which the senate shall determine who are elected in each district is prescribed, nor is there any express provision requiring the senate to determine who are elected, in all the districts, before vacancies shall be supplied, by election, in any. If any such necessity exists, it must arise by implication, and not from any positive command in the constitution. The language used is suggestive of separate action. The senate is to determine who are elected in each district.

Practically, the construction that all must be acted upon at the same time, might lead to very serious inconvenience. Thirteen members only, of the present senate have been summoned by the governor, leaving, apparently, eighteen vacancies. Suppose of these eighteen apparent vacancies, seventeen are indisputably such, and one only is contested. This contested seat may involve an inquiry into the legality of the proceedings, and the qualification of voters, in every town and plantation in the contested district. To determine the question of election or non-election in such a case, must, necessarily, consume

much time. Now must the seventeen undisputed cases be suspended, for an indefinite period of time, and the state deprived of the services of a majority of the members of the senate, and that branch of the legislature paralyzed, because the right to one seat is contested—and that, too, when the facts involved in the contested case in no wise affect the others? This case is put hypothetically for purposes of illustration. A construction leading to such results should not be adopted, unless dictated by the plain requirements of the constitution, or from the most stringent necessity.

But it has been suggested, that if such a contingency should arise, the two branches might, to obviate such results, proceed with the election in the undisputed cases, by agreement. To hold that the organization of one branch of the legislature, in any case, depends upon the voluntary agreement of the other, would be to destroy its independence, and subordinate it to the will if not to the caprice of the other. Such is not the intention of the constitution. If the senate is imperatively required by the constitution to determine who are elected, or who are not elected, in all the districts, before any vacancies can be supplied, it is not perceived on what principles a part only of those vacancies can be filled by the two houses without a violation of that instrument. I know of no authority on the part of the two houses to waive the positive requirements of the constitution, by agreement, or otherwise. Any such agreement would be simply void, and no legal rights could be acquired under it.

In 1851, fifteen senators were summoned by the governor. Those senators appeared, were qualified, and took their seats, May 14, 1851. A committee was appointed, to whom the returns of votes for senators were referred. On a subsequent day that committee reported that the fifteen members (those summoned) were elected "as appears by the returns," and further reported sixteen existing vacancies. This report was accepted by the senate, and the vacancies were filled by a convention of the members of the two houses. Honorable Jeremiah Fowler, of the eighth senatorial district, was one of the fifteen declared to be elected as above, but his right to a seat was contested. The subject was referred to a committee of the senate. A protracted examination was had, both before the committee and in the senate. The legislature adjourned from June to January following, and it was not until the 24th of February, 1852, that the senate finally determined by a vote of fourteen to twelve, that Mr. Fowler was constitutionally elected. [Senate Journal, 1851-2.]

In 1843, the governor summoned twenty-two senators, who appeared and were qualified on the fourth day of January of that year. The

senatorial votes were referred, on that day, to a committee. sixth day of the same month, the committee reported, in part, excluding the fourth (Kennebec) district, declaring twenty-two members, including one from Penobscot, who had not been summoned by the governor, to The committee also reported six vacancies, which were filled, by election in convention of the members of the two houses, on the afternoon of the same day. In the fourth senatorial district, one senator only (Mr. Smiley) had been summoned by the governor. election of all the members in that district was contested. eleventh day of that month, the committee made an additional report, accompanied by a resolution, in which it was determined that John Hubbard, Jacob Main and David Stanley were constitutionally elected, thus excluding Mr. Smiley. This report was accepted by the senate [Senate Journal, 1843.] In view of this pracby a unanimous vote. tical construction which has been put upon the constitution, by the senate, and acquiesced in by the house, at times when they could not be supposed to have been influenced, in this particular, by any improper motive, and in view of the fact that the senate has the power distinctly conferred upon it to determine who are elected, and necessarily when vacancies exist, and from the considerations already referred to, it would seem to follow as a legitimate consequence, that it is authorized to determine the order of time in which it will act, as matter of discretion. But in this, as in all other matters of discretion, it must act upon its official responsibility.

The same result would also follow from the familiar principle that when a general power is conferred, it carries with it, as an element, discretion as to its exercise, unless the manner in which it is to be exercised is specifically provided.

If, then, the senate may, in its discretion, determine the order of time in which it will report existing vacancies, a corresponding obligation would seem to rest upon the house to concur in filling those vacancies—otherwise that conflict would arise in the exercise of powers, independent in their character, which the constitution does not contemplate.

The fifth section, before referred to, provides, "in case the full number of senators to be elected from each district, shall not have been so elected, the members of the house of representatives and such senators as shall have been elected, shall, from the highest numbers of the persons, voted for, on said lists, equal to twice the number of senators deficient, in every district, if there be so many voted for, elect by joint ballot the number of senators required."

It has been suggested that the language, "such senators as shall have been elected," is applicable to such only as have been elected by the voters at the polls. This construction is supposed to be favored by the peculiar collocation of the words in that section. But when the concluding clause of the same section is considered: "and in this manner all vacancies in the senate shall be supplied, as soon as may be, after such vacancies happen;" and when it is further considered that no inequality of right or power exists among the members of the senate—that a senator elected by a convention of the members of the two houses, is, when duly qualified, clothed by the constitution with all the powers, and invested with all the rights which pertain to the office of senator, it is not perceived on what principle he can be excluded from a participation in filling any vacancies which may exist, without reference to the time or manner in which they may have occurred.

While this construction does no violence to the language of the constitution, it preserves the just rights, and essential equality, of all the members of the senate. This is also the practical construction, which it is understood has been put upon a similar provision in the constitution of Massachusetts, by the legislature of that state now in session.

These considerations, so far as they do not lead to concurrence with opinions already expressed by my learned associates, are advanced with great diffidence; but they have brought my mind to the following conclusions, as indicated in a note appended to the opinion of a majority of the court, addressed to the house of representatives:

First. That if a majority of the whole number of senators required by law are elected, and the senate duly organized, the provisions of section fifth, article fourth, part second, of the constitution contemplate, but do not require, that the senate shall determine who are elected to be senators in all the senatorial districts before the members of the house and such senators as shall have been elected, proceed to elect, by joint ballot, the number of senators required. The rule is not imperative

Second. That the provisions of that section authorize a convention, in the first instance, for the purpose of filling a part only, of the vacancies existing in the senate, on the first Wednesday of January.

Third. That a senator elected by the members of the house of representatives and such senators as shall have been elected, to fill a vacancy existing on the first Wednesday in January, is entitled, when duly qualified to act as a senator, to vote in a convention, held for the

purpose of filling other vacancies in the senate, existing, but which had not been filled, on said first Wednesday in January.

And I fully concur with the majority of the court in their answers to the fourth and fifth questions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD D. RICE.

Augusta, January 31, 1854.

OPINION OF JUDGE APPLETON.

IN SENATE, February 3, 1854.

Ordered, That Messrs. Clarke of Lincoln, McCobb of Cumberland, and Prince of Oxford, be a Committee to request of Honorable JOHN APPLETON, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, his Opinion, in full, upon the questions recently submitted to the Justices of said Court, by the House.

Bangor, February 11, 1854.

Sin:—I received, yesterday, a communication from a committee of the honorable senate, informing me of the request of that body, that I should furnish them with my opinion in full, upon the questions recently submitted to the justices of the supreme judicial court, by the house of representatives. In compliance with their expressed wish, I have the honor to present the following considerations:

The constitution of Maine in article four, part two, section five, provides for the filling of all vacancies existing in the senate on the first Wednesday of January, and for those which may subsequently arise.

This section provides for two things to be done, and for the order of time in which they shall be done. What is last to be done, is consequential upon the performance of that which is first to be done, and it cannot be accomplished, till that which precedes it in the order of time shall have been determined.

The provision as to what is first to be done is in these words:

"The senate shall, on the said first Wednesday of January, annually, determine who are elected by a majority of votes to be senators in each district." The natural and obviously occurring meaning is that all elections should be then determined, for if this be not done, they will not have been determined in each district, which this branch of the section requires—the object being at the same time to ascertain all vacancies in each district. The meaning of the word each is not

satisfied, and the idea indicated is not answered by a determination in less than in each district.

The section then proceeds as follows:

"And in case the full number of senators from each district shall not have been so elected, the members of the house of representatives and such senators, as shall have been elected, shall, from the highest numbers of persons voted for on said lists, equal to twice the number of senators deficient in every district, if there be so many voted for, elect by joint ballot the number of senators required." The subsequent action required in this clause, involves and presupposes the ascertainment of certain facts. It is only "in case the full number of senators to be elected from each district shall not have been so elected," that any subsequent action is to be had. It is not in case it is determined that part of the "senators to be elected from each district" shall not have been so elected, that the constitution requires anything to be done. If "the members of the house of representatives and such senators as shall have been elected," should go into convention with a partial determination of vacancies, by and under what portion of this section is such action commanded or required? can only be by a construction by which the full number may be held to mean any portion of the full number—and by which the vacancies in each district may be held to mean the vacancies in part of the districts.

The election is to be made "from twice the number deficient in every district," and "the number of senators required" is to be elected. Twice "the number of senators deficient in every district" is not twice the number deficient in part of the districts, nor is "the number of senators required" a part or parts of such number. If all vacancies are not ascertained, if "twice the number of senators deficient in every district" be not determined—it will be impossible to do what this section requires—that is, supply "the deficiency in every district," for it will not have been ascertained-nor to elect "the number of senators required," for in such event "the number of senators deficient" will not have been determined. It is only "in case the full number of senators to be elected from each district shall not have been so elected," and "twice the number of senators deficient in every district" shall have been determined "from the highest numbers of the persons voted for on said lists," that the constitution commands that there shall be an election and that the duty to obey arises as a constitutional obligation.

The electing body is described as composed of "the members of the house of representatives and such senators as shall have been elected." Such senators as shall have been elected? When? To what time does this refer? Most manifestly to the first Wednesday of January. It can refer to no other period of time. It follows then that one elected in this mode is not and could not have been referred to as constituting one of the electors, for he would not have been a senator at the time referred to, and his senatorial rights would have arisen from the very election contemplated in this section.

The last clause provides that "in this manner all vacancies in the senate shall be supplied as soon as may be after such vacancies happen." The preceding portion of this section refers to vacancies existing on the first Wednesday of January. This relates to vacancies happening after this time, as by death, resignation or in any other mode, and provides that the manner in which they shall be filled shall be the same, as in case of vacancies existing at the time of the first meeting of the senate.

Other and different provisions might have been made, and they might or might not have been more convenient. The true inquiry is as to the meaning of the words used. In the construction here presented, the plain and natural meaning of the words used, has been regarded. From the report accompanying the questions proposed by the house of representatives, it appears that "it has been the uniform usage in this state, since the formation of the government, to determine and declare all vacancies, existing in the senate on the day appointed for the meeting of the legislature in each year," before proceeding to elect, by joint ballot, the number of senators required. An uniform usage of so long continuance, while not conclusive, may yet justly be regarded as no slight confirmation of the correctness of the preceding construction of this section of the constitution.

These views afford an answer to the first three questions of the house. Either house when first assembled, and consisting of less than a quorum, is obviously not clothed with the powers and cannot exercise the functions of one having a constitutional quorum. But because a quorum has not been elected, or being elected, may not be present, neither the government nor the legislative branches of the government, cease to exist. Every legislative body is necessarily subject to those rules of procedure and is possessed of those powers without which it would be impossible to accomplish the purposes of its existence. The power to punish for contempts, except when committed by their own members, is not given to the house of representatives of the United States, yet it has been judicially determined to exist by the highest tribunal of the Union—as a power necessarily derived from implication. The first congress under the constitution was held at New York, on

March 4, 1789, but a quorum not being present, the house met and continued its existence by successive adjournments till the first of April, when a quorum having taken their seats, the election of its officers took place. A quorum of the senate was not had till April 6, when a message was sent to the house, informing them of that fact, and that a president had been elected for the sole purpose of opening and counting votes. During this time a journal was kept—the bodies thus assembled were respectively termed the house or senate—and their legislative existence had relation back to the day of their first meeting. That a legislative body, when less than a quorum, may organize so far as may be necessary to call that body into existence that it may continue its existence by successive adjournments—that it may keep a journal and record its proceedings-that it has the power of self-protection incident to all legislative bodies—that when a quorum is had, it then becomes possessed of full legislative power—that its legislative existence relates back to the date of its temporary organization—and that during all this time it is entitled to its appropriate designation as senate or house as the case may be, cannot be doubted. Thus much is necessary by the law of self-preservation inherent in all legislative bodies, and is believed to have been sanctioned by universal usage.

Whether the senate has or has not further power, is to be ascertained by recurring to article four, part two, which relates to the senate and its organization, and provides for the development of its organic number in case of vacancies arising from failure to elect.

Before examining the sections of the constituion bearing on the remaining questions presented, certain considerations resulting from the views already presented, obviously occur. The theory of the constitution contemplates a full senate—and the first duty imposed on the senate relates to the filling of all vacancies existing on the day of its meeting, without regard to their number, whether many or few. full number of legislative bodies is ordinarily obtained from without as by popular elections. The mode by which the senate is filled is peculiar and anomalous, the initiatory steps to obtain a full senatorial board arising from within its own body and its full number is the result of an election by an electoral body, of which its own members constitute a part. Each house is the judge of the election of its members, and no power is given to either house to judge of the election of the members of the other. The ascertainment of its condition—the preliminary steps necessary to the development of its constitutional number, are given to the senate as a part of its organizing power and for the purposes of its organization.

The question then arises, whether those powers can be exercised by less than a quorum.

By article four, part two, section three, the lists of votes for senators, duly attested, are required "to be delivered into the secretary's office thirty days at least before the first Wednesday of January." The next section provides, that the governor and council, after examining "the returned copies of such lists," shall "issue a summons to such persons as shall appear to be elected by a majority of votes in each district, to attend that day and take their seats."

The persons who appear to the governor and council from the lists to be elected as senators, and who attend and "take their seats," as such, without regard to their number, are, immediately on taking their seats, and before any addition can be made to their number, denominated "the senate" by the fifth section. The senators, thus summoned, whether few or many, are "to take their seats"—that is, assume the functions of senators. They each form a part of the senate. are senators, in fact, and of right. The section then declares that the senate—that is, that those thus summoned, "shall determine who are elected," &c. No negative words restricting the power of those thus summoned are to be found. The object to be obtained, is a full senatorial board by the action of those who appear to be elected, and have been summoned and taken their seats. The powers of each branch are separate and distinct. The power of determining vacancies is given in express terms to the senate—that is, to those thus assembled. It is not given to any other branch of the government, and resort should not be had elsewhere, unless under the pressure of the most urgent necessity. No such necessity exists.

The conclusion is, that the constitution contemplates a full senate—that it recognizes less than a quorum as a senate, and as clothed with limited powers—that they may determine vacancies—give the house the necessary information of their existence, and co-operate with them in completing the senatorial board. These powers are necessary to the complete organization of the body. In other respects, the senate, when having less than a quorum, and in the process of completing its number, is equally with the house subject to the general infirmity of power incident alike to each branch of the legislature when in that condition.

Article four, part three, relates to "legislative power," and embraces both the power of general, as well as of that particular legislation, which is to be exercised by each house in providing penalties by which to compel the attendance of absent members, or to determine its rules of proceedings, &c.

The third section of article four, part three, provides that "each house shall be the judge of the elections and qualifications of its own members, and that a majority shall constitute a quorum to do business." This section presupposes that each house has had a quorum, and has been organized, and in possession of full "legislative power." terms, it applies to each house, and to those who have become members in any mode provided for in the constitution. It recognizes the power of adjudication of the election of members, and of their qualifications,—a power essential and important to every legislative body as a part of the legislative duty of each house. After a full house, or its constitutional equivalent, a quorum, has been had, and the house has been organized, can less than a quorum judge of the election and qualification of its members? If so, they can do more than adjourn, and they must have this power only because it is no part of the business of the house. If they cannot do this, after the house or senate has had a quorum and been organized, it is difficult to perceive how a body in the process of procuring an organization, can with less than a quorum conclusively bind by its determinations the same body, when its full number shall have been obtained; in other words, that a minority of the senate can have greater powers while adopting the necessary proceedings to procure its full number, than the same number would have after the senatorial board shall have been completed. If less than a quorum, while organizing, have this power, to determine conclusively, and forever bind the senate when complete in its numbers, they must have it equally whether such condition is the result of absence or failure to elect.

It is obvious, that if to "determine who are elected," is to have the same force and effect as the phrase "shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its own members"—if the powers of a senate, when its numbers are complete, are to be forever concluded by the action of less than a quorum, while in the process of completing its numbers,—in the present case the power of the senate to judge will in advance have been taken from it, even before by the constitution the right to exercise it will have existed. If this power exists in less than a quorum, while completing its numbers, it must exist equally whether arising from absence or failure to elect; and a senate, when complete in its numbers and organization, will enter upon the discharge of its duties shorn of its power to judge of membership and qualifications.

Such a meaning, if possible, must be given to each part of the constitution as will give the fullest scope to the general intention of the instrument, and as will least conflict with its particular provisions. The senate has power to "determine." "Each house shall be the

judge of the elections and qualifications of its own members." It is a determination for the purpose of procuring a full senate, and is to be regarded as part of its organizing power. It is to be limited to the purpose in view. This limitation of meaning is further strengthened by the marked difference of phraseology in these two forms of expression. One not constitutionally a candidate, as an alien, may be elected and take his seat, and exercise the functions of a senator; and yet because not possessing the constitutional qualifications his seat may be vacated. The words used in these sections differ; the purposes for which they are used are different, and the force and effect to be given to them should be in conformity with the objects to be attained in each case. A determination for immediate action in the one case—a final and conclusive judgment in the other.

The senate in the first instance, is composed exclusively of those "who appear to be elected." The completion of its full number is the first official duty imposed upon it by the constitution. The time and delay incident upon investigating cases of contested elections could hardly have been contemplated in reference to an act, which, if practicable, is required to be done on the first day of its official existence. The determination would rather seem to be one to be based on existent materials—already in the archives of the state, and not upon the contradictory testimony of witnesses both as to elections and qualifications hereafter to be had—and after the delay incident to a protracted examination of complicated facts in an indefinite number of cases. The evidence upon which the senate would be authorized to decide, would seem to be the "returned copies of such lists," from which "the highest numbers of the persons voted for" is to be obtained.

These conclusions, for aught I can perceive, are inevitable, unless the "determination" of less than a quorum is to be held conclusive upon the senate when filled—a result, which would deprive it of one of its powers clearly granted, most essential and necessary and to which I am not prepared to assent.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN APPLETON.

Hon. LUTHER S. MOORE,

President of the Senate of Maine.

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