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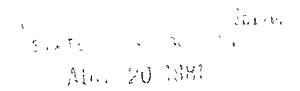
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STATE OF MAINE.

IN SLNATE, April 10, 1856.

ORDERED, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure the printing of 350 copies of the Journal of the Senate for the current session; and that three copies of the same be distributed to each of the present Senators, one copy to each of the State Senators for 1857, and that the remaining copies be deposited in the State Library.

Read and passed.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary

A true copy—Attest:

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary of the Senate.

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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

STATE OF MAINE.

AUGUSTA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1856.

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

First Senatorial District......JOHN M. GOODWIN, JOHN KEZAR.

Second Senatorial District......ABNER B. THOMPSON,
HORATIO J. SWASEY,
PHINEHAS BARNES,
JOSIAH BLAISDELL.

Third Senatorial District......EDWARD O'BRIEN,

JEFFERSON HATHORN,

STEPHEN H. READ.

Fourth Senatorial District......LOT M. MORRILL,
EMERY O. BEAN,
THOMAS BURRILL.

Fifth Senatorial District.....ALVAH MARDEN, WILLIAM AYER.

Sixth Senatorial District......WILLIAM BARKER,
MARK SHEPARD.

Eleventh Senatorial District.....JOHN P. HODSDON, WILLIAM ROWELL.

Thirteenth Senatorial District..O'NIEL W. ROBINSON, CALEB P. HOLLAND.

The Convention of Senators elect was called to order by Mr. ROBINSON of Oxford; and on his motion, Mr. Swasey of Cumberland, was chosen President of the Convention.

Mr. SWASEY signified his acceptance and took the Chair.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON of Cumberland, that Senator was charged with a message to the Governor informing him that a quorum of 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. THOMPSON subsequently reported that he had delivered the message wherewith he was charged, and that the Governor returned for answer, that he would, forthwith, attend upon the Senators elect for that purpose.

Thereupon, the Governor came in, attended by the Executive Council, Secretary of State, and Adjutant General, 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.

The Governor and his attendants then withdrew.

On motion of Mr. READ of Lincoln, Messrs. Read of Lincoln, Bean of Kennebec, and Robinson of Oxford, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of the Senate—which committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows, viz:

The whole number of votes for Secretary of the Senate, was 18

Necessary to a choice,	10
William G. Clark has	16
Louis O. Cowan has	2

The report was accepted, and WILLIAM G. CLARK was declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. CLARK 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 Hon. Lot M. Morrill, duly authorized by dedimus potestatem.

The Secretary of State came in and laid upon the table of the Senate the returns of votes given in for Senators at the last election in the several Senatorial Districts.

Mr. BARNES of Cumberland, offered the following, viz:

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 2, 1856.

Resolved, On inspection of the returns of the votes cast for Senators for the current political year, and the abstracts thereof now before the Senate, that the following persons be admitted to seats as members of the Senate, namely:

ALEXANDER JUNKINS, for the First District;

E. WILDER FARLEY, for the Third District;

SAMUEL S. HEAGAN, for the Fifth District;

SAMUEL H. TALBOT, AARON HAYDEN, for the Seventh District;

FRANCIS G. BUTLER, for the Twelfth District.

And the same was read and passed.

On motion of Mr. BARNES of Cumberland, that Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, giving information that Messrs. Alexander Junkins, E. Wilder Farley, Samuel S. Heagan, Samuel H. Talbot, Aaron Hayden and Francis G. Butler, have been declared elected members of this body, and desiring that the oaths of office, to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties, may be administered to them.

Mr. BARNES subsequently reported to the Senate, that he had discharged the duty wherewith he was charged, and that Messrs. Junkins, Farley, Heagan, Talbot and Butler had taken and subscribed the requisite oaths of office; and they were thereupon assigned their seats at the Senate board.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Cochran of Waldoborough, announcing that that branch was duly organized by the choice of Hon. Josiah S. Little of Portland, as Speaker, and David Dunn of Poland, as Clerk.

On motion of Mr. HEAGAN of Waldo, Messrs. Heagan of Waldo, Blaisdell of Cumberland, and Goodwin of York, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President of the Senate, which Committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows, viz:

The whole number of votes for President of the Senate was 22

Necessary to a choice,	12
Lot M. Morrill has	20
Phinehas Barnes has	. 1
William Barker has	1

The Report was accepted, and Hon. Lot M. Morrill was declared duly elected President of the Schate.

Mr. MORRILL signified his acceptance in the following Address, viz:

Senators:—Without experience in the duties peculiar to this position, I may be permitted to be speak your generous support in the efforts I shall constantly make to discharge them. The people will regard with deep concern any step taken here in the progress of legislation, by those to whom, for the time being, they have committed their interests. Our duties will be arduous and responsible. Let us invoke in the discharge of those duties a spirit of patriotic devotion as comprehensive as the nature and character of the various interests of our common constituency.

For the honor conferred in calling me to preside over your deliberations, accept my grateful acknowledgements.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of Franklin, Messrs. Butler of Franklin, Rowell of Somerset, and Barker of Hancock, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows, viz:

The whole number of votes for Assistant Secretary was	21
Necessary to a choice, 11	
'Nathaniel C. Reed has 19	
Joseph R. Hall has	

The Report was accepted, and NATHANIEL C. REED was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HOLLAND of Oxford, Messrs. Holland of Oxford, Blaisdell of Cumberland, and Hodsdon of Somerset, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Messenger of the Senate, which, having attended to that duty, reported as follows, viz:

The whole number of votes for Messenger of	the Senate, 24	;
Necessary to a choice,	13	
Peter A. Dalton has	22	
James Shaw has	2	

The Report was accepted, and Peter A. Daliton was declared duly elected Messenger of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HODSDON, that Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives to inform that branch of the government that the Senate is duly organized by the choice of Hon. LOT M. MORRILL of Kennebec, as President, and WILLIAM G. CLARK of Sangerville, as Secretary.

Mr. HODSDON subsequently announced to the Senate that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY of Lincoln, that Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing the Executive department that the Senate is duly organized by the choice of Hon. Lot M. Morrill as President, and William G. Clark as Secretary.

Mr. FARLEY subsequently reported to the Senate that he had delivered the message wherewith he had been charged.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the Chair, to whom shall be referred the returns of votes cast for Senators the current political year. And Messrs. Barnes and Thompson of Cumberland, Hathorne of Lincoln, Shepard of Hancock, Talbot, of Washington, Bean of Kennebec, and Goodwin of York, were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Ordered, That the Rules and Orders of the last Senate be adopted as the Rules and Orders of this Senate, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That the certified record of the town of Wilton, relating to the Senatorial votes of that town, and all other certified records of towns relating to Senatorial votes, be referred to the Committee on Senatorial votes.

On motion of Mr. JUNKINS of York, Messrs. Junkins of York, Butler of Franklin, and Ayer of Waldo, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Chaplain to the Senate.

Having attended to that duty, said Committee reported as follows, viz:

The whole number of votes for Chaplain was	18
Necessary to a choice,	10
W. A. P. Dillingham has	17
Mr. Webb of Augusta has	1

The Report was accepted, and Rev. W. A. P. DILLINGHAM was declared duly elected Chaplain of the Scnate.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify Rev. Mr. Dillingham of his election as Chaplain of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to place in the possession of the Secretary of the Senate, for its use, the Journals of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, In concurrence with the House, that when the two branches next adjourn, it be to to-morrow afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following order came from the House:

STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, January 2, 1856.

Ordered, That a Committee of one from each County on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to examine and report upon the votes given for Governor in the several cities, towns, and plantations of this State, at the last annual election.

Passed by the House,—and Messrs. Morrow of Searsport, Swasey of Bucksport, Swett of Parsonsfield, Ham of Lewiston, Andrews of Bridgton, Vaughan of Farmington, Pishon of Vassalborough, Dana of Wiscasset, Sawyer of Stoneham, Eaton of Plymouth, Gilman of Sebec, Patten of Richmond, Moore of Anson, Duren of Calais, and Hewes of Masardis, appointed Committee on part of the House.

The Senate passed the Order in concurrence, and joined Messrs. Thompson of Cumberland, Rowell of Somerset, Barker of Hancock, Robinson of Oxford, Junkins of York, Read of Lincoln, and Butler of Franklin, on its part to said Committee.

The Senate then adjourned to to-morrow afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock.

A true record of proceedings.

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Attest:

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

IN SENATE.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1856.

The Senate met according to adjournment.

The Journal of yesterday was read by the Secretary.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. BARNES offered the following Report:

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 8, 1856.

The Committee of the Senate, to whom were referred the return of votes east for Senators for the current political year, copies of record and certificates relating to votes east for Senators in several towns, have had the same under consideration and Report:

That in the First District—

The whole number of votes is	11,429
Necessary to a choice,	5,715
John M. Goodwin has	5,731
John Kezar has	5,727
Alexander Junkins has	5,729

And they are elected.

Upon evidence exhibited in the papers before the Committee 378 votes returned for Alexander Judkins are allowed and counted for Alexander Junkins. The return from the town of Elliot did not state the number of votes given for any candidate for Senators. Information was before the Committee under the official signature of the town officers, that two hundred and six votes were east in that town for two of the candidates who are elected, and two hundred and four votes for the third elected candidate, but the Committee did not deem it suitable to count these votes in their favor.

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In the Second District—	,
The whole number of votes is	16,412
Necessary to a choice	8,207
Phinehas Barnes has	8,768
Horatio J. Swazey has	8,738
Josiah Blaisdell has	8,727
Abner B. Thompson has	8,718
And they are elected.	
One hundred votes returned for H. J. S.	wazey, were allowed
and counted for Horatio J. Swazey.	
In the Third District—	
The whole number of votes is	13,929
Necessary for a choice	6,965
Edward O'Brien has	7,192
Jefferson Hathorn has	7,190
Stephen H. Read has	7,250
E. Wilder Farley has	7,176
And they are elected.	
Nine hundred and fifty-six votes returned	for Ephraim Wilder
Farley were allowed and counted for E. W	ilder Farley.
In the Fourth District—	
The whole number of votes is	11,013
Necessary for a choice	5,507
Lot M. Morrill has	5,645
Thomas Burrill has	5,660
Emery O. Bean has	5,662
And they are chosen.	•
The return from West Gardiner did not	state the number of
votes given for any candidate for Senators	4
In the Fifth District—	•
The whole number of votes is	8,523
Necessary for a choice	4,264
Alvah Marden has	4,367
William Ayer has	4,393
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And they are elected.

254 votes returned for S. S. Heagan were allowed and counted for Samuel S. Heagan.

Samuel S. Heagan has

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In the Sixth District—	F 0.01
The whole number of votes is	5,321
Necessary for a choice	2,661 ' -
William Barker has	2,947
Mark Shepard has	2,951
And they are elected.	
In the Seventh District—	•
The whole number of votes is	5,712
Necessary for a choice	2,857
Samuel H. Talbot has	2,906
Aaron Hayden has	2,876
And they are elected.	
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342 votes returned for S. H. Talbot were allowed and counted for Samuel H. Talbot. 42 votes returned for A. Hayden were allowed and counted for Aaron Hayden.

In the Eighth District—

The whole number of votes is	2,067
Necessary for a choice	1,034
Nathaniel Blake has	733
Ezckiel D. French has	748
John S. Gilman has	578

And there is no choice.

Ezekiel D. French and Nathaniel Blake are the constitutional candidates for the one vacancy which exists in this District.

In the Ninth District—	****
The whole number of votes is	12,295
Necessary for a choice	6,148
William R. Hersey has	5,876
Abner R. Hallowell has	5,708
Lyndon Oak has	5,887
Allen Crane has	5,003
Leonard Jones has	5,015
Jonas Weston has	4,916
Elias Dudley has	1,382
Daniel White has	1,465
Francis Hill has	1,360
And there is no choice.	•

William R. Hersey, Abner R. Hallowell, Lyndon Oak, Allen Crane, Leonard Jones and Jonas Weston are the constitutional candidates to fill the three vacancies which exist in this District.

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The whole number of votes is	2,859
Necessary for a choice	1,430
Philip S. Lowell has	1,422
John Elliot has	1,428
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And there is no choice.

Philip S. Lowell and John Elliot are the constitutional candidates for the one vacancy which exists in this District.

In the Eleventh District-

The whole number of votes is	7,776
Necessary for a choice	3,889
William Rowell has	4,725
John P. Hodsdon has	4,704
they are elected.	

And they are elected.

In the Twelfth District-

The whole number of votes is	4,117
Necessary for a choice	2,059
Francis G. Butler has	2,131

And is elected.

209 votes returned for F. G. Butler, and 153 votes returned Francis Gould Butler were allowed and counted for Francis G. Butler.

In the Thirteenth District.

The whole number of votes is		`8,884
Necessary for a choice	,	4,443
O'Niel W. Robinson has		4,595
Caleb P. Holland has		4,504
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And they are elected.

Respectfully submitted,

P. BARNES, Chairman.

And the report was read and accepted.

Mr. THOMPSON submitted the following Report:

STATE OF MAINE.

In Legislature, January 3, 1856.

The Joint Select Committee to whom were referred the returns of votes given for Governor in the several cities, towns, and plantations of this State at the last annual election, having duly examined the same, respectfully

REPORT:

That the whole number of votes returned by the several cities, towns and plantations, at the last annual election, is one hundred ten thousand, four hundred seventy-seven.

To constitute an election, fifty-five thousand, two hundred thirty-nine votes are necessary. No person has that number.

Of the number returned, Anson P. Morrill has fifty-one thousand, four hundred and forty-one;

Samuel Wells has forty-eight thousand, three hundred and forty-five;

Isaac Reed has ten thousand, six hundred and ten;

Freeman H. Morse has eleven, and Ezekiel Holmes has eleven.

The Constitutional Candidates from which a Governor is to be elected by the Legislature, are Anson P. Morrill, Samuel Wells, Isaac Reed, and either Freeman H. Morse or Ezekiel Holmes, the three first named being the highest on the list, and the last two having received an equal number of votes.

In the number of votes counted for Anson P. Morrill, the Committee allowed one hundred and forty-three votes returned for A. P. Morrill; and in those for Samuel Wells, twenty-five votes returned for Samuel Welds,—one returned for Samuel Wills, and one for Samuel Wel.

In those returned for Isaac Reed, one vote returned L Reed, and in the number returned for Ezekiel Holmes, one vote for Ezekiel Homes.

There were also returned the following votes, viz: For Samuel F. Hersey, five; Oliver B. Dorrance, four; for Wood. bury Davis, three; William H. Reed, three; J. Reed, three;

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two each for Isaac P. Reed, Samuel Fessenden, William P. Haines, W. B. S. Moore, A. K. Parris, and Jeremiah Hacker; and one each for Stephen Draper, Ebenezer Everett, Charles Stetson, Ether Shepley, William T. Dwight, Thomas Harris, James H. Lunt, Sylvanus Jordan, John Reed, Hannibal Hamlin, John Hubbard, Wales Hubbard, Amos Hodgman, Noah Smith, Franklin Muzzy, Albion K. Parris, Samuel H. Blake, Lot M. Morrill, Rodney Lincoln, John S. Tenney, E. Wilder Farley, Isaiah Felker, Edward Paul, Hiram Burrill, J. M. Lincoln, James S. Hall, E. Bradbury, Israel Littlefield, and Sam.

RECAPITULATION.

Whole number of votes,		110,477
Necessary to a choice,	•	55,239
Anson P. Morrill has	51,441	
Samuel Wells has	48,345	
Isaac Reed has	10,610	
Freeman H. Morse has	11	
Ezekiel Holmes has	11	
Scattering,	59 、	110,477

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. THOMPSON, Chairman.

The Report was read and accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARNES announced to the Senate that he had attended Hon. Aaron Hayden, Senator elect from the Seventh Senatorial District, to the Council Chamber, where in the presence of the Governor and Executive Council he had taken and subscribed the requisite oaths of office, whereupon Mr. Hayden took his seat at the Senate Board.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That a message be sent by the Secretary of the Senate, to the House of Representatives, informing that body that

One vacancy has been determined by the Senate to exist in the Eighth Senatorial District, and that Ezekiel D. French, and Nathaniel Blake,

Are the constitutional candidates to fill that vacancy.

That three vacancies have been determined by the Senate to exist in the Ninth Senatorial District, and that

William R. Hersey,
Abner R. Hallowell,
Lyndon Oak,
Allen Crane,
Leonard Jones, and
Jonas Weston,

are the constitutional candidates for those vacancies.

That one vacancy has been determined by the Senate to exist in the Tenth Senatorial District, and that

Philip S. Lowell, and John Elliott,

are the constitutional candidates for that vacancy.

And proposing that a Convention of the two branches be held at quarter before 4 o'clock this afternoon, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of electing Senators to supply those vacancies, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The message was delivered by the Secretary; and subsequently the Senate was informed from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, that the House had concurred in the proposition of the Senate for a Convention to fill the vacancies existing in the Senate.

A message was received from the Governor, by the hand of the Secretary of State, returning the bill of the last Legislature, entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Reed," stating the reasons of the Governor for witholding his approval of the bill, as follows:

STATE OF MAINE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

On the day of the final adjournment of the last Legislature, a bill was passed, entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Reed." This bill contemplates incorporating into a town, territory comprising Patricktown plantation and a portion of the towns of Whitefield and Jefferson.

Having viewed it my duty to withold my approval of the bill setting off portions of these towns and annexing the same to said plantation, it would not be proper, I apprehend, for this act of incorporation to become a law while the territory it proposes to incorporate with Patricktown plantation still belongs to the towns of Whitefield and Jefferson.

For these reasons only, I return the bill, without my approval, to the Senate where it originated.

ANSON P. MORRILL.

Council Changer, } January 1, 1856.

The message having been read, was, with the bill accompanying, on motion of Mr. FARLEY, laid on the table.

The hour assigned for a convention of the two branches for the purpose of filling vacancies in the Senate, having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives, where a convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY of the Senate,

Messrs. Swasey, Bean and Hodsdon of the Senate, and Collins, Wing, Emerson Deering and Barrows of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Senator for the Eighth Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported that

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The whole number of votes was	173
Necessary to a choice	87
Ezekiel D. French has	110
Nathaniel Blake has	62
Abner R. Hallowell has	1

The Report was accepted, and EZEKIEL D. FRENCH declared duly elected a Senator for the Eighth Senatorial District.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER of the Senate,

Messrs. Butler, O'Brien and Hayden of the Senate, and Miller, Lunt, Hobart, Hardy and Prince of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Senators for the Ninth Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty, the committee reported that

The whole number of votes was		174
Necessary to a choice,		88
Allen Crane has	ą	112
Leonard Jones has		112
Jonas Weston has		112
William R. Hersey has	,	62
Abner R. Hallowell has	1	62
Lyndon Oak has		62

The report was accepted, and Allen Crane, Leonard Jones and Jonas Weston were declared duly elected Senators for the Ninth Senatorial District.

On motion of Mr. HEAGAN of the Senate,

The Committee appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for a Senator for the Eighth Senatorial District, were directed to receive, sort and count the votes for a Senator for the Tenth Senatorial District.

- Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that

The whole number of votes was	~a	171
Necessary to a choice,		86
Philip S. Lowell has		112
John Elliot has		59

The report was accepted, and Philip S. Lowell was declared duly elected Senator for the Tenth Senatorial District.

The Convention having accomplished the business for which it was formed, then separated.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to make up the pay

of Edwin Freeman, late Messenger of the Senate, to and including to-morrow, with two days extra for services in preparing the Senaté Chamber for the present Session.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to notify EZEKIEL D. FRENCH, ALLEN CRANE, LEONARD JONES, JONAS WESTON, and PHILIP S. LOWELL of their election as Senators, and request their attendance at the Senate Board.

The Secretary subsequently informed the Senate that he had notified Messrs. French, Jones, Weston, and Lowell of their election, and that they were present and ready to take the oaths of office.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER, that Senator was directed to conduct said Senators elect to the Council Chamber, and request that the oaths of office may be administered to them.

Mr. BUTLER subsequently announced to the Senate that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Ezekiel D. French, Leonard Jones, Jonas Weston and Philip S. Lowell had, in the presence of 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 thereupon they severally took their seats at the Senate Board.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. DUNN, its Clerk, informing the Senate that the House of Representatives had, by ballot, from the persons having the four highest numbers of votes on the lists, elected two, viz:

SAMUEL WELLS, and ISAAC REED,

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

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Governor for the current political year; and Messrs. Thompson, Farley, and Barker were appointed said Committee.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported as follows:

The whole number of ballots was		30
Necessary to a choice,		16
Samuel Wells has		, 21
Isaac Reed has	` +	7
And there are two blanks,		2

The report was accepted, and SAMUEL WELL'S was declared duly elected Governor for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Represent atives, informing that branch that the Senate have, by ballot, elected Hon. Samuel Wells as Governor of the State of Maine, for the current political year.

Mr. SWASEY was charged with that message; and subsequently announced to the Senate that he had delivered the message to the House.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Ordered, That Messrs. Butler, Barnes, and Goodwin, be a Committee, with such as the House may join, to notify Hon. SAMUEL WELLS of his election as Governor for the current political year.

The House of Representatives concurred, and joined Messrs. Talbot of Lubec, Morrow of Searsmont, Lyman of Portland, Irish of Union, and Winslow of Westbrook, as Committee on part of the House.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council informing the Executive branch of the Government that the Senate have, by ballot, elected Hon. Samuel Wells as Governor of this State for the current political year.

Mr. GOODWIN was charged with the message; and subsequently reported to the Senate that he had delivered the message as he had been directed. On motion of Mr. SHEPARD,

Ordered, That the Senate do now adjourn till to-morrow at half past 10 o'clock, in the forenoon.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

A true Record of proceedings.

Attest:

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1856.

The Journal of yesterday was read by the Secretary, the Senate having met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Secretary informed the Senate that he had notified Hon. Allen Crane of his election as a Senator of the Ninth Senatorial District, according to the order of the Senate, and that Mr. Crane was present, and ready to take the oaths of office.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, that Senator was directed to conduct Mr. Crane to the Council Chamber to take and subscribe the oaths of office.

Mr. THOMPSON subsequently reported to the Senate that Mr. Crane, in presence of the Governor and Council, had taken and subscribed the oaths of office required by the Constitution.

Thereupon, Mr. Crane took his seat at the Senate Board.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Joint Select Committee appointed to wait on the Hon. Samuel Wells, 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 duties assigned it, and that the Governor elect was pleased to say in reply, that he accepted the office, and was in attendance at the Council Chamber, and was ready to take and subscribe the oaths of office, whenever it should suit the convenience of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of the two branches in the Hall of the House of Representatives, this day at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of administering the necessary oaths to SAMUEL WELLS, Governor elect, to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The message was delivered by the Secretary.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. DUNN, its Clerk, informing the Senate that the House does not concur in the proposition of the Senate for a Convention this day at 12 o'clock, noon, but that the House propose a Convention of the two branches in the Hall of the House, this day at quarter before 12 o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of administering the necessary oaths to Hon. Samuel Wells, Governor elect, to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties; and asking the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, the Senate voted to recederand concur with the House.

The hour for holding the Convention of the two branches having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY of the Senate,

Ordered, That a message be sent to Hon. Samuel Wells, Governor elect, informing him that the two branches of the Legislature have met in Convention, and inviting him to attend before said Convention for the purpose of taking and subscribing the Constitutional oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. SWASEY was charged with the message, and subsequently announced to the Convention that he had delivered the message with which he had been entrusted, and that the Governor elect was pleased to say that he would attend the Convention forthwith, for the purpose indicated in the message.

Thereupon, the Governor elect, attended by the Governor

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and Council of the last year, and the Heads of the Departments, preceded by the Sheriff of Androscoggin County and the Adjutant General, came in, and in presence of the two Houses, before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., the Secretary of State, then made the following Proclamation:

"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 Hon. Samuel Wells and Hon. Isaac Reed, as the Constitutional Candidates for the office, from which the Senate has elected Hon. Samuel Wells, 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 SAMUEL WELLS 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 President of the Convention then signified that the two branches of the Legislature, in Convention assembled, were ready to hear any communication from the Governor he might be disposed to make.

Whereupon, the Governor addressed the Convention as follows:

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

We assemble together by the favor of Divine Providence from whose beneficent hand we receive all our possessions. Our hearts should expand with grateful emotions to Him for the abundant products of the earth, for exemption from pestilence and wasting disease, and especially for the blessings of a free government,—a government of the people, without kings, lords or nobles, and in which there is ample scope for every industrial pursuit incident to man.

But although our government is founded upon the principle of representation, in a more perfect form than was ever before understood by any nation ancient or modern, it cannot be preserved without constant vigilance, without honesty and sincerity of purpose, and a practical ability, which justly appreciates the true mode of conducting public affairs. If we are negligent of our political rights, and do not exercise over them a perpetual and constant care, we may find when we awake to our true condition, that it is too late, and that all is lost by our supineness and inattention.

The subject of slavery in the southern states and territories continues to engross a large share of the public, mind at the north, Although we are happily relieved from the existence of slavery among us, yet many of our citizens are more engaged in examining and discussing its policy and merits, than any other question of a public nature. In our estimation slavery is a great evil, the removal of which from the entire limits of our common country would be highly gratifying to every patriotic citizen. But it is not the part of wisdom in order to remove one evil, to bring upon ourselves an avalanch of evils. The true law of progress is slow, but sure and certain, not destructive but beneficial in its operations and results. By a prudent observance and willing obedience to this law, our form of government has been preserved, and there has not been a period since its institution, when it was in a more vigorous condition, and when the American people were more powerful and abounding in all the elements of wealth and strength, than at the present moment. When the people of the United States adopted their constitution, they were thirteen feeblecolonies, just come out of a long and harrassing war; they were literally poor, a large portion of their property having been spent to secure their independence. Now we have thirty-one states, extending from the St. John to the Rio Grande, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, possessing immense resources and all the means of greatness. Nor are primitive virtue and courage and aptitude for self-defense wanting.

The different States should be bound together in perfect friendship and amity, like the members of one common family. If reproach, abuse and vituperation are bestowed upon each other, such language will in the end produce its legitimate effects, engendering hatred and ill will, and at length breaking out in destructive action.

All the colonies participated in fighting the battles of the revolution. The patriots who had hazarded their lives in defence of liberty, after the war was over, sat down together and framed the constitution. Slavery then existed in nearly every colony. Each state being sovereign and

independent, was under no obligations but those of patriotism to come into the confederacy. They severally possessed the right to regulate their own domestic institutions without interference of any one, and if this independence of individual states had not been conceded, the constitution could not have been formed, and the hope of a free and enlightened government of the people, on this continent, would have expired. The slave population at that time, as at present, constituted about one-sixth part of all the inhabitants.

It was undoubtedly expected, in the early days of the republic, that slavery would not continue many years. And there have been periods when there was a prospect of the adoption of measures to accomplish But we have reason to believe that it has been retarded by the agitation of the subject in the free states. A class of persons have labored assiduously for a quarter of a century to excite the feelings and prejudices of the people against the south and its institutions. They have enlisted the sympathies of those who are ignorant of the true condition of the slaves, and organized political parties with the avowed purpose generally of acquiring power to ameliorate their condition, but without any distinct and well defined object or course of action of a practical character. The history of their efforts demonstrates the weakness and inutility of them. They have accomplished nothing worthy of their professions. They have liberated but few, if any, slaves, and have not removed slavery from a single rod of terri-Discretion would indicate a change of measures, the cultivation of charity and kindness, and a broader range of social duties towards those whose political welfare and destiny are so closely united with ours.

If the owners of slaves should be willing to emancipate them, provided they could be distributed among the people of the several states in proportion to their population, it would give one slave to every six or seven free persons. Many of the slaves would be incapable of labor through age, infirmity, and childhood, and would require support as paupers. The residue would be at liberty to seek such subsistence as their wants might demand, in the same manner as free blacks usually do. The inhabitants of the north and west would not be benefited by an accession to their population of their proportion of three and a half millions of blacks. It requires no great degree of foresight to perceive, that nearly every city and town in the free states would refuse their admittance.

When those who are most deeply interested in negro slavery, and have reflected most upon the subject, shall desire to relieve themselves of it, they will probably adopt a gradual mode of emancipation. The relation between master and slave cannot be suddenly dissolved with

safety to either, while the number of slaves is so large. They might be freed after having arrived at a certain age, and sent to Africa, the land of their origin, with habits of industry, and a degree of knowledge and civilization which they never could have obtained in their native country. If the negro race is capable of self-government, and possessess the inherent power of advancement in self culture, ample scope is now presented for the exercise of it on the continent of Africa. As evidence of a highly satisfactory character that negroes do possess this power, it is already shown in the colony of Liberia, that those who have been taught in the school of slavery, can sustain a firm and stable government, and defend themselves against barbarian and hostile tribes. The increase of the colony will constantly add to its reputation, and when its commerce shall be expanded, and its flag respected, and a growing marine exist, the eyes of the colored race will be turned towards it, and there will flow into it a constant tide of emigration. No reason appears to exist why it may not surpass in vigor and wealth, and much more in a good government, the nations which have flourished on the northern coast of that continent. Some of our national vessels might be fitted and employed in carrying to that colony all who are willing to be transported thither. expenditure would appear to be equally legitimate, as the employment of national vessels to guard the coast. An extended line of settlement of hardy colonists, capable of bearing arms, would prove quite effective in checking the slave trade.

The southern people are subjected to the burden of slavery, they know how to treat it better than we do, and it is alike alien to patriotism, and a true sense of religious duty, to inflame the minds of southern citizens and aggravate their condition by a constant course of censure and an unnecessary interference with their affairs.

The Missouri compromise line was an arrangement between different sections; it cooled the passions and allayed the prejudices of contending parties. It had remained in force a third of a century, and its repeal gave offense to many true friends of the Union, and occasion to the uprising of a wilder spirit of abolitionism than had ever before infested the country. Men, who had been loyal to their constitutional obligations, in a moment of resentment broke away and united with vicious political associations, that threatened, for a time, to destroy the very foundations of the Republic. But whatever opinions may be entertained of the policy of that measure, it has passed, and the principle is adopted, that each territory may determine the character of its own institutions. In itself considered, this is unquestionably most in accordance with the basis of American govern-

ment and the true idea of the liberty of communities. Those who wander far from the places of their birth, lay the foundation of new states and endure all the hardships and privations of infant settlements. merit the right of making their own laws, for the government of their homes and firesides. They can appreciate their necessities and interests better than their former associates, whom they have left at a great distance behind them. All the territories wherever situate, are open to a free competition of institutions; there is no longer any line to check expressly or by implication the establishment of such legislation as is congenial to the habits of the people. And the time will probably soon come when very few will desire the restoration of that line, and an end will be put to the constant and bitter conflict of opinion arising from that subject.

The regulation of the sale of intoxicating liqors will claim the early attention of the legislature. The laws upon that subject have undergone frequent changes, and with the light of experience, a new one may be framed, which will suit the wants of the community. The liability to abuse and excess in the consumption of such liquors, calls upon society to restrain the sale as far as is consistent with the liberty of the citizen. Intemperance is a great evil, the parent of many sorrows, vices and crimes, and every legitimate and proper means should be used to prevent it. But the true foundation of temperance must be laid in education. Fines and imprisonment terrify and restrain to some extent, but they rarely reform. Every man capable of managing his affairs has the right to determine for himself what shall be eaten or drank in his own house, and any attempt by law to control him in the exercise of it, cannot be justified. But when one undertakes to act upon society, by selling liquor, the law can properly prescribe rules for his government, he then makes himself amenable to the will of others. Society, in the employment of a proper discretion, may protect itself. The use of stimulants containing the intoxicating principle, has prevailed among all nations from the earliest times, and it is not probable, that it will ever be entirely abandoned.

Whether a person will or will not use intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is a question for his own determination. One may persuade another as to what he shall do in relation to himself in morals or religion, but coercion in respect to such action is persecution. It is founded in the sentiment, that one knows what is better for his neighbor, than the neighbor knows for himself, and a unity of will must be made by compulsion. An attempt of this kind is at war with the very elements of civil liberty. The wants of the community will be satisfied with a very restricted sale, by granting licenses in each city town

and plantation, to no more sellers than will conveniently accommodate the purchasers. It is a desirable object to place the traffic in the hands of respectable citizens. Innholders by furnishing liquors to their guests and travelers alone, would stand in the same situation as the heads of families. Importers under the laws of the United States should be allowed to sell in the original packages. And there are some classes of persons to whom sales should be prohibited, those whose habits show them unfit to be trusted with what they are sure to use improperly.

The public good requires that no intoxicating liquors should be allowed to be drank in the shops where they are sold. Such practices lead to breaches of the peace, and other conduct injurious to society. It does not accord with wise and consistent laws to forbid the manufacture of an article which is permitted to be sold. No doubt the legislature will enact a law, with suitable penalties, that will receive the approbation of the people, and will accomplish all that legislation can be expected to do in promoting the cause of temperance.

Although many well meaning persons have approved of the existing law on this subject, believing it to be the best instrumentality to advance a good cause, it seems to me that they have done so without a thorough examination and understanding of it, and that no rational and unprejudiced man, who has studied it attentively, can sanction its tyrannical details, and recommend it, as a rule of government, to a free people.

Ever since the organization of the state, there has been an intermediate court between justices of the peace and the supreme judicial court, until the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, when the district court was abolished. The smallest causes may now be carried by appeal from the decision of a justice of the peace to the supreme court. Courts of final resort, where the life, liberty and property of every person may be brought into controversy, ought not to be required to engage in the investigation of causes of small magnitude. They should be exempt from the hurry and confusion of an ordinary business court. The mind wearied with painful attention in hearing a multiplicity of motions, adjusting and disposing of numerous small actions, turns with diminished vigor to the trial of larger ones.

At present all the actions to be heard and decided are in one court, and the number for trial on the dockets in the several counties is understood to be greater than usual. When so many actions stand for trial, especially in the large counties, great expense is occasioned to suitors by delay, and in the difficulty of knowing when to be prepared for trial. A party must wait term after term the slow action of the

law before his turn will come. Not unfrequently witnesses are summoned and attend court at a great expense, and it is found that the court cannot sit long enough to reach the cases in which they are to testify, or that they must wait many days, and the consequence is that the actions are continued. These evils are more or less incident to all courts, but more especially to the present organization. It is the duty of the state to provide a sufficient number of courts, so that there should be no unnecessary expense or delay in the administration of justice. In my judgment, the establishment of a court of common pleas would improve the condition of the judiciary, and be a measure of utility and economy to our citizens. If another court is formed, it will be necessary to diminish the number of the judges of the supreme court. A reduction can be made to the desired number as fast as vacancies may occur.

It is somewhat remarkable that in the changes our judiciary has gone through, the highest court for the decision of legal questions should not be formed in a strictly legal manner. By the present law, four judges are designated to decide questions of law and equity, and for the trial of capital offenses, leaving four to attend jury trials. The four last named are not precluded in express terms from acting with the former, but such is the evident implication. Three of the members so designated as a law court, may hear all questions which may come before the court, but a majority may decide them. Two judges out of eight can determine all questions of law.

By the constitution of this state, there is no subordination of one judge of the supreme judicial court to another. They all stand upon the same footing of equality; their powers are the same. The constitution does not even provide for a chief justice. The judges together constitute the judicial power of the state and a distinct department of the government. The legislature makes the laws and prescribes the jurisdiction of the court, but the justices construe and expound them. The title given to the court, "supreme judical court," by the constitution, implies that each member of it belongs to a tribunal of final jurisdiction. No power is given to the legislature to apportion their labor. When called upon by the governor, council, senate or house of representatives, in the language of the constitution, "to give their opinions upon important questions of law and upon solemn occasions," a majority of the whole number can determine them. If those who are not embraced in the law court should insist upon uniting with those who are, and in taking part with them, who could prevent it? If the legislature may prescribe their respective duties, it might say that some of them should try one class of cases LLMC DIGITAL

and some another; some should confine their attention to actions originating with justices of the peace, while others should examine cases of more importance. The preservation of the distinct and separate powers of the government forbids that one branch should exercise over another a supervision not contemplated by the constitution. It does not seem to fall within the province of the legislature, but belongs to the several members of the court alone to divide and arrange their labors among themselves, each one having equal authority to act as a member of a tribunal possessing final jurisdiction, whether presiding at jury trials or aiding in deciding questions of law.

No one can be insensible to the absolute necessity of an upright and intelligent administration of justice. Our judges should be uninfluenced by passion or prejudice in the discharge of their duties, looking only to what is legal and just, irrespective of the persons whose causes are brought before them. It should be the aim and endeavor of good men of all parties seduously to exclude from our courts all partizan bias and not allow them to be moulded or influenced by party politics. All classes of citizens should have confidence in the impartiality and fidelity of both judges and jurors. And any designed, or improper omission to place the names of suitable persons upon the lists of jurors, or changing the form and jurisdiction of legal tribunals in order to give the control of them to men of peculiar views upon any particular subject, cannot, under any circumstances, be justified. Where it may appear that such acts have been done, a corrective should be applied, as far as it falls within the power of the legislature.

An act was passed by the last legislature requiring persons, who had been naturalized, to exhibit their naturalization papers, three months at least before the day of election, to entitle them to vote. When an alien becomes an American citizen, he is such fully and effectually in all respects. He is entitled to all the rights and privileges of citizenship. No particular duty can be required of him that is not required of other citizens. And laws should be uniform in their operation, capable of affecting all classes alike, and those which are made exclusively for some and cannot in any event apply to others, are not the laws contemplated by the constitution. The essence and nature of a law in a free government is a rule of action for all the people. It is such only that the legislature can enact. If the legislature has power to provide, that all the electors in the state should furnish evidence of their right to vote, three months before election, the act in question is not of that general character and must therefore be invalid.

The constitution of this state requires a residence of three months

next preceding any election, to entitle a person to vote for state officers. Can the legislature add another prerequisite to the constitution, and say that the electors should do other acts at certain prescribed times before election? If it can, then the constitution may be so far changed as to add new qualifications by statute to the elective franchise.

The law requiring the names of voters to be entered upon the lists, authorizes it to be done down to the time of voting. If it precluded a person from exhibiting evidence at the polls of his right to vote, and from having his name then put upon the lists, it would appear to be a requirement additional to the constitution, and not within the power of the legislature.

The act under consideration is amenable to both of the foregoing objections, and in my judgment is unconstitutional.

The act of the same legislature, forbidding the courts of the state from exercising jurisdiction in relation to naturalization, may not be liable to the charge of being unconstitutional, but it is extremely illiberal, and bears with unnecessary severity upon persons of foreign birth. The exercise of this jurisdiction by the state courts has been coeval with the organization of the government. Under this law, those who desire to become citizens must be subjected to increased expense and trouble, and travel a great distance with their witnesses to reach the courts of the United States.

The true policy of our state is to encourage the introduction of foreign labor. At the last census Maine had a population of five hundred and eigthy-three thousand, one hundred and sixty-nine. these persons only thirty-one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five were born in foreign countries. Every full grown person, who is able and willing to labor, adds very much to the riches of a state. the census shows that no just ground of apprehension can be entertained from the amount of foreign population. Our experience teaches that it soon amalgamates with our native population, and after a few years cannot be distinguished from it. It is not creditable to us. who in tracing our ancestry for two or three generations find them to be persons born in foreign lands, to awaken prejudices against foreigners. This country was made for the down-trodden and oppressed of all nations. By liberal laws we have invited foreigners to our shores, and there are hardships enough incident to their exile from their native homes, without the imposition of new and onerous regulations, causing unnecessary disquiet and vexation in their efforts to avail themselves of the benefit of those laws.

There is another act passed by the last legislature, which must tend to continue the irritation already existing on the subject of slavery.

Its purport is to prevent any one holding office under this state from aiding in the apprehension of fugitive slaves. This law would probably have no practical effect, for a fugitive slave has never been retaken in this state, and if one should come hither, the expense of following him at so great a distance would be very likely to deter an owner from the pursui. But in any event, all such laws are objectionable. They indicate a disposition to escape from our constitutional obligations. We ought not to expect to enjoy all that is agreeable in our national relations, while we repudiate what is uncongenial to our tastes. We should never give our consent to a law, which is not required by strong necessity, when it is directly calculated to create an animosity between the inhabitants of different states.

The strength of a republic consists in the integrity and intelligence of its people. In their hands are all the powers of government. If they are vicious and ignorant, they cannot long retain their liberty. It is the duty of the legislature to promote the education of the great body of the people. It is true, that towns and districts exercise a watchful care over the schools within their limits, and we must look to them as the immediate and constantly active guardians of education. The legislature can increase their means, and enable them to impart instruction in a more perfect and thorough manner, and to a greater extent. The instruction of teachers appears to be a measure of direct practical benefit. The increase of knowledge on their part enables them to communicate more abundantly to others, and thus the way is prepared for a broader field of information.

The legislature is moreover bound by the constitution suitably to endow literary institutions of a higher grade than common schools. If those who engage in the various and ordinary occupations of life, could receive a liberal education, such as may be obtained in our colleges, it would not only be beneficial to them personally, but would greatly increase their ability for usefulness.

Under the favoring auspices of the union, Maine must ever be a great commercial state. Her long line of sea coast, with numerous safe and commodious harbors, invites commerce to her shores. The building of a greater number of ships than any other state of the Union, the merchant service upon the ocean, the fisheries, and the mechanic arts, engage the attention and furnish employment to a large number of persons. But three hundred thousand, at least, of our whole population are directly supported by agriculture; and all are dependent for subsistence on those who cultivate the earth. The improved culture of every farm adds to the real wealth of the state. The distribution of a well written treatise on agricultural chemistry, to the

several towns and plantations, it is believed, would prove a judicious expenditure; and every encouragement, dictated by a wise legislation, should be given to actual settlers upon the lands of the state.

The report of the land agent will show the condition of the land office, and the present state of the public lands. It is believed by me to be the true policy of the state, not to sell any timber lands, unless it is in want of the money, and not to give credit upon the sales. is better to sell them at a less price for immediate payment, than a larger one on credit, with the hazard of loss in the end, or great delay and expense in collecting the debts. Many difficulties would be avoided in the administration of the affairs of the land office, if the powers of the agent were limited to its immediate duties, and the sale of settling lands only; and commissioners, chosen by the legislature, or appointed by the governor and council, could superintend the sales of timber lands, and give the necessary deeds, upon the payment of the purchase money into the treasury. This course would appear best calculated to prevent favoritism, and inspire public confidence in that department of the government. Such sales could be made at public auction, after due notice, and in such quantities as would suit the wants of purchasers.

The treasurer's report will furnish the necessary information in relation to the finances of the state. I have had no opportunity to examine either that or the report of the land agent. It may be necessary for the legislature to make further provision for the keeping of the money of the state, when there shall be a large accumulation, not needed for immediate 'disbursement. If deposits are made in banks, the amount in any one should depend upon its capital, and when they pay interest on them, it should be received by the state.

It is gratifying to learn that the reform school is in a flourishing condition, and that it meets the just expectations of the public. The old system and mode of treatment of boys of tender age, who had violated the laws, when their minds were immature, and judgments unformed, by confining them in jails and prisons, at a time they most needed kindness and the peculiar care incident to children, has at length yielded to a more enlightened and rational treatment.

In this school the boys are instructed in the usual branches of knowledge commonly taught in other schools; they learn some useful trade and work upon the farm, while their religious and moral culture is not neglected. They also acquire habits of industry, so necessary to be possessed by every person who desires to obtain the means of subsistence and to live happily. A love of labor, without which no one can accomplish much, must be implanted in early life by diligent

training. The object of this school is to reform those who are inclined to go astray, and prepare them for the active duties of society. It is much less expensive to teach the young and erring to walk in the paths of virtue and fit them for usefulness, than to allow them to grow up in vice and crime, and then punish them for their misconduct. The difference in value to the state between a good and bad citizen, cannot be estimated by money.

This institution is really deserving the care of the legislature, and there can be no doubt will receive it. It is now nearly full, and some measures must be taken to furnish further accommodations, unless a part of the least vicious are allowed to be returned to their parents before the expiration of their sentence.

The trustees should be permitted to exercise their discretion as to the time those sent to the school should remain. If some such reduction does not take place, it will become necessary to enlarge the accommodations at the present location, or establish another school in some other part of the state. The present number, which is about two hundred, in the school, may seem large, but when we estimate the whole number of male minors in the state that are old enough to commit offenses, the per cent. will be found very small. The care, protection and instruction of the young and inexperienced, is not only a duty dictated by the highest benevolence, but the security and safety of the community demand its exercise on the part of the government.

While our republic, from the nature of its organization, is unfitted to be a military one, nor is such the purpose or desire of our people, yet we should at all times be prepared to defend ourselves against internal commotions and foreign aggressions. It is our true policy to cultivate peace with all nations. But we have no reason to expect that wars will cease, while the disposition of men remains as it is, and we should be wanting in a proper care of ourselves, if we should neglect the ordinary precautions of protection. It may be sufficient if a knowledge of military tactics is possessed by a portion of the community, who would be able, in a short time, to communicate the necessary information to those who might be needed to act in defense of their country. This object may be accomplished by extending the favor of the state, more fully than the laws have done, to volunteer companies, and encouraging the formation of a greater number of them, and a higher proficiency in military discipline. Such men will form a body of soldiery possessing practically, the art of war, and from them others unskilled can receive instruction, when called into the public service.

As we are the agents of the people, who have confided to us im-

portant trusts, it will doubtless be gratifying to every member of the government to discharge them in such a manner as to meet the approbation of those from whom he has derived his authority.

It will afford me the highest satisfaction to co-operate with you in making such laws as will most effectually promote the true interests of the state.

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

IN SENATE.

The Senate having returned to its Chamber,

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, In concurrence with the House, that the Joint Rules and Orders of the last Legislature be adopted as the Joint Rules and Orders of the present session until otherwise ordered. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That the hour of meeting of the Senate until otherwise ordered, be ten of the clock in the forenoon.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, proposing a Convention of the two Houses in the Hall of the House of Representatives, to-morrow, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of choosing seven Councilors to advise the Governor the current political year.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

The message from the House was laid upon the table, and to-morrow, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate procure the printing of 500 copies of the Address of Governor Wells, this day delivered, for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1856.

The Senate met at ten o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. BARNES offered the following:

STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate, January 5, 1856.

Ordered, In concurrence, that when the two branches adjourn, it be to meet on Monday afternoon next, at half past two o'clock.

And the same was read and passed, and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that branch that the Senate does not concur with the House in the proposition to hold a Convention of the two branches in the Hall of the House of Representatives, this day, at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of choosing seven Councilors for the current political year.

And the message was delivered by the Secretary.

A message was received from the House of Regresentatives, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, giving information to the Senate that the House does concur in the passage of the order to adjourn to Monday next, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1856.

The Senate met according to adjournment.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of the two branches at three o'clock, (this day) for the purpose of electing seven Councilors to advise the Governor in the discharge of his executive duties.

The message was delivered by the Secretary; and subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing that that branch does concur in the proposition of the Senate for a Convention of the two branches in the Hall of the House, at the time and for the purpose specified in the foregoing order.

At the hour appointed for a Convention of the two branches, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY 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 the government for the current political year.

Messrs. Swasey of Cumberland, Bean of Kennebec and Talbot of Washington, of the Senate, and Messrs. Andrews of Bridgton, Russell of Phillips, Johnson of Bluehill and Webster of Orono, of the House, were appointed said committee.

Having attended to the duties assigned them, said committee reported, that

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The whole number of votes was	165
Necessary_for a choice,	83
James C. Madigan has	106
Hastings Strickland has	106
Robert Elliot has	105
Abernethy Grover has	106
Artemas Libbey has	106
William McLoon has	106
Alpheus S. Holden has	106
Noah Smith has	59
Franklin Clark has	59
Marshall Cram has	59
Henry Richardson has	59
Abner Coburn has	<b>59</b>
Charles Danforth has	59
Ammi Cutter has	59

The report was accepted, and James C. Madigan, Hastings Strickland, Robert Elliot, Abernethy Grover, Artemas Libbey, William McLoon and Alpheus S. Holden, were declared duly elected Councilors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

The objects and purposes for which the Convention was formed having been accomplished, it was dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

The Senate having returned,

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify James C. Madigan, Hastings Strickland, Robert Elliot, Abernethy Grover, Artemas Libbey, William McLoon and Alpheus S. Holden, that they have been duly elected Councilors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current year, and request their immediate attendance.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Ordered, That the report of the Commissioner of the Treasury, with accompanying communication, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of three on the part of the Senate.

And Messrs. Butler, Farley and Talbot were appointed on the part of the Senate, and the order was sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1856.

The Senate met at ten o'clock, A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The PRESIDENT read to the Senate communications from James C. Madigan, Hastings Strickland, Robert Elliot, Abernethy Grover, Artemas Libby, William McLoon and Alpheus S. Holden, 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.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House, proposing a Convention of the two Houses, at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of administering the oaths required by the constitution to James C. Madigan, Hastings Strickland, Robert Elliot, Abernethy Grover, Artemas Libby, William McLoon and Alpheus S. Holden, to qualify them to discharge their duties as Councilors, to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government, for the current political year.

The message was delivered by the Secretary; and subsequently a message was received from the House of Representatives, announcing the concurrence of that branch in the proposition for a convention of the two Houses.

The hour designated for a Convention of the two branches having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, where a Convention was formed.

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to inform the Councilors elect that the two Houses have met and are now in Convention for the purpose of their taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Secretary subsequently reported to the Convention that he had waited on the Councilors elect and had delivered the message as he had been directed, and that they were pleased to say that they would attend forthwith upon the Convention for the purpose of being qualified.

And thereupon James C. Madigan, Hastings Strickland, Robert Elliot, Abernethy Grover, Artemas Libbey, William McLoon, and Alpheus S. Holden, Councilors elect, came in, attended by the Secretary of State, and before the President of the Senate, and 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 separated, the Councilors having first withdrawn.

#### IN SENATE.

The Senate having returned to its Chamber, On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, by the Secretary of the Senate, informing him of the election and qualification of James C. Madigan, Hastings Strickland, Robert Elliot, Abernethy Grover, Artemas Libbey, William McLoon and Alpheus S. Holden, as Executive Councilors for the current political year.

The Secretary subsequently reported to the Senate that he had delivered to the Governor the message directed in the foregoing order.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1856.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary—the Senate having met at ten o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Chaplain of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. JUNKINS,

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 half past ten o'clock, for the purpose of choosing a Secretary of State.

The message was delivered by the Secretary.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives came in with a message from that branch, informing the Senate that the House concurs in the proposition for a Convention this forenoon at half past ten o'clock.

At half past ten of the clock, A. M., the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, where a Convention of the two Houses was formed.

### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Messrs. Butler, Hodsdon and Blaisdell, of the Senate, and Messrs. Coffin of Harrington, Wedgewood of Cornish, Archer of Fairfield, and Hunton of Readfield, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Secretary of State.

The Committee having attended to that duty, reported ; follows:

The whole number of votes was		168
Necessary for a choice,		. 85
Caleb R. Ayer has		108
Alden Jackson has	ì	60

The report was accepted, and CALEB R. AYER was declared duly elected Secretary of State for the current political year.

The object for which the Convention had been formed having been accomplished, the Convention was dissolved.

### IN SENATE.

The Senate having returned,

The President announced the Joint Standing Committees on the part of the Senate,—which were accepted and sent down to be joined by the House of Representatives; and subsequently came up constituted as follows, viz:

### On the Judiciary.

Messrs. Barnes,

Swasey,

Hayden, of the Senate;

Messrs. Talbot of Lubec, Morse of Bath,

Fuller of Augusta,

Morrow of Searsmont,

Record of Danville,

Wedgewood of Cornish,

Lindsay of Norridgewock, of the House.

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### On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Messrs. Talbot,
Read,
Rowell, of the Senate;

Messrs. Blanchard of Yarmouth,
McGilvery of Prospect,
Blanchard of Pittston,
Emerson of Orland,
Titcomb of Kennebunk,
Irish of Union,
Coffin of Cherryfield, of the House.

#### On Education.

Messrs. Goodwin,

Bean,

Hodsdon, of the Senate;

Messrs. Sweat of Parsonsfield,

Deering of Hampden,

Pearson of Machias,

Currier of Wilton,

Brown of Kennebunkport,

Trott of Woolwich,

Gregg of Freeport, of the House.

### On Banks and Banking.

Messrs. Thompson,
Hathorn,
Rowell, of the Senate;

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Messrs. Lyman of Portland,
Blake of Bangor,
Patten of Richmond,
Reed of Hallowell,
Swazey of Bucksport,
Putnam of Belfast,
Duren of Calais, of the House.

On Incorporation of Towns.

Messrs. Burrill,
Shepard,
Marden, of the Senate;

Messrs. Brown of Windham,
Sawyer of Stoneham,
Goodwin of Detroit,
Cargill of Newcastle,
Gould of Jackson,
Pray of Lebanon,
Smith of Kingsbery, of the House.

On Division of Towns.

Messrs. Kezar,
Ayer,
Weston, of the Scnate;

Messrs. Miller of Howland,
Burkett of Appleton,
Watson of Corinth,
Prince of Falmouth,
Baker of Gorham,
Howes of New Sharon,
Tuttle of Canaan, of the House.

On Division of Counties.

Messrs. Robinson,

Kezar,

Rowell, of the Senate;

Messrs. Andrews of Bridgton,
Rich of Frankfort,
Clark of Biddeford,
Weed of Oldtown,
Came of York,
West of Lisbon,
Owen of Leeds, of the House.

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### On State Lands and State Roads.

Messrs. Butler,

Jones,

Hodsdon, of the Senate;

Messrs. Cutter of Bangor,

Morse of Bath,

Bean of Brooks,

Reed of Hallowell,

Foster of East Machias,

Patterson of Madison,

Hewes of Masardis, of the House.

## On Indian Affairs.

Messrs. Weston,
Junkins,
Barker, of the Senate;

Messrs. Webster of Orono,
Goodale of Wells,
Wentworth of Knox,
Hume of Robbinston,
Sargent of Sedgwick,
Hooper of Cambridge,
Marr of Southport, of the House.

### On Agriculture.

Messrs. Heagan,

Burrill,

Holland, of the Senate;

Messrs. Morrow of Searsmont,
Hobart of Edmunds,
Lancaster of Farmingdale,
Brown of Livermore,
Lyford of Mt. Vernon,
Shackley of Shapleigh,
Haley of Rangeley, of the House.

#### On Fisheries.

Messrs. O'Brien,
Marden,
Crane, of the Senate;

Messrs. Treat of Eastport,
Clark of Biddeford,
Stinson of Swan Island,
Hunt of Vinalhaven,
Davis of Clifton,
Wall of St. George,
Mayo of Mt. Desert, of the House.

### On Manufactures.

Messrs. Blaisdell,
O'Brien,
Lowell, of the Senate;

Messrs. Cochran of Waldoborough,
Winslow of Westbrook,
Wing of Brunswick,
Pishon of Vassalborough,
Walton of Gardiner,
Neal of Berwick,
Chandler of Fryeburg, of the House.

## On Railroads and Bridges.

Messrs. Farley,
Thompson,
Talbot, of the Senate;

Messrs. Rich of Frankfort,

Emerson of Orland,

Fuller of Augusta,

Todd of Portland,

Chase of Buckfield,

Elden of Waterville,

Collins of Letter H, of the House.

#### On Interior Waters.

Messrs. Hodsdon, Crane, O'Brien, of the Senate;

Messrs. Eaton of Plymouth,
Russell of Phillips,
Dakin of Carmel,
Brown of Benton,
Knight of Otisfield,
Baker of Cornville,
Nason of Lyman, of the House.

#### On Accounts.

Messrs. Holland,
Read,
Burrill of the Senate;

Messrs. Stanwood of Augusta,
Pike of Topsfield,
Trickey of Cape Elizabeth,
Lunt of Bowdoinham,
Ham of Lewiston,
Leach of Raymond,
Hysom of Windsor, of the House.

#### On Claims.

Messrs. Lowell,

Ayer,

Jones, of the Senate;

Messrs. Milliken of Burnham,
Barrows of Camden,
Brown of Carroll,
True of North Yarmouth,
Hunton of Readfield,
Merrill of Buxton,
Hines of Hartford, of the House.

#### On the Militia.

Messrs. Ayer,
Thompson,

Barker, of the Senate;

Messrs. Foster of East Machias,
Cochran of Waldoborough,
Lyman of Portland,
Moore of North Anson,
Britton of Winslow,

Silsby of Amherst, Handy of Gouldsborough, of the House.

## On Military Pensions.

Messrs. Marden,
French,
Shepard, of the Senate;

Messrs. Brown of Benton,
Hodgdon of Alton,
Stanton of Poland,
Felker of Concord,
Curtis of Nobleborough,
Cushman of Hebron,
Archer of Fairfield, of the House.

## On the Insane Hospital.

Messrs. French,
Robinson,
Farley, of the Senate;

Messrs. Merrill of Rockland,
Sweat of Parsonsfield,
Norton of Baldwin,
Dennett of Kittery,
Dingley of Auburn,
Chamberlain of Foxcroft,
Vaughan of New Vineyard, of the House.

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## On the State Reform School.

Messes Swasey, Hayden. Butler, of the Schale;

Messre Scammon of Saco,

Todd-of Portland,

Coffin of Harrington,

Hammond of Sidney,

Barker of Exeter,

Fisher of Arrowsic,

Hanseom of South Berwick, of the House.

#### On the State Prison.

Messrs. Junkins,

Lowell,

Bean, of the Senate;

Messrs Levensaler of Thomaston,

Moore of Ellsworth,

Burleigh of Linneus,

Darling of Greenville,

Hasty of Limerick,

Norris of Wayne,

Pool of Bristol, of the House.

## On Public Buildings.

Messrs. Hathorn,
Heagan,
Blaisdell, of the Senate;

Messrs. Dana of Wiscasset,
Frost of Norway,
Morton of Friendship,
Chesley of Patten,
Woodman of Whitefield,
Hurd of Northport,
Foster of Newry, of the House.

## On the Library.

Messrs. Bean,
Goodwin,
Barnes, of the Senate;
Messrs. Record of Danville,
Wedgewood of Cornish,
Gilman of Sebec,
Johnson of Bluehill,
Wentworth of Corinna,
Mitchell of Pownal,
Taylor of Byron, of the House.

The President also announced the following Committees of the Senate, and the same were accepted, viz:

## On Bills in the Second Reading.

Messrs. Swasey,
Talbot,
Goodwin,
Hayden,
Thompson,
Farley,
Barnes,
Butler,
Bean,
Blaisdell,
Lowell,
Rowell.

### On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Hodsdon,
Robinson,
French,
Jones,
Ayer,
Kezar,

### On Engrossed Bills, (Continued.)

Messrs. Burrill,

Heagan,

O'Brien,

Read,

Weston.

Shepard.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing an act entitled "An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction," approved March 16, 1855.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FARLEY laid on the table, by leave,

Bill entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens.'"

Also, bill entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act annulling the naturalization powers of courts in this State'"—and the same were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARKER presented the petition of Josiah B. Wood and others, for a Mechanics' Association, which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That Messrs. Barnes, Hodsdon and Hayden be a Committee to prepare and report Rules and Orders for the present session of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BURRILL, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1856.

The Senate met at ten o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled an act regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens," reported that it ought to pass.

The bill was read once, the rules suspended, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BARNES, from the same Committee, also reported, that bill entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled an act annulling the naturalization powers of courts in this State," ought to pass; and the same was read once, the rules suspended, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

The aforesaid bills were then sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House proposing a Convention of both branches, in the Hall of the House, at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of choosing a Treasurer of State for the current political year.

The message was delivered by the Secretary.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing that the House does concur in the proposition of the Senate for a Convention of the two Houses, this day, at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Treasurer of State.

Mr. SWASEY, by leave, laid on the table a bill entitled An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction, which having been read, was, on motion of Mr. BUTLER, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent down for concurrence.

Orders from the House providing,

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Militia, be referred to the Committee on the Militia;

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the organization of the courts of this State, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

That so much of the same message as relates to the Reform School, be referred to the Committee on the Reform School; and also,

That the petition of John Sargent, Jr., be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Claims—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of allowing parties of record in civil actions to be examined as witnesses by either party.

Sent down for concurrence.

The petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Bath; and also,

The petition of Benjamin Bennett, for the repeal of chapter 521 of the Special Laws of 1855, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

The petition of William Drummond and others, for a Mutual Marine Insurance Company, came up referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance;

The petition of the Directors of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank, for an increase of capital stock, came up referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking; and also,

The petition of Portland Cavalry Guards, for aid, came up referred to the Committee on the Militia—and said petitions were severally referred in concurrence.

Mr. BARNES presented the petition of the Directors of Merchants' Bank, in Portland, for an increase of capital stock, and it was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator, by leave, laid on the table,

Bill entitled "An act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School," which was referred to the Committee on the Reform School; also,

Bill entitled "An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland-Gas Light Company"; and the same was referred to the Committee on Manufactures—and severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JUNKINS,

Ordered, That Messrs. Junkins, Hayden and Butler, be a Committee, with such as the House may join, whose duty it shall be to examine the papers and files relating to the business referred by the last Legislature to the present, and report what disposition ought to be made of the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HEAGAN,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to deliver to the Messenger of the Senate, for the use of the same, six copies of the Revised Statutes, and an equal number of the laws from 1842 to 1855, inclusive, and also an equal number of the Special Laws and Resolves for 1854 and 1855.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing an act entitled "An act further to protect personal liberty," approved March 17, 1855.

Sent down for concurrence.

The time appointed for a Convention of the two branches having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, where a Convention was formed.

## IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON of the Senate,

Messrs. Robinson, Farley and Kezar, of the Senate, and Messrs. Cochran of Waldoborough; Tuttle of Canaan, Johnson of Bluehill, and Deering of Hampden, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Treasurer of State.

Having attended to that duty, said Committee reported as follows, viz:

The whole number of votes was	173
Necessary for a choice,	87
Isaac Reed has	115
Joseph A. Sanborn has	58

The report was accepted, and ISAAC REED was declared duly elected Treasurer of State for the current political year.

The Convention was then dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

Mr. BARKER of Hancock, by leave, introduced certain "Resolves in relation to Kansas affairs," and the same were laid on the table on motion of Mr. BUTLER.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify Hon. Isaac Reed of his election as Treasurer of State.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to make up the pay, at the same rate as last year, of James Shaw, late assistant messenger of the Senate, up to and including to-morrow together with two days extra for services in preparing the Senate Chamber for the present session.

Mr. BARNES presented the petition of the proprietors of Union Wharf for incorporation, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That the messenger of the Senate be authorized to employ David Brown as assistant messenger during the session of Legislature at the same compensation as was paid at the last session of the Legislature.

Mr. HOLLAND presented the petition of Oakes Thompson and others to be set off from Hartford and annexed to Canton,

and the same was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Armitage, Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the report of the Commissioner of the Treasury, made a report; and the same was read, and on motion of Mr. BARNES, laid on the table.

The petition of Thomas Ranney and others, for a boom incorporation, came from the House referred to the Committee on Interior Waters; also,

Petition of J. F. Mereen, for a donation of books, referred to the Committee on the Library; also,

Petition of Robert Patterson, for a pension; also,

Petition of William H. Quimby, for a continuance of pension, referred to the Committee on Military Pensions; also,

Petition of Eben Beard and others, for incorporation of Maine Gold Mining Company, referred to the Committee on Manufactures; also,

Petition of Jesse Craig and others, for a road through township No. 4, Range 4, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

Remonstrance of Elijah Webster and others, against the petition of Ezra Merrick and others, referred to Committee on Incorporation of Towns; also,

Petition of Stephen Spaulding, to be set off from Sumner and annexed to Buckfield, referred to Committee on Division of Towns; also,

Petition of certain inhabitants of the east part of Strong to be annexed to the town of New Vineyard; also,

Petition of Heman Wood and others, to be set off from Hartford and annexed to Buckfield, referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

Petition of Samuel Davis, for compensation for land alleged to have been granted to him by the State and since sold by its authority, referred to the Committee on Claims; also,

Petition of James Campbell and others, for aid towards building a bridge across the Piscataquis River, and,

Potition of Jonas Green and others, for a charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges—were severally referred to the same Committees in concurrence.

The petition of John W. Munger and others, far a change in the laws for the government of the Insane Hospital, came from the House referred to the Committe on the Judiciary.

The Senate non-concurred the reference, and referred the same to the Committee on the Insane Hospital.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAYDEN presented the petition of the Eastport Atheneum, for leave to transfer their library to Trustees, and it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. READ presented the petition of the inhabitants of Rangeley, for the repeal of the act incorporating said town, which was referred to the committee on the Incorporation of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence,

Orders from the House, providing,

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to education, be referred to the Committee on Education;

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the public lands, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing an act additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing an act approved March 16, 1855, establishing a Police Court in the city of Portland, and in its stead establishing a Justice's Court; and also,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing the act establishing a Municipal Court in Bangor, and establishing a Recorder's Court instead thereofwere severally passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to prepare a list of the members of the Senate, arranged according to the numbers of their seats, designating their residences and boarding places; also containing the names of members of the House, with their residences, boarding places, and numbers of their seats; also containing the Standing and Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature; and that four hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of the Senate, and one copy be bound with the Rules and Orders hereafter to be adopted.

A communication from the Commissioner of the Treasury, relating to certain accounts, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

The report of the Joint Select Committee on the report of the Commissioner of the Treasury, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. BUTLER, was recommitted.

On motion of Mr. JUNKINS, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

Journal of yesterday's proceeding was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. BARNES from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill entitled, An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction, reported that the same ought to pass; the bill was read once—the rules were suspended—read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The petition of Abner Dunton and others;

- " of Joseph Spear and others;
- " of Joseph Hewett and others;
- " of A. H. Kimball and others;
- " of W. J. Weston and others;
- " of G. W. Brown and others;
- " of James Burns and others;
- " of James Brackett and others;
- " of C. Noyes and others;
- " of John N. Newbit and others;
- " of Moses Walcot and others;
- " of J. G. Burns and others—severally for a new County from parts of Lincoln and Waldo Counties, came from the House referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Petition of Justus Hathaway for two lots of land;

" of Oliver Eveleth and others, for appropriation on a road; and of

County Commissioners of Piscataquis County, for appropriation to open a road, severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State roads; also,

Petition of stockholders of American Bank, Hallowell, for increase of capital stock, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking; also,

Petition of Samuel H. Houlton and others, for a Fish Company; and of

H. G. O. Barrows and others, to prohibit the use of seines and nets in taking trout in Moosehead Lake, referred to the Committee on Fisheries; also,

Petition of Overseers of Poor of the town of Troy, for aid furnished an indigent Indian, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; also,

Petition of Ansel Smith and others, for a boom;

of Richard Hinman and others, for side booms and piers below Bangor; and of

Hiram Peavy for exclusive right to navigate the Passadumkeag River by steam, severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters; also,

Petition of Wendell P. Smith, in aid of the petition of the Portland Cavalry Guards, referred to the Committee on the Militia; also,

Petition of James S. Holmes and others, in behalf of Foxcroft Academy, referred to the Committee on Education; also,

Petition of Peter S. Folsom, for increase of pension, referred to Committee on Military Pensions; also,

Petition of Oliver H. Lewis and others, in relation to roads in North Haven, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Petition of town of Union, for repeal of part of charter of Georges Canal Company; and,

Petition of the inhabitants of Fryeburg, for the regulation of winter roads; severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges—and the same were severally referred to the same Committees, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to agriculture, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture; and,

That so much of the same as relates to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, was passed in concurrence.

The President read to the Senate a communication from the Commissioners appointed to revise the Public Laws of this State.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the report of the Commissioner of the Treasury, made a further report; and on motion of Mr. BARNES, it was , laid on the table, and 700 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens,'" reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and presented by the Secretary, to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. HEAGAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Forest Grove Cemetery."

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting a return from the Superintending School Committee of Oldtown, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

- On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourn it be to half past two o'clock in the afternoon of Monday next.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1856.

Met at half past two o'clock P. M., according to adjournment.

The Journal of Saturday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for greater promptitude and accuracy on part of city, town and plantation clerks in making return of votes where required by law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act annulling the naturalization powers of Courts in this State," came from the House passed to be enacted; and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills to be truly and strictly engrossed, was before the Senate on its passage to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. SHEPARD, the question was taken by yeas and nays, and resulted as follows, viz:

YEAS-Messrs. Blaisdell, Crane, Farley, French, Goodwin, Hodsdon, Hayden, Holland, Jones, Junkins, Kezar, Marden, Morrill, O'Brien, Robinson and Talbot-16.

NAYS-Messrs. Barker and Shepard-2. .

So the bill passed to be enacted.

It was then signed by the President and presented to the Governor for his approval.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Bill entitled "An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction;" and the bill was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and conveyed to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. JONES presented the petition of H. Strickland and others, of Penobscot County, for an act for the better security of logs on the Penobscot River, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Abner Lanpher and others, for a specific law regulating the picking up of drift logs and lumber on the Penobscot River, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Orders from the House, providing,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 47 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of revising the fee bill of the Justices of the Peace in criminal actions; and,

That the Committeee on the Judiciary inquire into the propriety of amending an act for the regulation of bowling alleys, approved March 17, 1855—were severally passed in concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Foster of East Machias, informing the Senate, that in absence of the Speaker, the House have elected Hon. John C. Talbot, Jr., of Lubec, as Speaker pro tempore.

On motion of Mr. HODSDON,

The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1856.

The Senate met at ten o'clock, A. M.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish for the use of the Senate, ten additional copies of the laws of

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the State, from eighteen hundred and forty-two to eighteen hundred and fifty-six, inclusive.

The following petitions which came from the House, referred on its part as follows, viz:

Of Samuel Smith and others, that lots numbered 136 and 137 may be set off from Wellington and annexed to Kingsbery; and,

Of Chester Rhodes and others, to be set off from West Gardiner and annexed to Gardiner; severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns;

Of William Sweet and others, and of Robert Glover and others, severally in aid of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company; referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges;

Of William Tripp and others, for a law regulating the flowage of meadows on Globe River; referred to the Committee on Interior Waters;

Of William G. Clark, for additional compensation as a member of a Committee of the Board of Agriculture; referred to Committee on Claims;

Of John Bird and others;

Ephraim W. Pendleton and others;

William A. Head and others; and of

Samuel Libbey and others, severally for a new County from parts of Lincoln and Waldo counties; referred to Committee on Division of Counties—were severally referred by the Senate, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of increasing the pay of jurors and witnesses—was passed in concurrence.

Bill entitled "An act additional to chapter 298 of the statutes of 1850," and to refer disputed cases under said act to an impartial tribunal, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1856.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. BUTLER, by leave, laid on the table certain resolves, entitled resolves providing for a public printer, and the same were read once, the rules suspended, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HEAGAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 282 of the laws of 1852, and amending section 12 of chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. READ,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending sections 65 and 75 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SHEPARD introduced the following:

### STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate, January 16, 1856.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing an act for the dissection of paupers, passed by the last Legislature.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY, the order was laid on the table.

The following petitions came from the House referred on its part as follows:

Of T. Durrell and others;

George Gregg and others;

Charles Keen and others; and of

Nathaniel Bartlett and others, severally in aid of charter

for the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad; severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges;

Of Thomas F. Roberts, for remuneration for his farm, sold by mistake by the State; referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Of John Babcock and another, for incorporation as a boom company at Log Eddy, on the Mattawamkeag River; and,

Of J. B. Foss and others, in aid of the same; referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

And the Senate concurred in their several references.

Orders from the House,

That the petition of J. S. Holmes and others, in favor of Foxcroft Academy, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Education;

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of furnishing School Committees, Supervisors and School Districts with a copy each of the school laws;

That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes, as to allow poor debtors to disclose on execution as on mesne process; and,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of passing an act repealing section 11 of chapter 151 of the Revised Statutes, whereby plaintiffs and appellants in civil actions are now obliged to pay a jury fee of seven dollars—were severally passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HEAGAN, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

Journal of yesterday read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of H. Strickland and others, for an act for the better security of logs on the Penobscot River, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

The petition of Waldo T. Pierce and others, for power to bridge Kenduskeag stream at Bangor, came from the House referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

Petition of John Winn, President of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad Company, for extension of time, referred to the same Committee; also,

Petition of W. W. Thomas and others, for incorporation as the Dirigo Insurance Company, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; also,

Petition of Tomah Sockalexis and others, of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; also,

Petition of Daniel McCaine and others, for incorporation as the Brunswick Marble Company, referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

And the same were severally referred to the same Committees, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to sell the land in plantation No 14, East Division, reserved for future disposition of the State; That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes, that all personal property taken on execution may be appraised and set off as real estate now is; and

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of making provision for extending the privileges of common schools to children of parents residing upon territory in this State, ceded to the United States—were severally passed in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That all petitions requiring order of notice, presented after the 15th day of February next, be referred to the next Legislature without, debate, was amended as on sheet A thereto annexed, and as amended passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Calais Gas Light Company, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Ordered, The House of Representatives concurring, that the following be added to the Joint Rules and Orders:

12. Orders directing inquiry in relation to any existing statutes, shall state the subject matter of such statute, also the chapter and section to which the inquiry is directed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FARLEY presented the petition of the President and Directors of the City Bank, at Bath, for an increase of capital stock, and it was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JUNKINS, from the Joint Special Committee to which was referred the papers and files referred by the last Legislature to the present, made a report, which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARNES presented the petition of Westbrook Seminary for endowment—referred to the Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ROWELL presented the petition of David White and others, that certain lands in Norridgewock may be annexed to Skowhegan—referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented the petition of John K. Russell, that the Land Agent may be authorized to settle with him for lands—referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator also presented the petition of the proprietors of Skowhegan Bridge, for alteration of their charter—referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, ordering notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of James Babcock and others; also,

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice returnable to the present session, on petition of Oakes Thompson and others—were severally received from the House and accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M., and after the usual preliminaries,

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice returnable to the present legislature,

on petitions of Benjamin Herrick and others, and Heman Wood and others.

The reports were severally accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

The petition of Ezra Clark and others, for an act for the inspection of Gas Meters, was received from the House, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Petition of J. V. Putnam and others, for the abolishing of one term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Aroostook county;

Petition of W. Woodbury and others, and of M. Gilligan and others, severally for the same as that of Ezra Clark and others; and also,

Petition of W. Bucknam and others, for a law to make valid the doings of a meeting in relation to the sale of a meeting house in Lisbon, severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Petition of John Bird and others, to be incorporated into a new town from part of the city of Rockland; and,

Petition of F. Hahn and others, to be set off from Bremen and annexed to Waldoborough, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

Petition of Joseph Gilchrist, for leave to extend a wharf into Georges River, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; also,

Petition of Joseph Moody and others, for incorporation of a school district in the town of Woodstock; and,

Petition of Trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary, for endowment; severally referred to the Committee on Education; also,

Petition of William Watson and others, for incorporation of Williams College Grant into a town;

Petition of John Dudley and others, for incorporation of the town of Waite; and,

Remonstrance of H. F. Eaton and others, against the incorporation of the town of Waite; severally referred to the Committee on incorporation of Towns; also,

Petition of James Creighton and others, for leave to change

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the channel of Mile River, referred to the Committee on Interior Waters; also,

Petition of S. P. McKenney, for a charter of a bank at Biddeford to be called the City Bank, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking; also,

Petition of Bigford Mathews, for re-conveyance of land forfeited to the State, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

Petition of H. Hutchinson and others;

- " of Joshua Dunn and others;
- " of Joseph Hutchinson and others;
- " of J. H. Skillings and others;
- " of G. W. Wadleigh and others;
- " of W. Small and others; and
- " of Ephraim Atwood and others; severally for the charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, and severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

Petition of Jonathan Garland and others, that traveling circus companies may be prohibited from exhibiting in this State; and,

Petition of Caroline Bell, for a divorce; severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Petition of A. M. Gray and others, for a new County, referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

And the same were severally referred to the same Committees, in concurrence.

Resolves providing for a public printer were received from the House, that branch having finally passed the same, and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, to be truly and strictly engrossed, were finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Order from the House,

That the Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society have the same privilege, during the session of said committee, of the State Library, as members of the Legislature

have, was refused a passage in concurrence, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to amend the charter of the Newichawanick Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of having a law that ox sleds used on the public highways shall be five feet wide;

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of requiring Supervisors and Superintending School Committees to cause their reports to be printed at the expense of the several towns and plantations;

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of making provision for the establishment of a State Normal School; and

That the Committee on Railroads and Bridges inquire into the expediency of providing by law that all free bridges which cost more than eight hundred dollars shall be supported by the county or counties in which the same are located—were severally passed in concurrence.

Mr. BARNES, from the Select Committee of the Senate, to which was referred the subject of the Rules and Orders of the Senate, made a report, which was read and accepted.

The same Senator, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill entitled "An act to repeal the one hundred and eighty-third chapter of the public laws of 1855."

The report was accepted; the bill was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. HODSDON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 177 of the public laws, entitled "An act regulating the formation of military companies," approved March 16, 1855.

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On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending an act additional to an act to establish the Reform School, approved April 17, 1854, as to specify and determine the offenses for which commitments may be made to said school.

On motion of Mr. BURRILL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending section 3 of an act approved March 30, 1853, relating to the assignment of limits to highway surveyors.

And the foregoing orders were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HEAGAN presented the petition of Darius Forbes, for allowance of extra expenses while attending the session of the Board of Agriculture for 1855, and it was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to a revision of the fees of justices of the peace, which came from the House, was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure the printing of four hundred and fifty copies of the amended Rules and Orders of the Senate, together with the usual documents and statistical information accompanying the same.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

After the journal of yesterday's proceedings had been read, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Armitage, Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of changing the present license law relating to marriage; and

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of requiring city, town and plantation clerks to register the names of all naturalized persons, whose papers may have been or shall be presented and approved by the aldermen, selectmen or assessors—were severally passed in concurrence.

Petition of George Thorndike and others;

- " of Robert Heard and others;
- " of E. P. Healey and others;
- " of J. C. Adams and others;
- " of Ezekiel Hale and others;
- " of Barnard Ingraham and others;
- " of Knott Crockett and others; and of
- " of Freeman Hall and others; severally for a new County from parts of Lincoln and Waldo counties, which were received from the House, that branch having severally referred the same to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

Petition of Leonard March, President of Bangor Gas Light Company, for increase of capital stock of said company; and,

Petition of Samuel Smiley, for prohibition of the exhibition of traveling Circus Companies, severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Petition of William Poor, Jr., for renewal of pension, referred to the Committee on Military Pensions; also,

Petition of Paul S. Merrill and others, that the money appropriated by the last Legislature, to be laid out on a new road

from Blanchard Mills to Shirley, may be expended on the present road, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

Petition of President and Directors of Calais Bank, for increase of capital stock, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking; and also,

Bill entitled An act to amend chapter 459 of the special laws of 1855, referred to the Committee on Fisheries—were severally referred to the same Committees in concurrence.

The credentials of John Francis, as Representative of the Passamaquoddy Indians, were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT read a communication from Hon. ISAAC REED, signifying his acceptance of the office of Treasurer of State, and transmitting his official bond for examination and approval. The communication and bond were referred to the Joint Select Committee on the report of the Commissioner of the Treasury.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill entitled An act to repeal the one hundred and eighty-third chapter of the public laws of 1855, and it was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. HOLLAND presented the petitions of Leonard Swallow and others; and of E. G. Harlow and others; severally in aid of the charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company—and they were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

The petition of Seth O'Brien, asking the State to refund him an amount of money lost by an act of the last Legislature, came from the House referred to the Committee on Claims. The Senate non-concurred that reference, and referred it to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The several papers before named were sent down for concurrence. On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourn, it be till two and a half o'clock in the afternoon of Monday next.

A message from the Governor, transmitting the report of A. T. Wheelock, Commissioner from Maine to the Paris Exhibition of Industry, was, with the accompanying report, referred, in concurrence, to the Committee on Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. HOLLAND, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1856.

The Senate met according to adjournment.

The Secretary read the Journal of Saturday's proceedings.

The Chaplain offered prayer.

Bill entitled "An act to amend the act incorporating the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company," which came from the House, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; also,

Bill entitled "An act for the establishment of Normal Schools," referred to the Committee on Education; also,

Petition of the Passamaquoddy Indians, for a wood lot, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; also,

Petition of N. A. Farwell and others;

- " of D. C. Haskell and others;
- " of J. Wakefield and others; and of
- " of George Pratt and others; severally for a new County from parts of Lincoln and Waldo counties, referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

Petition of Benjamin Chadbourn, for arrears of pension, referred to the Committee on Military Pensions; also,

Petition of the overseers of the poor of Fairfield, for reimbursement for aid afforded an indigent Indian, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs—were severally referred, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of James Campbell and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of establishing a model or experimental farm under the care and patronage of the State; also,

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending an act approved March 30, 1853, in relation to the time of holding town meetings, and the assessment of taxes; also,

That the petition of Abagail O'Brien be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions; also,

That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance consider whether any further legislation is necessary to protect the public against unsound Foreign Insurance Companies—were severally passed in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the use of the State Library be granted to the Chaplains of the Legislature, was refused a passage, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

Sent down for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary with a bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Calais Gas Light Company, came up accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed, and was accepted in concurrence; the bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BEAN presented the petition of Mary Rockwood and another, to be set off from Manchester and annexed to Augusta, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Mr. LOWELL presented the petition of David Smith and others, for an appropriation to open a road from Greenville

to the head of Chesuncook Lake, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of submitting to the people to so amend the constitution that all State and County officers, now elected by the people by the largest or plurality vote, shall be elected by a majority.

Said petitions and order were sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House by David Duxi, Esq., its Clerk, informing the Senate that the House has this day received and entered upon its journal, a message from the Governor, that he had on the 16th instant approved the following public acts, viz:

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens'";

"An act to repeal an act entitled 'An act annulling the naturalization powers of courts in this State'";

"An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction."

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

Yesterday's Journal was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Finance, accompanied by a resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State, came from the House passed to be engrossed.

The resolve was read once, and half past eleven o'clock this forenoon assigned for its second reading.

Petition of Gideon Mayo and others, in relation to the Penobscot Railroad Company;

Petition of Ezekiel Treat and others, for a toll bridge at Livermore Falls;

Petition of John Davis and others, for a charter for a bridge across the Kennebec River between Hallowell and Chelsea; and

Petition of H. K. Baker and others, in aid of the petition of John Davis and others, which came up, severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

Petition of Joel Richardson and others, for a lien on lumber, in favor of persons who aid in its manufacture, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Petition of William Hogan, for indemnity for loss in erecting the King monument;

Petition of George W. Kendall and others, in aid of the petition of Wm. Hogan; and,

Petition of Simon F. Walker, for services and expenses incurred in attempting to serve certain warrants; severally referred to the Committee on Claims; also,

Petition of Abraham Longley and others, that Orient plantation be incorporated into a town, referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns; also,

Petition of Rufus N. Sanborn for a pension, referred to the Committee on Military Pensions; also,

Petition of the directors of Kennebec Log Driving Company, for power to erect and maintain certain booms, referred to the Committee on Interior Waters; also,

Petition of the directors of Bath Bank, for increase of capital stock, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking; also,

Remonstrances of N. C. Fletcher and others; and J. W. K. Norwood and others, severally against a new county; and,

Petition of J. M. Gilman and others;

- " of Josiah White and others;
- " of Asa M. Glover and others;

Petition of Ezekiel Jones and others;

- " of J. R. Wiley and others;
- " of Jonathan Wooster and others;
- " of Levi Smalley and others; and
- " of Robert Long and others; severally for a new county, and severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

Petition of John Francis, that seed may be furnished the Passamaquoddy Indians for planting, referred to the Committee on Indians Affairs—were severally referred in concurrence.

The petition of Seth O'Brien, came from the House, that branch insisting on its former vote, referring it to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate insisted on its former vote referring it to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the bond of the Treasurer of State elect, reported it correct in form, and that in the opinion of the Committee the sureties are good and sufficient. The report was accepted.

Mr. SWASEY, by leave, laid on the table a bill entitled An act additional to an act entitled "an act in relation to bonds issued by railroad corporations," approved January 30, 1852, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HAYDEN, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act to make valid the draft and doings of the Grand Jury for the County of Penobscot. The bill was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BUTLER presented the petition of Eben Pillsbury and others, for an appropriation for repairs on road from Kingfield to Dead River. It was referred to the Committee on State Roads and State Lands.

Mr. JONES presented the petition of Shepard Boody, for a turnpike corporation, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Mr. SWAZEY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Calais Gas Light Company. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the same Committee, reported, without amendment, Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the state. It was read a second time, amended as per sheets A and B annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed:

These several papers were then sent to the House for its concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing an act entitled An act in addition to an act in relation to elections, approved Oct. 2, 1840, approved Feb. 12, 1855; and,

That the Committee on Manufactures inquire into the expediency of amending section 8 of chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, so as to allow owners of grain to pay a compensation in money, instead of one-sixteenth, as now ordered in said section—were severally passed in concurrence.

The following message of the Governor, was sent up by the House, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, viz:

Gentlemen of the senate and house of representatives:

I have been informed by Daniel C. Emery, Esq., sheriff of the county of Cumberland, that he has demanded of Seward M. Baker, Esq., the former sheriff of said county, possession of the jail in that county, and that he should be permitted to exercise the duties usually apportaining to the office of sheriff in the supreme judicial court, now in session in Portland, that said Baker has refused to deliver to said Emery the possession and custody of the jail, and to allow him to act as sheriff in the court.

I have been also informed, that the Hon. Woodbury Davis, a justice of the supreme judicial court, who is now holding a term of said court in Cumberland county, has decided that said Baker is the rightful sheriff of that county.

SAMUEL WELLS.

Council Chamber, }
January 22, 1856.

The message was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that the bill entitled An act to make valid the draft and doings of the grand jury for the county of Penobscot, ought to pass. The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and eleven o'clock this forenoon assigned for a second reading.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported that legislation is inexpedient in relation to providing by law, that all free bridges costing more than \$800 shall be supported by the county or counties in which the same are located.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Caroline Bell, for a divorce. The report was accepted.

Mr. BARNES presented the petition of the Portland Steam Packet Company, for increase of capital stock. It was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. HOLLAND presented the petition of Joseph Dearborn and others, in aid of the charter of the Portland and Oxford

Central Railroad Company. It was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Mr, BEAN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to make valid the draft and doings of the grand jury for the county of Penobscot.

Report accepted. Bill read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting further powers by law to enable aliens to take, hold and devise real estate within this state.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported order of notice to the present session, on sundry petitions for a new county from parts of Lincoln and Waldo counties.

The report was accepted.

These several papers were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WESTON, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a resolve in favor of John Francis. The report was accepted. The resolve was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading of the same.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of Union Wharf in Portland. The report was accepted, and the bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HEAGAN offered the following:

#### STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate, January 23, 1856.

Whereas, The Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society, now in session at the Capitol, propose an offering of fruit to the Senate, and ask the acceptance of the same:

Therefore, Resolved, That Messrs. Heagan, Bean and Rowell, be a Committee to make suitable arrangements for the recep-

tion of the same, and for the expression of due acknowledgments of the Senate.

And the same was read and passed.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported to be strictly and truly engrossed:

Resolve authorizing the renewal of a portion of the state debt, and it was finally passed in concurrence; also,

Bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Calais Gas Light Company; and,

Bill An act to repeal the one hundred and eighty-third chapter of the public laws of 1855—and they were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

This resolve and these acts having been signed by the President, were transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Petition of Robert R. Drummond and others, for authority to build a free bridge across the Sebasticook river at Winslow, which came from the House; also,

Petition of Joel Hall and others;

- " of Thomas Lane and others;
- " of C. K. Smith and others:
- " of J. N. Saunders and others;
- " of Gaius Chandler and others;
- " of Hiram Ricker and others;
- " of E. W. Fuller and others;
- " of Cyrus Bridgham and others;
- " of George Brackett and others; and
- " of M. Holland and others, severally in air of the charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company; and severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

Remonstrance of Ammi Dunham and others, against the petition of William Bucknam and others; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Remonstrance of inhabitants of Orient plantation, against its incorporation into a town; referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns; also,

Petition of Horace Libby and others, to be set off from Strong and annexed to New Vineyard; and

Bill entitled An act to repeal the act to re-unite the towns of Anson and North Anson; severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

Account of the town of Winslow, for aid furnished an indigent Indian; and

Account of the town of Corinth, for amount paid for wolf bounty; severally referred to the Committee on Accounts; also,

Credentials of Joseph Sockabasin as representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; also,

Petition of Samuel C. Counce and others, in aid of petitions for a new county from parts of Lincoln and Waldo counties, referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

Petition of Directors of Casco Bank, for increase of capital stock, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking; also,

Petition of John J. Perry and others, for incorporation as a Marine Wharf and Railway Company, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; and also,

Petition of John K. Killsa, for remuneration for expenses taking care of George Hathaway, referred to the next Legislature—were severally referred by the Senate, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the petition of James Miller, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

That the petitions, now on the files, for a charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, be referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges;

That all remonstrances against the incorporation of said company, now on the files, be referred to said Committee;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution that the Governor and Senators may be hereafter elected by a plurality instead of a majority, as they now are; and also,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further legislation is necessary or expedient in relation to the property and debts of persons under guardianship—were severally passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. AYER, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1856.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported order of notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on the

Petition of Selectmen of Union;

- " of Gideon Mayo and others;
- " of Ebenezer Cobb and others; and of
- " of F. O. J. Smith.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported order of notice to the present session, on the

Petition of Samuel H. Moulton and others;

- " of S. A. Morse and others; and of
- " of The Kennebec Log Driving Company.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice, to this session, on the

Petition of F. Hahn and others;

- " of Jefferson Moulton and others;
- " of John Bird and others; and of
- " of Robert Hussey and others.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on

Petition of Thomas J. Haines and others; and of

" of John W. Hussey and others.

And the reports were severally accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

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Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, a resolve entitled Resolve in favor of John Francis. It was read a second time, amended as on sheet A, thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of Union Wharf in Portland, which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HEAGAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported a resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the members of the Executive Committee of the Maine State Agricultural Society. It was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported bills entitled,

An act to increase the capital stock of the Bath Bank;

An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Bath; An act additional to an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank of Portland; and also,

An act additional to the act to incorporate the Portland Savings Bank.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the State Reform School, reported a bill entitled An act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School.

The reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read once and to-morrow assigned for a second reading of the same.

Mr. ROWELL presented the petition of E. G. Savage and others, for incorporation of North Somerset Agricultural Society. It was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. GOODWIN presented the petition of Edmund Perkins and others, for incorporation as a Stock and Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. READ presented the remonstrance of Andrew J. Dagget and others, against the repeal of the act incorporating the town of Rangeley, and the same was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

These several petitions were sent down for concurrence.

The remonstrance of Reuben Orff and others, against any division of Lincoln County, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing that that branch have received and entered upon its journal a message from the Governor, signifying to the Legislature that he has approved An act to repeal the one hundred and eighty-third chapter of the public laws of 1855.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, accompanied by a bill entitled An act granting further powers to the proprietors of Forest Grove Cemetery, came up accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. The report was accepted in concurrence, the bill once read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday.

The Chaplain offered prayer.

The following bills were severally reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, viz:

, An act additional to an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank of Portland;

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An act to increase the capital stock of the Bath Bank;

An act granting further powers to the proprietors of Forest Grove Cemetery;

An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Bath; An act additional to the act to incorporate the Portland Savings Bank;

An act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School;

And the bills were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the members of the Executive Committee of the Maine State Agricultural Society, and the resolve was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the act passed March 16, 1855, entitled An act to amend the 10th section of an act concerning the assessment of taxes, and of reviving the law repealed thereby.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on certain orders relating to amendments to the Constitution of the state; also,

Legislation inexpedient on an order relating to an act in relation to Highway Surveyors, passed March 30, 1855.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice, returnable to the present session, on the petition of David White and others; also,

On bill entitled An act to repeal an act to reunite the towns of Anson and North Anson.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, made a report asking that said Committee may be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Gilchrist, for leave to extend his wharf into Georges river, and recommending that said petition be referred to the

Committee on Interior Waters. The report was amended as per sheet marked A, and accepted as amended.

Mr. HOLLAND presented the petition of Granville Child and others, for a charter for a toll bridge across the Androscoggin river at Canton Point, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

The papers before named were sent to the House of Representatives for concurrent action.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act to repeal an act regulating the formation of military companies.

Report accepted. Bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported, that bill entitled An act enlarging the powers of the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company, ought to pass.

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

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of John Francis.

The resolve was finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President and carried to the Governor.

Order from the House,

That the Clerk take from the files of the last Legislature, the papers connected with a petition of the East Maine Conference Seminary, for endowment, and commit the same to the Committee on Education, was passed in concurrence.

The credentials of Peol Sockis, which came up referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; also,

Remonstrance of Thaddeus Spear and others, and of Hermon Stinson and others, against setting off a part of West Gardiner to the city of Gardiner; referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

Petition of Caleb Chaplin, that a part of his farm may be set off from Bridgeon and annexed to Naples, referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

Petition of Woodbury Storer and others, for an insolvent system, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Petition of George Cummings and others, for incorporation of a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; also,

Petition of Henry Upton for a pension, referred to the Committee on Military Pensions; also,

Petition of Thomas Butler, for an appropriation for repairs of roads in Township No. 2, Range 2, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

Petition of the officers of the town of Cutler, for correction of an error in the assessment of the State tax for 1855, referred to a Joint Select Committee consisting of the delegation from Washington county; also,

Petition of the selectmen of Topsfield, for remuneration for expenses of supporting foreign paupers, referred to the Committee on Claims; also,

Petition of A. W. H. Clapp and others, for alteration of laws relating to usury, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The Report of the State Librarian, referred to the Committee on the Library; also,

Petition of Joseph M. Leighton and others;

- " of Elbridge Field and others;
- " of Reuben Morse and others;
- " of W. H. Vinton and others;
- " of Moses Plummer and others; severally in aid of the petition of E. Cobb and others, severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges—were severally referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, Adjourned.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

The usual preliminary proceedings were had.

Mr. BARNES, by leave, laid on the table a resolve relating to meteorological observations, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The same Senator presented the petition of John A. Poor and others, for a law authorizing aliens to hold and convey real estate. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported without amendment, bills entitled,

An act to repeal an act regulating the formation of military companies; also,

An act enlarging the powers of the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company—and they were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourn, it be to Monday afternoon next, at half past two o'clock.

Bill entitled An act to authorize the establishment of city scales, came from the House passed to be engrossed; it was read once, and Tuesday next assigned for a second reading.

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, ordering notice returnable to the present session, on the petition of John J. Perry and others; and,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to repealing section 11 of chapter 151 of the Revised Statutes—which came from the House severally accepted, were accepted in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the petitions for aid to Corinna Union Academy, with

accompanying papers, be taken from the files of the last Legislature and referred to the Committee on Education, was passed in concurrence.

The petition of James Miller, for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters in Belfast; and,

The petition of F. L. M. Gowan and others, for a law authorizing the city of Gardiner to appoint inspectors of gas meters, which came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Petition of C. K. Eddy, for compensation to W. R. Webb for services in securing Fish River bridge, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

The petition of Cyrus Fenderson and others, in aid of the petition of John B. Reed and others; also,

Petition of John B. Reed and others, to be set off from plantation No. 4 and annexed to Wilton; also,

Petition of James Averill and others, to be set off from Temple and annexed to Wilton, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

Petition of Daniel B. Norwood, for power to construct and extend piers and wiers into tide waters at Eastport, referred to the Committee on Fisheries; and also,

Petition of Merritt Austin and others, for a new county, referred to the Committee on Division of Counties—were severally referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1856.

Met according to adjournment.

The PRESIDENT announced the absence of the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Ordered, That Northaniel C. Reed be declared duly elected Secretary pro tempore of the Senate.

Mr. REED signified his acceptance, and took and subscribed the necessary oaths before Hon. Lot M. MORRILL, duly authorized by dedimus potestatem.

The proceedings of Saturday, were read by the Secretary pro tempore.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. HODSDON,

Ordered, That EDWARD T. INGRAHAM be declared duly elected Assistant Secretary pro tempore.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of the members of the Executive Committee of the Maine State Agricultural Society;

An act to make valid the draft and doings of the Grand Jury of the county of Penobscot; and,

An act granting further powers to the proprietors of Forest Grove Cemetery;

And the same were finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President and conveyed to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law so that County Commissioners shall be compensated by salaries, instead of the method now provided.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported

order of notice to the present session on the petition of James Miller.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BUTLER, by leave, laid on the table a resolve entitled, Resolve in favor of the Commissioners appointed by authority of resolve passed April 12, 1854; it was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

Bill entitled An act additional to chapter 99 of the Revised Statutes, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LOWELL presented the petition of E. A. Jenks and others, for a law giving to laborers in slate quarries in this state, a lien on the tools used in quarrying and on the slate quarried and manufactured, and it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The same Senator presented the petition of James Rankin, for remuneration for the services of his son in the Aroostook expedition in 1839. It was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. JONES presented the petition of the President and Directors of Veazie Bank, for leave to reduce its capital stock; it was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking; also,

The petition of the Oldtown and Milford Railroad Company, for further time to complete branch track and for other purposes; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

The petition of James Chamberlain and others, for an appropriation towards making a road across township A in range 6; it was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads—severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, to inform that branch that in the temporary absence of William G. Clark, the Senate has elected Nathaniel C. Reed, Secretary of the Senate pro tempore.

Mr. BUTLER was charged with the message; and subsequently reported to the Senate that he had performed that duty.

The petition of the Lewiston Falls Village Corporation, for a division of the same;

The petition of the city of Portland, for a law authorizing that city to carry into effect the report of the Commissioners to fix the boundaries of the Portland inner harbor;

The petition of S. G. Bent and others, for the abolition of the spring term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Aroostook; and also,

The petition of Nathan Elden, in relation to judicial proceedings in certain cases, which came from the House severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The petition of J. Wingate Carr and others, for a board of agriculture, referred to the Committee on Agriculture; also,

Petition of Oliver Wheeler and others, to be set off from South Thomaston and annexed to Thomaston, referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

Petition of Dennis Moore and others, for a charter for a bank at Norridgewock, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking; and also,

Petition of Samuel Dutton and others, for an act incorporating an academy at Ellsworth, referred to the Committee on Education—were severally referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, The Senate adjourned.

NATH'L U. REED, Secretary pro tem.

A true transcript.

ATTEST:

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1856.

Met at ven o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. SWASEY, from Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to authorize the establishment of city scales, which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled:

An act enlarging the powers of the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and

An act additional to the act to incorporate the Portland Savings Bank.

And the bills were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the President, and transmitted to the Governor.

Bill entitled An act increasing the pay of witnesses, came from the House amended as per sheets marked A, B and C, annexed thereto, and passed to be engressed as amended.

The Senate refused to adopt the amendment; and the bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Order from the House, appointing Messrs. Foster of East Machias, Merrill of Rockland, Lyman of Portland, Frost of Norway, and Currier of Orrington, with such as the Senate may join, a Committee to contract with some suitable person or persons to do the printing of the State for the ensuing year, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Hayden, Robinson and Swasey were joined on the part of the Senate.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill entitled An act to establish a public library in the town of Eastport.

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

Mr. SWASEY, laid upon the table, by leave, bill entitled An act to regulate the succession of corporations in certain cases, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ROWELL, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act relating to attachments on lumber to secure liens for labor, it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of giving by law additional equity powers to the Supreme Judicial Court.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws relating to liens of material men, mechanics and laborers, that process to enforce such liens shall be against the property on which the lien is claimed.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the school laws, that the elements of agriculture may be taught in our common schools; and,

That the Secretary of State be directed to lay on the Speaker's table, the report of the Superintending School Committee of Oldtown relating to their doings under certain resolves—were severally passed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Edward Kaler and others;

- of Benjamin Hall and others;
- " of Spencer Mero and others;
- " of William Bearce and others;
- " of Robert Geyer and others;
- " of Augustus Kezer and others;
- " of George Sidensparker and others;
- " of John Bornheimer and others;
- " of Albion P. Oakes and others;
- " of Joseph A. Davis and others;
- of Citizens of Camden; severally against a

new county from parts of Lincoln and Waldo counties, which came from the House severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

Petition of J. H. Eaton and others, for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters in Camden; and,

Petition of A. Ward Dam and others, for incorporation as a Union Trade Association, severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; also,

Petition of Samuel Harris and others, that the name of the town of Kilmarnock may be changed to Medford, referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns; and also,

A communication from the Secretary of State relating to the returns of the Inspectors of Fish, referred to the Committee on Fisheries—were severally referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT, Adjourned.

NATH'L C. REED, Secretary pro tem.

A true transcript.

ATTEST:

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. P. Weston, Principal of Westbrook Seminary.

Mr. SWASEY, from Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported without amendment bills entitled An act to establish a public library in the town of Eastport; and,

An act to increase the pay of witnesses—and the bills were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Reports from the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of William Bucknam and others; for a law to make valid the doings of a meeting to sell a Freewill Baptist meeting house in the town of Lisbon; also,

Ordering notice, returnable to the present session, on the petition of the city of Portland in relation to Portland inner harbor; and,

Of Lewiston Falls Corporation, for a division of the same—were severally accepted, and the before named papers were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported that bills entitled,

An act to incorporate the Castine Mechanics' Association; and,

An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company, severally ought to pass.

The reports were severally accepted, and the bills were once read and to-morrow assigned for a second reading of the same,

Mr. HODSDON presented the petition of Maria G. Wellington, for a divorce. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HODSDON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 172 of the laws of 1855, entitled An act to authorize the owners of meeting houses to sell, remove or repair the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending an act entitled An act additional for the relief of poor debtors, approved August 11, 1848.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, a bill entitled An act to authorize the establishment of city scales. It was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and conveyed to the Governor.

Order from the House,

Requesting the Governor to furnish the Legislature the returns of votes on the constitutional amendments as required by the resolves proposing the amendments, was passed in concurrence.

The reports of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, That legislation is inexpedient on the petition of the proprietors of Skowhegan bridge; also,

Ordering notice, returnable to the present session, on the petition of Robert R. Drummond and others, for a charter for a free bridge at Winslow, which came from the House—were severally accepted in concurrence.

The petition of William Purrington and others, for a bank at Bowdoinham, which came from the House referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking; also,

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the returns of the superintending school committee of Oldtown, referred to the Committee on Education; also,

Bills entitled An act to amend section 9 of chapter 246 of public laws of 1852;

An act regulating the fees of justices of the peace and of municipal and police courts in certain cases; and,

An act to amend section 63 of chapter 119 of the Revised Statutes, severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary—were severally referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HODSDON, Adjourned.

NATH'L C. REED, Secretary pro tem.

A true transcript.

ATTEST:

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1856.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature on the petitions of James Creighton and others, and of A. C. Buffum and others.

The reports were severally accepted.

On motion of Mr. HOLLAND,

Ordered, That the time for the return of the order of notice on the petition of Oakes Thompson and others, be and the same is hereby extended to the 20th day of February next.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what, if any, further legislation is necessary to facilitate the collection of non-resident taxes, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 144 of the laws of 1855, being an act additional to an act giving laborers on lumber a lien thereon.

Mr. HAYDEN, by leave, laid on the table a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Washington County Agricultural Aid Society, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. FRENCH presented the petition of Sanford Noble, for reimbursement of money paid the State. It was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment; bills entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company;

An act to incorporate the Castine Mechanics' Association.

The bills were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Reform School be requested to visit and examine the said school at some time during the present session of the Legislature.

Mr. GOODWIN presented the petition of William M. Cleaves, for An act authorizing towns to contribute aid to the Washington Monument. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HEAGAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to the width of ox sleds. The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. HODSDON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending or repealing chapter 141 of the public laws of 1855, entitled An act to regulate billiard rooms.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled An act increasing the pay of witnesses, came from the House, that branch insisting on its former vote, amending the bill, and appointing Messrs. Foster of East Machias, Chase of Buckfield, and Patterson of Madison, conferees on the part of the House.

The Senate joined Messrs. Swasey of Cumberland, Burrill and Lowell, as conferees, on its part.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported the following resolves, viz:

Resolve in favor of the Commissioners appointed by authority of resolve passed April 2, 1854; and

Resolve in favor of the road leading from Fairfield's Mills through township four, range four, west from the east line of the state.

The resolves were severally read once, and to-merrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. MARDEN, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported resolve in favor of Peter S. Folsom. It was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. BARNES offered the following:

STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate, January 31, 1856.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of State be directed to lay before the Senate a statement of the expenditure of the contingent fund of the Treasury for the last year, exhibiting in detail the several objects of expenditure to which the fund was applied.

The order was read, and on motion of Mr. FARLEY, was laid on the table.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn its Clerk, giving information to the Senate that the House had received and entered upon its journal a message from the Governor informing the Legislature that he had approved and signed the following public laws, viz:

An act to make valid the draft and doings of the Grand Jury for the county of Penobscot;

An act to authorize the establishment of city scales.

The following papers from the House were severally referred in concurrence, viz:

Petition of W. Jordan and others, in relation to the admissibility of witnesses, to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Petition of G. L. Boynton and others, for further time to pay for lands, to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Petiton of Benjamin Smith, for a pension, to the Committee on Military Pensions;

Petition of People's Bank, Waterville, for increase of capital stock; and

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the returns of cashiers of banks, to the Committee on Banks and Banking;

Petition of Benjamin Ireland and others, for An act regulating the driving of logs over dams in St. Albans village, to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Order from the House,

That the message from the late Governor and report of the Council on the amendments of the constitution relating to the elective franchise, together with the returns of votes from the several cities, towns and plantations on said amendments, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting on the part of the House of Messrs. Levensaler of Thomaston, Gregg of Freeport, Palmer of Dixmont, Todd of Portland, Gilman of Sebec, Fuller of Augusta, Emerson of Orland, Coffin of Harrington, Taylor of Byron, and Russell of Phillips, with such as the Senate may join, was read and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. HODSDON, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1856.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled resolve in aid of the road leading from Fairfield's Mills through township four, range four, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed; also,

Resolve in favor of the Commissioners appointed by authority of a resolve passed April 12, 1854, which was read a second time, and recommitted.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Joint Select Committee, to contract with some person or persons to do the State Printing, reported a contract for that purpose, made by and between said Committee and Fuller & Fuller, of Augusta.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BARNES laid on the table, by leave, bill entitled An act to provide for the education of youth; it was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the town of Fairfield for reimbursement.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Education be directed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary to secure to the school fund, the yearly increase proposed by a resolve approved August 24, 1850.

Mr. BURRILL, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature on the petition of the inhabitants of Jackson Brook Plantation;

Also, leave to withdraw on the petition of Luther Hapworth and others.

The reports were severally accepted.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN,

Ordered, That the several Joint Standing Committees be instructed, in issuing orders of notice, not to issue any such orders returnable after the 20th of February, 1856.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the taxation of rights of flowage in the towns where the lands flowed are located.

Mr. HOLLAND presented the petitions of

Cassander Brown and others;

Cartis P. Howe and others;

E. Marble and others; severally in aid of the petition of E. Cobb and others; and they were severally referred to the Committee on Bailroads and Bridges.

The foregoing papers were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second

Reading, reported, without amendment, a resolve entitled resolve in favor of Peter S. Folsom. It was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BARNES, was laid on the table.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled An act to repeal an act regulating the formation of military companies.

The bill was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and carried to the Governor.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That the Governor be requested to lay before the Senate, a copy of the proceedings of the Governor and Council in auditing the accounts and allowing the compensation of the Commissioners appointed under chapter 133 of resolve of 1854.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

The report was accepted; the bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill entitled An act further regulating the process of foreign attachment, reported the bill in a new draft. The report was acsepted; the bill was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred bill entitled An act regulating proceedings on demurrer, reported the bill in a new draft. The report was accepted; also,

Bill entitled An act regulating the fees of Justices of the Peace, and Judges of Municipal and Police Courts in criminal cases; and,

Bill entitled an act in addition to An act approved March: 29th, 1854, allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate.

The reports were severally accepted.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, accompanied by a bill entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Bangor Gas Light Company, was accepted in concurrence. These bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

The order in relation to the constitutional amendments which was yesterday laid on the table, was taken up and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Hayden, Swasey, Farley, Butler and Jones joined as Committee on part of the Senate.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on petition of J. Garland and others, for prohibition of the exhibitions of travelling circus companies, and also on sundry other petitions for the same object.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

The Reports of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the Petition of Horace Libby and others;

- " of John B. Reed and others;
- " of James Averill and others;
- " of Mary Rockwood and another;
- " of Oliver Wheeler and others; and of
- " of Thomas Ellsworth and others; also,

The Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of William Moor and others; and also,

The Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of J. H. Eaton and others—severally ordering notice on said petitions, returnable the present session—were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, accompanied by a bill entitled An act for the removal of paupers having no settlement within this State, was accepted in concurrence; the bill was read once, and on motion of Mr. BARNES, was laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Chester Rhodes and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills entitled An act to incorporate the Bryant's Pond Manufacturing Company; and

An act to incorporate the Unitarian Parsonage Proprietary in Belfast; also,

A message from the Governor, relating to the Smithsonian Institute; and

A communication from the Secretary of State, relating to corporations which have not made their returns; which came from the House severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The petition of Geo. W. Littlefield and others, for a law for the preservation of fish in Brewer Pond, referred to the Committee on Fisheries; also,

Petition of Ira Wadleigh and others, for incorporation as a Canal Company, referred to the Committee on Interior Waters; also,

Petition of John P. Phillips and others, to be set off from Dedham and annexed to Holden; and

Remonstrance of B. B. Haskell and others;

- " of Enos Trask and others;
- " of Samuel F. Hind and others; and of
- " of Thaddeus Weeks and others; severally against a new county from parts of Lincoln and Waldo counties, and severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties—were severally referred in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report upon so much of the Governor's message as relates to the sale of intoxicating liquors, as soon as practicable; and,

That the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, inquire what alterations, if any, should be made in the laws as to sales at auction, and to the licensing of auctioneers—were severally passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1856.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bills entitled,

An act in addition to an act approved March 29th, 1854, allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate;

An act relating to the fees of justices of the peace, and of judges and recorders of municipal and police courts, in criminal cases; and

An act to increase the capital stock of the Bangor Gas Light Company.

The bills were severally read a second time; the last named bill amended as per sheet A, annexed thereto, and severally passed to be engrossed.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported order of notice, returnable to the present session, on the petition of John Davis and others, for a charter for a bridge across the Kennebec river.

The report was accepted.

Mr. HAYDEN presented the petition of Samuel A. Stoddard, for remuneration for services and expenses in arresting a fugitive from justice. It was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. SHEPARD presented the petition of Hiram Emery and others, in relation to the waters of Long Pond and Round Pond in Sullivan. It was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The before named papers were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act regulating proceedings on demurrer.

The bill was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BUT-

LER, laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The petition of the city of Portland, for leave to expend money in the construction of wharves and docks to accommodate large foreign steamers, came up referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Todd of Portland, Blake of Bangor, Titcomb of Kennebunk, Blanchard of Yarmouth, and McGilvery of Prospect, on part of the House. The Senate concurred, and joined Messrs. Barnes, French and Goodwin, to the Committee on its part.

The report of the Committee on Education, accompanied by a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Ellsworth Academy, was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read once, and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

The report of the Committee on Fisheries, ordering notice returnable to the present session, on the petition of S. H. Moulton and others, was accepted in concurrence.

The petition of James M. Bangs, in relation to a fish weir at Lubec, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, ordering the printing of the report of the Commissioner of Maine to the Universal Exhibition of Industry of Paris, came from the House accepted.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER, the year and nays were ordered on the question of accepting the report in concurrence; which being taken, resulted as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Bean, Blaisdell, Butler, Farley, French, Goodwin, Hayden, Junkins, Morrill, Robinson and Shepard—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnes, Crane, Marden, O'Brien and Talbot—5.

So the report was accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HEAGAN, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1856.

The Journal of Saturday's proceedings was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Petition of Richard Davis and others;

- " of Randall Dyer and others;
- " of Daniel Bean and others;
- " of William W. Tower and others;
- " of David Potter and others; and,
- " of E. G. Kimball and others; severally for a new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford counties, which came from the House severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

Petition of Francis Oliver and others; and,

" of Consider Barrows and others, severally for the restoration of the old line between Bath and West Bath; also,

Petition of Alanson Greer and others, to be set off from Morrill and annexed to Belmont; severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

Petition of Emery Edes and others, in aid of the Cumberland and Oxford Central Railroad charter, referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges—were severally referred in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel Smith and others, that certain lands in Wellington may be annexed to Kingsbery, was accepted in concurrence.

The remonstrance of certain inhabitants of Framingham Academy Grant, against the incorporation of the same into a town, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, accompanied by a resolve in favor of W. R. Webb, was

accepted in concurrence. The resolve was read once, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading of the same.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so altering or amending the school laws of this state, as to make it the duty of Superintending School Committees and Supervisors of schools in the several cities, towns and plantations, to employ the teachers for the several districts therein, instead of the District Agents doing the same, was passed in concurrence.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Ellsworth Academy.

The bill was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. BARNES, was laid on the table and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

The bill was read a second time, amended as per sheet A, therete annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That the hearing on the petition of Frederic Hahn and others, of Bremen, asking to be set off from that town to Waldoberough, pending before the Committee on Division of Towns, be assigned for the 20th instant, instead of the four-teenth, and that the service on the clerks of said towns be varied accordingly.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1856.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Bills entitled An act to incorporate the Castine Mechanics' Association;

An act additional to An act to establish the State Reform School;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company;

An act to establish a public library in the town of Eastport. The bills were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and conveyed to the Governor.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled resolve in favor of W. R. Webb. It was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of James Hobbs, Jr., and others;

- " of Samuel Ilsley and others;
- " of Benjamin Nevens and others;
- " of George Haskell and others;
- " of J. S. Hobbs and others;
- " of Sewall Flye and others;
- " of O. H. Day and others;
- " of John Linnell and others;
- " of John Sanderson and others;
- " of Henry A. Small and others;
- " of J. C. Shirley and others;
- of Jordan Stacey and others;
- " of Benjamin Webber and others;
- " of Charles G. Allen and others;

Petition of Joseph Martin and others; and

" of John H. Spring and others; severally for a new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford counties, which came from the House severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

Bill entitled an act additional to An act authorizing the inhabitants of first school district in Bucksport to accept a bequest; and,

The petition of William M. Rogers and others, for confirmation of their rights in the Sagadahoc Ferry, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The petition of Edward Gray and others, for aid in constructing machinery at Madawaska, referred to the Committee on Manufactures: also.

The petition of certain inhabitants of Augusta, that that city may be included in the limits of the South Kennebec Agricultural Society, referred to the Committee on Agriculture; also,

The petition of J. N. Winslow, for aid in building road from township No. 9, range 6, to the Aroostook river; and,

The petition of J. Fairfield and others, for an appropriation on road in Crystal plantation, severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

The petition of Samuel D. Gray and others, that certain islands in Bagaduce river may be set off from Brooksville to Castine;

The petition of Augustus Perley, to be set off from Bridgton Centre Corporation; and,

The remonstrance of John R. Lemont and others, against setting off part of Bath to West Bath, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

The petition of Richard Libby and others, for a boom on the Mattawamkeag river; and,

The remonstrance of Joseph Bradstreet and others, against the petition of Samuel H. Moulton, severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters—were severally referred in concurrence. Mr. O'BRIEN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported a bill entitled An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Moosehead Lake.

The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Orders from the House,

That the petitions for a new county from Oxford and Cumberland counties, be taken from the files of 1855 and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties;

That the remonstrances on the files of the last Legislature against a new county from Cumberland and Oxford counties, be taken therefrom and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; and,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 114, section 71, of the Revised Statutes in relation to the accounts of mortgages and the assignment of mortgages—were severally passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of Reed.

The question being, "Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Governor," was taken by yeas and nays, and resulted as follows, viz:

NAYS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Bean, Blaisdell, Crane, Farley, . French, Goodwin, Hathorn, Heagan, Junkins, Marden, Morrill, O'Brien, Read, Shepard, Talbot, Thompson and Weston—19.

So the bill was refused a passage.

Mr. THOMPSON laid on the table, by leave, a resolve to authorize Isaac Gage to construct a reservoir on the capitol grounds. It was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Resolve entitled resolve in favor of Peter Folsom, was taken up, and passed to be engressed.

Mr. BARNES presented the petition of Joshua Dunn and others, that banking in this State may be regulated by general laws. It was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. BEAN presented the petition of H. M. Eaton and others, for a law requiring persons residing in the same town, having the same name, to affix some distinguishing addition thereto, and it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BEAN also presented the Petition of Jonathan Estes and others;

- " of Edward Emerson and others; and of
- of Samuel Taylor and others; severally for a charter for a Mechanics' Association—and they were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. BARNES, by leave, laid on the table a bill entitled An act to revive the charter of the European and North American Railway Company, and to extend the time for locating and building the same. It was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

The before named papers were sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BLAISDELL, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1856.

The Journal of yesterday was read; the Senate having met at the usual hour.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Moosehead Lake.

And the bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of Ezekiel Treat and others; and,

Mr. BURRILL, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Harris and others—severally reported order of notice on said petitions, returnable to the present session.

The reports were accepted.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on the petitions of H. M. Eaton and others, and William W. Cleaves and others; also,

Leave to withdraw on the petition of Maria G. Wellington, for a divorce.

The reports were accepted.

Mr. FRENCH presented the remontrances of Zebulon Ingersoll and others, and John McClusky and others, severally against the petition of John V. Putnam and others—and they were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Order from the House, extending the time to which any order of notice may be made returnable to the 27th instant, was refused a passage, in concurrence, by the Senate.

Mr. ROWELL presented the petition of George Parks and others, for an appropriation to repair the State road from the forks of the Kennebec river to Canada line, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

The petition of Simon Goodrich and others, for modification of existing paupers laws; also,

The petition of James T. Leavitt and others, for the repeal of an act entitled An act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Bloomfield Village Corporation; and,

The remonstrance of Abner Coburn and others, against the petition of James T. Leavitt and others—and they were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the Committee on Fisheries, ordering notice returnable to the present session on the petition of James M. Bangs and others, which came from the House accepted, was amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and accepted as amended.

The before named papers were sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Bill entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Bangor Gas Light Company. The bill was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and conveyed to the Governor.

Mr. BARNES, from the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of the city of Portland, reported a bill entitled An act authorizing the city of Portland to provide wharf and dock accommodations for ocean steamships. The report was accepted, the bill read once, and to morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the Police Court in Portland, made a report accompanied by a bill, entitled An act to establish a Municipal Court for the city of Portland. The report and bill were laid on the table; also,

Bill entitled an act additional to An act to establish the Sagadahoc Ferry Company, which was read once, and to morrow assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That three hundred and fifty copies of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary, and the bill submitted therewith, entitled An act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Portland, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The report of the Committee on Education, accompanied by a bill entitled An act relating to the education of children residing upon territory the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States, came from the House accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. The report was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Orders from the House,

That the petition of John Dudley and others, of Waite plantation, for remuneration for lumber, be taken from the files and referred, together with the certificate of John Dudley, to the Committee on the Judiciary; and,

That the papers in the case of Benjamin Smith be taken from the files of 1840 and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions—were severally passed in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Indian Affairs inquire into the management of the affairs of the Penobscot tribe of Indians from 1820 to the present time—the right of their agent to lease their lands—the mode of keeping his accounts and settlement of the same—how much and in what manner they are paid the money appropriated by the State. Also, the cause of the difficulties by which they claim to have two representatives to the Legislature, and whether the accounts of the several agents have been properly audited and settled—was read, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. BARNES.

Bill entitled An act in relation to bank returns, which came from the House referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking; also,

The petition of James M. Durgin and others, that the inhabitants of other States may be prohibited from catching shad in Freeport, referred to the Committee on Fisheries; also,

The petition of Thomas Cross, for a grant of land in aid of the erection of mills, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

The petition of George R. Tarbox and others, for incorporation as the Red Beach Plaster Company; and,

The petitions of Samuel Vezzie and of S. G. Butler and others, for the incorporation of the Oldtown Manufacturing Company, severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures; also,

Bill entitled An act in addition to chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes; and,

The petition of M. L. Burr and others, for an insolvent law, severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Remonstrance of Joseph Ross and others;

- " of Moses R. Matthews and others;
- " of David Holland and others; and
- " of Benjamin Safford and others; severally against a new county from parts of Lincoln and Waldo counties; and,

The petition of Andrew Hall and others, to be set off from Litchfield and annexed to Wales, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

The petition of James Pomeroy, for increase of pension, referred to the Committee on Military Pensions; and also,

The remonstrances of the inhabitants of Norridgewock, and of William Allen and others, severally against the petition of David White and others, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns—were severally referred to the same Committees, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on the petition of Nathan Elden, in relation to judicial proceedings in certain cases, was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JUNKINS, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1856.

The Senate met at the usual hour.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

The Chaplain of the Senate offered prayer.

Bill entitled An act further regulating foreign attachment, was taken from the table, and half past eleven o'clock this day assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act authorizing the city of Portland to provide wharf and dock accommodations for ocean steamships, which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed; also,

Bill entitled An act further regulating foreign attachments, which was read a second time, amended as per sheet marked A, thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. HOLLAND presented the petition of Caleb P. Marsh and others, to be set off from Dixfield and annexed to Canton. It was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Mr. HAYDEN laid on the table, by leave, bill entitled An act in relation to the powers of constables. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported order of notice returnable to the present session of the Legislature, on the

Petition of John P. Phillips and others;

- " of Town of Detroit;
- " of Andrew Hall and others; and
- " of Richard Davis and others.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. HEAGAN presented the petition of James Emery, for a better system of making roads. It was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

The order from the House, that the Committee on Indian Affairs make certain inquiries, which was yesterday laid on the table, was taken up, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. HEAGAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to changing the time of holding annual town meetings and taking the valuation of towns. The report was accepted.

Mr. FARLEY, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act to authorize the consolidation of certain Railroad Corporations, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

The before named papers were severally sent down for concurrence.

The order relating to the disposal of the contingent fund of the Treasury, introduced by Mr. BARNES on the 31st of January last, was taken from the table and amended, and passed as amended.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act relating to the education of children residing upon territory the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States. It was read a second time, the amendments of the House concurred in, and as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JUNKINS,

Ordered, That the hour of meeting of the Senate on Saturdays and Mondays, shall be 9 o'clock A. M. on Saturdays, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P. M. on Mondays, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported bills entitled An act to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford; and,

An act to incorporate the Village Bank of Bowdoinham.

The bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading of the same.

Orders from the House,

That the Land Agent communicate to the Legislature a list of the notes in the land office given for land—the date, amount and time of maturity, and specifying the tract or township for which the same was given—and which were advertised by the Land Agent under resolve of April 20, 1854; and,

That the petition and other papers of Nehemiah Ellis, for compensation for certain services and expenditures, be taken from the files of 1855 and referred to the Committee of Claims—were severally passed in concurrence.

The reports of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice returnable to the present session on the petitions of

Alanson Greer and others;

Samuel D. Gray and others; and of

Stephen Spaulding—were severally accepted in concurrence,

The petition of the selectmen of Baileyville and others, for aid in repairing Baring and Houlton road, which came up referred to the Committee on Claims; also,

The petition of S. P. McKenney and others, for the repeal of chapter 151 of the laws of 1855, and for the establishment of justice or recorder's court in the city of Biddeford, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The petition of Henry Wilder and others, to be set off from Manchester to Hallowell, referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

The petitions of Charles H. Beck and others, and Rufus K. Page and others, severally for alteration of the draw of the Gardiner bridge, severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges—were severally referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURRILL, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1856.

Met according to adjournment.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice returnable to the present session, on the petitions of

Consider Winslow and others; and Caleb P. Marsh and others;

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported similar orders on the petitions of

Ira Wadleigh and others;

Hiram Emery and others; and Benjamin Ireland and others;

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported the same order on the petition of Samuel Vezzie and others, relative to railroad charter, and on bill entitled An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations;

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported the same order on the petition of Samuel Vezzie, for the incorporation of the Oldtown Manufacturing Company.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Augustus Perley. The report was accepted.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Village Bank of Bowdoinham. The bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed; also,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford—which was read a second time, and the question being
upon passing the bill to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were
ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows, viz:

same, viz;

YEAS—Messrs. Barnes, Bean, Blaisdell, Burrill, Farley, Hodsdon, Hayden, Holland, Junkins, Kezar, O'Brien, Read, Robinson, Swasey, Thompson and Weston—16.

NATS—Messrs. Ayer, Butler, French, Hathorn, Heagan, Morrill, Shepard and Talbot—8.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. HAYDEN, by leave, laid on the table bills entitled a act to amend an act entitled An act to incorporate the city of Calais; and,

An act to repeal An act to incorporate the city of Calais,

The bills were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. FRENCH presented the petition of C. F. A. Johnson and others, for a grant of land. It was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Mr. HOLLAND presented the petition of E. G. Harlow and others, in aid of the petition of E. Cobb and others. It was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

The vote by which the Senate passed the order for the Lad Agent to communicate to the Legislature a list of certain notes on yesterday, was reconsidered.

The order was amended as per sheet A, thereto annexed, and passed as amended.

The papers before named were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Education, reported that bill entitled An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and to morrow assigned for a second reading.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, is Clerk, informing the Senate, that the House on yesterds received and entered upon its journals a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature that he had on the bit instant approved the following public acts, and signed the

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An act to repeal an act regulating the formation of military companies;

An act additional to an act to establish the State Reform

School.

Bills entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Bath; and,

An act to increase the capital stock of the Bath Bank, came from the House severally amended, and passed to be engrossed as amended. The Senate concurred in the amendments, and severally passed the bills to be engrossed as amended.

The reports of the Committee on Banks and Banking, accompanied by bills entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the American Bank at Hallowell;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Calais Bank;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank; and, An act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank—were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Marine Insurance Company. The bill was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and carried by the Secretary to the Governor.

Order from the House,

That the hearing on the petition of Heman Wood and others, to be set off from Hartford to Buckfield, be assigned for the 19th instant, and that six days notice of the hearing shall be sufficient, was passed in concurrence.

The petition of William Cobb and others, for incorporation of Freedom Lodge, which came up referred to the Committee on Manufactures; also,

The petition of Otis S. Tibbetts and others, for the repeal or modification of An act incorporating the Machias River Company, referred to the Committee on Interior Waters; also,

The petition of Asa Smith and others, for an appropriation for the repair of Mattawamkeag Bridge, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

The petition of Henry P. Haynes, Register of Probate for Penobscot county, for increase of salary, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and also,

The remonstrance of J. J. Burton and others of Warren, against a new county from parts of Lincoln and Waldo counties, referred to the Committee on Division of Counties—were severally referred by the Senate in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1856.

The Senate met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Secretary announced that the President of the Senate was absent.

On motion of Mr. HATHORN,

Ordered, That Hon. Francis G. Butler be declared duly elected President pro tempore, of the Senate.

Mr. BUTLER signified his acceptance with an appropriate address.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. HAYDEN presented the petition of Nathan Pattengall and others, in aid of the petition of Samuel W. Stoddard, and it was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The same Senator presented the remenstrance of William Egan and others, against the petition of Daniel Norwood. It was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. SWASEY presented the remonstrance of Marshal Cram and others, against a new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford counties. It was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report, recommending the passage of the following, viz:

#### STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 9, 1856.

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before the Legislature, all the certified copies which have been
received at his office, of the reports of agents of cities and
towns for the sale of intoxicating liquors, showing the quantities of such liquors sold and the amount of money received for
the same in this state, within the last year, in accordance with
the provisions of the first section of the act for the suppression
of drinking houses, &c., requiring the boards appointing such
agents to transmit the said copies to the Secretary of State
before the twentieth of December, annually.

The report was accepted, and the order was read and passed.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on the petition of Simon Goodrich and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. FARLEY presented the petitions of L. S. Clark and others, and Ephraim Alley and others, severally praying that the proprietors of Dresden Middle Bridge may be required to erect certain piers.

They were referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

The same Senator presented the remonstrances of R. C. Chapman and others, and J. T. Acorn and others, severally against the division of Lincoln county.

They were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported order of notice returnable to the present session, on the petition of Samuel Tripp and others.

The report was accepted.

The vote of the Senate, by which the petition of Henry'P. Haynes was yesterday referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence, was reconsidered.

And on motion of Mr. BARNES, the Senate non-concurred that reference and referred the petition to a Joint Select Committee consisting of the delegation from Penobscot county.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bills entitled.

An act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Calais Bank;

An act to increase the capital stock of the American Bank, at Hallowell; and,

An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth.

The bills were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing further and more complete remedies by law whereby any creditor may be enabled to attach and to secure on execution the interest which his debtor may have in real estate by conditional deed in cases where the condition may be satisfied and discharged by the payment of money.

The before named papers were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill entitled An act respecting agencies of foreign insurance companies.

The bill was read once, and laid on the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. HEAGAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Washington County Agricultural Aid Society.

The bill was read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. JUNKINS, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported resolves entitled resolve in favor of Péol Sockis, and resolve in favor of Joseph Sockabasin. The resolves were severally read once, and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mattawam-keag Boom Company.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, the bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. BURRILL, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported a bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of Littleton. The bill was read once, and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill entitled An act relating to the powers of constables ought to pass. The reported was accepted, and the bill was read once, and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolves entitled resolve in favor of the road leading from Fairfield's Mills through township four, range four, west from the east line of the State; and,

Resolve in favor of W. R. Webb—and the same were finally passed in concurrence; also,

Bills entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of Union Wharf in Portland;

An act in addition to an act approved March 29, 1854, allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate;

An act relating to the fees of justices of the peace, and of

judges and recorders of Municipal and Police Courts in criminal cases;

An act relating to the education of children residing upon territory the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States; and,

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank of Portland.

The several bills were passed to be enacted, in concurrence. The before named bills and resolves were signed by the President and conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval and signature.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting copies of the records of the Governor and Council in auditing certain accounts in compliance with the request of an order of the Senate passed February 1, 1856.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, it was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, the bill entitled An act to establish a municipal court in the city of Portland, was taken up and read once, and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

The petition of Isaac Grant and others, for incorporation of a ship building company, which came from the House referred to the Committee on Manufactures; also,

The petition of John C. Carpenter, for the abolishing of the spring term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Aroostook county;

An act to secure the uniform registration of births, marriages and deaths, in the State of Maine;

The petition of N. A. Farwell and others, for an insolvent law; and,

The petition of Timothy Chase and others, for An act of incorporation, severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The petition of Moses Sweat and others, in aid of Parsonsfield Academy, referred to the Committee on Education; also,

The petition of Constant A. McLaughlin, for remuneration for injuries received in aiding in arresting a person engaged in a breach of the peace; and,

The petition of Volney A. Sprague, for remuneration for ser-

vices rendered in 1853, severally referred to the Committee on Claims; also,

The petition of John. Collins and others, to be set off from Litchfield to West Gardiner; and,

The petition of John Holbrook and others, to be set off from Starks to Norridgewock, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

The remonstrance of J. T. K. Hayward, against the annexation of township number nine to Orient, referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns; also,

The petition of Francis Thibodeau and others, in aid of a bridge;

The petition of Elisha Coolidge and others, for an appropriation upon a road through the town of Mayfield;

The petition of John B. Trafton and others, for aid to roads in Aroostook county;

The petition of W. A. Vaughan and others, for the same purpose; and also,

The petition of Edward Bulier and others, in aid of a road, severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

The petitions of Cyrus McKown and others, and Benjamin Reed and others, severally for a charter for a bridge at Boothbay, and severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges—were severally referred by the Senate, on its part, to the same Committees.

The report of the Committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Joseph Moody and others, was accepted in concurrence.

The following message from the Governor was read by the President:

Gentlemen of the senate and house of representatives:

Vacancies exist in the office of major general, by limitation, in the first, third and seventh divisions—and in the second division, by the resignation of General Amos McLaughlin of the volunteer militia of this state. The duty of filling the vacancies devolves upon you.

SAMUEL WELLS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, February 8, 1856.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

The Senate assigned Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock A. M., for an election on its part to fill the vacancies designated in the foregoing message.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1856.

Met at half-past two o'clock P. M.

The Secretary read the Journal of Saturday's proceedings.

The Chaplain offered prayer.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bills entitled,

An act relating to the powers of constables;

An act to incorporate the town of Littleton; and,

An act to incorporate the Washington County Agricultural Aid Society; also, resolves entitled,

Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis; and,

Resolve in favor of Joseph Sockabasin—and the same were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. HODSDON presented the petition of the selectmen of Pittsfield, that the part of said town which was set off from Detroit in 1855, may be reannexed thereto. I was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether the office of Assistant Treasurer of State has been created by law, and if so, the duties required by law of such officer.

The before named papers were sent down for concurrence.

A communication from the Treasurer of State, in reply to an order of the Senate of the 7th instant, was received.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, 500 copies of the order and communication were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied by a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Dirigo Insurance Company, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

The report of the Committee on Fisheries, accompanied by a bill entitled An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Brewer pond, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, giving information that the House have to-day received and entered upon its journals, a message from the Governor, that he had on the 9th instant signed the following public acts, namely:

An act relating to the fees of justices of the peace, and of judges and recorders of municipal and police courts, in criminal cases;

An act in addition to an act approved March 29, 1854, allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate;

An act relating to the education of children residing upon territory the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States.

Orders from the House,

That notice on the petition of Samuel Harris and others, shall be deemed sufficient if given five days before the 20th instant, and that the order of notice be amended accordingly;

That the Committee on Education consider and report to the Legislature what measures are required to carry into effect the provisions of a resolve approved August 24, 1850, directing the Land Agent, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to set apart twenty-four half townships of the public lands, for the benefit of common schools;

Directing the Land Agent to communicate to the Legislature, what townships, tracts or parcels of timber lands, if any, have been sold or conveyed since his last annual report—on what townships, tracts or parcels the timber has been sold—the time given to take it off—the price per acre—the time of payment, and by what authority the sale or sales were made; also,

What permits, if any, either written or verbal, have been given or granted on the public lands, under which operations are now being made, and by what authority said permits were granted, and whether he has reason to believe that operations are being made on any lands belonging to the State without permission or license, and what measures, if any, have been taken to prevent such trespasses;

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of a resolve relating to setting off a part of certain lands for settlement, approved March 6, 1855, as relates to permitting settling lots;

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the 9th section of chapter 193 of the public laws approved August 27, 1850, and chapter 268 of the public laws approved April 22, 1852, as to allow supervisors of schools to hold their offices until the 10th of April of each year.

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of providing by law for securing to the owners of mills, built or that may hereafter be built on streams passing through lands of the State, the right to cut lumber for the supply of such mills; and,

That the Land Agent be directed to make no conveyance to Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall of the right to cut and carry away the timber standing upon that part of townships L and M in the second range, number seventeen in the tenth range, and number five in the thirteenth range, west from the east line of the State, which was conveyed to Maine by the the State of Massachusetts.

And that said Land Agent be further directed not to deliver or pass over to said Hall and Hersey, or to any other person,

any papers, instruments, lease or leases, conveyance or conveyances, of any kind, of the right to cut and carry away the timber standing upon the above named townships.

Also, that said Land Agent be further directed not to pay to said Hersey and Hall any amounts which have already been received, or which may hereafter be collected, by this State, for timber cut on such part of said townships since the 24th day of March, 1853, until otherwise ordered by the Legislature—were severally passed in concurrence.

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting reports of town agents under the law for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops; and,

The remonstrance of Harrison Beverage and others, against – the petition of O. H. Lewis and others, for amendment of chapter 298 of the special laws of 1850, which came from the House, severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the South Kennebec Agricultural Aid Society; and,

The petition of D. F. Lothrop and others, for change of boundary of Kennebec Agricultural Society, severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture; also,

The remonstrance of Nathan Kalloch and others, against the division of Lincoln county; and,

The petition of Dennis Gatchell and others, to be set off from Litchfield to Wales, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

The remonstrances of James A. Lawrence and others, and Frederic Spofford and others, severally against the petition of Richard Hinman and others; and,

The petition of Nathan Fowler and others, for leave to erect one or more piers in the Kennebec river, severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters; also,

The petition of John N. Swazey, for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; also,

The petition of William Buckman, for leave to erect a bridge

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from Machias Island in Casco Bay to the main land, referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

The petition of B. F. Carpenter and others, for repair of road leading from the east line of the State to No. 11;

The petition of Samuel Ramsdell and others, for repair of Molunkus and Macawahoc bridges; and,

The petition of Thomas Goss and others, for aid to build a road from No. 11 to Fish river, severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

The petition of Daniel H. Patten and others, for the repeal of the law creating the office of Commissioner of Common to Schools, referred to the Committee on Education; and also,

The remonstrance of the selectmen of Manchester, against the petition of Mary Rockwood and others, referred to the Committee on Division of Towns—were severally referred to the same Committees, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act to increase the capital stock of the Bath Bank;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank; An act to increase the capital stock of the Calais Bank;

An act to increase the capital stock of the American Bank, at Hallowell;

An act authorizing the city of Portland to provide wharf and dock accommodations for ocean steamships; and,

An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Moosehead Lake.

The bills were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and carried to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. SHEPARD, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1856.

The Senate met at ten o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Rev. Mr. Armitage, Chaplain of the House, offered prayer.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, made a report, recommending that the petitions of Ephraim Alley, 2d, and others, and of L. S. Clark and others, should be severally referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, and asking that the Committee on Interior Waters may be discharged from the further consideration of said petitions.

The report was accepted.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Portland. It was read a second time and passed to be engrossed; also,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Dirigo Insurance Company, which was read a second time, and recommitted to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. LOWELL, by leave, laid on the table a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Foxcroft Manufacturing Company. was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. FARLEY presented the remonstrances of The town of Wairen;

Moses Jewett and others;

Elisha McKenney and others;

John Babson and others;

George J. Low and others; and

Joshua Wylie and others, severally against the division of Lincoln county. They were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, the 15th rule of the Senate was suspended, and the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Division of Counties, ordering notice returnable to the present session of the Legislature on the petition of Richard Davis and others, was reconsidered. The report was then recommitted to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Mr. JUNKINS, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Tomah Sockalexis. The report was accepted.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

The report was accepted.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported order of notice returnable to the present session on the petition of Ephraim Alley, 2d, and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BUTLER presented the petition of the selectmen of the town of Weld, to have certain doings of said town legalized. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HAYDEN presented the remonstrance of Charles B. Merrill, against changing the name of the town of Kilmarnock. It was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Bill entitled An act regulating proceedings on demurrer, was taken up, amended as per sheets A and B, thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The petition of certain inhabitants of Aroostook county came from the House, that branch having referred it to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

The Senate non-concurred that reference, and referred the petition to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The Senate also non-concurred the House in referring the petition of E. W. McFadden and others, for a village corporation at Kendall's Mills, to the Committee on Manufactures, and referred it to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SWASEY presented the remonstrance of Ira G. Swan and others, against a new county from Cumberland and Oxford

counties. It was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation in regard to the compensation allowed jailors for the support of prisoners committed to jail.

The before named papers were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported a bill entitled An act additional to chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes. The report was accepted, the bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Brewer pond, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, the 15th rule of the Senate was suspended, and the order whereby the Senate assigned to-morrow for the choice of Major Generals, was reconsidered.

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied by a bill entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company, was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Order from the House,

That a Committee of five on part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to examine into the affairs of the Land Office for the past ten years and report thereon; and that said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and appointing Messrs. Talbot of Lubec, Levensaler of Thomaston, Scammon of Saco, Todd of Portland, and Moore of North Anson, as said Committee on part of the House, was passed in concurrence—and Messrs. Butler, Farley and Goodwin, were joined on part of the Senate to the Committee.

The petition of Beniah Dow and others, to be set off from Paris to Woodstock, which came up referred by the House to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

The petition of E. W. Clark and others, in aid of the petition of Eben Cobb and others, referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

Remonstrance of Jona. Bachelder and others;

" of O. A. Bartlett and others; and

of Alden Kennedy and others; severally against a division of Lincoln county, and severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties—were severally referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MARDEN, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

Journal read as usual.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act additional to chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature on the petitions of

The selectmen of Pittsfield; John Holbrook and others; and John Collins and others.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Division of Coun-

ties, reported a similar order on the petition of Daniel Gatchell and others; also,

Order of notice returnable to the next Legislature on petition of John Linnell and others.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported order of notice returnable to the present session on the petition of William Bucknam.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to amending section 8 of chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes.

The report was accepted.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported that the petitions of Richard Davis and others, for a new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford counties, be referred to the next Legislature.

The report was accepted.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the commissioners appointed to revise the public laws of the State, accompanied by a printed copy of their revision arranged in twelve titles; the communication and accompanying printed documents were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A resolve entitled resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, came from the House referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. The Senate refused to concur in that reference, and referred it to the Committee on Education.

Mr. BUTLER, by leave, laid on the table a resolve entitled resolve providing for repairs on the Mattawamkeag Bridge. It was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Mr. LOWELL presented the petition of Joseph Chase and others, in aid of the petition for an appropriation to build a bridge across the Piscataquis river at Kilmarnock. It was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

The communication of the Secretary of State, transmitting copies of the proceedings of the Governor and Council relating to the compensation of commissioners appointed by virtue of chapter 133 of resolves of 1854, and the accompanying copies, were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Mr. FARLEY presented the petition of F. A. Lewis and others, of Waldo county, that the powers of constables in the service of civil processes may be enlarged, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BARNES presented the petition of John B. Trafton, County Attorney for Aroostook, for increase of salary, and it was referred to a Committee consisting of the delegation from that county.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 4 of chapter 44 of the laws of 1853, which requires railroad companies to make a sufficient fence upon both the exterior lines of their roads, so that said companies may be excused from making said fence, upon agreement with land holders for that purpose.

The before named papers were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company.

The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, made report accompanied by bills entitled An act authorizing the construction and maintaining of certain bridges over the Kenduskeag river in the city of Bangor; and,

An act to revive the charter of the European and North

American Railway Company, and to extend the time for locating and building the same.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, reported that bill entitled An act to extend the time for filing the location of the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company, and building the same, ought to pass.

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported that bills entitled,

An act to amend the charter of the Newichawanick Company;

An act to incorporate the Foxcroft Manufacturing Company; and,

An act to incorporate the South China Mechanics' Association, ought to pass.

Mr. HEAGAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported that bill entitled An act to incorporate the South Kennebec Agricultural Aid Society, ought to pass.

The reports were severally accepted; and the bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for the several second readings of the same.

A message from the Governor, transmitting to the Legislature a communication from Major General Wendell P. Smith, accompanied with the pay roll of the troops called into the service of the State in obedience to the order of Hon. Anson P. Morrill, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in June last, in the city of Portland, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Militia.

The Senate concurred in that reference.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, having reported that bill entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Bath, was truly and strictly engrossed, the bill was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and conveyed to the Governor for his examination and signature.

Resolve in favor of William W. Quinby, came from the House passed to be engrossed. It was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Village Bank of Bowdoinham, came from the House amended as on sheet A, thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The Senate concurred in the amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, as amended.

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of James Emery; and,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on the petition of Oliver H. Lewis and others, relating to roads in North Haven, which came from the House severally accepted—were severally accepted in concurrence.

The remonstrance of the town of Lyman; and,

" of Archibald Smith and others, severally against the petition of Jefferson Moulton and others;

The petition of Benjamin J. Herrick and others, in aid of the petition of Jefferson Moulton and others; and,

The remonstrance of James Russell and others, against the petition of James Averell and others; and,

The petition of James Strout, to be set off from Milbridge to Cherryfield, which came from the House severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

The petition of Henry A. Small and others, for a law to prevent the destruction of Pickerel in Upper and Lower ponds in Stoneham, referred to the Committee on Fisheries; also,

The petition of Joseph Sockabasin, for increase of compensation for attendance on the Legislature, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; also,

Bill entitled An act making further provisions respecting the bonds of cashiers and treasurers of joint stock companies, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

A communication, from the Secretary of State, transmitting

copies of report of Council upon a resolve in favor of Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall, passed March 12, 1855, and copies of papers relating thereto, referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Affairs of the Land Office—were severally referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HEAGAN, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. HODGDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported order of notice, returnable to the present session, on the petition of N. Fowler and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported,

That legislation is inexpedient, on the petition of Joshua. Dunn and others, that the business of free banking may be authorized;

That Knott Crockett and others have leave to withdraw their petition for increase of capital stock of Lime Rock Bank; and,

That bill entitled An act to authorize the business of free banking, ought not to pass.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. HATHORN presented the petition of John B. Stuart and others, for a bank charter at Richmond. It was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. LOWELL presented the petition of J. S. Swett and others, for aid to Foxcroft Academy, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bills entitled:

An act to extend the time for filing the location of the Penobscot, Kennebec and Lincoln Railroad Company, and building the same;

An act to amend the charter of the Newichawanick Company;

An act to incorporate the Foxcroft Manufacturing Company; An act to incorporate the South China Mechanics' Association;

An act to incorporate the South Kennebec Agricultural Aid Society;

An act to revive the charter of the European and North American Railway Company, and to extend the time for locating and building the same; and,

An act authorizing the construction and maintaining of certain bridges over the Kenduskeag river in the city of Bangor.

And the bills were severally read a second time and passed to be engressed.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing sections 11, 12, 13 and 14 of An act to incorporate the city of Gardiner, approved August 11, 1849; also, of repealing An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Gardiner, approved March 12, 1855.

The before named papers were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the returns of votes on the Constitutional Amendments, made a report accompanied by certain resolves.

The report was read and accepted; and on motion of Mr. SWASEY, it was laid on the table, and 2,000 copies of the report and resolves ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

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The report of the Committee on Education, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to authorizing superintending school committees and supervisors to employ school teachers instead of district agents; and,

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of David Gray, which severally came from the House accepted—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported a bill entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the People's Bank.

The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, a resolve entitled Resolve in favor of William W. Quinby, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to deliver to the Messenger of the Senate, for distribution to Senators, at least one copy for each Senator, of the printed report of the Commissioners to revise the laws of the State, of the number deposited in his office, of said Commissioners' report.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled,

Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis, and

Resolve in favor of Joseph Sockabasin, they were severally finally passed.

The same Committee having made the same reports relative to bills entitled,

An act to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford;

An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth;

An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Brewer pond, they were severally passed to be enacted. These resolves and bills were severally signed by the President and presented to the Governor.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what amendment, if any, is necessary to be made in the second article of the twenty-fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes, relating to town ways and private ways;

That the bill for an insolvent law, reported to the Legislature at the January session, 1852, by Lot M. Morrill and Henry W. Paine, commissioners appointed by resolve approved June 3, 1851, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and,

Authorizing the Joint Select Committee to examine into the affairs of the Land Office, and to employ a clerk at a compensation not exceeding three dollars per day—were severally passed in concurrence.

The petition of C. M. Huff and others, for relief as bail of a criminal;

The petition of W. H. Prescott and others, for a law for the inspection of gas meters; and,

Bill entitled An act to regulate the settlement of alien paupers, which came from the House severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The petition of J. McPhee, for compensation for services;

The petition of W. A. Vaughan and others, for an appropriation to build a bridge across the Aroostook river; and,

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the town of Clifton, severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

The petition of H. G. O. Barrows and others, for the preservation of moose and deer; and,

The petition of Jonathan Knowles and others, for the repeal of the law allowing payment of money from the State to agricultural societies, severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture; also,

The petition of N. Fowler and others, for further legislation for the protection of logs in booms; and,

The petition of David Mosman and others, for a boom company, severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters; also,

The petition of Cyrus Fenderson and others, for the repeal of the law allowing school committees pay for travel, and that towns be obliged to raise sixty cents for every inhabitant for school purposes, referred to the Committee on Education; also,

The petition of Rodney Collins and others, for repeal of an act to re-unite the towns of Anson and North Anson; and,

The remonstrance of Isaac Palmer, against the petition of Rodney Collins and others, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

The petition of B. Young, for appraisal of improvements he may make on mill privileges on Indian township, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs—were severally referred to the same Committees, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

Journal of yesterday read by the Secretary.

Prayer by Rev. W. E. ARMITAGE, Chaplain of the House.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Darius Forbes.

The report was accepted.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BURRILL, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the inhabitants of Rangeley.

The report was accepted.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Education, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Cyrus Fenderson and others;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, made a similar report on the petition of Daniel H. Patten and others.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. BEAN presented the petition of the mayor, aldermen and citizens of Hallowell, against the petition of Henry Wilde and others. It was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Same Senator presented the petition of John A. Pettengill and others, for a free bridge at Augusta, and it was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Mr. BUTLER presented the petition of Cyrus K. Bodfish, that the Land Agent be authorized to sell the interest of the State in land at Fort Kent. It was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Mr. READ presented the petition of John M. Frye and others, that they may be authorized to build and maintain a free bridge across the Androscoggin river at Lewiston. It was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Mr. FRENCH presented the remonstrance of George H. Freeman, against the petition of J. V. Putnam and others. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BEAN laid upon the table, by leave, bill entitled An act granting to subsequent attaching creditors the review of actions against their debtors. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, hill entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the People's Bank.

The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. JUNKINS,

Ordered, That the report of the Warden and Inspectors of the State Prison be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison.

The before named papers were severally sent down for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, accompanied by bill entitled An act to authorize James Miller to extend and maintain a wharf in tide waters at Belfast, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The report of the same Committee submitting a bill entitled An act to incorporate Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, was accepted in concurrence,

The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on Agriculture, accompanied with bill entitled An act additional to an act to establish the South Kennebec Agricultural Society, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on Finance, accompanied with a resolve entitled Resolve authorizing the sale of shares owned by the State in the capital stock of the Augusta Bank, was accepted in concurrence.

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

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve entitled Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the lot reserved for the future disposition of the Legislature in plantation Number Fourteen, east division, Washington county.

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

Mr. WESTON, from the Penobscot delegation, reported a bill entitled An act to increase the pay of the Register of Fro. bate for Penobscot county.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Kennebec Log Driving Company; also,

The report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Hiram Peavy and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The reports of the Committee on Claims, severally granting leave to withdraw on the petitions of the selectmen of Topsfield, and of William G. Clark; also,

The report of the same Committee, that the petition of the overseers of the town of Troy, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Education, submitting a bill entitled An act requiring superintending school committees and supervisors to cause their reports to be printed, was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

The following papers came from the House referred as follows, viz:

The petition of John M. Adams and others, for an act establishing a volunteer militia; also,

The petition of O. B. Dorrance, for a more thorough organization of the volunteer system, severally referred to the Committee on the Militia; also,

The remonstrance of Isaac Payson and others, against the division of Lincoln county, referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

The remonstrance of Joseph Porter and others, against the petition of Hiram Peavy and others, referred to the Committee on Interior Waters; also,

The petition of David Haynes and others, for change of school law in district number two in Patten, referred to the Committee on Education; also,

The petition of J. D. Tucker and others, for the organization and endowment of a State Agricultural Society and the establishment of a Board of Agriculture, referred the Committee on Agriculture; also,

The petition of J. E. Dean, in aid of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

The petition of R. K. Page and others, for an act to incorporate a steamboat company, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; also,

The petition of George E. Hodges and others, to be set off from Bowdoinham to Richmond; and,

The remonstrances of John B. Stuart and others, and Bradford Hatch and others, severally against the petition of George E. Hodges and others, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital, referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital; also,

Bill entitled An act for the suppression of intemperance, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and,

Bill entitled An act additional to chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, recommitted to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The before named papers were severally referred by the Senate to the same Committees, in concurrence.

Bills entitled, An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company; also,

An act to incorporate the Village Bank of Bowdoinham;

An act to incorporate the Washington County Agricultural Aid Society—were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President and carried to the Governor for

his approval and signature; the said bills having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the commencement of civil processes where the plaintiff lives out of the State;

That the Committee on Railroads and Bridges be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 3 of chapter 513 of the special laws of 1855, entitled An act to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company, as to give a further extension of time for obtaining a release and conveyance of all the interest in the Canal Bank, Portland—were severally passed in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of investigating the doings of the Directors of the Skowhegan, Ellsworth, Searsport and Somerset banks, with power to send for persons and papers, was passed in concurrence.

The vote was afterwards reconsidered, and the order was laid on the table on motion of Mr. HEAGAN.

On motion of Mr. FRENCH, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Claims, reported reference to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of the selectmen of Baileyville.

The report was accepted.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of James Averill and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. AYER, from the Committee on the Militia, to which was referred the pay roll of the troops called into the service of the State in obedience to an order issued by Hon. A. P. Morrill in June last, reported that the Adjutant General be directed to make up the pay rolls of said troops according to the laws of the State, and report the same to the Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BARNES presented the petition of the association for the relief of indigent women, for powers to hold property, accompanied by a bill.

The petition and bill were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act additional to an act to establish the South Kennebec Agricultural Society.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to establish the Sagadahoc Ferry Company. The report was accepted, the bill was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. FARLEY of Lincoln, amended as per sheets marked A, B and C, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. ROBINSON of Oxford, presented the

Remonstrances of Daniel Brown and others; and,

" of Joseph Shaw and others, severally against the proposed new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford counties, and the same were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

The before named papers were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a resolve entitled Resolve in favor of John K. Russell.

The resolve was read once, and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. JUNKINS, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a resolve entitled resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

The resolve was read once, and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act authorizing James Miller to extend and maintain a wharf in tide waters at Belfast.

The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed

The order in relation to certain banks, was taken from the table, and passed in concurrence.

The petition of J. M. Gilman and others, praying to be incorporated as a Marine Railway Company, came from the House referred to the Committee on Manufactures; also,

Petition of R. Lewis and others;

" of J. B. Donnell and others; and,

Petition of Briggs Turner and others, severally praying that the town of Whitefield may be set off from Lincoln and annexed to Kennebec county, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties—were severally referred in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied by bill entitled An act to incorporate the North Marine Wharf and Railway Company, came from the House with the report accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

The report was accepted by the Senate, in concurrence, and the bill was read once, and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of C. M. Huff and others, was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HODSDON, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1856.

Met at two and a half o'clock P. M.

Journal of Saturday was read by the Secretary.

Prayer by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported order of notice returnable to the next Legislature on the petition of Cyrus McKown and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BARNES presented the remonstrance of Samuel Thing and 169 others against the petitions for a new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford counties; and the remonstrance

was ordered to be filed with the other petitions and remonstrances relating to that subject.

Mr. HODSDON presented the petition of Joshua Gray and others, for a law authorizing the Kennebec Log Driving Company to raft logs from their boom, and the same was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. GOODWIN from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the North Marine Wharf and Railway Company; and on motion of Mr. BARNES, the bill was amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The before named papers were severally sent down for concurrence.

The resolve declaratory of amendments to the constitution, was taken up, on motion of Mr. HAYDEN, and the same was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Morrow of Searsmont, announcing that in the absence of the Speaker, Gen. William S. Cochran of Waldoborough, had been elected Speaker pro tempore of that branch.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY of Lincoln, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

Journal of yesterday read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Bill entitled An act for the removal of paupers having no settlement within this State, was taken from the table.

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The rules were suspended, the bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve declaratory of amendments to the constitution. And the same was read a second time.

The resolve was debated by Messrs. Barker, Hayden, Shepard, Barnes, Farley and Goodwin.

And on motion of Mr. THOMPSON, the further consideration of the resolve was postponed to to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That 700 copies of the communication of the late Governor, under date of January 2, 1856, transmitting a copy of the report of the Council on the returns of votes upon certain amendments to the constitution, together with said report, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled resolve in favor of John K. Russell. The report was accepted, the resolve was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed; also,

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians. The report was accepted, and the resolve was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

The above resolves were severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HODSDON of Somerset; Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1856.

Met as usual at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

The Chaplain offered prayer.

The following papers came from the House severally referred as follows, viz:

The petition of the Judge and Register of Probate for Sagadahoc county, for increase of salary, referred to the delegation from Sagadahoc county; also,

The petition of Thomas D. Titcomb and others, for appropriation on a road through Kingsbery; also,

The petition of Nancy Jane Elliot, for a donation of a lot of land belonging to the State; also,

The petition of Josiah H. Hight and others, for an appropriation on the new road from Brighton to Moosehead Lake; and also,

The petition of J. B. Hall and others, in aid of roads in Aroostook county, severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

The petition of the directors of the Pittston and Gardiner Bridge Corporation, for increase of toll, referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

The petition of Jesse Higgins for a pension, referred to the Committee on Military Pensions; also,

Petition of E. F. Kendall and others;

- " of Aug. D. Marr and others;
- " of Thomas A. Roberts and others; and
- "G. W. Tukey and others, severally for amendment of the militia law, severally referred to the Committee on the Militia; also,

The petition of Amos Austin and others of Byron, relative to chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; also,

The petition of Albert D. White and others, citizens of Buckfield, for a bank, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking; and,

The remonstrances of Hazen W. Harriman and others, and of N. B. Hubbard and others, severally against a new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford counties; and,

Of the selectmen of Dedham and 68 others, and of Aaron Fitts and others, severally against the petition of John P. Phillips and others, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

Of Louis Cormier und others of Madawaska plantation, against the petition of J. V. Putnam and others; and,

Of Firman Cyr, against the incorporation of Van Buren plantation, severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Of Hiram Foss and others, T. W. Ham and others, Isaac S. Small and others, and of C. M. Fogg and others, severally against the annexation of a part of Litchfield to Wales; and,

Of Robert Glover and others, and of Alvan Turner and others, severally against the formation of a new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford counties, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

Of Hollis M. Higgins and others, against the petition of Alanson Greer and others; and,

Of Josiah Clough and others, against the petition of John Collins, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

Resolve in favor of plantation No. 33 and 21 in Hancock county, referred to the Committee on Education; also,

Bill entitled An act to amend chapter 535 of the special laws of 1852, regulating private booms on the Kennebec river, referred to the Committee on Interior Waters; also,

Bill entitled An act to amend chapter 159 of public laws of 1845, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary—and the same were severally referred to the same Committees in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Joseph Socabasin, for in-

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1-800-235-4446 or llmc@llmc.com Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Sanford Noble, that a tract of land to which he is entitled under a resolve of a former Legislature, may be retained by the State, and the value thereof paid him in money; and also,

On the petition of John H. Small, for title to certain lands. The reports were severally accepted.

Bill entitled An act in further regulation of the process of foreign attachment, came from the House amended as per sheet marked B annexed, and indefinitely postponed. The Senate non-concurred in amending as per sheet B, and non-concurred in postponing the bill indefinitely, and insist on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed as amended per sheet A thereto annexed.

The foregoing papers were severally sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled:

An act to increase the capital stock of the People's Bank;

An act additional to an act to establish the South Kennebee Agricultural Society;

An act to incorporate the South Kennebec Agricultural Aid Society;

An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Penobscot;

An act authorizing James Miller to extend and maintain a wharf in tide waters in Belfast;

An act authorizing the construction and maintenance of certain bridges over the Kenduskeag river in the city of Bangor;

An act to incorporate the Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter;

An act to revive the charter of the European and North American Railway Company, and to extend the time for locating and building the same;

An act to amend the charter of the Newichawanick Company;

An act to extend the time for filing the location of the Penob-

scot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company, and building the same; and,

An act to establish a municipal court in the city of Portland; and also,

Resolve entitled, Resolve in favor of Peter S. Folsom; also, Resolve in favor of William W. Quinby; and also,

" authorizing the sale of shares owned by the State in the capital stock of the Augusta Bank—were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and carried to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, resolve declaratory of amendments of the constitution, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. BARNES, the yeas and nays were ordered and the resolve passed to be engrossed as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Butler, Farley, Heagan, Hodsdon, Hayden, Junkins, Kezar, Lowell, Morrill, O'Brien, Read, Robinson, Swasey and Thompson—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnes, Blaisdell, French and Goodwin—4. Mr. Shepard of Hancock was excused from voting.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported order of notice returnable to the next Legislature on the petition of John M. Frye and others.

The report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN of Washington, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. LOWELL presented the petition of T. C. Allan, Treasurer and Steward of the Insane Hospital, that the Legislature pay the expenses of a patient in the Insane Hospital, and the same was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. HOLLAND presented the petition of Leonard Trask, for further remuneration for injuries while on military duty; and,

Of Asa Austin and others, in aid of the same, which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. FRENCH presented the petition of Jose Greely and others, for the incorporation of a Manufacturing Company; and,

Mr. THOMPSON presented the petition of J. C. Humphries and others, for an act of incorporation for manufacturing purposes, which were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. ROBINSON presented the remonstrance of J. B. Bradley and others against the new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford counties.

Mr. FARLEY presented the remonstrances of

Leonard M. Cobb others;

John Maddock and others;

Isaac N. Reed and others;

James Taylor and others; and of

Freeman Grover and others, severally against the division of Lincoln county, which were severally referred, by the Senate, to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Mr. BARNES presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Atlantic Bank, for revival of their charter. It was referred, by the Senate, to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bills entitled:

An act granting further power to the association for the relief of aged indigent women to hold property; also,

An act to set off a part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to the town of Naples; also,

An act to set off certain territory from Plantation No. 4, in Franklin county, and annex the same to the town of Wilton;

An act to give jurisdiction in equity in cases between copartowners of ships; also,

An act for the regulation of bowling alleys; also,

Resolve entitled resolve in favor of Bickford C. Mathews; and,

Resolve for the benefit of the ministerial and school fund of the town of Clifton—which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, by the Senate.

Bill entitled An act to establish a Police Court in the city of Bangor, was read a second time, and the year and nays being ordered on the question, the bill was passed to be engrossed as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Bean, Blaisdell, Butler, Crane, Farley, French, Goodwin, Hathorn, Heagan, Hodsdon, Holland, Kezar, Lowell, Marden, Morrill, O'Brien, Robinson, Rowell, Swasey, Thompson and Weston—23.

NAYS-Messrs. Barker and Shepard-2.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, asked leave to be discharged from further consideration of an order directing inquiry as to amending an act approved April 17, 1854, in relation to commitment to the Reform School, and that the same be referred to the Committee on the Reform School.

The Senate accepted the report.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for creating the office of State Auditor.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that all actions against sheriffs, their deputies, coroners or constables, for official doings or misdoings, shall be commenced in the county where the act complained of was performed.

On motion of Mr. SHEPARD,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of submitting a resolve entitled resolve to the people to amend the constitution so as to abolish the executive council.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 54 of the laws of 1853, providing for appeals from County Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing that an action may be maintained on a representation made concerning the character or dealings of another person, although such representation be not in writing, if it be found to have been made fraudulently and with intention to deceive and injure.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on an order of inquiry in relation to an act in relation to elections, approved February 12, 1855; also,

On an order in relation to the property and debts of persons under guardianship. The reports were severally accepted by the Senate.

And with the before named petitions, remonstrances, reports, resolves, bills and orders, were severally sent down for concurrence.

The following papers came from the House severally referred as follows, viz:

The petition of St. John Smith and others, for an act incorporating a Dry Dock Company, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance;

The petition of the President and Directors of the Auburn Bank, for increase of capital stock, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking;

The petition of R. M. Mansur and others, to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Plymouth pond, referred to the Committee on Fisheries;

The petition of Myrick Emerson and others, for an insolvent act, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

The remonstrances of W. B. Pike and others, and of Abner Turner and others, severally against a new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford counties, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties;

The remonstrances of the city of Bath, and of Alexander Robinson and others, severally against a division of said city, 'severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns;

The remonstrances of

Josiah True and others;

John Woodbury and others;

Inhabitants of Litchfield; and of

Nathaniel Dennis and others, severally against the petition of John Collins, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns;

The petition of George W. Smith and others, in aid of a bridge in No. 11, Range 5, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads—and the same were severally referred to the same Committees, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, accompanied by a bill entitled An act to incorporate the West Branch Chesuncook Boom Corporation, was recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on An act to amend chapter 159 of the laws of 1854, the report was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY presented the remonstrance of John P. Perley and others, against a new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford counties which was ordered to be filed with other petitions and remonstrances relating to that subject.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act making further provision for laying out the money raised by towns for repairing ways and bridges. The report was accepted, the bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the same Committee, reported bill entitled An act to repeal an act additional to chapter one hundred and seventy of the Revised Statutes. The report was accepted, the bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on Finance, accompanied by a resolve entitled resolve changing the time for payment of the school fund, was accepted in concurrence. The resolve was read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Resolve entitled resolve in favor of Henry Upton, was read once, and on motion of Mr. BUTLER, was laid on the table.

Bill entitled An act in further regulation of the process of foreign attachment, came back from the House, that body adhering to its former vote, of indefinite postponement, and on motion of Mr. GOODWIN, it was laid on the table.

The resolve entitled resolve providing for the distribution of the report of the superintendent of common schools, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Maine Ministers' Relief Association, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. BARNES presented the memorial of the Maine Historical Society, relating to records and documents respecting the early settlement of Pemaquid and Sheepscot, which was laid upon the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1856.

Met at ten and a half o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER, the resolve entitled resolve in favor of Henry Upton, was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The following papers came from the House severally referred as follows, viz:

The petition of James S. Hall and others, for amendment to the city charter of Calais, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The petition of L. M. Burnham and others, in aid of the petition of Charles Whitehouse and others; and,

The petition of Charles Whitehouse and others, for a law enabling them to use a bowling alley; and also,

The petition of Eben Bickford, for an act in aid of the collection of the cash tax assessed in Newburg in 1855, severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and,

The petition of the Trustees of Limerick Academy, for endowment, referred to the Committee on Education; also,

The remonstrance of the town of Warren, against the divis-

ion of Lincoln county, referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Lewiston Falls Brass Band, referred to the Committee on the Militia—and the same were severally referred by the Senate to the same Committees.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient upon an order of inquiry relative to the compensation of County Commissioners.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the same Committee, made the same report on the petition of Joseph Gilchrist.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Alanson Greer and others; also, on the petition of Oaks Thompson and others.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of John P. Phillips and others.

These reports were severally accepted by the Senate.

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act further providing for laying out the money raised by towns for ways and bridges. The bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the same Committee, reported bill entitled An act to repeal an act additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. ROWELL presented the petition of Bradford Blanchard and others, in aid of the petition of the selectmen of Pittsfield, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of directing the Land Agent to advertise all notes due the State which were given for land, (which have not been advertised,) and also

providing that the lands for which said notes were given will become forfeited to the State unless said notes are paid by a certain day, and report by bill or otherwise.

This order, with the before named petition and reports, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURRILL, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of Waitte; and,

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation.

The reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, asking the return to that body of the resolve changing the time for the payment of the school fund.

And on motion of Mr. BARNES, the request was complied with.

On motion of Mr. BEAN, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of Detroit.

The report was accepted.

Mr. GOODWIN presented the petition of Josiah Paul, for an allowance for services and disbursements as coroner, referred by the Senate to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. FARLEY presented the remonstrance of Howland Hatch and others, against the division of Lincoln county. Referred by the Senate to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Mr. BEAN laid on the table, by leave, bill entitled An act to repeal chapter 147 of the public laws approved March 13, 1855. Referred by the Senate to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, the memorial of the Maine Historical Society was taken from the table and referred by the Senate to the Committee on the Library.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN, bill entitled an act to incorporate the Ellsworth Academy, was taken from the table, amended as per sheets A, B and C, thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time and passed to be engressed.

Bill entitled An act regulating proceedings on demurrer, came back from the House amended as per sheet C, thereto annexed. The Senate non-concurred in amending as per sheet C, and insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

The petition of J. S. Baker, for increase of the salary of the County Attorney in Sagadahoc county, came from the House referred to the delegation from that county.

The Senate non-concurred in that reference, and referred the petition to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The before named papers were severally sent down for concurrence.

The following papers came from the House referred as follows, viz:

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The remonstrance of S. A. Lawrence, against the petition of J. M. Bangs, referred to the Committee on Fisheries; also,

The remonstrance of the City Council of Gardiner, against abolishing the Police Court in that city, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The remonstrance of the selectmen of Strong, against the petition of Benjamin Herrick and others, referred to the Committee on the Division of Towns; also,

The petition of R. Dexter, for the incorporation of a Gas Company, referred to the Committee on Manufactures; also,

The petition of Ervin Robinson and others, for a charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

The remonstrance of Charles Holmes and others, against the division of the city of Rockland, referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

The remonstrance of Seth Patterson and others, against the division of Lincoln county, referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the St. John's Lodge, referred to the Committee on Manufactures; also,

A communication from the Warden of the State Prison, referred to the Committee on the State Prison; also,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Universalist Parsonage Association, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary—and the same were severally referred by the Senate to the same Committees.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, reported resolves entitled:

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital, in relation to the "Fire Engine;"

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital, in relation to the "Cottage;" and,

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital, in relation to the "Aqueduct."

The reports were severally accepted. The resolves were

severally read once, and Monday next assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. BURRILL, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of Orient.

The report was accepted. The bill was once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

The resolve entitled resolve in favor of Umcolcus plantation, was once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill entitled An act in addition to an act authorizing the inhabitants of school district No. 1, in Bucksport, to accept a bequest made by Joseph R. Folsom, ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on Finance, accompanied by a bill entitled An act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government, was accepted in concurrence. The bill was once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Daniel Haynes, was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Military Pensions, accompanied by a resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith, was accepted in concurrence, the resolve was once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, recommending that the returns of corporations be placed on file in the Secretary's Office and published, was accepted by the Senate in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the selectmen of Addison, and that the same be referred to the

delegation from Washington county, was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Accounts, accompanied by a resolve entitled Resolve for the payment of the roll of accounts numbered thiry-six, was accepted in concurrence. The resolve was once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied by bill entitled An act to incorporate the Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. HODSDON, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mattawamkeag Boom Company, was taken from the table, the rules were suspended, and the bill was read a second time and laid upon the table on motion of Mr. SWASEY.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the State Prison be authorized to visit that institution for the purpose of examining into its affairs, and make a report thereon at any time during the present session of the Legislature; and,

That the Committee on Indian Affairs inquire into the expediency of passing a resolve so that the Indian Agent of the Passamaquoddy tride of Indians shall purchase annually fifty dollars worth of wood and fencing stuff and distribute the same to such Indians as may reside at Pleasant Point in the town of Perry during the winter season in each year, to be paid out of any money belonging to said Passamaquoddy Indian fund, and to be settled and allowed by the Governor and Council in the settlement of said Agent's accounts—were severally passed by the Senate in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed:

Resolve entitled Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the lot reserved for the future disposition of the Legislature in plantation No. 14, east division, Washington county, it was finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled:

An act addition to an act to establish the Sagadahoc Ferry Company;

An act to incorporate the South China Mechanics' Association:

An act to incorporate the North Marine Wharf and Railway Company;

An act for the removal of paupers having no settlement within this State—they were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President of the Senate, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1856.

Met at two and a half o'clock P. M.

The PRESIDENT announced the absence of the Secretary. Whereupon, Mr. SWASEY of Cumberland submitted the following, viz:

Resolved, That NATHANIEL C. REED be and hereby is appointed Secretary of the Senate pro tempore, and the same was passed.

The necessary oaths were administered by Hon. Lot M. MORRILL, authorized by dedimus potestatem.

The Journal of Saturday's proceedings was read.

The Chaplain offered prayer.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled,

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An act to incorporate the Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company; also, resolves entitled,

Resolve in favor of Umcolcus plantation; and,

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith.

The reports were accepted. The bill and resolves were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. BEAN, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act additional to an act authorizing the inhabitants of the first school district in Bucksport to accept a bequest from Joseph R. Folsom.

The report was accepted, the bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government.

The report was accepted, the bill was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. FARLEY, was laid on the table; also,

Resolve entitled resolve for the payment of the Roll of Accounts numbered thirty-six.

The report was accepted, the resolve was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

That Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives informing that branch that in the temporary absence of William G. Clark, Esq., Nathaniel C. Reed had been elected Secretary of the Senate pro tempore.

Mr. BUTLER subsequently reported that he had delivered the message wherewith he had been charged.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through Mr. Fuller of Augusta, informing the Senate that in the absence of the Speaker, Jeremiah Foster of East Machias had been chosen Speaker pro tempore.

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of Orient. The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made the same reports on resolves entitled,

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital, in relation to the "Cottage," which was read a second time, and laid upon the table on motion of Mr. BUTLER; also,

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital, in relation to the "Fire Engine;" also,

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital, in relation to the "Aqueduct."

The reports were severally accepted. The resolves were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw,

On the petition of the selectmen of Pittsfield; and,

On the the petition of John Holbrook; also,

On the petition of Caleb P. Marsh. The reports were severally accepted.

These before named reports, with the action of the Senate in regard them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMPSON presented the petition of A. C. Robbins and others, for incorporation of an Insurance Company. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the necessity of making further provision for the keeping of the moneys of the State, and the communication of the State Treasurer under date of the 11th instant, relating to the expenditure of the contingent fund of the Treasurer, together with the report of the Committee on the accounts of the Commissioner of the Treasury for the last year, be referred to a Joint Select Committee of three on part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, whose duty it shall be to consider and re-

port whether any and what further legislation is required for the better security of the moneys of the State, and the regulation of its accounts, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise; and Messrs. Farley of Lincoln, Barnes of Cumberland, and Robinson of Oxford, were appointed on part of the Senate. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mattawamkeag Boom Company, was taken from the table on motion of Mr. SWASEY, and again laid upon the table on motion of the same Senator.

The following papers came from the House, and were disposed of as follows, viz:

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, accompanied by bill entitled An act to incorporate the Herring Gut Marine Railway Company, was accepted in concurrence. The bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading. Also,

The report of the Committee on Finance, accompanied by a resolve entitled Resolve abating the tax of the town of Hollis and assessing the same upon the town of Dayton, was accepted in concurrence. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading. And also,

The remonstrance of the City Council of Biddeford, against the petition of S. P. McKinney and others, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURRILL, The Senate adjourned.

NATH'L C. REED, Secretary pro tem.

# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary pro tempore.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. HEAGAN presented the petition of Otis Ingraham, to enlarge the power of constables, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. O'BRIEN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of S. H. Moulton and others; and also,

On the petition of Daniel B. Norwood and others. The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. SWASEY, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act explanatory of chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GOODWIN, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act to amend section 46 of chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. BURRILL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be requested to inquire into the expediency of passing a bill entitled An act explanatory of an act providing for the education of youth, passed August 27, 1850, so far as relates to notifying school district meetings.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law in relation to ways, that the term highways shall include town as well as county for the purposes of indictment.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law to punish and prevent frauds in the use of false stamps, labels and trade marks.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital, in relation to the "Cottage," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed—and with the before named papers, sent down for concurrence.

The following papers came from the House severally referred as follows, viz:

Resolve entitled resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey Mark Island, in Gouldsborough, to the United States, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

Bill entitled An act for the preservation of Moose and Deer, referred to the Committee on Agriculture; also,

Bill entitled An act regulating and restricting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The petition of W. P. Lamson and others, for incorporation of Lake Mouth Company, referred to the Committee on Manufactures; also,

The petition of A. Ham and others, for revision of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary—and the same were severally referred to the same Committees, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of altering or amending chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, on the subject of impounding beasts, was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Bill entitled An act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government, was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to to incorporate the Herring Gut Marine Railway Company.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve abating the tax of the town of Hollis and assessing the same upon the town of Dayton, which was read a second time, and laid upon the table on motion of Mr. GOODWIN.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported bill entitled An act to repeal an act entitled an act to reunite the towns of Anson and North Anson.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and on motion of Mr. SWASEY, ordered to lie upon the table, and 350 copies of the bill, together with the original bill, referred to the same Committee on the same subject, be re-printed for the use of the Legislature.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, accompanied by bill entitled An act to incorporate Lewiston Village Corporation, and Auburn Village Corporation, and to provide for the dissolution and closing up of the affairs of the Lewiston Falls Corporation; also,

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, accompanied by bill entitled An act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company; also,

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied by bill entitled An act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company; also,

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, accompanied by bill entitled An act to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company; also,

The report of the Committee on Education, that resolve entitled resolve providing for the distribution of the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, ought to pass—were severally accepted in concurrence by the Senate.

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The bills and resolve reported were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

Resolve entitled resolve in favor of the town of Danville, came from the House, and was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled,

Resolve in favor of Henry Upton; also,

- " in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians; also,
- " for the benefit of the ministerial and school fund of the town of Clifton; also,

Resolve in favor of John K. Russell—they were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval.

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, accompanied by a bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company, was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read once, and on motion of Mr. LOWELL, ordered to lie upon the table and 350 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL, The Senate adjourned.

NATH'L C. REED, Secretary pro tem.

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

The Secretary pro tempore read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on an order of inquiry as to amending the constitution in relation to the Executive Council.

The report was accepted.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made a similar report on an order in relation to actions against sheriffs, coroners and constables.

The report was accepted.

Mr. FARLEY presented the petitions of citizens of Richmond, Rockland, Bowdoinham, Brunswick, Freeport, Lewiston, Durham and Bath, severally for a militia system similar to that of the State of Massachusetts—which were severally referred by the Senate to the Committee on the Militia.

Mr. BUTLER, presented the petition of Cyrus K. Bodfish, for the sale of a lot at Fort Kent, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Joseph Bird and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on the petition of Otis Ingraham and others, in relation to the powers of constables.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incor-

porate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company, which was read a second time, and amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The before named petitions and reports, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

The following papers came from the House referred as follows, viz:

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Resolve entitled resolve in favor of the town of Waldobo-rough, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The remonstrances of Stephen Sprague and others, Thomas Vining and others, and of the selectmen of Phillips, severally against the petition of Thomas Ellsworth and others, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns; also,

The remonstrances of A. W. Johnson and others, and of Benjamin Kelley and others, severally against the petition of Samuel Tripp and others, severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.; also,

The remonstrance of Raphael Martin and others, against the petition of J. V. Putnam and others, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary—and they were severally referred by the Senate to the same Committees, in concurrence.

Order from the House, appointing Messrs. Foster of East Machias, Currier of Orrington, Wenthworth of Knox, Merrill of Buxton, and Foster of Newry, a Committee, with such as the Senate may join, to confer with the Joint Standing Committees, and ascertain and report at what time they will finally dispose of all business before them, and also report what day may be fixed for the adjournment of the Legislature, was passed in concurrence—and Messrs. Jones of Penobscot, Talbot of Washington, and Bean of Kennebec, were appointed on part of the Senate.

The following reports were made, viz:

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company.

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill enitled An act to incorporate the Lewiston Village Corporation and the Auburn Village Corporation, and to provide for the dissolution and closing up of the affairs of the Lewiston Falls Village Corporation.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the same Committee, made a similar report on Resolve providing for the distribution of the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, made a similar report on resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the town of Danville.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company.

The before named reports were severally accepted. The resolves and bills reported, were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the Branch Mills Manufacturing Company.

The report was accepted. The bill was once read, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading, on motion of Mr. BURRILL.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the Brunswick Water Power Company.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Oliver Wheeler and others.

The report was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. MAR-DEN.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act to provide for the correction of certain

deficiencies in the returns made by a town officer in the town of Weld.

The report was accepted, the bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of Waitte.

The report was accepted, the bill was read a second time, and with a certain amendment offered to it, laid upon the table on motion of Mr. HAYDEN.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY, The Senate adjourned.

N. C. REED, Secretary pro tem.

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

The proceedings of yesterday were read by the Secretary pro tempore.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to provide for the correction of certain deficiencies in returns made by a town officer of the town of Weld.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BEAN, from the same Committee, made a similar report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Brunswick Water Power Company.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

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Mr. SWASEY presented the petition of the County Attorney of Cumberland, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported order of notice returnable to the next Legislature on the petition of John A. Pettengill and others;

The same order on the petition of B. H. Reed and others; also,

A similar order on the petition of the proprietors of the Gardiner bridge; and also,

The same order on the petitions of R. K. Page and others, and of C. H. Beck and others; also,

That legislation is inexpedient on an order as to repealing bill entitled An act relative to the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company; and also,

Leave to withdraw on the petition of E. B. Pearce and others—which were severally accepted.

Mr. BURRILL presented the petition of Bartholomew R. Lunt and others, for the incorporation of the town of Seaport, and the same was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported that so much of the petition of Samuel Veazie and others as relates to further time to complete branch tracks of railroads authorized by an act establishing the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company, be referred to the next Legislature; and so much of the same petition as relates to the extension of said road to Lincoln, and for change of time to receive toll on the railroad bridge of said Company, the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the Superintending School Committees to return to the Secretary of State, with the statement now directed to be made to that officer, a copy of their annual report.

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Mr. ROBINSON presented the remonstrances of Samuel Stickney and others, and of Henry Bean and others, severally against a new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford. counties—and the same were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

The before named papers 'were severally sent down for concurrence.

The following papers came from the House severally referred as follows, viz:

The petition of Joseph Dana and others, for a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; also,

The petition of W. R. Frye and others, for appointment of Inspector of Gas Meters, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The petition of Arthur McArthur in behalf of Limington Academy, referred to the Committee on Education; also,

The petition of J. G. Coburn and others, for charter of a Savings Institution, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking; also,

The petition of Thomas Hunt and others, in aid of the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad Company, referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

The petition of Charles H. Berry and others, for an alteration of the militia law, referred to the Committee on the Militia; also,

A communication from the Land Agent, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Finance be directed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the valuation of the town of Waldoborough, referred to the delegation from Lincoln county—and the same were severally referred to the same Committees by the Senate.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. Ham of Lewiston, informing the Senate, that in the absence of the Clerk, W. L. Putnam had been elected Clerk pro tempore.

Mr. BUTLER laid upon the table, by leave, a resolve entitled Resolve changing the time for the payment of the school fund, which was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

This vote was subsequently reconsidered on motion of Mr. SWASEY, and the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported bill entitled An act to authorize James A. Creighton to change the bed or the channel of Mill River stream, emptying into the Georges river.

The report was accepted. The bill was once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported a bill entitled An act to set off a portion of the town of Litchfield, in the county of Kennebec, and to annex the same to the town of Wales, in the county of Androscoggin.

The report was accepted. The bill was once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled,

Resolve for the payment of the roll of accounts numbered thirty-six; and,

Resolve declaratory of amendments to the constitution—they were finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President of the Senate, and carried to the Governor for his approval and signature.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. Put-NAM, their Clerk pro tempore, proposing a convention of both branches in the Hall of the House of Representatives, this day, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing a Land Agent, Attorney General, and Adjutant General.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY, a message was sent to the House informing that branch that the Senate does concur in the aforesaid proposition. And the Secretary pro tempore subsequently announced that he had delivered the message wherewith he had been charged.

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A message was received from the House, through Mr. Put-NAM, its Clerk pro tempore, informing the Senate that the House had received and entered upon its Journal a message from the Governor informing the Legislature that he has this day signed the Resolves declaratory of amendments to the constitution.

The hour designated for the holding of a Convention having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, where a Convention was formed.

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HOLLAND,

Messrs. Holland, Farley and Jones, of the Senate, and Messrs. Andrews of Bridgton, Blake of Bangor, Barker of Exeter, Hume of Robbinston, and Charles of Stowe, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Land Agent, who having attended to that duty, reported, that

The whole number of votes was	161
Blanks,	2
Necessary to a choice,	81
James Walker has	91
Isaac R. Clark has	56
James White has	14

Whereupon, James Walker was declared duly elected Land Agent for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Messrs. Hayden, Butler and Bean, of the Senate, and Messrs. Lyman of Portland, Hanscom of South Berwick, Hobart of Edmunds, Davis of Clifton, and Chase of Buckfield, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Attorney General, who having attended to that duty, reported that

The whole number of ballots was	163	
Necessary to a choice,	82	
George Evans has	104	
John S. Abbot has	<b>56</b>	
John A. Peters has	1	
James R. Bachelder, for Adjutant General, has	1	
George M. Atwood, for Adjutant General, has	1	

The report was accepted, and George Evans was declared duly elected Attorney General for the State of Maine for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. AYER,

Messrs. Ayer, Goodwin and Blaisdell, of the Senate, and Messrs. Duren of Calais, Cochran of Waldoborough, Ham of Lewiston, Wentworth of Knox, and Burleigh of Linneus, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Adjutant General, who having attended to that duty, reported, that

The whole number of ballots was	161
Necessary to a choice,	81
George M. Atwood has	104
James R. Bachelder has	56
George Evans has	. 1

The report was accepted, and GEORGE M. ATWOOD was declared duly elected Adjutant General for the State of Maine for the current political year.

The purposes for which the Convention was formed having been accomplished, it was dissolved, and the Senate withdrew to the Senate Chamber.

### IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

The Secretary of the Senate pro tempore was directed to notify James Walker of his election as Land Agent; George Evans of his election as Attorney General; and George M. Atwood of his election as Adjutant General; severally elected by joint ballot of the Senate and House of Representatives in Convention this day.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled,

An act to establish a Police Court in the city of Bangor—it was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire and report what legislation is necessary in regard to the elections of Judges and Registers of Probate, and Judges of Municipal and Police Courts, and Sheriffs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of BARNES,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate pro tempore be directed to give notice to the Governor, by written communication, that the Senators and Representatives, by joint ballot, in Convention, have this day chosen James Walker Land Agent, George Evans Attorney General, and George M. Atwood Adjutant General.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, The Senate adjourned.

NATH'L C. REED, Secretary pro tem.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary pro tempore.

The Chaplain offered prayer.

Mr. BUTLER presented the remonstrance of D. Harlow and others, against the petition of Benjamin Herrick and others, and the same was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

The same Senator, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to authorize James A. Creighton to change the bed or channel of Mill River stream, emptying into Georges river.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made a similar report on bill entitled An act to set off a part of Litchfield, in the county of Kennebec, and annex the same to the town of Wales, in the county of Androscoggin.

The reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of James Lowell and others, for a bank at Lewiston.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Claims, made the same reports on the petitions of Samuel W. Stoddard, and Nathan Pattangall and others.

These reports were severally accepted, and with the before named papers were severally sent down for concurrence.

The following papers came from the House referred as follows, viz:

The report of the Committee on Claims, accompanied with resolves entitled.

Resolve in favor of Simon F. Walker; the report accepted, and the resolve recommitted for a statement of facts; also,

Resolve in favor of C. A. McLaughlin; the report accepted, and the resolve recommitted; and,

Bill entitled An act additional to an act relating to supervisors of schools and superintending school committees, referred to the Committee on Education; also,

Bill entitled An act to amend chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Resolves entitled Resolves of the town of Newcastle, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Manufacturing Company, referred to the Committee on Manufactures; also,

The petition of James O. McIntire and others, for incorporation as a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; also,

The petition of the Register of Probate of Washington county,

for increase of salary, referred to the delegation from Washington county; also,

The petition of J. B. Carroll and others, for reorganization of the militia, referred to the Committee on the Militia—and they were severally referred to the same Committees, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled:

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith; also,

Resolve in favor of Umcolcus plantation—they were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President of the Senate, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed:

Bill entitled An act to set off a part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to the town of Naples—it was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President of the Senate, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. SWASEY introduced a preamble and resolve in relation to an adjournment to Tuesday next, which was amended and rejected.

Mr. AYER, from the Committee on the Militia, reported bill entitled An act to organize and discipline the militia.

The report was accepted. The bill ordered to lie upon the table, and 1,000 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops; also,

An act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The bills were severally read, and with the accompaning report, laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That 2,500 copies of the report of the Committee

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on that part of the Governor's address which relates to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, together with the bill submitted thereon, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That 2,500 copies of bill entitled An act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, drawn by Mr. Wedgewood, one of the members of the Committee on the Judiciary, and presented together with the report of that Committee of this date upon the same subject, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The following reports were made, viz:

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported bill entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Bank; also,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bank of Enterprise; and,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Nezinscot Bank.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported bill entitled An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of the Penobscot river; also,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Brunswick Marine Insurance Company.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported bill entitled An act to set off Stephen Spaulding and his real estate from the town of Sumner to the town of Buckfield. The second reading of this bill was assigned to Wednesday next.

The before named reports were severally accepted. The bills reported were severally read once, and to-morrow (except for the last bill) was assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of G. L. Boynton and others, reported certain resolves; and on his motion the report and resolves were laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The following reports came from the House accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on Military Pensions, accompanied with a resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Rufus N. Sanborn; also,

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, with resolve entitled Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell Mark Island to the United States—and were severally accepted in concurrence.

The resolves were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second readings.

The report of the Committee on Military Pensions, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Robert Patterson; also,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on bill entitled An act to regulate the settlement of alien paupers; also,

The report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on the petition of John Dudley and others; also,

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, referring to the next Legislature the petition of D. Mossman and others; also,

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Isaac Grant and others—were severally accepted in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the report of John N. Goodwin, appointed Commissioner under resolve concerning the special acts and resolves of this State, approved March 16, 1855, which was laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature, on motion of Mr. SWASEY.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee be appointed, consisting of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the expediency of rescinding certain resolves relating to slavery, approved March 17, 1855, and that the resolves relating to Kansas, now on the table of the Senate, he referred to the same Committee.

Messrs. Farley, Swasey and Barker were appointed on the part of the Senate, and the order was sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SHEPARD, The Senate adjourned.

NATH'L C. REED, Secretary pro tem.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary pro tem.

Prayer by the Chaplain of the Senate.

A communication from George M. Atwood, signifying his acceptance of the office of Adjutant General, was read by the President of the Senate.

The Secretary of the Senate was directed to transmit a certified copy of the communication to the Governor, and the original to the House of Representatives.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bank of Enterprise; also,

Bill entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Bank—which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the same Committee, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Nezinscot Bank; also,

Bill entitled An act for the extension of a wharf into Penobscot river, at Bucksport—which were severally read once, and severally passed to be engrossed.

· Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported reference to the next Legislature on the petition of Ephraim Alley and others. The report was accepted.

The before named reports, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

The following reports were made, viz:

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act in relation to the election of Judges of Probate, Registers of Probate, Sheriffs, and Judges of Municipal and Police Courts. Also, a new draft of bill entitled An act relating to the disclosures of poor debtors.

Mr. BARNES, from the same Committee, reported that bill entitled An act to incorporate the Maine Ministers' Relief Association, ought to pass.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported bill entitled An act to punish and prevent frauds in the use of false stamps, labels and trade marks.

These reports were severally accepted. The bills reported were severally read once, and Monday next assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. GOODWIN offered a resolve entitled Resolve in favor of John N. Goodwin, which was read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act incorporating the Brunswick Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and laid upon the table on motion of Mr. BARNES.

Bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Waldoborough Village Corporation, came from the House passed to be engrossed. It was referred to a Select Committee of the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Barnes, Butler and Marden, who subsequently reported the bill with an amendment as per sheet A, thereto annexed.

The amendment was adopted, and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading of the bill as amended.

Bill entitled An act additional to an act respecting banks, passed March 16, 1855, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Rufus N. Sanborn.

The same Senator made a similar report on resolve entitled resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey Mark Island, in Gouldsborough, to the United States.

The reports were severally accepted, the resolves 'were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engressed, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Nehemiah Ellis, was accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act granting further power to the association for the relief of aged, indigent women, to hold property; also,

An act in addition to an act authorizing the inhabitants of the first school district in Bucksport to accept a bequest made by Joseph R. Folsom; also,

An act to incorporate the Herring Gut Marine Railway Company; also,

An act to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation; also,

An act making further provision for laying out the money raised by towns for ways and bridges—they were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President of the Senate, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Resolve entitled resolve providing for the distribution of the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools—was finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

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Mr. THOMPSON presented the petition of Alfred J. Stone and others, for an alteration in the militia laws, which was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MARDEN, The Senate adjourned.

N. C. REED, Secretary pro tem.

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1856.

Met at half past two o'clock P. M.

The Journal of Saturday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to punish and prevent frauds in the use of false stamps, labels and trade marks.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and ordered to lie upon the table and 350 copies to be printed for the use of the Legislature, on motion of Mr. HAYDEN.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act in relation to the election of Judges of Probate, Registers of Probate, Sheriffs, and Judges of Municipal and Police Courts; also,

The same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Maine Ministers' Relief Association—which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act relating to the disclosures of poor debtors; also,

The same report on resolve entitled Resolve in favor of John N. Goodwin—which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill entitled An act to incorporate the Unitarian Parsonage Proprietary in Belfast, ought to pass; also,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, accompanied by bill entitled An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the St. John's Lodge; also,

The report of the same Committee, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Universalist Parsonage Association; also,

The report of the same Committee, accompanied with bill entitled An act to repeal chapter 521 of the special laws of 1855; also,

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the Freedom Lodge—were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, accompanied with resolve entitled resolve for the sale of government lot at Fort Kent, was accepted in concurrence, the resolve was once read, and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. FRENCH.

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Brunswick Marble Company, was accepted in concurrence, the bill was once read, and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. THOMPSON.

The report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of S. D. Gray and others, was recommitted, together with the bill accompaning it, to the same Committee in concurrence.

The petition of J. W. Cushing and others, for an act of incorporation of the Devonshire Mills Corporation, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of restricting the powers of County Commissioners in respect to laying out roads over unincorporated towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1856.

Met at ten o'clock A. M.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The Chaplain of the Senate offered prayer.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 28 of the laws of 1847, relating to appeals from the courts of County Commissioners; also,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 200 of the laws of 1846, relating to hawkers and pedlers; also,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law authorizing judges of municipal and justices' courts to summons into said courts three, five or seven jurymen, whenever either of the parties interested require it to be done, in any civil case to be heard and tried before said judge or justice and jurors—were severally passed by the Senate, in concurrence.

The remonstrances of George N. Mills and others, and of T. C. Tapley and others, severally against setting off certain islands from Brooksville to Castine, were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

The following reports were made, viz:

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to repeal an act entitled an act to allow the construction of a weir in tide waters of Damariscotta river.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Unitarian Parsonage Proprietary in Belfast.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, made a similar report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Freedom Lodge; also,

Same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Universalist Parsonage Association in Belfast.

And the reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas Hunt and others; also;

The report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on a petition for the regulation of winter roads—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the St. John's Lodge, which was read a second time, and amended as per sheet A, thereto annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on certain matters from the last Legislature, referred to this, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FRENCH, resolve entitled Resolve for the sale of government lot at Fort Kent, was taken from the table, amended as per sheet A, thereto annexed, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading, as amended.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary report what action, if any, has been taken on the report of the Commissioners appointed to revise the laws of the State, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. BARNES.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the town of Waldoborough, ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The resolve was read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, accompanied with a bill entitled An act to incorporate the Maine Gold Mining Company, was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting resolves of the State of Alabama in relation to duties on railroad iron. It was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled resolve in favor of C. A. McLaughlin, came from the House amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended. The Senate concurred in the amendment. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

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# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Armitage, Chaplain of the House.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Waldoborough Village Corporation.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed as before amended on sheet A, thereto annexed.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the town of Waldoborough.

The report was accepted. The resolve was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BUTLER, from the same Committee, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Branch Mills Manufacturing Company; also;

Bill entitled An act to set off Stephen Spaulding, together with his real estate, from the town of Sumner to the town of Buckfield.

The reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BARNES, by leave, laid upon the table bill entitled An act providing for the appointment and duties of a Recorder of the Police Court of Bangor.

The bill was once read, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. JONES, by leave, laid upon the table resolve entitled resolve authorizing the sale of certain lands in Bradley. It

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

The same Senator presented the petition of J. S. Wheel-wright and others, for the incorporation of a Mutual Loan Fund Association. It was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Claims, reported that the petition of T. C. Allan, Treasurer and Steward of the Insane Hospital, be referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital.

The report was accepted.

The before named papers were severally sent down for concurrence.

The following reports were made, viz:

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported bill entitled An act to set off a part of the town of Litchfield and annex the same to West Gardiner.

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Education, reported bill entitled An act repealing chapter 147 of the public laws, approved March 13, 1855.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bryant's Pond Manufacturing Company.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported bill entitled An act additional to an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad.

These reports were severally accepted. The bills reported were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Mary Rockwood and others, which was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. BEAN.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve for the sale of the government lot at Fort Kent.

The resolve was read a second time, and laid upon the table on motion of Mr. BUTLER.

Mr. ROWELL, from the same Committee, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve in favor, of C. A. Mc. Laughlin.

The resolve was read a second time, the amendments of the House were concurred in, and the resolve was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. BUTLER.

Mr. FARLEY, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Maine Gold Mining Company.

The bill was read a second time, and laid upon the table on motion of Mr. BARNES.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Gideon Mayo and others, which was ordered to lie upon the table, and 700 copies to be printed for the use of the Legislature on motion of Mr. BARNES.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That 200 additional copies of the communication of the Trustees of the Reform School, with the by-laws, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

A communication from George Evans, signifying his accept ance of the office of Attorney General, was read. The Secretary was directed to transmit a certified copy of the document to the Governor and the original to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Brunswick Marble Company, was taken from the table, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading as amended.

The report of the Committee on Education, that legislation is inexpedient on an order as to supervisors of schools holding office until the tenth of April, was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Adams Treat and others, referring it to the next Legislature, was accepted in concurrence.

The following petitions came up referred as follows, viz:

The petition of Hozea Blaisdell and others, for an act of incorporation of a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, referred to the Committee on Mercantile-Affairs and Insurance; also,

The petition of J. H. Eastabrook and others, for an alteration of the militia law, referred to the Committee on the Militia—and the same were severally referred to the same Committees, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

To-morrow, at 11 o'clock A. M., was assigned for the election of Major Generals to fill existing vacancies on part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Bill entitled An act to re-unite the towns of Anson and North Anson, was taken from the table, and to-morrow assigned for its for its second reading.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report accompanied with bill entitled An act additional in relation to the admission of parties to suits in civil cases as witnesses, which was laid upon the table, and 700 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature, on motion of the same Senator.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

The Chaplain of the Senate offered prayer.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bryant's Pond Manufacturing Company; and,

Mr. ROWELL, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act additional to an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad; also,

The same Senator, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to set off a part of Litchfield and annex the same to West Gardiner.

These reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. GOODWIN, by leave, laid upon the table bill entitled An act additional concerning elections. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Oliver Eveleth and others, and also on the petition of Justus Hathaway.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. JONES presented the petition of John Sargent, Jr., for extra pay as forage master of the militia of Maine in 1839, and it was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported that bill entitled An act in relation to bank re-

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turns, ought to pass; and also, leave to withdraw on the petition of Dennis Moore and others.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. FARLEY, by leave, laid upon the table bill entitled An act to incorporate the Foxcroft Manufacturing Company, which was read once, and the rules were suspended. It was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate upon them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported bill entitled An act to authorize the diversion of the water from Long pond into Round pond.

The report was accepted. The bill was once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of further legislation relative to the board of poor debtors, as provided for in the 32d and 34th sections of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, was passed in concurrence.

The petition of Eben'r Hutchinson, for the increase of the salary of the County Attorney of Somerset county, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Education, accompanied with bill entitled An act for the establishment of Normal Schools, came up, with the report accepted and the bill indefinitely postponed.

The report was accepted in concurrence, and the bill was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. GOODWIN.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act repealing chapter 147 of the public laws of 1855.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and faid upon the table on motion of Mr. SHEPARD.

The hour assigned for the election, on the part of the Senate, of Major Generals to fill existing vacancies, having arrived.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Messrs. Thompson, Farley and Robinson, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Major General of the First Division.

The Committee having attended to the duty assigned them, reported, that

The whole number of votes was	20
Necessary for a choice,	\$ 11
Ebenezer Ricker has	20

The report was accepted, and EBENEZER RICKER was declared duly elected on the part of the Senate, Major General of the First Division.

On motion of Mr. HEAGAN,

Messrs. Heagan, Read and Barker, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Major General of the Second Division.

The Committee having attended to the duty assigned them, reported, that

The whole number of votes was	21
Necessary for a choice,	11
Samuel Wood has	11
Elias G. Hedge has	10

The report was accepted, and SAMUEL WOOD was declared duly elected on the part of the Senate, Major General of the Second Division.

On motion of Mr. ROWELL,

Messrs. Rowell, Ayer and French, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Major General of the Third Division.

The Committee having attended to the duty assigned them, reported, that

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The whole number of votes was	· 19
Necessary for a choice,	10
Samuel S. Heagan has	18
Daniel Putnam has	1

The report was accepted, and Samuel S. Heagan was declared duly elected on the part of the Senate, Major General of the Third Division.

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

Messrs. Barker, Kezar and Jones, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Major General of the Seventh Division.

The Committee having attended to the duty assigned them, reported, that

The whole number of votes was		21
Necessary for a choice,		11
Jeremiah Foster has	l	18
William Duren has		3

The report was accepted, and Jeremian Foster was declared duly elected on the part of the Senate, Major General of the Seventh Division.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that branch that the Senate have this day elected on its part,

EBENEZER RICKER of Acton, Major General of the First Division;

Samuel Wood of Winthrop, Major General of the Second Division;

SAMUEL S. HEAGAN of North Prospect, Major General of the Third Division; and,

JEREMIAH FOSTER of East Machias, Major General of the Seventh Division of the militia of Maine.

The message was sent by the Secretary, who subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That 350 copies of the petition of G. L. Boynton and others, asking for an extension of time to pay certain notes in the Land Office, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. JONES, by leave, laid upon the table a bill entitled An act to extend the time of paying a certain portion of the capital stock of the Kenduskeag Plank Road Company, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARNES, by leave, lald upon the table a bill entitled An act further regulating the construction of wharves in tide waters, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following papers came from the House disposed of as follows, viz:

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Christopher Cole, referred to the Committee on Claims; and,

The petition of Edward Hutchinson, for aid of the European and North American Railway, referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

The remonstrance of J. A. Denison and others, against a new county from parts of Cumberland and Oxford counties, referred to the Committee on Division of Counties; also,

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that said Committee be discharged from further consideration of a communication from the Land Agent dated February 22, 1856, and that the same be referred to the Committee on the Affairs of the Land Office. Accepted.

And the same were severally disposed of in the same manner by the Senate.

Order from the House, in relation to authorizing a certain expenditure by the Agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. AYER, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

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The President being absent, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary, and on motion of Mr. SWASEY, FRANCIS G. BUTLER was chosen President pro tempore.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill entitled An act additional to chapter 99 of the Revised Statutes, ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas Ellsworth and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Nancy Jane Elliot.

The report was accepted.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Daniel Gatchell and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the taxation of rights of flowage.

The report was accepted.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, made the same report on an order to inquire relating to further legislation in

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regard to the compensation allowed to jailors for the support of prisoners.

The report was accepted.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to the providing for the summoning of jurors by Judges of Municipal and Police Courts and Justices of the Peace.

The report was accepted.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate in regard to them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve abating the tax of the town of Hollis and assessing the same upon the town of Dayton, came from the House passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, it was amended as per sheet A, thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State, reported by the Committee on Finance, came up passed to be engrossed; and the resolve was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The following reports came from the House disposed of as follows, viz:

The report of the Committee on Military Pensions, accompanied by resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Abagail O'Brien; accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed; also,

The report of the Committee on Claims, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Simon F. Walker; accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed; also,

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, accompanied with bill entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Pepperell Manufacturing Company; accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed; also,

The report of the same Committee, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Boot and Shoe Company; accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed; also,

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges,

accompanied with bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company; accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed; also,

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, accompanied with bill entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Corporation, approved March 23, 1856; accepted, and the bill 'passed to be engrossed; also,

The report of the Committee on Education, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians; accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed; also,

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Biddeford Fire Insurance Company; accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed—and the same were severally accepted in concurrence.

The resolves and bills were severally read once, and tomorrow assigned for their several second readings.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That three thousand additional copies of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary, on that part of the Governor's Annual Address which relates to the manufacture, and sale of intoxicating liquors, together with the bill submitted thereon by the Committee be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to authorize the diversion of the water from Long pond into Round pond.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. SHEPARD.

The following reports were made, viz:

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill entitled An act further regulating the construction of wharves in tide waters, ought to pass.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of J. S.

Wheelwright and others, reported leave to bring in a bill, accompanied by bill entitled An act to incorporate the Penobscot Mutual Loan Fund Association.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petition of the President and Directors of the Atlantic Bank, praying that their charter may be revived, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the Atlantic Bank.

And the same were severally accepted. The bills reported were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported that bill entitled An act to set off certain Islands in Bagaduce river from the town of Brooksville and annex the same to the town of Castine, ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company, reported by the Committee on Manufactures, came from the House recommitted to the same Committee. It was recommitted in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act regulating proceedings on demurrer, came back from the House that branch adhering to its former vote adopting the amendment on sheet C thereto annexed, and passing the same to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, the Senate receded and concurred with the House in passing the bill to be engrossed as amended per sheet C, thereto annexed.

Bill entitled An act to provide for the sale of certain interests in the public lands and for the taxation of certain interests in real estate, the fee of which is not liable to be taxed to the owner of such interests, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

The petition of Joseph Gunnison and others, for incorporation of the Eastern Masonic Temple Company, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the State Reform School be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing that the expenses of supporting juvenile offenders at said school shall be paid by the several counties instead of the State; also,

That the Committee on the State Reform School inquire into the expediency of so amending An act establishing a State Reform School, as that those under sentence to that institution may be conveyed thither at the expense of the State, instead of the county; also,

That the papers on file relating to the survey of a route for the European and North American Railway, east of Bangor, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges—were severally passed in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill entitled An act regulating and restricting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, be directed to report the same to the House without amendment, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. FARLEY.

The following papers came from the House disposed of as follows, viz:

A message from the Governor transmitting certain documents, referred to the Select Committee on Kansas affairs;

Resolve requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, to vote for the early admission of Kansas Territory as a State of the Union, referred to the Select Committee on Kansas affairs;

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of J. McPhee for compensation for certain services, accepted—and the same were severally disposed of in the same manner, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mattawamkeag Boom Company, was taken from the table, the question being on passing the bill to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, the year and nays were ordered, and being taken resulted as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Barker, Butler, Crane, French, Hathorn, Heaten, Hodsdon, Holland, Jones, Kezar, Marden, Robinson, Shepard, Swasey and Weston—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Blaisdell, Farley, Read, Rowell and Thompson—7.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, bill entitled An act to repeal an act to reunite the towns of Anson and North Anson, was taken from the table, and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of G. L. Boynton, was taken up and Tuesday next assigned for its further consideration.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government;

An act in relation to the election of Judges of Probate, Registers of Probate, Sheriffs, and Judges of Municipal and Police Courts;

An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Penobscot river;

An act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company; An act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company;

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to allow the construction of a weir in tide waters of Damariscotta river:

An act authorizing James A. Creighton to change the bed or channel of Mill River stream emptying into Georges river;

An act to incorporate the Ellsworth High School;

An act to give jurisdiction in equity in cases between copartowners of ships;

An act to provide for the correction of certain deficiencies in returns made by a town officer of the town of Weld;

An act to repeal an act additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes;

An act providing for the appointment and duties of a Recorder of the Police Court of Bangor;

An act to incorporate the Universalist Parsonage Association in Belfast;

An act to incorporate the Unitarian Parsonage Proprietary in Belfast;

An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of St. John's Lodge;

An act to incorporate the Maine Ministers' Relief Association;

An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Freedom Lodge. They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President *pro tempore*, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled,

Resolve in favor of Bickford C. Mathews;

- " in favor of Rufus N. Sanborn;
- " in favor of the Insane Hospital;
- " authorizing the Land Agent to convey Mark Island, in Gouldsborough, to the United States;

They were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President *pro tempore*, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. HODSDON, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. SHEPARD,

· Bill entitled An act to authorize the diversion of water from Long pond into Round pond, was taken from the table.

And on motion of the same Senator, it was amended as per sheet A, thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act regulating the construction of wharves in tide waters.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. ROWELL, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Penobscot Mutual Loan Fund Association.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Simon F. Walker.

The report was accepted. The resolve was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. THOMPSON, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Atlantic Bank.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, the resolve for the sale of the government lot at Fort Kent, was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. BARNES.

The before named papers were severally sent down for con-

Mr. BARNES, by leave, laid upon the table bill entitled An act to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases; and also,

Bill entitled An act to authorize the Governor to appoint commissioners to take acknowledgements of deeds or other contracts and depositions in foreign countries—and the same were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State.

The report was accepted. The resolve was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. THOMPSON, it was laid upon the table.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred so much of the Governor's annual address as relates to making further provision by law for the keeping of the moneys of the State, reported bill entitled An act for the better security of the moneys of the State Treasury.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The following reports were made, viz:

Mr. O'BRIEN, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of Henry A. Small and others, reported leave to bring in a bill, accompanied by bill entitled An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Upper and Lower Stone ponds in the town of Stoneham.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported on the petition of R. M. Mansur and others, bill entitled An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Flying pond.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Joshua Gray and others, reported leave to bring in a bill, accompanied by bill entitled An act additional concerning the Kennebec Log Driving Company.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of S. P. McKinney and others, relating to a police court in Biddeford, reported bill entitled An act to amend chapter 151 of the public laws of 1855, entitled an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Biddeford.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of J. G. Coburn and others, for a savings institution, reported leave to bring in a bill accompanied by bill entitled An act to incorporate the Lewiston Institution for Savings.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Benjamin Herrick and others, to be set off from Strong and annexed to New Vineyard, reported leave to bring in a bill accompanied by bill entitled An act to set off certain lands from the town of Strong and annex the same to the town of New Vineyard—and the same were severally accepted.

The bills reported were severally read once, and Monday next assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Boot and Shoe Company.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, the amendments of the House adopted, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Biddeford Fire Insurance Company; also,

The same report on resolves entitled, Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians; and,

Resolve in favor of Abagail O'Brien.

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made the same report on bills entitled, An act to increase the capital stock of the Pepperell Manufacturing Company; and,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Corporation, approved March 23, 1836:

The reports were severally accepted. The bills and resolves reported were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council and to the House of Representatives, to inform those branches of the government, that in the absence of the President of the Senate, that branch on the 7th instant made choice of Hon. Francis G. Butler as President pro tempore.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of State be directed to communicate to the Senate, the amount of any new debt which it appears by the records in his department may now be created by the Legislature, and that he be directed to communicate to the Legislature, the whole amount of debt created by the Legislature by loan since 1847.

Mr. ROBINSON, by leave, laid upon the table bill entitled An act further to extend the time of the Rumford Falls Bridge Company to erect and build the same, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following papers came from the House severally disposed of as follows, viz:

The report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, accompanied with bill entitled An act to reduce the capital stock of the Vezzie Bank, Bangor; accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed; and,

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied with bill entitled An act authorizing the construction of a wharf in the town of Camden; accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

And the same were severally accepted in concurrence. The bills were severally read once, and Monday next assigned for their several second readings.

Bill entitled An act to set off a part of the town of Litch. field, in the county of Kennebec, and annex the same to the town of Wales, in the county of Androscoggin, came from the House amended as per sheets A and B thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended. The Senate adopted the amendments, and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

The petition of the selectmen of Greene, to make valid the doings of said town, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act to incorporate the Bryant's Pond Manufacturing Company;

An act to incorporate the Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

An act to incorporate the Brunswick Water Power Company; An act to incorporate the Nezinscot Bank;

An act to incorporate the Lewiston Village Corporation and the Auburn Village Corporation, and to provide for the dissolution and closing up of the affairs of the Lewiston Falls Village Corporation;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President pro tempore, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1856.

Met at two and a half o'clock P. M.

The Journal of Saturday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

The Chaplain of the Senate offered prayer.

Mr. HAYDEN presented the remonstrance of George Downes and others, against the petition of James S. Hall and others, and it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Lewiston Institution for Savings; and,

The same Senator, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Flying pond.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act additional concerning the Kennebec Log Driving Company.

The reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Maine Gold Mining Company, was taken up, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The before named papers were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Upper and Lower Stone ponds in Stoneham.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FARLEY presented the petition of Bion Bradbury and ten others, for incorporation by the name of the Lubec Silver Lead Company of Maine, and the same was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was recommitted resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the commissioners appointed under resolve of April 12, 1854, reported a statement of facts.

The report was accepted, and the resolve was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. BURRILL.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to set off certain lands from Strong and to annex the same to New Vineyard.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. BARNES.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to amend chapter 151 of the public laws of 1855 entitled an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford, which was read a second time, and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. BARNES.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act authorizing the construction of a wharf in the town of Camden, which was read a second time, and passed to be engressed, in concurrence.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to reduce the capital stock of the Vezzie Bank, Bangor, which was read a second time, and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. BARNES.

A communication from the Treasurer of State in reply to an order of the Senate of the 8th instant, was read and laid upon the table on motion of Mr. FARLEY.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported resolve entitled Resolve authorizing the sale of certain lands in Bradley. The report was accepted. The resolve was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Livermore Falls Bridge.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, bill entitled An act to reduce the capital stock of the Veazie Bank, Bangor, was taken from the table, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, bill entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops, was taken from the table, once read, and Thursday next assigned for its second reading.

The following petitions came up referred as follows, viz:

- Of J. Merriwether and others, for increase of the capital stock of the Searsport Bank, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking;
  - Of B. M. Chandler and others, for aid in building a road through township B, range eighth; also,

Of Jesse Wheelock, for a lot of land; also,

Of Freeman Hayden, for pay for extra labor on a road; and also,

Of William Copperwait, for payment of the stumpage of timber, severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads—and they were severally referred by the Senate to the same Committees, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act to incorporate the Brunswick Marble Company;

An act to incorporate the Foxcrost Manusacturing Company; An act to incorporate the Bank of Enterprise;

An act to incorporate the Branch Mills Manufacturing  $C_{0m}$ , pany;

An act additional to An act to incorporate the Waldoborough Village Corporation; and also,

An act to set off Stephen Spaulding and his real estate from the town of Sumner to the town of Buckfield;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the town of Waldoborough, it was finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1856.

Met at the usual hour.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

The report of the commissioner appointed to examine and classify the special acts and resolves, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Livermore Falls Bridge.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time,

amended as per sheets A and B, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to set off certain Islands in Bagaduce river from the town of Brooksville and annex the same to Castine.

The report was accepted, the bill was read a second time, and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. FARLEY.

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of Littleton, came back from the House amended as per sheet A thereto annexed.

The Senate non-concurred in amending the bill, and insisted on its former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient in relation to summoning jurors before justices' and police courts, came back from the House recommitted, with instructions to report a bill.

The Senate non-concurred in recommitting, and insisted on its former vote, accepting the report.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER, resolve in favor of the commissioners appointed under resolves of April 12, 1854, was taken from the table, and twelve o'clock, noon, this day, assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY, resolve entitled Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State, was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Resolve entitled Resolve further to postpone the operation of a resolve entitled a resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office, approved April 20, 1854, was taken from the table, read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell certain lands in Bradley, which was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HAYDEN.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of commissioners appointed under resolve of April 12, 1854, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. FRENCH, it was indefinitely postponed by year and nays as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Barker, Bean, Blaisdell, Burrill, Crane, Farley, French, Marden, Morrill, O'Brien, Rowell, Shepard, Swasey and Weston—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Butler, Hodsdon, Hayden, Holland, Jones, Robinson and Thompson—7.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following papers came from the House severally disposed of as follows, viz:

The petition of James C. Wellington and others, for an appropriation to repair Maine military road; also,

The petition of James C. Wellington and others, for an appropriation for repair of the State road in township No. 11, range 1, Aroostook county; also,

The petition of Parker P. Burleigh, for an appropriation to build a bridge in township No. 6, range 5, severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; and,

Bill entitled An act to amend chapter 54, section 2, of the public laws of 1853, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and,

Bill entitled An act to establish the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company, referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges; also,

Bill entitled An act additional to chapter 243 of the public laws of 1852, referred to the Committee on Education—and they were severally referred to the same Committees, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Agriculture, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the North Somerset Agricultural Society, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second

reading.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of so altering the law in regard to our settling lands, as to better protect the rights of the settler and encourage the same, was passed in concurrence.

The petition of W. A. Herrick, for a pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled:

An act additional to an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Bank;

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company;

An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Boot and Shoe Company;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Corporation, approved March 23, 1836;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Pepperell Manufacturing Company;

An act relating to the disclosures of poor debtors;

An act relating to proceedings on demurrer;

An act authorizing the construction of a wharf in the town of Camden;

An act to incorporate the Biddeford Fire Insurance Company;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled,

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital;

- " in favor of Abagail O'Brien;
- " in favor of the Insane Hospital;
- to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians;
- " abating tax of the town of Hollis and assessing the same upon the town of Dayton;

They were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Ordered, That the hour for the meeting of the Senate, except Mondays, be nine o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

The Chaplain offered prayer.

Mr. HATHORN presented the petition of Thomas D. Robinson and others, for the fixing of the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court in Bath, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the County Commissioners of Piscataquis county.

The report was accepted.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on an order in relation to false pretenses.

The report was accepted.

Mr. FARLEY, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act additional relating to married women, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The before named 'papers, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

The following reports were made, viz:

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported, in a new draft, bill entitled An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Plank Road Company.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Georges Canal Company.

Mr. HEAGAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported bill entitled An act for the preservation of moose and deer.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bills entitled,

An act in further regulation of proceedings on indictment for defective ways; and,

An act to authorize the Governor to appoint commissioners to take acknowledgements of deeds or other contracts and depositions in foreign countries—severally ought to pass.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the same Committee, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the Eastern Masonic Temple Company.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported that bills entitled An act further extending the time for the proprietors of the Rumford Falls Bridge Company to erect and complete the same; and,

An act to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases, severally ought to pass.

And the same were severally accepted. The bills reported were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the several communications of the commissioners appointed under resolves of the last year's Legislature, to revise the public laws of this State, made a report accompanied by resolves, which were read, and on motion of Mr. SWASEY, laid upon the table and 700 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve further to postpone the operation of a resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office, approved April 20, 1854, which was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. ROBINSON.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, bill entitled An act to repeal an act to re-unite the towns of Anson and North Anson, was taken up, and again laid upon the table on motion of Mr. FARLEY.

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the North Somerset Agricultural Society.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. HAYDEN moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday whereby bill entitled An act to set off certain islands from Brooksville to Castine was indefinitely postponed. And on motion of Mr. THOMPSON, the motion was laid on the table.

The motion was subsequently taken up. The vote of yesterday was reconsidered, and Tuesday next assigned for a second reading of the bill.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Bill entitled An act to set off certain lands from the town of

Strong, and annex the same to the town of New Vineyard, was taken up, Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration, and 350 copies of the bill ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature, on motion of BARNES.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, informing the Senate that the House had this day received and entered upon its Journal a message from the Governor informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed the public acts described as follows, viz:

An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Moosehead Lake, approved February 12, 1856;

An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, approved February 14, 1856;

An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Brewer pond, approved February 14, 1856;

An act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Portland, approved February 20, 1856;

An act for the removal of paupers having no settlement within this State, approved February 26, 1856;

An act making further provision for laying out the money raised by towns for ways and bridges, approved March 1, 1856;

An act to repeal an act additional to chapter one hundred and seventy of the Revised Statutes, approved March 1, 1856;

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government, approved March 1, 1856; and also,

An act to establish a Police Court in the city of Bangor, approved February 28, 1856.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, informing the Senate that the House had elected,

EBENEZER RICKER of Acton, Major General of the First Division;

Samuel Wood of Winthrop, Major General of the Second Division; and,

JEREMIAH FOSTER of East Machias, Major General of the Seventh Division of the militia of Maine, severally in concurrence.

And also that the House has elected on its part,

LATHLEY RICH of Frankfort, Major General of the Third Division of the militia of Maine, and asks the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

To-morrow, at eleven o'clock, was assigned for the election on part of the Senate of Major General of the Third Division . of the militia of Maine.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of requiring Savings Institutions to make returns annually of all deposits made with them, where the amount exceeds one hundred dollars, and also what further legislation is necessary in relation to the assessment of taxes upon such institutions: also,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of altering the law for the collection of the taxes of non-resident proprietors of towns and owners of land in unin. corporated places—were severally passed in concurrence.

The following papers came up disposed of as follows, viz:

The petition of Eliza Bartlett, for conveyance of land in township No. 11, range 5, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads; also,

Bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the North Kennebec Agricultural and Horticultural Society, referred to the Committee on Agriculture; also,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the selectmen of Greene, to make valid the doings of said town, that legislation is inexpedient—accepted; also,

The report of the Committee on Military Pensions; granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Benjamin Chadbourne—accepted; also,

The report of the same Committee, on the petition of Jesse Higgins, referring it to the next Legislature—accepted; also,

The report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Benjamin Herrick—accepted; also,

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that legislation is inexpedient on an order on so much of the Governor's annual Address as relates to public lands—accepted—and they were severally disposed of in the same manner by the Senate, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to set off a part of the town of Litchfield and annex the same to the town of West Gardiner, came back from the House amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended. The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence as amended.

Bill entitled An act additional concerning the Kennebec Log Driving Company, came back from the House amended as per sheets A and B thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended. The Senate adopted the amendments, and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Finance, accompanied by resolve entitled Resolve authorizing the assessment of a tax on the several counties, came up with the report accepted, the resolve amended, and as amended passed to be engrossed. The report was accepted in concurrence, the resolve was read once, the amendments concurred in, the rules were suspended, read a second time, and as amended passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Division of Towns, accompanied with bill entitled An act to set off certain persons from the town of Hartford and annex the same to the town of Buckfield, came up accepted. The same was accepted in concurrence, the bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, that bill entitled An act in relation to bank returns, ought not to pass, came up so amended as to recommend that said bill ought to pass. The Senate receded and concurred in the amendment, the bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Charles F. A. Johnston and Charles Kidder, was accepted in concurrence, the resolve was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. LOWELL presented the petition of John H. Rice, Attorney for the county of Piscataquis, for increase of salary, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GOODWIN, by leave, laid upon the table bill entitled An act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1847, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported that bill entitled An act to amend an act regulating private booms on the Kennebec river, ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of David Smith and others.

The report was accepted.

The same Senator, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel Tripp and others.

* The report was accepted.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of James S. Hall and others.

Mr. BARNES, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on an order to inquire into the expediency of repealing certain sections of an act to incorporate the city of Gardiner.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act further extending the time for the proprietors of the Rumford Falls Bridge Company to erect and complete the same.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BEAN, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Plank Road Company.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made the same report on bills entitled An act to incorporate the Eastern Masonic Temple Company;

An act to authorize the Governor to appoint commissioners to take acknowledgment of deeds or other contracts and depositions in foreign countries;

An act in further regulation of proceedings on indictments for defective ways.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Georges Canal Company.

The reports were severally accepted. The bills reported were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Jesse Wheelock, which was referred to the next Legislature, on motion of Mr. BARNES.

On motion of Mr. MARDEN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings be directed to inquire into the expediency of improving the condition of the State lands about the capitol.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Gideon Mayo and others, granting leave to withdraw, was taken from the table and accepted.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURRILL,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of Waite, was taken from the table, and Mr. HAYDEN, by leave, withdrew the amendment offered by him, and on motion of Mr. HAYDEN, the bill was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

The hour assigned for the election on part of the Senate of Major General of the Third Division of the militia of Maine, having arrived,

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Messrs. Hayden, Ayer and Barker, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for said officer.

The Committee having attended to the duty assigned them, reported that

The whole number of votes was	25
Necessary for a choice,	13
Samuel S. Heagan has	24
Salathiel C. Nickerson has	1

The report was accepted, and Samuel S. Heagan was declared duly elected on part of the Senate Major General of the Third Division of the militia of Maine.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House, by message, that the Senate on its part has this day elected Samuel S. Heagan, Major General of the Third Division of the militia of Maine.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had delivered the message wherewith he was charged.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Charles F. A. Johnston and Charles Kidder.

The report was accepted. The resolve was read a second time, and passed to be engressed, in concurrence.

Mr. BEAN, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act in relation to bank returns.

The amendment of the House was adopted, the bill was read a second time, and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. BARNES.

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to set off certain persons from the town of Hartford and annex the same to the town of Buckfield.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. SWASEY.

Mr. ROWELL, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act for the preservation of Moose and Deer.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. BUTLER.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases.

The report was accepted. The bill was read a second time, and recommitted, on motion of Mr. GOODWIN.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops, which with an amendment on a sheet marked A offered by Mr. BARNES, was laid upon the table, on motion of that Senator.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, made a report on an order of February 14th, directing inquiry as to investigating the doings of the directors of certain banks, which was read and accepted, and on motion of Mr. BARNES ordered to be printed.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported resolve entitled Resolve for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream.

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

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Education, reported bill entitled An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Cumberland.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported in a new draft bill entitled An act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Calais.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and ordered to lie upon the table and be printed for the use of the Legislature, on motion of Mr. SHEPARD.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin, was taken from the table, and passed to be engressed in concurrence as amended.

On motion of Mr. SHEPARD,

Bill entitled An act to repeal chapter 147 of the public laws of 1855, was taken up, and again laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. GOODWIN.

The following reports came up accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads granting leave to withdraw on the petition of J. Fair-field and others;

The report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas Goss;

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of S. H. Moulton and others;

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to section 70th of chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes;

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, ordering notice returnable to the next Legislature on the petition of Robinson Dexter and others—and the same were severally accepted by the Senate, in concurrence.

Also the following reports came from the House severally accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on Finance, accompanied with bill entitled An act for the assessment of the State tax for 1856;

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts; also,

The report of the same Committee, accompanied by resolve entitled Resolve providing for repairing the State road through the town of Baileyville;

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Devonshire Mills Company;

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, accompanied by bill entitled An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for Somerset county—and the same were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The bills and resolves reported were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of W. Copperwaite, came up, and was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. BARNES.

The report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of John Bird and others, came back from the House recommitted with instructions to report a bill. The Senate receded from its former vote, and recommitted the report with instructions to report a bill, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Division of Towns, accompanied with bill entitled An act to annex a part of the town of Bremen to the town of Waldoborough, came up and was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The petition of Eliphas Guillifer and others, for an extension of time to cut timber, came up and was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, came up, and was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, informing the Senate that the House has this day received and entered upon its Journal a message from the Governor informing the Legislature that he has signed and approved the following public acts, viz:

An act to give jurisdiction in equity in cases between copartowners of ships;

An act in relation to the election of Judges of Probate, Registers of Probate, Sheriffs, and Judges of Municipal and Police Courts;

An act regulating proceedings on demurrer-March 12, 1856.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Upper and Lower Stone ponds in Stoneham;

An act further regulating the construction of wharves in tide waters;

An act authorizing the diversion of water from Long pond into Round pond; and also,

An act to incorporate the Atlantic Bank;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The same Committee having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Simon F. Walker, it was finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the law in regard to assessment of taxes so as to require the assessors of all cities and towns in this State to tax all bank stock owned by persons not residing within the limits of the State in the town where the banks are located; also,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing An act enlarging the power of constables in every town in this State where a majority of the legal voters so vote at their annual town meeting, so that any constable shall be authorized and empowered to serve within any town any writ, summons or execution, to him duly directed, in personal actions, when the damage sued for or recovered shall not exceed five hundred dollars; and all constables so authorized, before they enter upon their duties, shall give a bond to the treasurer of said town of \$2500 with sureties to be approved by the selectmen thereof; also,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending An act approved March 12, 1855, entitled an act defining the terms of office of Clerks of Courts and County Attorneys—were severally passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

Rev. W. E. Armitage, Chaplain of the House, offered prayer.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on the petitions of Edward Bulier and others; and of G. W. Smith and others.

Mr. JONES, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Freeman Hayden and another.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of James Bracket and others, for a new county from parts of Lincoln and Waldo counties.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BURRILL, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Mark Scott and others; also,

That certain remonstrances in relation to incorporating township No. 5 into a town, be placed on file.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Education, reported that bill entitled An act additional to chapter 243 of the public laws of 1852, ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act to remedy the loss of a certain assessment of taxes in the town of Newburg.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, the rules

were suspended, the bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Education, reported that bill entitled An act additional providing for the education of youth, ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported that bill entitled An act additional to chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN,

Bill entitled An act further defining the jurisdiction and powers of the Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford, was taken up, and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported in a new draft bill entitled An act further defining the jurisdiction and powers of the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford, which was read once, the rules were suspended, it was read a second time and passed to be engressed.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850.

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made the same report on bills entitled An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of Cumberland county; and,

An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Somerset.

And the reports were severally accepted. The bills and resolve reported were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Resolve entitled Resolve authorizing the sale of certain lands in Bradley, was taken up, and passed to be engrossed.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURRILL, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported bill entitled An act to change the name of Kilmarnock, in the county of Piscataquis, to that of Medford.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act in addition to, and explanatory of, chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Education, reported resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary.

The same Scnator, from the same Committee, reported that bill entitled An act additional relating to Supervisors and Superintending School Committees, ought to pass with the amendment.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported in a new draft bill entitled An act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1847.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported resolve entitled Resolve for carrying into effect a resolve for a permanent school fund, approved August 24, 1850.

And the reports were severally accepted. The bills and resolves reported were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolves entitled Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts; and,

Resolve providing for repairing the State road through the town of Baileyville.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to annex a part of the town of Bremen to the town of Waldoborough.

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Devonshire Mills Company.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1856 amounting to two hundred one thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars and forty-four cents.

Mr. BARNES, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation.

The reports were severally accepted. The bills and resolves reported were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Resolve further to postpone the operation of a resolve entitled a Resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office, approved April 20, 1854, was taken up, and again laid on the table together with an amendment on sheet marked A offered by Mr. SWASEY, on motion of Mr. BURRILL.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Richard Libby, came up, and was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act additional to chapter 159 of the public laws of 1855 came up, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, referring to the next Legislature, and directing the publication of bill entitled An act to provide for the sale of certain interests in the public lands, and for the taxation of certain interests in real estate the fee of which is not liable to be taxed to the owners of such interests, came up, and was accepted in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Railroads and Bridges inquire into

the expediency of so amending An act authorizing a bridge to be built over New Meadows river as to permit said bridge to be re-built without a draw, was passed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled An act in relation to the powers of constables, it was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled,

Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State; and, Resolve in favor of John N. Goodwin;

They were finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1856.

Met as usual at nine o'clock A. M.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings. The Chaplain offered prayer.

Mr. THOMPSON presented the petitions of Daniel Morse and others; Joseph W. Hanly and others; and of George G. Murch and others, severally in aid of the petition of Oliver Wheeler and others; also,

The remonstrance of William Singer and others, against the petition of Oliver Wheeler and others—and the same were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

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Mr. HATHORN, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported that resolve entitled Resolve authorizing Isaac Gage to construct a reservoir on the capitol grounds, ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

Mr. JUNKINS, from the Committee on Indians Affairs, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the overseers of the poor of the town of Troy.

The report was accepted.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of R. K. Page and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw on the petition Abner Lampher and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported reference to the next Legislature on an Order to inquire into the expediency of requiring Savings Institutions to make certain annual returns; also,

Leave to withdraw on the petition of the Directors of the Searsport Bank.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of James Rankin.

The report was accepted.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act additional relating to Supervisors and Superintending School Committees.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to change the name of Kilmarnock, in the County of Piscataquis, to that of Medford.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1847.

The reports were severally accepted. The bills reported were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BARNES, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act additional respecting elections in cities, which was read once, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY, resolve entitled Resolve further to postpone the operation of a resolve entitled, a resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office, approved April 20, 1854, was taken from the table, amended as per sheet thereto annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, the report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of Oliver Wheeler, was taken up and recommitted.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, bill entitled An act additional in relation to witnesses, was taken up, read once, and Thursday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary, which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Lowell, laid on the table, and Monday next assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported bill entitled An act authorizing the sale and transfer of the franchise and repealing the charter of the Machias River Company, which was read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve for carrying into effect a resolve for a permanent school fund, approved August 24, 1850, which was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. SWASEY.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act in addition to, and explanatory of, chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes, which was read a second time; and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HAYDEN.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, informing the Senate that that branch has elected Hon. Samuel S. Heagan, Major General of the Third Division of the Militia of Maine, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Bill entitled An act for the preservation of Moose and Deer, was taken up, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and with a proposed amendment offered by Mr. HAYDEN on a sheet marked B, laid on the table again on motion of Mr. HEAGAN.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Bill entitled An act additional to, and explanatory of, chapter 94 of the Revised Statutes, was taken from the table, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, passed to be engressed as amended, and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, informing him that by a concurrent vote of the Senate and House of Representatives on the 12th day of March instant, the following persons were elected Major Generals of the Militia of this State, viz:

EBENEZER RICKER of Acton, for the First Division;

Samuel Wood of Winthrop, for the Second Division; . .

JEREMIAH FOSTER of East Machias, for the Seventh Division; And on the 14th day of March instant, by a like vote, Sam-UEL S. HEAGAN of North Prospect, was elected Major General of the Third Division of the Militia of this State. The message was sent by the Secretary, who subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The following reports came up accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Steam Mill Boom Company;

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Sidney Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

The report of the Committee on the Militia, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in aid of the Portland Cavalry Guards;

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, accompanied with bill entitled An act additional to an act relating to hawkers and pedlers, approved July 31st, 1846.

And the same were severally accepted in concurrence. The bills accompanying were severally read once, and Monday next assigned for their several second readings.

The report of the Committee on Change of Names, accompanied with bill entitled An act to change the names of certain persons, came up, and was accepted in concurrence. The bill was once read, the rules were suspended, it was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, that legislation is inexpedient on resolves of the State of Alabama in relation to duties on railroad iron, came up, accepted, and was laid on the table on motion of Mr. HAYDEN.

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Ira Wadleigh and others, came up, and was accepted in concurrence.

The petition of Ezra Tobie and others, for an act of incorporation, came up, and was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Order from the House, that the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law that certain

interests in the public lands on which permits to cut timber have been granted by Land Agents of Massachusetts and Maine, may be taxed by the County Commissioners of the Counties in which such lands are situated, for the purpose of making or repairing roads passing through the same, or for meeting the County expenses, was passed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled an act to remedy the loss of a certain assessment of taxes in the town of Newburg, it was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, informing the Senate that that branch has received and entered on its journals a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature that he has signed and approved the following public acts, viz:

An act relating to the disclosures of poor debtors;

An act to repeal an act additional to chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes, approved March 13, 1856;

An act providing for the appointment and duties of a Recorder of the Police Court of Bangor; and also,

An act further regulating the construction of wharves in tide waters, approved March 14, 1856.

Mr. THOMPSON offered the following, which was read, and laid on the table on motion of that Senator, viz:

Ordered, That the joint order of February 16th, 1856, directing the Adjutant General to make up the pay rolls of the troops called into the service of the State by order of the Governor, June 4th, 1855, be recalled.

The same Senator submitted a resolve entitled Resolve for the payment of the militia called into service by order of the Governor, June 4th, 1855, which was read once, and laid on the table on motion of the same Senator.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled An act to annex a part of

the town of Bremen to the town of Waldoborough. It was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1856.

Met at two and a half o'clock P. M.

The Journal was read as usual.

The Chaplain offered prayer.

Mr. JONES presented the petition of J. T. K. Haywood and others, of Bangor, for a reform school for females, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Reform School;

Mr. BARKER, by leave, laid on the table resolve entitled Resolve authorizing the sale of certain islands, which was read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Mr. HAYDEN, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act additional in relation to private ways, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Mr. AYER, from the Committee on the Militia, reported that bill entitled An act to incorporate the Lewiston Falls Brass Band, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The report was accepted;

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act authorizing the sale and transfer of the franchise and repealing the charter of the Machias River Company, which was read a second time, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported in a new draft, bill entitled An act to incorporate the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company;

The same Senator from same Committee, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bridge Company of Canton Point;

Mr. JUNKINS, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

The reports were severally accepted. The resolve and bills reported were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill entitled An act additional to an act relating to hawkers and pedlers, approved July 31st, 1846;

Mr. BUTLER, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Steam Mill Boom Company;

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Portland Cavalry Guards.

And the reports were severally accepted. The bills and resolve reported were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Sidney Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. BARNES.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL,

Bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company, was taken up, the rules were suspended, it was read a second time, and with an amendment offered to it, was laid on the table on motion of the same Senator.

The following reports came up accepted viz:

The report of the Committee on Agriculture, accompanied with bill entitled An act to establish a Board of Agriculture;

The report of the same Committee, that bills entitled An act more fully prescribing the power and duties of Agricultural Societies; and,

An act to amend chapter 187 of the public laws of 1855, severally ought to pass.

And they were severally accepted in concurrence. The bills 'accompanying were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

The report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Oliver Wheeler and others, came back from the House, that branch adhering to its former vote accepting the report. On motion of Mr. FARLEY, the Senate receded from its vote recommitting the report, and accepted it in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act for the regulation of bowling alleys, came back from the House amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and indefinitely postponed. On motion of Mr. HAY-DEN, it was laid on the table.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing to the Senate that the House has received and entered on its Journals a message from the Governor informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed the following public act, viz:

An act in relation to the powers of constables, approved March 15, 1856.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Livermore Falls Bridge;

An act to incorporate the town of Littleton; and,

An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Flying pond; They were severally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The same Committee having made the same report on resolves entitled,

Resolve in favor of Charles F. A. Johnston and Charles Kidder; and,

Resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin;

They were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

The Chaplain offered prayer.

Mr. HEAGAN presented the petition of the Richmond Congregational Sewing Society, for an act of incorporation, and it was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommitted bill entitled An act to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases, reported that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Mr. BUTLER, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company.

The reports were severally accepted. The bill and resolve were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Bridge Company of Canton Point, which was read a second time, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Sidney Fire Insurance Company, was taken up, and recommitted to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

On motion of Mr. HEAGAN,

Bill entitled An act for the preservation of moose and deer, was taken from the table, amended as per sheet A, and recommitted on motion of Mr. BARNES.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

The report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of Mary Rockwood and others, was taken up from the table and recommitted.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN,

Resolve entitled Resolve for carrying into effect a resolve for a permanent school fund, approved August 24th, 1850, was taken up, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Brunswick Mutual Marine Insurance Company, was taken up, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of Waite, came back from the House, that branch non-concurring in referring it to the next Legislature and passing the bill to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, the Senate insisted on its former vote referring the bill to the next Legislature.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMPSON, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act relating to the Poland Ministerial Fund, which was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act more fully prescribing the power and duties of Agricultural Societies, which was read a second time, the amendments of the House on sheets A, B, C and D, concurred in, and the bill laid on the table on motion of Mr. BEAN.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to amend chapter 187 of the laws of 1855, which was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. HEAGAN.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to establish a Board of Agriculture, which was read a second time, the amendments of the House on sheets A, B, C, D and E, were concurred in, and the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. HEAGAN.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Bill entitled An act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Calais, was taken up, and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

Bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Georges Canal Company, came back from the House amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed as amended. The Senate adopted the amendment and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill entitled an act to set off certain islands from the town of Brooksville to the town of Castine, came up on assignment of the motion of Mr. HAYDEN made March 12th, to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was indefinitely postponed; and on motion of Mr. AYER, the matter was laid on the table.

Bill entitled An act additional to chapter 29 of the public laws of 1847, came back from the House indefinitely postponed, and was laid on the table on motion of Mr. BEAN.

The following reports came up accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on Education, that Bill entitled An act explanatory of section 5, article 2d, of an act entitled an act to provide for the education of youth, ought to pass;

The report of the Committee on Agriculture, accompanied with bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the North Kennebec Agricultural and Horticultural Society;

And the same were severally accepted in concurrence. The accompanying bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

The petition of Joseph Libby and others, for an appropriation for the repair of the Maine military road, came up, and was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Paris and Norway Agricultural Society, came up, and was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter 125 of the public laws of 1849, so as to give further time for redemption of lands sold for the non-payment of taxes, was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# WEDNESDAY, March 19, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The President being absent, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. JUNKINS,

Ordered, That Hon. Francis G. Butler of Franklin, be elected President pro tempore of the Senate.

The Sccretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings. The Chaplain offered prayer.

Mr. ROWELL presented the petition of Eusebius Weston and others, for charter for a Savings Bank, and the same was referred to the Committee on Banks and Bankings;

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on the Library, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order as to granting the privileges of the Library. to members of the State Agricultural Society;

The same Senator from the same Committee, made the same report on the petition of John F. Mereen, for a donation of books—and the reports were severally accepted;

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported that legislation is inexpedient on the petition of Amos Austin and others. The report was accepted;

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported reference to the next Legislature on the petition of Briggs Turner and others. The report was accepted;

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act relating to the Poland Ministerial Fund, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed;

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby bill entitled An act to set off certain Islands from the town of Brooksville to the town of Castine, was indefinitely postponed, was taken up, and the Senate refused to reconsider.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, and also to the House of Representatives, notifying them that in the absence of the President of the Senate, that body has elected Hon. Francis G. Butler President pro tempore.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act to provide for enforcing liens on vessels, which was ordered to lie on the table, and 700 copies to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee of the Washington county delegation, reported bill entitled An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington, which was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. JUNKINS, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, which was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bills entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the North Kennebec Agricultural and Horticultural Society; and,

An act explanatory of section 5, article 2d, of an act to provide for the education of youth—which were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN,

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the East Maine Confer-

ence Seminary, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. HATHORN it was indefinitely postponed by year and nays as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Ayer, Burrill, Butler, Crane, Hathorn, Heagan, Hodsdon, Holland, Jones, Lowell, Marden, Read, Robinson, Rowell, Swazey, Talbot and Weston—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Barnes, Barker, Bean, Blaisdell, French, Goodwin, Hayden, Junkins and Shepard—9.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Bill entitled An act to set off certain lands from the town of Strong and annex the same to the town of New Vineyard, was taken up. The amendment offered by Mr. SWASEY was negatived.

Mr. BARNES moved to strike out the 5th section, which motion prevailed by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Barker, Bean, Blaisdell, Burrill, Cranc, French, Hathorn, Hodsdon, Hayden, Holland, Junkins, Lowell, Marden, Read, Robinson, Rowell, Shepard, Talbot, Thompson and Weston—22.

NAYS-Messrs, Butler, Heagan and Swasey-3.

The bill, with an amendment offered by Mr. BARNES, was laid on the table on motion of that Senator.

On motion of Mr. JUNKINS,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Steam Mill Boom Company, was taken from the table, and passed to be engressed in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve relating to books for the several towns and cities, was taken up, read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The following reports came up accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Eliza Bartlett;

The report of the Committee on Military Pensions, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of James Pomeroy; and, The report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians. And the same were severally accepted in concurrence. The accompanying resolves were severally read once and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of A. Ward, Dam and others, came up, and was accepted in concurrence.

The petition of W. B. Snell and others, for the renewal of the charter of the Bank of Fairfield, came up, and was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

The bill of the overseers of the poor of the town of Cape Elizabeth, in relation to supplies furnished the family of a Penobscot Indian, came up, and was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias, came up and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act explanatory of, and in addition to, the 94th chapter of the Revised Statutes, came back from the House recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Order from the House, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing a bill due the town of Cape Elizabeth, for funeral expenses and supplies to a family of Penobscot Indians, was passed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled An act additional respecting elections in cities; and,

An act to reduce the capital stock of the Veazie Bank of Bangor;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

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Bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of Waite, came back from the House, that branch insisting on its former vote, and proposing a conference on the subject, and appointing Messrs. Pike of Topsfield, Talbot of Lubec, and Levensaler of Thomaston, as conferees on its part. On motion of Mr. HAY-DEN, the matter was laid on the table.

Mr. BARNES of Cumberland, submitted the following, viz: STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, March 19, 1856.

Resolved, That the Senate, after due notice given according to the Constitution, will proceed to consider the adoption of an Address to the Governor for the removal of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, for the causes following, viz:

Because, the said Woodbury Davis at the terms of the Supreme Judicial Court holden by him for the county of Cumberland, in the month of January last, and in the present month of March, has refused to recognize the official authority and privilege of Daniel C. Emery, who had been duly appointed, commissioned and qualified as the Sheriff of said county, and then held that office.

Because, the said Woodbury Davis, in his capacity as Judge, has assumed, without legal issue or judicial trial thereof, to deny the lawful and actual validity of the commission issued to the said Sheriff under the hand of the Governor and the seal of the State.

Because, the said Woodbury Davis, not regarding the lawful and actual custody held by the Sheriff of prisoners confined in the jail of said county for trial at the present term of said court, has undertaken to remove said prisoners from jail and has removed them by proceeding not warranted by law.

Because, the said Woodbury Davis at the terms aforesaid; has recognized as the Sheriff of said county another person who had before been lawfully removed from that office, and has undertaken to issue the orders and precepts of the said court to be executed by the person who had been so removed from office. All of which acts and proceedings are and have been open and notorious and are persisted in hitherto.

Because, the continuance of such acts, proceedings and assumptions of the said Woodbury Davis tends to produce insubordination, confusion and violence, is of dangerous and pernicious example, confounds the distribution of the powers of government, and tends to the subversion of the actual constituted and lawful authority of the State.

Resolved, That these resolutions and statements of causes of removal be entered on the Journal of the Senate.

And that a copy of the same be signed by the President of the Senate, and served on the said Woodbury Davis by such person as the President of the Senate shall appoint for that purpose, who shall make return of such service, upon his personal affidavit, without delay.

And that Friday, the 28th day of the present month, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned as the time when the said Woodbury Davis may be admitted to a hearing in his defense.

And the year and nays having been ordered on the passage of the resolutions, on motion of Mr. SHEPARD of Hancock, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Bean, Blaisdell, Burrill, Butler, Crane, Farley, French, Goodwin, Hathorn, Heagan, Hodsdon, Hayden, Holland, Jones, Junkins, Lowell, Marden, Read, O'Brien, Robinson, Rowell, Swasey, Talbot, Thompson and Weston—27.

NAYS-Messrs. Barker and Shepard-2.

So the resolutions were passed.

The Address accompanying the Resolutions was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That 2100 copies of the Resolves relating to the Address for the removal of Woodbury Davis, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# THURSDAY, March 20, 1856.

Met at 9 o'clock A. M.

The President announced the absence of the Secretary, And, on motion of Mr. TALBOT,

NATHANIEL C. REED was elected Secretary pro tempore.

The necessary oaths were administered by Hon. A. B. Thompson, authorized by dedimus potestatem.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

The Chaplain offered Prayer.

Mr. FARLEY, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act granting certain privileges to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, and it was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Mr. HAYDEN, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act additional concerning Reviews, and it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GOODWIN, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act regulating the compensation of Jailors for the support of prisoners in County Jails, and it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported reference to the next Legislature on petition of E. Hutchinson, in the matter of the European and North American Railway.

The report was accepted.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of J. H. Hight and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to

increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Passama quoddy Indians, and the same were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

The Order introduced by him on the 5th inst., in relation to the payment of the troops called into the service of the State, June 4th, 1855, was taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Bill entitled An act to prevent the use of false stamps, labels and trade marks, was taken up and passed to be engressed.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Bill entitled An act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Calais, was taken up and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Bill entitled An act to repeal chapter 147 of the public laws, approved March 13th, 1855, was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Resolve entitled Resolve for the payment of the militia called into service by order of the Governor June 4th, 1855, was taken up, read once, the rules were suspended, read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. GOODWIN,

An act additional to an act to establish a State Reform School, was taken from the table, the indefinite postponement of the bill by the House non-concurred in, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed as amended by the Senate on sheets A and B thereto annexed.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Resolve entitled Resolve to provide for the further revision

of the public laws, was taken up, read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied with bill entitled An act respecting agencies of Foreign Insurance Companies, was taken up and recommitted.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Richard Libbey and John Lane;

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the Fairfield Bank;

Mr. BLAISDELL, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the Lubec Silver Lead Company of Maine; and,

An act to incorporate the Richmond Congregational Ladies' Sewing Society;

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported, in a new draft, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Sidney Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Mr. HODSDON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported bill entitled An act for the protection of logs and other timber in the dead water above the Kennebec Dam;

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill entitled An act additional concerning private ways, ought to pass;

The same Senator, from the Committee consisting of the delegation from Washington county, reported resolve entitled Resolve to diminish the valuation of the town of Addison.

And the reports were severally accepted. The bills and resolves reported were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Eliza Rartlett;

Mr. BEAN, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve relating to books for the several towns and cities;

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve in favor of James Pomeroy, and Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians.

And the resolves were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Messrs. Farley, Jones and O'Brien each asked and obtained leave to have their names recorded in the affirmative on the question taken yesterday of passing the resolutions in relation to the removal of Woodbury Davis.

On motion of Mr. HEAGAN,

Bill entitled An act to establish a Board of Agriculture, was taken up, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,

Bill entitled An act more fully prescribing the powers and duties of Agricultural Societies, was taken up, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence as amended.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Bill entitled An act to amend chapter 187 of the laws of 1855, was taken up, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Bill entitled An act to set off certain persons from the town of Hartford and annex the same to the town of Buckfield, was taken up, and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Senate on the 19th instant declaring certain causes for the removal

of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and providing for notice and hearing thereon, be transmitted to the House of Representatives for the information of that body.

The Secretary subsequently reported to the Senate that he had, by message, transmitted to the House of Representatives

the copy required by the foregoing order, duly certified.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported, in a new draft, bill entitled An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, which was ordered to lie on the table, and 700 copies to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act to establish a court of Common Pleas; and, An act to modify the Supreme Judicial Court—which were severally laid on the table, and 700 copies of each ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature, on motion of the same

Senator.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act additional in relation to witnesses, which was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. HAYDEN.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL, bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company, was taken up, amended as per sheets A, B and C, and referred to a Select Committee of the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Lowell, Jones and Hodsdon, with instructions to report the bill in a new draft.

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of William Swett and others, came up recommitted with instructions to report the printed bill of last year. On motion of Mr. FARLEY, the consideration of the question of concurring with the House was assigned for to-morrow.

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1-800-235-4446 or llmc@llmc.com The same Senator, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve to diminish the valuation of the town of Addison—which were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed;

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Education, reported reference to the next Legislature on the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

The same Senator, from the Committee on the Library, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order as to granting Chaplains of the Legislature the privileges of the Library. The reports were severally accepted;

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Bill entitled An act to set off certain land from the town of Strong and annex the same to the town of New Vineyard, was taken up, amended as per sheets A and B thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended;

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of Waite, was taken up, and on motion of the same Senator, the Senate adhered to its former vote referring the bill to the next Legislature:

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMPSON offered the following, which was read, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HAYDEN:

Ordered, That from and after Monday next the Senate will hold two sessions daily, except on Saturdays and Sundays, commencing at nine o'clock in the morning, and half-past two in the afternoon, and one session Saturdays commencing at nine o'clock in the morning.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

The Senate proceeded to consider the question of concurring with the House in recommitting the report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of William Swett and others. And the question was

again laid on the table on motion of Mr. FARLEY, and Tuesday next, at ten o'clock A. M., assigned for its further consideration.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, informing the Senate that the House has received and entered on its Journals a message from the Governor informing the Legislature that he has approved the public act entitled An act additional respecting elections in cities, approved March 19, 1856.

The petition of John Dow, for legal bounty withheld by the treasurer of Calais, came up, and was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act authorizing the Methodist Society in Bath to repair and remodel their meeting house, came up, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve for the purchase of the State Register, came from the House, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Resolve entitled Resolve further to postpone the operation of a resolve entitled resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office, approved April 20, 1854, came back from the House amended as per sheet B thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended. The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the resolve to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

The following reports came up accepted viz:

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Alfred Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

The report of the Joint Select Committee consisting of the delegation from Washington county, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve for the abatement of the State tax of the town of Cutler;

The report of the Committee on Claims, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of William Hogan;

The report of the same Committee, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of John Sargent, Jr.;

And the same were severally accepted in concurrence. The accompanying act and resolves were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

Also the following reports came up accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John Kendall and others;

The report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of James Babcock and others;

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that legislation is inexpedient on the petition of John B. Trafton—and the same were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Finance, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of Kingfield, came from the House referred to the delegation from Franklin county. The Senate concurred.

The report of the Committee on Education, referring to the next. Legislature the petition of Arthur McArthur, came up indefinitely postponed. The Senate concurred.

The President laid before the Senate the appointment of WILLIAM G. CLARK to serve a copy of the resolutions and statements of causes of removal of Woodbury Davis, passed by the Senate March 19th, 1856, on said Davis.

Also, the return of said Clark under said appointment.

And the same were read; and on motion of Mr. BARNES, ordered to be entered on the Journal of the Senate—and are as follows, viz:

## APPOINTMENT.

I hereby appoint WILLIAM G. CLARK, Secretary of the Senate of Maine, to make the service prescribed in the resolutions of which the within are a copy.

FRANCIS G. BUTLER,

President pro tempore of the Senate of Maine. MARCH 19, 1856.

### RETURN OF SERVICE.

On the 19th day of March, A. D. 1856, in pursuance of the above appointment, I delivered to the within named Woodbury Davis, in hand, at his residence in Portland, a copy of the foregoing resolutions subscribed by the President of the Senate.

WM. G. CLARK.

### STATE OF MAINE.

Kennebec, ss.—March 20, 1856. Personally appeared the above named William G. Clark and made oath to the truth of the foregoing certificate by him subscribed.

Before me,

ARTEMAS LIBBEY, Justice of the Peace.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled:

An act additional concerning the Kennebec Log Driving Company;

An act to incorporate the North Somerset Agricultural Society;

An act to set off a part of Litchfield and annex the same to West Gardiner;

An act to change the names of certain persons;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The same Committee having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the town of Danville, it was finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The Chaplain of the Senate offered prayer.

Mr. MARDEN, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act to abolish town courts, and the same was referred to a Joint Select Committee consisting of the delegation from Waldo county.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported that bill entitled An act to incorporate the Dirigo Insurance, Company, ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bills entitled An act to incorporate the Lubec Silver Lead Company of Maine; and,

An act additional concerning private ways—which were severally read a second time, severally passed to be engrossed, and severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported with an amendment on sheet A, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of John Sargent, Jr.

The amendment was adopted. The resolve was read a second time, passed to be engrossed as amended on sheet A thereto annexed, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve for the abatement of the State tax of the town of Cutler;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Alfred Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Mr. BEAN, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve for the purchase and distribution of the Maine State Register and Business Directory;

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve in favor of William Hogan.

The reports were severally accepted. The act and resolves were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. AYER, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was recommitted the report of that Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Mary Rockwood and another, to be set off from Manchester and annexed to Augusta, reported bill entitled An act to set off certain territory from the town of Manchester, and annex the same to the city of Augusta.

The report was accepted. The bill was once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Joint Select Committee, consisting of the delegation from Franklin county, to which was referred the petition of the town of Kingfield, reported resolve entitled Resolve to correct the State valuation of the town of Kingfield, in the county of Franklin.

The report was accepted. The resolve was once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Bill entitled An act for the better security of the moneys of the State Treasury, was taken from the table, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled An act for the preservation of moose and deer, came from the House indefinitely postponed; and the same was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act giving further powers to the Auburn Village Corporation, came up, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

The following reports came up accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Gray Steam Mill Company;

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, accompanied with bill entitled An act to amend, and in addition to, chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes;

The report of the Committee on Finance, accompanied with bill entitled An act in relation to the collection of State taxes;

And they were severally accepted in concurrence. The accompanying bills were severally read once, and Monday next assigned for their several second readings.

Also, the following reports came up accepted, and the bills passed to be engrossed, viz:

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Kennebunk Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

The report of the Committee on Change of Names, accompanied with bill entitled An act to change the names of certain persons;

And they were severally accepted in concurrence. The accompanying bills were severally read once, the rules were suspended, severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of S. Morrill and others, came up accepted, and the same was accepted, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Education, referring the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary to the next Legislature, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY, the Senate receded from its former vote accepting the report, and concurred with the House in indefinite postponement.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing to the Senate that the House has received and entered on its Journal a message from the Governor informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed the following public acts, viz:

An act additional to an act relating to hawkers and pedlers, approved July 31st, 1846;

An act in further regulation of proceedings on indictment for defective ways;

An act to authorize the Governor to appoint commissioners to take acknowledgement of deeds or other contracts and depositions in foreign countries, approved March 21, 1856.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, Resolves further to postpone the operation of a resolve entitled a Resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office, approved April twentieth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, they were finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act to incorporate the Steam Mill Boom Company; and, An act to amend chapter 187 of the laws of 1856;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1856.

Met at two and a half o'clock P. M.

The Journal of Saturday's proceedings was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. LOWELL presented the petition of James Bell, Judge of Probate for Piscataquis county, for increase of salary, and it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MARDEN presented the petition of Joseph Wheeler, for increase of the salary of the Register of Probate for Waldo county, and it was referred to the delegation from Waldo county.

Mr. FRENCH, by leave, laid on the table resolve entitled Resolve in relation to the public lands, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Josiah Paul.

The report was accepted.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve to correct the state valuation of the town of Kingfield, in the county of Franklin;

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to set off certain territory from the town of Manchester and annex the same to the city of Augusta.

The reports were severally accepted. The bill and resolve were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to amend, and in addition to, chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, which was read a second time, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing an actentitled An act additional to an act concerning the commencement of civil actions, approved July 23, 1849.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of William Cowperthwaite, was taken up, the acceptance of the same by the House non-concurred in, and referred to the next Legislature.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Resolves in relation to Kansas were taken up and referred to the Committee on Kansas Affairs.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, in sections 4 and 39, and chapter 106 in section 17, so as to give further time for administrations on estates in certain cases.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate on them, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOLLAND, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported in a new draft bill entitled An act to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society, and that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bills entitled An act to incorporate the Gray Steam Mill Company; and,

An act to incorporate the Dirigo Insurance Company;

Mr. BUTLER, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act in relation to the collection of State taxes;

The bills were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from Woodbury Davis, which was as follows, viz:

To the Hon. Lor M. Morrill,

President of the Senate of Maine:

The undersigned has been served with a copy of the resolves passed by the Senate on the 19th of the present month, containing charges against him for official acts as a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and assigning Friday, the 28th instant, as the time when he may be admitted to a hearing.

The criminal term of the Court for the county of Cumberland, which has been held by him, has been in session until yesterday, leaving him but five days exclusive of the Sabbath before the time appointed. He therefore respectfully requests the Senate that the time for him to appear and be heard, may be extended for at least one week, that he may be able to advise with counsel and prepare for his defense.

WOODBURY DAVIS, Justice of the S. J. Court. Portland, March 22d, 1856.

· On motion of Mr. FARLEY of Lincoln,

The communication having been read, was ordered to be entered on the Journal of the Senate, and referred to a Select Committee of the Senate consisting of Messrs. Farley, Barnes and Shepard.

The petition of Abiel McAlister, for pay for labor for the State, came up, and was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in relation to secret societies, came up, and was referred to the Committee on Kansas Affairs, in concurrence.

The bill of the city of Bangor for bounty on wolves and bears, came up, and was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act allowing administrators and executors of estates to prosecute claims, came up, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers, came from the House passed to be engressed. It was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill entitled An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850, came back from the House indefinitely postponed. On motion of Mr. BEAN, the Senate insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication from the State Treasurer as to money for the plantations in the county of Hancock came up, and was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Lubec Silver Lead Company of Maine, came back from the House amended as per sheet A. The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, as amended.

The report of the Committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John Dow, came from the House referred with accompanying papers to the Committee on Accounts. And the Senate referred the report and papers to the same Committee, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Fisheries, accompanied with bill entitled An act to amend chapter 459 of the special laws, approved February 28, 1855, came up, and was accepted in concurrence. The bill accompanying was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on Manufactures, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company, came up, and was accepted in concurrence. The bill accompanying was read once, the rules were suspended, read a second time, and Mr. BARNES moved to strike out the third section. On motion of Mr. JONES, the bill was laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on Education, referring to the next Legislature the petition of Moses Sweat and Robert T. Blazo, came up, and was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation; An act to set off certain persons from the town of Hartford and annex the same to the town of Buckfield—they were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of James Pomeroy. And it was finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

Journal read as usual.

Rev. Wm. E. Armitage, Chaplain of the House, offered prayer.

Mr. BURRILL, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported order of notice returnable to the next Legislature on the petition of B. R. Lunt and others, for the incorporation of Seaport.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society, which was

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read a second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to amend chapter 459 of the special laws, approved February 28, 1855;

Mr. LOWELL, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers.

And the bills were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported bill entitled An act additional to chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and ordered to lie on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature, on motion of Mr. BARNES.

Mr. HEAGAN, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported resolve entitled Resolve to authorize fencing the tomb on the public grounds near the capitol.

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

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Bill entitled An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, was taken up, once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill entitled An act in relation to bank returns. The amendment of the House was adopted. The bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, as amended.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

Bill entitled An act additional to chapter 29 of the public

laws of 1847, was taken up, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to anthorize the town of Oldtown to purchase fire engines, came up, and was referred to the Com. mittee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850, was returned from the House, that body adhering to its former vote, indefinitely postponing the bill.

On motion of Mr. BEAN, the Senate adhered to its former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Georges Canal Company;

An act explanatory of section 5, article 2d, of an act entitled an act to provide for the education of youth;

An act to incorporate the Maine Gold Mining Company—they were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The same Committee having made the same report on resolves entitled Resolve relating to books for the several cities and towns; and,

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians—they were finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing to the Senate that the House has received and entered on its Journal a message from the Governor informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed the following public act, viz:

An act to amend chapter 187 of the laws of 1855, approved March 22, 1856.

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On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Bill entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops, was taken up, and to-morrow, at ten o'clock A. M., assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Select Committee of the Senate, to which was referred the communication of Woodbury Davis, dated March 22, 1856, made a report accompanied by the following resolution, viz:

#### STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate, March 25, 1856.

Resolved, That agreeably to the request of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, the time assigned for a hearing of the said Davis in his defense upon the alleged causes for his removal from office, which have been entered on the Journal of the Senate, is hereby extended from Friday, the 28th instant, to Friday, the fourth day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, which last named time is assigned for said hearing. And the Secretary of the Senate is directed to give notice to the said Davis forthwith of the change of time for said hearing, by forwarding to him by mail, directed to him at Portland, a copy of this resolution.

The report was read and accepted, and the resolution passed.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. GOODWIN presented the petition of E. R. Wiggin, County Attorney for the county of York, for increase of salary, and it was referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of the delegation from York county.

Mr. ROWELL presented the petition of J. H. Williams and others, for an act in addition to chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, and it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The same Senator, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act in addition to chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, and it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BARNES, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act in addition to chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, which was read once, the rules were suspended, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

The same Senator, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of James T. Leavitt and others.

The report was accepted;

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Reform School, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order as to the expediency of amending An act in relation to said school, approved April 17, 1854; also,

That legislation is inexpedient on an order as to the expenses of juvenile offenders being paid by the several counties instead of the State; also,

That legislation is inexpedient on the petition of J. T. K. Haywood and others; also,

That further legislation is inexpedient on an order as to the expediency of providing that the expenses of conveying persons under sentence to said institution be paid by the State instead of the several counties.

The reports were severally accepted;

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve to authorize fencing of the tomb on the public grounds near the capitol, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed;

Mr. THOMPSON, in behalf of the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported, that all business before said committee has been disposed of, and asked to be discharged from further service at the present session.

The report was accepted, and the request granted;

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations.

Mr. ROBINSON moved to amend the bill by striking out the tenth section, which was decided in the negative, by year and nays, as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Butler, Crane, Goodwin, Junkins, Lowell, Robinson, Shepard and Weston—8.

NAVS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Bean, Burrill, Farley, French, Heagan, Jones, Marden, Morrill, O'Brien, Read, Rowell, Swasey, Talbot and Thompson—16.

The bill was then amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate thereon, were severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That a copy of the resolution adopted by the Senate on the 25th instant, changing the time for the hearing of Woodbury Davis, in his defense upon the alleged causes for his

removal from office, be sent to the House of Representatives for the information of that body.

The Secretary subsequently reported to the Senate that he had delivered the said copy, by message, to the House of Representatives, according to the direction of the Senate.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Reform School, reported resolves entitled Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Reform School; and,

Resolve providing for an appropriation for the Reform School—which were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the Morris Savings Bank, which was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Hallowell and Chelsea Bridge, which was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HEAGAN, from the Joint Select Committee consisting of the delegation from Waldo county, reported bill entitled An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Waldo, which was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act in further regulation of certain actions against towns, which was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Reform School, made a report in relation to an examination by the Committee, who were directed to visit that institution, which report was ordered to lie on the table, and 1050 copies to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops; and the same was read a second time, sundry amendments were adopted, and the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. BEAN.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication from the Secretary, which having been read, was ordered to be entered on the Journal of the Senate, and is as follows, viz:

SENATE CHAMBER, Augusta, March 26, 1856.

To the President of the Senate:

I have the honor to inform the Senate that agreeably to the direction of a resolution passed by the Senate on the 25th instant, extending the time for a hearing of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, in his defense, at one of the clock in the afternoon of said 25th instant, I placed in the Post Office at Augusta, a true and attested copy of said resolution, inclosed in an envelope, and directed to said Woodbury Davis, at Portland, having prepaid the postage on the same.

Very Respectfully, &c., &c.,

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary of the Senate.

The following reports came up accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in aid of roads in the town of Kingsbery;

The report of the Committee on Claims, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Volney A. Sprague;

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in relation to the settlement of the account of the Land Agent;

And the same were severally accepted in concurrence. The accompanying resolves were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

The bill of the city of Bangor for money paid the Insane Hospital, came up, and was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to amend chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, came up, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act for the establishment of Normal Schools, came back from the House that body adhering to its former vote indefinitely postponing the same. On motion of Mr. BARNES, the Senate adhered to its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

Bill entitled An act for the protection of logs and other lumber in dead water above the Kennebec Dam, came back from the House indefinitely postponed; and on motion of Mr. FAR-LEY, it was laid on the table.

Bill entitled An act to set off certain territory from plantation number four in Franklin county, and annex the same to the town of Wilton, which had been engrossed, came up from the House bearing the following endorsement, viz:

House of Representatives, March 25, 1856.

This bill was indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence.

DAVID DUNN, Clerk.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to return said bill to the House by message.

Resolve entitled Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook, came up, and was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, came up, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve for abatement of the State valuation of the town of Arrowsic, came up, and was referred to the delegation from Sagadahoc county, in concurrence.

The petition of the Sheriff of Penobscot county, for payment for the distribution of blank election returns, came up, and was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing to the Senate that the House has received and entered on its journal, a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed the public act entitled An act explanatory of section 5, article 2d, of an act entitled an act to provide for the education of youth, approved March 25, 1856.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled.

An act to incorporate the Fairfield Bank;

An act to incorporate the Alfred Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

An act additional to an act to incorporate the North Kennebec Agricultural and Horticultural Society;

An act regulating the commencement of actions when the plaintiff is not an inhabitant of this State;

An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington;

An act authorizing the sale and transfer of the franchise and repealing the charter of the Machias River Company;

An act to change the names of certain persons;

An act additional relating to Supervisors and Superintending School Committees;

An act repealing chapter 147 of the public laws, approved March 13th, 1855;

An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1856, amounting to two hundred one thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars forty-four cents;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled,

Resolve in favor of William Hogan;

- " in favor of Eliza Bartlett;
- " in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;
- " in favor of Richard Libby and John Lane;

Resolve for the abatement of the State tax on the town of Cutler;

- to provide for the further revision of the public laws;
- " in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians; and,
- " for the purchase and distribution of the Maine State Register and Business Directory;

They were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings. Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order as to amending chapter 14 of the public laws of 1855; also,

That legislation is inexpedient on an order as to the powers of County Commissioners in laying out roads in unincorporated places; also,

That legislation is inexpedient on the petition of James Bell. The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Claims, reported reference to the Committee on the Insane Hospital, on the petition of the city of Bangor in relation to money paid the Insane Hospital.

The report was accepted.

Mr. O'BRIEN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of James M. Durgin. The report was accepted.

Mr. MARDEN, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Leonard Trask and others. The report was accepted.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill entitled An act in regard to attachments on lumber to secure liens for labor, ought not to pass.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order as to amending chapter 86 of the public laws of 1854.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of W. A. Vaughan and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve providing for an appropriation for the Reform School.

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Waldo.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Reform School.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act in further regulation of certain actions against towns.

And the reports were severally accepted. The bills and resolves reported were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An actoto

incorporate the Morris Savings Bank, which was read a second time, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company, was taken up, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of J. H. Williams and others. The report was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Gideon Mayo and others, came back from the House referred to the next Legis. lature. On motion of Mr. FARLEY, the Senate non-concurred in that reference, and insisted on its former vote accepting the report.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate thereon, were severally sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

Ordered, That from and after this day the Senate will hold two sessions daily, commencing at nine o'clock in the morning, and half-past two in the afternoon, and one session on Saturday commencing at nine o'clock in the morning.

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on the Library, reported a resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society. The report and resolve were laid on the table and 700 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act for enforcing common law liens, which was read, and on motion of the same Senator, ordered to lie on the table and be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported that bill entitled An act relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations, ought not to pass.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and on

motion of Mr. BUTLER, ordered to lie on the table and be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, Bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Hallowell and Chelsea Bridge, which was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. BEAN.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill entitled An act to authorize the town of Oldtown to purchase fire engines, ought not to pass; and also reported bill entitled An act to authorize towns to purchase and hold fire engines, which was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, in a new draft, bill entitled An act additional to An act entitled an act in relation to bonds issued by railroad corporations, approved January 30, 1852, and that it ought to pass.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported bill entitled An act additional for the relief of poor debtors.

Mr. BARNES, from the same Committee, reported bill entitled An act to repeal an act approved March 12, 1855.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported that bill entitled An act regulating the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners in the county jails, ought to pass.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, reported resolve entitled Resolve relating to John Thompson, an insane person.

Mr. JUNKINS, from the Committee on the State Prison, reported resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison.

Mr. MARDEN, from the Joint Select Committee consisting of the delegation from Waldo county, reported bill entitled An act to abolish town courts.

Mr. AYER, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of David White and others, reported bill entitled An act to set off part of Norridgewock and annex the same to Skowhegan.

And the reports were severally accepted. The bills and resolves reported were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve in relation to the settlement of the account of the Land Agent.

Mr. BEAN, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Volney A. Sprague.

Mr. LOWELL, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve in aid of roads in the town of Kingsbery.

And the reports were severally accepted. The resolves were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill entitled. An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops. And it was again laid on the table, on motion of Mr. BUTLER.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled An act to set off certain lands from the town of Strong and annex the same to the town of New Vineyard, it was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The following reports came up accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that resolve entitled Resolve authorizing the sale of certain islands, ought not to pass;

The report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of B. M. Chandler and others; The report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Francis Thibodeau and others;

The report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Eliphas Gullifer;

The report of the same Committee, that resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Elbridge Atkinson, ought not to pass;

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order as to enlarging the powers of constables;

The report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles Whitehouse and others;

The report of the same Committee, that bill entitled An act authorizing administrators and executors of estates to prosecute claims, ought not to pass;

The report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order in relation to attachments of real estate held by conditional deed;

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that resolve entitled Resolve in favor of appropriations on roads in the county of Aroostook, ought not to pass;

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, referring to the next Legislature the petition of Joel Richardson and others;

The report of the same Committee, referring to the next Legislature the petition of Woodbury Storer and others;

The report of the same Committee, that bill entitled An act additional to chapter 159 of the public laws of 1855, ought not to pass;

The report of the same Committee, that bill entitled An act to amend chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the services of writs, ought not to pass;

The report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order as to repealing or amending an act approved March 12, 1855;

The report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order in relation to chapter 28 of the laws of 1847;

The report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of A. W. H. Clapp and others—and the same were severally accepted, in concurrence. Also, the following reports came up accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on the State Prison, accompanied with bill entitled An act to regulate the salaries of the Warden and subordinate officers of the State Prison;

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill entitled An act giving further powers to the Auburn Village Corporation, ought to pass;

The report of the Committee on the State Prison, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison;

And they were severally accepted in concurrence. The accompanying bills and resolve were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

Bill entitled An act regulating conveyances by married women, came up, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to make valid the doings of the inhabitants of the town of Exeter, came up, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the repair of the bridge on the Smyrna road, came up, and was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

The petition of Joshua Richardson and others, for the incorporation of a Wharf Company, came up, and was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, inquire as to appropriating money for the repair of a road in Washington county, was passed in concurrence.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing to the Senate that the House has received and entered on its Journal a message from the Governor informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed the public act entitled An act for the assessment of a state tax for the year 1856, amounting to two hundred one thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars forty-four cents, approved March 26, 1856.

Mr. JONES, from the Joint Select Committee in relation to adjournment, reported that the several Committees can report finally on Friday, the 28th instant, and the Legislature may adjourn without day on Tuesday, the 8th day of April next.

The report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BEAN, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Journal was read as usual.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. FARLEY laid on the table, by leave, bill entitled An act in relation to bankrupt plaintiffs, and it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, reported resolve entitled Resolve providing for religious services at the Insane Hospital.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bills entitled An act regulating proceedings on scire facias; and,

An act relating to administration on the estates of deceased married women—severally ought to pass.

Mr. BARNES, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act for completing the records of deceased clerks of the judicial courts.

The same Senator, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act to preserve the harbor of Portland.

And the reports were severally accepted. The bills and resolves reported, with the bill laid on the table, were sever-

ally read once, and this afternoon assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bills entitled An act regulating the compensation of jailors for the support of prisoners in county jails; and,

An act giving further remedies to the proprietors of aqueducts for the collection of assessments.

Mr. TALBOT, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolves entitled Resolve relating to John Thompson, an insane person; and,

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison; also, on bill entitled.

An act to set off part of Norridgewock and annex the same to Skowhegan.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made the same report on bills entitled An act to repeal an act approved March 12, 1855;

An act additional to an act entitled an act in relation to bonds issued by railroad corporations, approved Jan. 30, 1852;

An act to amend an act entitled an act additional for the relief of poor debtors, approved August 11, 1848; also, on resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the same Committee, made the same report on bills entitled An act to regulate the salaries of the warden and subordinate officers of the State Prison; and,

An act authorizing towns to puachase and hold fire engines.

Mr. BEAN, from the same Committee, made the same report on bills entitled An act to abolish town courts; and,

An act giving further powers to the Auburn Village Corporation.

And the reports were severally accepted in concurrence. The bills and resolves were severally read a second time, severally passed to be engrossed, and severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature on the petitions of

Consider Winslow and others; of Beniah Dow and others; of Benson J. Mitchell and others; and of Henry Wilder and others. The reports were severally accepted, and severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of John H. Rice, which report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported that resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the repair of the bridge on the Smyrna road, ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill entitled An act granting to subsequent attaching creditors the review of actions against their debtors, ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. GOODWIN.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Select Committee of the Senate, to which was referred the report and papers relating to the Chesuncook Boom Company, reported in new draft two bills, viz:

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the West Branch Chesuncook Boom Company; and,

Bill entitled An act additional to an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company, and that they ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The bills were severally read once, and this afternoon assigned for their several second readings.

A message from the Governor transmitting the accounts of the commissioners to revise the laws, came from the House, referred to a Joint Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Levensaler of Thomaston, Hobart of Edmunds, and Barker of Exeter, on part of the House, with such as the Senate may join. The Senate amended by instructing the Committee to inquire whether the appointment of any of said commissioners was in conflict with any provisions of the constitution of this State, and joined Messrs. Swasey, Shepard and Bean, on its part.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing to the Senate that the House has received and entered on its journal a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed the public acts entitled:

An act additional relating to supervisors and superintending school committees;

An act regulating the commencement of actions when the plaintiff is not an inhabitant of this State, approved March 27, 1856.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled,

Resolve to correct the state valuation of the town of Kingfield, in the county of Franklin;

Resolve in favor of John Sargent, Jr.; and,

to diminish the state valuation of the town of Addison—they were finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act to incorporate the Gray Steam Mill Company;

An act to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation; An act to incorporate the Penobscot Mutual Loan Fund Association;

An act to incorporate the Kennebunk Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

An act to incorporate the Richmond Congregational Ladies' Sewing Society;

An act to incorporate the Lubec Silver Lead Company of Maine;

An act to incorporate the Bridge Company of Canton Point; An act to incorporate the Sidney Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

An act to incorporate the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company;

An act further defining the jurisdiction and powers of the Municipal Court, city of Biddeford;

An act more fully prescribing the power and duties of agricultural societies;

An act to prevent frauds in the use of false stamps, labels and trade marks;

An act to amend the first section of an act entitled An act further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers;

An act in relation to the collection of state taxes;

An act in relation to bank returns;

An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Cumberland;

An act additional concerning private ways;

An act to amend chapter four hundred and fifty-nine of the special laws, approved February 28th, 1855;

An act to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops.

The question of amending the bill by striking out the 18th, 19th and 20th sections, was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Blaisdell, Crane, Farley, French, Heagan, Holland, Marden, O'Brien, Read, Robinson, Swasey, Thompson, Talbot, Jones, Rowell and Weston—18.

Nays—Messrs. Bean, Butler, Goodwin, Junkins, Kezar, Lowell, Morrill and Shepard—8.

Mr. SHEPARD of Hancock, moved to amend the 11th section by inserting after the word "dollars," the words nor less than ten dollars." And the question being taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the negative as follows, viz:

'YEAS—Messrs. Goodwin, Junkins, Read and Shepard—4.

NAYS-Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Bean, Blaisdell, Butler, Crane,

Farley, French, Heagan, Holland, Jones, Kezar, Lowell, Marden, Morrill, O'Brien, Robinson, Rowell, Swasey, Thompson, Talbot and Weston—22.

The bill was further debated, the question being on passing the same to be engrossed, up to the hour of adjournment.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, The Senate adjourned to afternoon.

#### AFTERNOON.

Bill entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops, was before the Senate for discussion; and after discussion, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. SWASEY.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary.

The Chaplain offered prayer.

Bill entitled An act providing for a State Librarian, and defining his duties, came from the House, and was referred to the Committee on the Library, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve increasing the pay of the Adjutant General, came up, and was referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Resolve relating to the Woodworth Patent, came from the House, was read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

The reports of the Committee on Division of Towns, referring to the next Legislature the petitions of George E. Hodges and others; of James Strout and others; and of Nehemiah Curtis, came from the House, and were severally accepted in concurrence.

The reports of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that legislation is inexpedient on an order as to repealing so much of a resolve setting apart certain lands, approved March 6, 1855; also,

That legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the expediency of altering the law as to settling lands; also,

That legislation is inexpedient on an order relative to permitting owners of mills on land of the State to cut timber; also,

That resolve entitled Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell permits on portions of the public lands, ought not to pass—came from the House severally accepted. And the same were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order as to taxing certain interests in settling lands; also,

That legislation is inexpedient on an order in relation to an act additional respecting banks and banking; also,

That legislation is inexpedient on the petition of Seth O'Brien; also,

That bill entitled An act to make valid the doings of the inhabitants of the town of Exeter and its officers, ought not to pass—came from the House severally accepted. And the same were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company, came up, and was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

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Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported resolves entitled Resolve for opening and repairing roads in Franklin and Somerset counties;

Resolve in aid of a road in the county of Washington;

- " in aid of a road and bridge in Penobscot county;
- " in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroos. took—which were severally read once, and Monday next assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. GOODWIN, from the Joint Select Committee consisting of the delegation from York county, reported bill entitled An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the county of York.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on the Library, reported resolve entitled Resolve relating to the State Library, which was read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bills entitled An act relating to administration on estates of deceased married women;

An act regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias; and, An act to preserve the harbor of Portland;

Mr. BEAN, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act for completing the records of deceased clerks of the judicial courts; and on

Resolve entitled Resolve providing for religious services at the Insane Hospital;

Mr. THOMPSON, from the same Committee, made the same report or bill entitled An act additional to an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company;

And the bills and resolve were severally read a second time, severally passed to be engrossed, and severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order relative to directing the Land Agent to advertise certain lands where the notes given for the same were due.

The report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported order of notice returnable to the next Legislature, on an order as to amending an act authorizing a bridge to be built over New Meadows river.

The report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Reform School, reported that they had reported on all business before said Committee, and asking to be discharged from any further action at this session.

The report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported that they had disposed of all business before said Committee, and had reported on the same, and asking to be discharged from further service at the present session.

The report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled An act to establish a Board of Agriculture, it was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The same Committee having made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve laying a tax on the several counties, it was finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Wedgewood of Cornish, announcing the death of Adams True of North Yarmouth, a member of that body.

After-some appropriate remarks by Mr. SWASEY of Cumberland, on motion of that Senator, as a mark of respect for the deceased, the Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

MONDAY, March 31, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Secretary being absent, on motion of Mr. FARLEY, NATHANIEL C. REED was appointed Secretary pro tempore, and the necessary oaths were administered by Hon. Lot M. Mor. RILL, authorized by dedimus potestatem.

The Journal of Saturday's proceedings was then read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. ROBINSON presented the petition of S. C. Andrews, County Attorney for Oxford county, for increase of salary, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. THOMPSON, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act to incorporate the Brunswick Mutual Fire Insurance Company. And the same was read once, the rules were suspended, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. O'BRIEN, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported reference to the next Legislature on the petition of James M. Bangs.

The report was accepted.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve for opening and repairing roads in Franklin and Somerset counties; and,

Resolve relating to the State Library.

Mr. BUTLER, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolves entitled Resolve in aid of a road and bridge in Penobscot county;

Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroustook; and,

Resolve in aid of a road in the county of Washington.

Mr. LOWELL, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the county of York.

The reports were severally accepted. The bill and resolves reported were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engressed.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Bill entitled An act to provide for enforcing liens on ships, was taken up, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, read once, the rules suspended, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate thereon, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SHEPARD offered the following:

STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, March 31, 1856.

Resolved, That certain charges against Woodbury Davis having been entered on the journals, as causes why he ought to be removed from the office which he holds as one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, it is incumbent on the Senate in the first instance to establish the truth of said charges by legal proofs.

Resolved, That for this purpose there be appointed by the Chair a Committee of three, with power to send for persons and papers, and take all necessary testimony relating to the case, and that said Committee be instructed to summon such witnesses at the request of said Woodbury Davis as shall be essential to enable him to prove such facts as may be deemed by him necessary for his defense, and that said Committee give the said Woodbury Davis due notice of the time and place of their meeting for the purposes aforesaid.

The resolutions were laid upon the table.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve relating to the Woodworth Patent, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company, which was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. BARNES.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing that the two branches of the Legislature grant a joint hearing on Friday, the fourth day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, upon the causes of removal entered on the journals of the Senate on the nineteenth instant, in the case of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and that a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to consider and report the order of proceedings for that occasion.

And Messrs. Farley, Shepard and Barnes were appointed on the part of the Senate.

The message was sent by the Secretary, who subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Bill entitled An act additional in relation to witnesses, was taken up, amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence,

A motion made by Mr. THOMPSON, that the bill be indefinitely postponed, having been decided in the negative, as follows, by yeas and nays:

YEAS—Messrs. Bean, Butler, Farley, Kezar, Shepard, Swasey and Thompson—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Blaisdell, Crane, Jones, Junkins, Lowell, Marden, Morrill, O'Brien, Robinson, Rowell, Talbot and Weston—14.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, Adjourned to afternoon.

#### AFTERNOON.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER,

That Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that branch, that in the absence of William G. Clark, Esq., Nathaniel C. Reed has been elected Secretary pro tempore of the Senate.

Mr. BUTLER subsequently reported that he had delivered the message wherewith he was charged.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT,

Bill entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops, was taken up, amended as per sheets A and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed, by year and nays, as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Blaisdell, Crane, Farley, French, Holland, Heagan, Jones, Junkins, Kezar, Lowell, Marden, O'Brien, Robinson, Rowell, Swasey, Talbot, Thompson and Weston—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Bean, Butler, Morrill and Shepard—4. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company, was taken up on motion of Mr. BARNES, amendment of the House on sheet A non-concurred in, and the bill passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted a report in relation to the petition of J. V. Putnam and others, that on so much of the same as relates to courts in the county of Aroostook, and salaries of officers, legislation is inexpedient, and recommending that a bill drawn by the Committee, entitled An act to promote the incorporation of new settlements, and all accompanying papers, be referred to the next Legislature.

The report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill entitled An act to incorporate the Lewiston Brass Band ought not to pass, but recommended the passage of a

general law on the subject, and reported bill entitled An act to provide for the incorporation of musical societies.

The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

A message from the Governor transmitting accounts as to sales of military property, came up, and was referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act enlarging the criminal jurisdiction of the Police Court of the city of Belfast, came up, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Elisha Coolidge and others, came up accepted, and the same was accepted in concurrence.

The following reports came up accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Winslow Free Bridge;

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, accompanied with resolves entitled Resolve in favor of Abiel McAllister; and,

Resolve making an appropriation for the road across the Indian township in the county of Washington;

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, accompanied with bill entitled An act regulating conveyances by married women; also,

The report of the Joint Select Committee consisting of the delegation from Sagadahoc county, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve for the abatement of the State valuation of Arrowsic.

And the reports were severally accepted. The bills and resolves accompanying were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their several second readings.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled, An act to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society; and,

An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY, Adjourned.

NATH'L C. REED, Secretary pro tem.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read by the Secretary pro tempore.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of J. S. Baker, for increase of salary as County Attorney for Sagadahoc county; also,

Leave to withdraw on the petition of D. C. Magoun and others, in relation to the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Bath; also,

That bill entitled An act to regulate the succession of corporations in certain cases, ought not to pass.

The reports were severally accepted.

Mr. BARNES, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on bill entitled An act further regulating the taxation of bank stock; also,

Reference to the next Legislature on resolve entitled Resolve relating to meteorological observations.

The reports were severally accepted.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Bill entitled An act additional to chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes, was taken up, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to provide for the incorporation of musical societies, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate thereon, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Messrs. Weston of Penobscot, and Heagan of Waldo, both asked and obtained leave to have their votes recorded in the affirmative on the question taken yesterday of passing to be engrossed bill entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing that the House does concur in the proposition of the Senate of yesterday, as to a hearing in Judge Davis' case, and has appointed Messrs. Levensaler of Thomaston, Talbot of Lubec, Fuller of Augusta, Lindsay of Norridgewock, and Blake of Bangor, as a Committee on its part, and joined said Committee to the Committee yesterday appointed by the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

The resolutions submitted yesterday by Mr. SHEPARD of Hancock, in relation to a hearing of Judge Davis, were taken up, and referred to the Joint Select Committee on the order of proceedings for the hearing of said Davis.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, reported that the bill of the city of Bangor to be reimbursed for money paid the Insane Hospital, be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ROWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve making an appropriation for the road across the Indian township in the county of Washington; and,

Resolve in favor of Abiel McAllister.

Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve for abatement of State valuation of the town of Arrowsic; also,

On bill entitled An act regulating conveyances by married women.

And the reports were severally accepted. The bill and resolves reported were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. HEAGAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Charles Turner, which was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BARNES submitted resolves in relation to the binding of the acts and resolves of this State, which were read once, and this afternoon assigned for their second reading.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, reported bill entitled An act additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the Insane Hospital, approved April 17th, 1852, which was ordered to lie on the table and 700 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. BEAN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Winslow Free Bridge, which was read a second time, several amendments were adopted and the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill entitled An act to organize and discipline the militia.

The same Senator moved to amend the bill by striking out all after the words "Commander-in-Chief" in line 7, section 88, to the same words inclusive in line 14, and inserting the word "he," which motion was decided in the affirmative by yeas and nays as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Bean, Blaisdell, Butler, Crane, Farley, French, Heagan, Holland, Jones, Junkins, Kezar, Lowell, Marden, O'Brien, Read, Robinson, Talbot, Thompson and Weston—21.

NAYS-Messrs. Barker, Shepard and Swasey-3.

Several other amendments were adopted, and on motion of Mr. LOWELL, the bill was laid on the table and this afternoon assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Bill entitled An act to repeal an act to re-unite the towns of Anson and North Anson, was taken up.

Mr. THOMPSON moved to amend as per sheet marked A, offered by that Senator, and while the motion was under consideration, the bill was again laid on the table on motion of Mr. SWASEY.

Resolve entitled Resolve relating to school registers, came from the House, was read once, the rules were suspended, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the West Branch Chesuncook Boom Company, came back from the House amended as per sheet A thereto annexed.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL, the amendment was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SHEPARD, Adjourned to afternoon.

# AFTERNOON.

Mr. SWASEY, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act additional in relation to trustee process, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolves entitled Resolve in favor of Charles Turner, and Resolve in relation to the binding of the acts and resolves of this State—which were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Winslow Free Bridge. It was amended as per sheets A, B, C, D, E and F, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill entitled An act to organize and discipline the militia. The same was amended as per sheets A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw in relation to a charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, was taken up, and the Senate refused to concur with the House in recommitting the report, with instructions to report the printed bill of last year, by year and nays, as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Butler, Crane, French, Holland, Robinson, Shepard, Swasey and Thompson—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Bean, Blaisdell, Farley, Heagan, Hayden, Jones, Junkins, Kezar, Marden, Morrill, O'Brien, Read, Rowell and Talbot—16.

On motion of the same Senator the report was accepted.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate thereon, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the town of Dixmont, came from the House, was read once, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. BARNES.

Bill entitled An act repealing chapter 178 of the laws of Maine, approved March 16, 1855, came from the House, was read once, and laid upon the table on motion of Mr. BARNES.

Mr. BUTLER, from the Joint Select Committee appointed to examine into the affairs of the Land Office, for the last ten years, made a report which was ordered to lie upon the table.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee of Conference in relation to a disagreeing vote of the two branches on bill entitled An act increasing the pay of witnesses, reported that the Senate adhere to its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

The report was accepted on motion of Mr. BUTLER.

On motion of Mr. HOLLAND, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. BARNES, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act respecting school district number three in Exeter, which was read once, the rules were suspended, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Hallowell and Chelsea Bridge, was taken up, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Winslow Free Bridge, came back from the House, that branch non-concurring in the amendment of the Scnate on sheet marked D. On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, the Senate insisted on its former vote as to the amendment on sheet D and appointed Messrs. Thompson, Bean and Butler, as conferees on its part.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate thereon, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ROBINSON, from and in behalf of the Committee on Division of Towns, reported that said Committee had attended to all matters referred to it and asking to be discharged from further service at the present session.

The report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act additional concerning elections and electors, which was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

The report of the Committee on the Library, with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society, was taken up.

The report was accepted. The resolve was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Bills entitled An act to modify and limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court; and,

An act to establish a Court of Common Pleas, were taken from the table, severally read once, and this afternoon assigned for their several second readings.

Bill entitled An act to make valid the doings of school district number seven in the town of Norway, came up, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Joint Select Committee on the order of proceedings in the case of Woodbury Davis, reported as follows, viz:

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, April 2, 1856.

The Joint Select Committee, who were directed to consider and report the order of proceedings to be observed upon the occasion of the joint hearing which the two branches have voted to grant upon the alleged causes of removal in the case of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and to whom were also referred certain resolutions relating to the taking of testimony in that case, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report thereon, and to recommend the adoption of the several regulations and order of proceedings which are herewith submitted, viz:

I. For the purpose of granting a joint hearing, agreeably to the vote of the two branches, they will meet in Convention in

the Hall of the House of Representatives, on Friday, the fourth instant, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

- 2. The President of the Senate shall preside in the Convention.
- 3. The respondent may be heard by himself, and by counsel, if he shall so desire.
- 4. Any affidavits, or written statements, may be read as a part of the defense, and only such testimony shall be admitted.
  - 5. No debate whatever shall be admitted in the Convention.
- 6. No motion shall be submitted or entertained except to take a recess to a time certain, or to dissolve the Convention, and every such motion shall be decided without debate.

In behalf of the Committee.

E. W. FARLEY, Chairman.

IN SENATE, April 2, 1856.

Read, accepted, and the regulations adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

House of Representatives, April 2, 1856.

Read and accepted, in concurrence.

DAVID DUNN, Clerk.

Bill entitled An act additional to chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes, came back from the House amended as per sheets A and B. The Senate non-concurred as to both amendments; and insisted on its former vote as to amendment B.

Mr. BARNES moved to insist as to amendment A.

Mr. SWASEY moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, and on that question, on motion of Mr. MARDEN, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Bean, Burrill, Butler, Crane, Goodwin, O'Brien, Robinson and Swasey—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Blaisdell, Heagan, Hayden, Holland, Junkins, Kezar, Lowell, Marden, Morrill, Read, Rowell, Shepard, Talbot and Weston—16.

The Senate insisted as to amendment A. Sent down for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Eben Cobb and others, came back from the House, that body adhering to its former vote recommitting the same with instructions to report the printed bill of last year. The Senate adhered to its former vote, accepting the report.

Bill entitled An act for the protection of logs and other lumber in dead water above the Kennebec Dam, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, the Senate receded from its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and concurred with the House in indefinitely postponing the bill.

Bill entitled An act authorizing the town of Lewiston to choose fire wardens, came from the House, was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of certain members of the House of Representatives, came from the House, and the same had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of John B. Hill, came from the House, was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on the Militia, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve making appropriations for building fence and repairing arsenal at Portland, came up, and was accepted in concurrence. The resolve was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on Military Pensions, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Wm. Poor, Jr.,

came up, and was accepted in concurrence. The resolve was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the town of Dixmont, was taken up, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing to the Senate that the House has received and entered on its journal a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed public acts as follows, viz:

An act to prevent frauds in the use of false stamps, labels and trade marks;

An act to amend the first section of an act entitled An act further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers;

An act repealing chapter 147 of the public laws approved March 13, 1855;

An act additional concerning private ways—severally approved March 31, 1856; and,

An act in relation to the collection of State taxes;

- " in relation to bank returns;
- " to establish a Board of Agriculture;
- " to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases;
- " more fully prescribing the powers and duties of agricultural societies—severally approved April 1, 1856.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled:

An act authorizing towns to purchase and hold fire engines; An act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company;

An act giving further remedies to the proprietors of aquequets for the collection of assessments.

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

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The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled:

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Reform School;

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison;

- " in favor of Abiel McAllister;
- " for abatement of State valuation of the town of Arrowsic;
- " making an appropriation for the road across the Indian township in the county of Washington;

They were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

The Senate adjourned to afternoon.

### AFTERNOON.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolves entitled Resolve in favor of William Poor, Jr.;

Resolve in favor of John B. Hill; and,

Resolve making appropriations for building fence and repairing arsenal at Portland—and the same were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act authorizing the town of Lewiston to choose fire wardens, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the Tide Water Boom Company, came up, and was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Bill entitled An act relating to the liability of the stock-

holders of corporations, was taken up, read once, and to morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society, which was read a second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JUNKINS, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary,

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Journal was read as usual.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON,

The rules were suspended to enable that Senator to move a reconsideration of the vote whereby bill entitled An act regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias, was passed to be engrossed. The bill and an amendment on sheet marked A were laid on the table on motion of Mr. SWASEY.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That 700 copies of the rules to be observed in the Convention of the two branches on the hearing upon the alleged causes of removal of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Bill entitled An act granting to subsequent attaching creditors the review of actions against their debtors, was taken up,

read a second time under a suspension of the rules, amended as per sheets A and B thereto annexed, as amended passed to be engressed, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill entitled An act in relation to returns of votes for county officers, which was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations, which was read a second time. Mr. GOODWIN moved to amend as per sheets A and B offered by him, pending which the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. FARLEY.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engressed bills entitled,

An act to preserve the harbor of Portland; and,

An act in addition to chapter one hundred and five of the Revised Statutes;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The same Committee having made the same report on resolves entitled Resolve in relation to the settlement of the account of the Land Agent; and,

Resolve in aid of roads in the town of Kinsbery;

They were finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The report of the Committee on Education, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in favor of plantations numbers 21 and 33, in the county of Hancock, came up, and was accepted in concurrence. The accompanying resolve was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, Bill entitled An act to repeal an act to re-unite the towns of Anson and North Anson, was taken up, pending an amendment offered by Mr. SWASEY, on motion of Mr. GOODWIN.

The Senate adjourned to afternoon.

## AFTERNOON.

Bill entitled An act to repeal an act to re-unite the towns of Anson and North Anson, was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. BARNES. Subsequently, the bill was again taken up, and again laid upon the table on motion of Mr. HAYDEN. And on motion of Mr. FARLEY, 350 copies of the amendment offered by Mr. SWASEY, were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON,

Bill entitled An act regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias, was taken up, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HEAGAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported leave to withdraw on a resolve appropriating five hundred dollars for premiums on manures; also,

That legislation is inexpedient on order relative to a model State farm; also,

That legislation is inexpedient on the petition of Jonathan Knowles and others; also,

Reference to the next Legislature on the petition of D. F. Lothrop—and the reports were severally accepted, and severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the Tide Water Boom Company, which was read a second time, amended as per sheet A thereto annexed, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ROWELL, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act in relation to returns of votes for county officers, which was read a second time, amended as per

sheets A and B thereto annexed, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, made the same report on resolve entitled Resolve in favor of plantations Nos. 21 and 33 in the county of Hancock, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. GOODWIN, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act additional to an act defining the jurisdiction and powers of the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford, approved April 1, 1856, which had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BEAN, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act further defining the powers of Justices of the Peace in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourn, it stand adjourned to to-morrow morning at half-past eight o'clock.

Bill entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops, came back from the House, that body non-concurring with the Senate in the amendment of the sixth section striking out the word "may" and inserting the word "shall." On motion of Mr. FARLEY, the bill was laid on the table.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled:

An act to incorporate the Dirigo Insurance Company;

An act to incorporate the Skowhegan Savings Bank;

An act regulating conveyances by married women;

An act to amend chapter thirty of the Revised Statutes;

An act to regulate the salaries of the Warden and subordinate officers of the State Prison:

An act for the better security of moneys in the State Treasury;

An act additional to an act entitled an act in relation to bonds issued by railroad corporations, approved January 20th, 1852;

An act giving further powers to the Auburn Village Corpo. ration;

An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Waldo;

An act relating to administration on estates of deceased married women;

An act to abolish town courts;

An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of York;

An act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Calais;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The same Committee having made the same report on resolves entitled:

Resolve providing for religious services at the Insane Hospital;

Resolve in relation to the binding of the acts and resolves of this State;

Resolve in favor of Volney A. Sprague; -

- " in favor of the town of Dixmont;
- " in favor of John B. Hill;
- " in favor of the Maine State Prison;
- " in favor of certain members of the House of Representatives;
- " relating to school registers;
- " relating to the State Library;
- " relating to the Woodworth patent;
- " for the payment of the militia called into the public service by order of the Governor, June 4th, 1855;

Resolve to authorize fencing the tomb on the public grounds near the capitol;

They were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by

the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, Adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1856.

Met at half past eight o'clock A. M.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from HENRY W. PAINE, of counsel for Woodbury Davis, which having been read, was ordered to be entered on the journal of the Senate, and is as follows, viz:

Augusta, April 4, 1856.

Hon. Lot M. Morrill, President of the Senate:

The counsel on whom Judge Davis principally relies for conducting his defense, arrived here last evening quite indisposed.

This morning he is not in a condition to leave his room.

In behalf of Judge Davis, I am therefore constrained to ask for a postponement of the hearing in his case to Saturday the 5th instant, at which time Dr. Hill is of opinion that Mr. Choate will be able to attend.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

H. W. PAINE, of Counsel.

Mr. FARLEY of Lincoln, submitted the following, viz: STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, April 4, 1856.

In consideration of a communication made to the Senate of this date in behalf of Woodbury Davis, representing that one of his counsel is unable by reason of sickness to appear in his defense to day, and requesting that the hearing be postponed until tomorrow,

Ordered, That the hearing be postponed accordingly until to-morrow the 5th instant, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. And that a message be sent to the House of Representatives that the Convention agreed to be held this day be postponed until to-morrow, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon; and that the two branches then meet in Convention in the Representatives' Hall, for the purpose of said hearing, under the regulations and order of proceedings before adopted by the two branches for that occasion.

And the order having been read was passed.

The Secretary subsequently reported to the Senate that he had delivered to the House of Representatives the message required by the foregoing order.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to establish a Court of Common Pleas, which was read a second time amended as per sheets A, B, C and D thereto annexed, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. HAYDEN.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported bill entitled An act to incorporate the Mount Katahdin Road Company. The report was accepted. The bill had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. READ presented the petition of F. B. Leonard and others, for an act for the better regulation of railroad connections, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HEAGAN, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported that all business before said Committee had been disposed of, and asking that the Committee be discharged from further service at the present session. The report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Ordered, That a Committee of the Senate consisting of one

from each county be appointed to prepare an arrangement of the terms of the courts to be reported as amendments of the second section of bill entitled An act to establish a Court of Common Pleas, and the 14th section of the bill to modify and limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court. Whereupon Messrs. Hayden, Shepard, French, Heagan, Farley, Goodwin, Swasey, Robinson, Butler, Bean, Rowell, Lowell and Jones were appointed as such Committee.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops; and, on motion of the same Senator, the Senate receded and concurred with the House in the vote whereby that body non-concurred with the Senate in the amendment of the sixth section, striking out the word "may" and inserting the word "shall"; and as thus amended the bill was passed to be engressed in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Insane Hospital on the petition of John W. Munger and others, was taken up and accepted, on motion of Mr. FARLEY. The bill accompanying was read once and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT, Adjourned to afternoon.

# AFTERNOON.

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Mr. BURRILL, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported that said committee have attended to all business referred to it, and respectfully ask to be discharged from further service.

The report was accepted.

Mr. KEZAR, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported that said committee have disposed of all business before it, and ask to be discharged from further duties at the present session.

The report was accepted.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported without amendment bill entitled An act additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the Insane Hospital, approved April 17th, 1852, which was read a second time and laid on the table on motion of Mr. FARLEY. Subsequently it was again taken up and amended as per sheets A and B. On motion of Mr. KEZAR, the year and nays were ordered on the question of passing the bill to be engrossed as amended, and being taken, resulted as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Barnes, Bean, Blaisdell, Butler, French, Farley, Goodwin, Hayden, Holland, Lowell, Morrill, O'Brien, Read, Robinson, Shepard, Swasey and Weston—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Burrill, Crane, Heagan, Jones, Junkins, Kezar, Marden, Talbot and Thompson—9.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing vote of the two branches on bill entitled An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Winslow Free Bridge, reported that the Committee has agreed upon an amendment to the amendment of the Senate on sheet marked D, as set forth in the report.

The report was accepted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by the Committee of Conference.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, bill entitled An act to modify and limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court, was taken up and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill entitled An act in further regulation of certain actions against towns, came back from the House indefinitely postponed by that branch. On motion of Mr. LOWELL, the Senate insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and appointed Messrs. Lowell, Barnes and Thompson as conferees on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, bill entitled An act for enforcing common law liens, was taken up; the rules were suspended, the bill read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Bill entitled An act to repeal chapter 121 of the public laws of 1855, came from the House passed to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. BARNES, the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill entitled An act to establish a Court of Common Pleas, was taken up, amended as per sheets A, B, C, D, E and F. Mr. BUTLER moved to refer the same to the next Legislature, and on motion of Mr. TALBOT, the yeas and nays were ordered on that question, which being taken, resulted as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Bean, Burrill, Butler, Crane, French, Jones, Kezar, Lowell, Morrill, O'Brien, Rowell, Shepard, Talbot and Weston—14.

NAYS—Messrs Barnes, Blaisdell, Farley, Goodwin, Heagan, Hayden, Junkins, Marden, Read, Robinson, Swasey and Thompson—12.

So the bill was referred to the next Legislature.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate thereon, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled An act in relation to returns of votes for county officers, came back from the House further amended as on sheet D. The Senate concurred in said amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Gilman Turner, came from the House, and had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, came from the House, was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill entitled An act to amend the sixth section of An act passed on the 26th day of March, 1856, entitled an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1856, amounting to \$201,153.44, came up, was read its first and second times under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Change of Names, accompanied with bill entitled An act to change the names of certain persons, came up, and was accepted in concurrence. The bill had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourns, it be to tomorrow morning at half past eight o'clock.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That 350 copies of bill entitled An act additional concerning elections and electors, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing that the House has received and entered on its journal a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature that he has signed and approved the public acts entitled:

An act giving further remedies to the proprietors of aqueducts for the collection of assessments; and,

An act authorizing towns to purchase and hold fire engines, severally approved April.2, 1856; also,

An act in addition to chapter one hundred and five of the Revised Statutes, approved April 3, 1856.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act regulating the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners in county jails;

An act authorizing the town of Lewiston to choose fire wardens; and,

An act to provide for the incorporation of musical societies; They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The same Committee having made the same report on resolve entitled,

Resolve in favor of Charles Turner;

" in favor of William Poor, Jr.;

Resolve in favor of plantations Nos. 21 and 33, in the County of Hancock;

Resolve making appropriations for building fence and repairing arsenal at Portland;

They were finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. BURRILL,

The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1856.

Met at half past eight o'clock A. M.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The Chaplain offered prayer.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bills entitled,

An act further defining the powers of Justices of the Peace in certain cases;

An act making further provisions respecting bonds of cashiers of banks; and,

An act additional in relation to trustee process—severally ought to pass.

Also, the same Senator from the same Committee, reported bill entitled An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Oxford.

And the reports were severally accepted. The bills reported were severally read once, and this afternoon assigned for their several second readings.

Mr. LOWELL moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday whereby the Senate referred to the next Legislature bill entitled An act to establish a Court of Common Pleas.

The motion was laid on the table, and Monday next assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill entitled An act in relation to bankrupt plaintiffs, ought not to pass.

The report was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve for payment of additional roll of accounts No. 36, came from the House, and the same was read once and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

The hour having arrived for a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature for a hearing of the defense of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

## IN CONVENTION.

The President of the Senate took the Chair, and after the reading by the President of the order proposing the Convention, the rules and order of proceedings adopted by the two branches for the government of the Convention, and of the resolutions and statements of causes of removal of Woodbury Davis passed by the Senate, and the evidence of the service of the same on said Davis had been read by the Secretary of the Senate, the President announced that the Convention was assembled and ready to hear said Davis in his defense.

Said Davis then addressed the Convention, and stated that he was ready to proceed with his defense, and desired to be heard by his counsel.

HENRY W. PAINE, of counsel for said Davis, then addressed the Convention in defense of said Davis; before he had concluded,

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN of the Senate,

The Convention took a recess till half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

#### IN SENATE.

The Senate having returned to its Chamber, On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, Adjourned to quarter past two o'clock this afternoon.

#### AFTERNOON.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve for payment of additional roll of accounts No. 36, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The hour having arrived that was designated for the two branches of the Legislature to re-assemble in Convention, the Senate repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

### IN CONVENTION.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The President of the Senate took the Chair, and announced that the Convention was again assembled and ready to hear Mr. Davis further in his defense.

Mr. Paine then resumed and closed his address to the Convention.

Francis O. J. Smith then addressed the Convention in defense of Mr. Davis; when Mr. Smith had concluded,

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Ordered, That this Convention do now take a recess to nine o'clock in the forenoon of Monday the 7th day of April instant.

### IN SENATE.

The Senate having returned to its Chamber,

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Ordered, That the Senate do now adjourn to Monday, the 7th day of April instant, at half-past eight o'clock in the forenoon.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1856.

Met according to adjournment.

The Secretary read the Journal of Saturday's proceedings.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. JONES presented the petition of the proprietors of Stillwater Bridge, for alteration in their charter, and the same was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bills entitled,

An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of Oxford county;

An act further defining the power of Justices of the Peace in certain cases; and,

An act additional in relation to trustee process;

And the reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate thereon, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act making further provisions respecting the bonds of cashiers of banks, which was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. THOMPSON.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops, it came up on its passage to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. SHEPARD, the year and nays were ordered on that question, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEAS-Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Blaisdell, Crane, Farley, French,

Heagan, Hodsdon, Hayden, Holland, Jones, Junkins, Kezar, Lowell, Marden, O'Brien, Read, Robinson, Rowell, Swasey, Talbot, Thompson and Weston—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Burrill, Butler, Morrill and Shepard—4.

So the bill was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The same Committee having made the same report on bill entitled An act regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias, it was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The hour having arrived that was designated for the two branches of the Legislature to re-assemble in Convention, the Senate repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

## IN CONVENTION.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The President took the Chair, and announced that the Convention was again assembled and ready to hear Mr. Davis further in his defense.

Hon. RUFUS CHOATE then addressed the Convention further in defense of Mr. Davis; when he had concluded, Mr. Davis announced to the Convention that he had finished the defense he desired to make.

The President of the Convention then announced that the objects and purposes for which the Convention was formed having been accomplished, the Convention was dissolved.

And the Convention then separated.

# IN SENATE.

The Senate having returned to its Chamber, On motion of Mr. FARLEY, Adjourned to afternoon.

### AFTERNOON.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported bill entitled An act to alter and amend an act to in-

corporate the proprietors of the Stillwater Bridge, which was read once, the rules were suspended, read a second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Bill entitled An act making further provisions respecting the bonds of cashiers of banks, was taken up, passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill entitled An act to repeal an act to re-unite the towns of Anson and North Anson.

An amendment offered by Mr. SWASEY was amended and adopted as amended, and the bill as thus amended was passed to be engrossed by yeas and nays as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Bean, French, Goodwin, Hodsdon, Holland, Jones, Junkins, Kezar, Lowell, Morrill, O'Brien, Robinson, Swasey, Talbot, Thompson and Weston—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Blaisdell, Burrill, Crane, Farley, Heagan, Hayden, Marden, Read, Rowell and Shepard—12. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote whereby bill entited An act to establish a Court of Common Pleas, was referred to the next Legislature.

On motion of the same Senator, the year and nays were ordered on the motion, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Blaisdell, Farley, Goodwin, Heagan, Hayden, Junkins, Marden, Read, Robinson, Swasey and Thompson—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Bean, Burrill, Butler, Crane, French, Hodsdon, Holland, Jones, Kezar, Lowell, Morrill, O'Brien, Rowell, Shepard, Talbot and Weston—16.

So the Senate refused to reconsider its former vote.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, accompanied with bill entitled An act additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, came up, and was accepted in concurrence. The

bill accompanying was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The report of the Committee on the Library, referring to the next Legislature bill entitled An act providing for a State Librarian, came up, and was accepted, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing that the House has received and entered on its Journal a message from the Governor informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed the public acts as follows, viz:

An act relating to administration on estates of deceased married women;

An act to abolish town courts;

An act to amend chapter thirty of the Revised Statutes;

An act for the better security of moneys in the State Treasury;

An act additional to an act entitled an act in relation to bonds issued by railroad corporations, approved January 30, 1852;

An act regulating conveyances by married women, severally approved April 4, 1856; also,

An act to provide for the incorporation of musical societies; and,

An act regulating the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners in county jails, severally approved April 5, 1856.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Aaron S. Lyford and another, came from the House, and the same had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled:

An act additional to an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company;

An act to set off certain territory from the town of Manchester and annex the same to the city of Augusta;

An act to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company; An act to incorporate the West Branch Chesuncook Boom Company; They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Bill entitled An act to establish a Court of Common Pleas, came back from the House indefinitely postponed. On motion of Mr. ROBINSON, the Senate non-concurred with the House in indefinite postponement, and laid the bill on the table on motion of the same Senator.

Resolve entitled Resolve providing for an appropriation for the Reform School, came back from the House amended as per sheet A thereto annexed. The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Irish of Union, announcing that in the absence of the Speaker, Hon. John C. Talbot, Jr., of Lubec, had been chosen Speaker pro tempore of that body.

Bill entitled An act for enforcing common law liens, came back from the House indefinitely postponed. On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, the Senate insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engressed, and appointed Messrs. Goodwin, Hayden and Lowell as conferees on part of the Senate with such as the House may join.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing that the House has received and entered on its Journal, a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed the public act entitled An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops.

On motion of Mr. THOMPSON,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill entitled An act relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations, which was amended as per sheets A, B and C, and as amended passed to be engrossed, by year and nays; as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Bean, Blaisdell, Burrill, Crane, Farley, Heagan, Hayden, Jones, Junkins, Kezar, Marden, Morrill, O'Brien, Read, Shepard, Swasey, Thompson and Weston—20.

NAYS - Messrs, Goodwin, Hodsdon, Holland and Robinson-4.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of An Address to the Governor, for the removal of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court. On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, the subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, Adjourned to afternoon.

# AFTERNOON.

Mr. BARNES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported reference to the next Legislature on the petition of Ezra Clark and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. JUNKINS, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the overseers of the poor of Cape Elizabeth.

The report was accepted.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court. Mr. SWASEY, from the same Committee, made the same report on bill entitled An act additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes.

And the reports were severally accepted. The bills reported were severally read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed.

Bill entitled An act additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the Insane Hospital, approved April 17th, 1852, came back from the House further amended as on sheet C. The Senate non-concurred as to amendment C, and insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. JUNKINS,

The vote whereby bill entitled An act to repeal an act to re-unite the towns of Anson and North Anson, was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered. And on motion of Mr. FAR-LEY, the same was referred to the next Legislature, by year and nays as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Bean, Blaisdell, Burrill, Crane, Farley, French, Heagan, Hayden, Holland, Junkins, Lowell, Marden, Morrill, Read, Rowell, Shepard and Talbot—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Goodwin, Hodsdon, Jones, Kezar, O'Brien, Robinson, Swasey, Thompson and Weston—9.

Bill entitled An act to provide for enforcing liens on vessels, came back from the House further amended as per sheet B, and indefinitely postponed. The Senate concurred as to amendment B, non-concurred in indefinite postponement of the bill, and passed the same to be engrossed as amended.

Bill entitled An act relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations, came back from the House indefinitely postponed. The Senate non-concurred, and insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

The before named papers, with the action of the Senate thereon, were severally sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, in a new draft, bill entitled An act in relation to the

Supreme Judicial Court, which was read once, and four o'clock this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Bill entitled An act to organize and discipline the militia, came back from the House indefinitely postponed. On motion of Mr. THOMPSON, the Senate non-concurred in indefinite postponement; and the bill was laid on the table on motion of the same Senator.

Bill entitled An act in further regulation of certain actions against towns, came back from the House, that body adhering to its former vote of indefinite postponement. The Senate receded and concurred in indefinite postponement.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Joseph Socabasin, came from the House; and the same was read its first and second times, under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve for carrying into effect a resolve for a permanent school fund, approved August 24th, 1850, came back from the House with amendment A of the Senate amended. The Senate adopted the amendment as amended, and passed the resolve to be engrossed as thus amended, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Samuel Chadbourne, came from the House, and the same was read its first and second times under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook, came back from the House amended as per sheets A and B. The Senate adopted the amendments, and passed the resolve to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Benjamin F. Stinson, came from the House, and the same had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to reduce the capital stock of the Ellsworth Bank of Ellsworth, came from the House, and the same

had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations, came back from the House, that branch insisting on its former vote and appointing Messrs. Foster of East Machias, Fuller of Augusta, and Scammon of Saco, as conferees on part of the House, with such as the Senate may join. The Senate concurred as to a conference, and appointed Messrs. Thompson, Hayden and Bean, as conferees on its part.

Resolve entitled Resolve in aid of a road in the county of Washington, came back from the House amended by striking out "Washington" and inserting "Aroostook." The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

The following reports came up accepted, viz:

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, accompanied with bill entitled An act in relation to home, and agencies of foreign insurance companies;

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, accompanied with bill entitled An act to authorize the assessment and collection of a district tax for school district No. 7 in Norway;

The report of the same Committee, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve fixing the salary of the Adjutant General;

The report of the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the claim of Dudley C. Hall and Samuel F. Hersey to certain townships of land, accompanied with resolve entitled Resolve in relation to deed of conveyance made to Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall—and the same were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills and resolves accompanying were severally read their first and second times, under a suspension of the rules, and severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the Joint Select Committee consisting of the Sagadahoc delegation, granting leave to withdraw on the petition for the increase of the salaries of the Judge and Register

of Probate for Sagadahoc county, came up, and was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petitions for the incorporation of plantations in Aroostook county, came back from the House recommitted, with instructions to report a bill. And the same was laid on the table on motion of Mr. FRENCH.

The petition of Joseph Porter and another, for a law in certain cases to make certain town officers ineligible, came up, and was referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

The petition of D. W. Lothrop and 150 others, for repeal of an act respecting banks, passed in 1855, came up, referred to the next Legislature. On motion of Mr. BARNES, it was laid on the table.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Joint Standing Committee in relation to the bills and expenses of the commissioners to revise the public laws of this State, made a report accompanied with resolves.

The report was accepted. The resolves were read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That 350 copies of the foregoing report be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Order from the House, directing the printing of An act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops, passed at the present session of the Legislature, in pamphlet form, and providing for the distribution of the same, was passed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled:

An act to incorporate the Mount Katahdin Road Company;

An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Winslow Free Bridge;

An act to incorporate the town of Orient;

An act to incorporate the Tide Water Boom Company;

An act to amend an act entitled an act additional for the relief of poor debtors, approved August 11th, 1848;

An act to set off a part of Norridgewock and annex the same to Skowhegan;

An act additional in relation to trustee process;

An act further defining the power of Justices of the Peace in certain cases;

An act granting to subsequent attaching creditors the review of actions against their debtors;

An act to change the names of certain persons;

An act to alter and amend an act to incorporate the proprietors of the Stillwater Bridge;

An act additional to chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes;

An act in relation to the returns of votes for county officers;

An act additional to an act defining the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford, approved April 1, 1856;

An act respecting school district number three in Exeter;

An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Oxford; and,

An act to amend the sixth section of an act passed on the 26th day of March, 1856, entitled an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1856, amounting to two hundred one thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars forty-four cents—they were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, Resolves entitled:

Resolve in favor of Aaron S. Lyford and another;

- " in favor of Gilman Turner:
- " providing for an appropriation for the Reform School;
- " in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State:
- " in favor of the Maine Historical Society; and,
- " in favor of John Thompson, an insane person—they

were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1856.

Met at nine o'clock A. M.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The Chaplain of the Senate offered prayer.

Mr. FARLEY, by leave, laid on the table bill entitled An act to change the time of holding the May term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Lincoln, which had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARNES, by leave, laid on the table resolve for procuring certain volumes of the publications of the Maine Historical Society, which had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, resolve entitled Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to audit and settle the claims of John B. Hill, Joseph Baker and James Bell, commissioners appointed to revise, collate and arrange all the public laws of this State, which was read a second time, amended as per sheet A, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. SWASEY.

Subsequently it was taken up, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FRENCH,

The vote whereby the Senate concurred with the amendments A and B, of the House, to resolve entitled Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook, was reconsidered. And the Senate non-concurred in adopting the amendments, and insisted on its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Address to the Governor, for the removal of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, introduced by Mr. BARNES of Cumberland, March 19, 1856.

And the question on the adoption of the Address was taken by year and nays, and resulted as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Ayer, Barnes, Bean, Blaisdell, Burrill, Crane, Farley, French, Goodwin, Heagan, Hodsdon, Hayden, Holland, Jones, Junkins, Kezar, Lowell, Marden, O'Brien, Read, Robinson, Swasey, Talbot, Thompson and Weston—25.

NAYS-Messrs. Morrill, Rowell and Shepard-3.

So the Address was adopted by the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That the President of the Senate certify upon the Address for the removal of Woodbury Davis, that the same was moved in the Senate on the 19th day of March, 1856, and has been adopted by the Senate this 9th day of April following, and that the Address so certified, and a transcript of the record of the proceedings of the Senate relating to said Address, duly certified by the Secretary, be transmitted to the House of Representatives, by message.

The Secretary subsequently announced to the Senate that he had transmitted to the House of Representatives, by message, the papers required by the foregoing order, certified as directed in said order.

Mr. SHEPARD of Hancock offered the following, which was laid on the table on motion of Mr. FARLEY, viz:

# STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, April 9th, 1856.

Ordered, That the protest, the answer, and the motion for leave to introduce witnesses presented by Woodbury Davis to the Joint Convention on his hearing in his defense, be entered upon the Journal of the Senate.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill entitled An act enlarging the criminal jurisdiction of the Police Court of the city of Belfast, ought to pass, came up, and was accepted in concurrence. The bill had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Division of Towns, accompanied with bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of West Rockland, came up, and was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the Blue Mountain Lodge, came from the House, and the same had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Isaiah Felker, came from the House, and the same had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed bill entitled An act to reduce the capital stock of the Ellsworth Bank of Ellsworth, it was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The same Committee having made the same report on resolves entitled:

Resolve in favor of Joseph Sockabasin;

- " in favor of Samuel Chadbourne;
- " in favor of B. F. Stinson; and,

Resolve for opening and repairing roads in Franklin and Somerset counties;

They were finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. BEAN, Adjourned to afternoon.

#### AFTERNOON.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate in making up the pay roll of the Senate, be and hereby is directed to make up the pay of the following persons for the sums set against their names, to wit:

To Edward T. Ingraham, for his services as reporter of the Senate, one hundred dollars;

To J. G. Blaine, for his services as reporter of the Senate, one hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. SWASEY,

Bill entitled An act additional concerning elections and electors, was taken up, read twice under a suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Joint Select Committee, to which were referred papers as to the expediency of rescinding resolves relating to slavery, approved March 17th, 1855; also resolves instructing our Representatives and Senators in Congress in relation to Kansas; also papers from C. Robinson, Governor elect of Kansas; also the resolutions of the State of Vermont; and also resolve relating to secret and oath bound political associations, made a report accompanied with resolves entitled Resolves relating to the extension of slavery in the territory of Kansas, and secret political associations.

The report was read and accepted. The resolves accompanying were read once, the rules were suspended, read a second time, passed to be engrossed, and with the report sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FARLEY, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, reported bill entitled An act granting certain privileges to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, which was read once, the rules were suspended, read a second time, passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing that that branch has adopted the Address to the Governor for the removal of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be instructed to lay before the Governor the Address adopted by the two branches for the removal of Woodbury Davis, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and that a transcript of the proceedings of the Senate thereon be also laid before the Governor, together with the Address, for the information of the Executive Department of the Government, respecting the statement of causes of removal, the entering of the same on the Journal of the Senate, and the hearing had thereon.

And the Senate appointed Messrs. Barnes of Cumberland, Robinson of Oxford, and Talbot of Washington, as such Committee, on its part. And the order and appointment of the Committee were sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to provide for enforcing liens on vessels, came back from the House, that branch insisting on its former vote of indefinite postponement. The Senate adhered to its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed:

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to establish and maintain a high school in school district number one in the town of Saco, came from the House; and the same had its first and second readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Simeon S. Hasty, came from the House, and was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. SWASEY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of West Rockland, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of William H. Lunt and another, came from the House; and the same had its two readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The order introduced this morning by Mr. SHEPARD, in relation to Judge Davis' papers, was taken up, and refused a passage.

On motion of Mr. BEAN,

Ordered, The House concurring, that when the two branches of the Legislature adjourn on Thursday the 10th instant, they adjourn without day.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House requesting that body to return bill entitled An act additional concerning elections and electors.

On motion of Mr. BARNES,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourn, it be till tomorrow morning at seven o'clock.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to make up the pay roll of the Senate up to and including the 10th instant.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

The vote whereby bill entitled An act additional concerning elections and electors, was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and the same was amended as per sheets A and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate, had its two readings under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence. Bill entitled An act explanatory of, and in addition to, the 94th chapter of the Revised Statutes, came back from the House amended as per sheet A. The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Education, relating to the communication of the State Treasurer as to money for plantations in the county of Hancock, came up, and was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the same Committee, that it had attended to all duties assigned it and asking to be discharged from further service, came up, and was accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled:

An act to organize and discipline the militia;

An act in relation to home, and agencies of foreign insurance companies;

An act to authorize the assessment and collection of a district tax in school district No. 7 in Norway;

An act to change the time of holding the May term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Lincoln;

An act additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the Insane Hospital, approved April 17th, 1852;

An act additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes;

An act relating to the liability of the stockholders of corporations;

An act additional in relation to witnesses;

An act for completing the records of deceased clerks of the judicial courts;

An act for enforcing common law liens; and,

An act to incorporate the Blue Mountain Lodge;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The same Committee having made the same report on resolves entitled:

Resolve for payment of additional roll of accounts No. 36; Resolve in favor of Isaiah Felker; Resolve for carrying into effect a resolve for a permanent school fund, approved August 24th, 1850;

Resolve in relation to deed of conveyance made to Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall;

Resolve in aid of a road in the county of Aroostook;

Resolve in aid of a road and bridge in Penobscot county; and,

Resolve fixing the salary of the Adjutant General;

They were finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON, The Senate adjourned.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1856.

Met at seven o'clock A. M.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. LOWELL,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Scnate be directed to prepare and procure the printing of 350 copies of the Journal of the Senate for the current session, and that three copies of the same be distributed to each of the present Senators, one copy to each of the State Senators for 1857, and that the remaining copies be deposited in the State Library.

Mr. HOLLAND submitted the following, viz:

Resolved, That there be paid to David Brown, Assistant Messenger of the Senate, twenty-four dollars in addition to that allowed him upon the Senate pay roll.

And the same was read and indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. GOODWIN. Mr. BARNES, by leave, laid on the table resolve entitled Resolve to authorize the printing of the Journal of the Constitutional Convention, and the same had its two readings under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve fixing the compensation of the superintendent of public buildings, came from the House, and the same had its two readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of William L. Putnam, came from the House, and the same had its two readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concarrence.

Bill entitled An act to amend an act to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society, came from the House, and the same had its two readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in favor of Otis Turner, came from the House, and the same had its two readings under a suspensien of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve entitled Resolve in relation to the late Adjutant General, came from the House, and the same had its two readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government, came up, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill entitled An act repealing chapter 178 of the laws of Maine, approved March 16, 1855, was passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARNES, from the Joint Select Committee, who were instructed to lay before the Governor the Address for the removal of Woodbury Davis, together with a transcript of the record of the proceedings of the Senate thereon, reported, that the Committee had performed the service entrusted to them, and

that the Governor was pleased to say, that the case would receive the attention of the Council and of himself, and that the result of their action would be made known to the public.

On motion of Mr. FARLEY,

The vote whereby bill entitled An act granting certain privileges to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered; and the same was amended as per sheet A, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing that the House has received and entered on its Journal a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature that he has signed and approved public acts as follows, viz:

An act to amend the sixth section of an act passed on the 26th day of March, 1856, entitled an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1856, amounting to two hundred one thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars forty-four cents;

An act granting to subsequent attaching creditors the review of actions against their debtors;

An act additional in relation to trustee process;

An act additional to chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes;

An act further defining the power of Justices of the Peace in certain cases;

An act in relation to returns of votes for county officers—severally approved April 8, 1856; also,

An act to organize and discipline the militia;

An act to amend an act additional for the relief of poor debtors, approved August 11, 1848;

An act additional in relation to witnesses;

An act additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the Insane Hospital, approved April 17th, 1852;

An act regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias;

An act in relation to home, and agencies of foreign insurance companies—severally approved April 9, 1856; also,

An act for enforcing common law liens, approved April 10, 1856.

Bill entitled An act to incorporate the town of West Rock-

land, came up, and the same was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

An act to establish and maintain a high school in school district number one in the town of Saco;

An act to change the time of holding the May term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Lincoln;

An act enlarging the criminal jurisdiction of the Police Court of the city of Belfast;

An act making further provisions respecting the bonds of cashiers of banks;

An act additional concerning elections and electors;

An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Hallowell and Chelsea Bridge;

An act to amend an act to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society;

An act in addition to, and explanatory of, the 94th chapter of the Revised Statutes;

An act granting certain privileges to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company;

An act repealing chapter 178 of the laws of Maine, approved March 16, 1855;

They were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled:

Resolve in favor of Simeon S. Hasty;

- " in favor of William H. Lunt and another;
- " in favor of William L. Putnam;
- " in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook;
- " authorizing the Governor and Council to audit and settle the claims of John B. Hill, Joseph Baker and James Bell, commissioners appointed to revise, collate and arrange all the public laws of this State;

Resolve for procuring certain volumes of the publications of the Maine Historical Society;

Resolve relating to the extension of slavery in the territory of Kansas, and secret political associations;

Resolve fixing the compensation of the superintendent of public buildings;

Resolve to authorize the printing of the Journal of the Constitutional Convention;

Resolve in favor of Otis Turner;

- " in relation to the late Adjutant General;
- " for the pay roll of the House of Representatives;
- " on the pay roll of the Senate;

They were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and sent to the Governor, for his approval and signature.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Dunn, its Clerk, announcing that the House has received and entered on its journal a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed the public acts as follows, viz:

An act additional to chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, approved April 9, 1856; also,

An act to change the time of holding the May term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Lincoln;

An act additional concerning elections and electors;

An act making further provisions respecting the bonds of cashiers of banks;

An act explanatory of, and in addition to, the 94th chapter of the Revised Statutes—severally approved April 10, 1856.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN,

Ordered, That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature having acted upon all matters before them, are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make. And Messrs. Hayden, Thompson and Hodsdon, were appointed as such Committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

# Mr. SWASEY of Cumberland arose and said:

Mr. PRESIDENT: After a session somewhat protracted, the labors of this Senate are now brought to a close, and its memhers are about to separate and retire from their active duties here. At the commencement of the session, when entering upon the discharge of our duties to the State, it was our sincere and strong desire so to act in our capacity of legislators, as to deserve and receive the approbation of the people, our constituents. I cherish the belief that in doing what we have in legislative action here, the members of this Senate have been governed by no lesser or other ambition than honestly and faithfully to act for the public good. If it be so we shall enjoy that happiness which always results from self-approval, and if in any respect we have failed in attaining our good purposes, we should be exempt from public censure. Our intercourse with each other has been kind and affectionate, and the friendships here formed will be cherished forever. And upon this occasion let us not be unmindful of our obligations to Him who in His great mercy has spared our lives, by whose care we have been preserved and are now permitted to retire from this Chamber to our respective homes—to the loved ones who await us there.

Our duties at this board have been arduous, but permit me, Mr. President, to say, that in the discharge of these duties, and in our action and deliberations, we have been much aided by the able and courteous manner in which you, sir, have performed the duties of your place.

Mr. SHEPARD of Hancock, submitted the following, viz:

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, April 10, 1856.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to the Hon. Lor M. MORRILL for the ability and impartiality with which he has performed the duties devolving upon him as the presiding officer of the Senate during this session.

And the same was read and unanimously passed.

The PRESIDENT responded as follows:

SENATORS:—Our official labors are at length brought to a close, and we are about to depart hence. The sundering of daily associations and the thought of final separation naturally touch the heart with sadness. I desire in an especial manner to thank you for the kindly aid, the marked respect, and the positive kindness which, at all times, I have received at your hands, and for the cordial terms in which you have been pleased to manifest your approbation of my conduct as your presiding Now about to exchange the cares and responsibilities of public station for the more quiet pursuits of private life, may you return in peace to the bosom of your families and to your constituents. I cannot allow the occasion to pass without bearing public testimony to the fidelity and promptitude with which you have dispatched the public business, and the general courtesy and kindness which have prevailed in this chamber. feelings of unmixed personal kindness to each I bid you adien.

Mr. TALBOT of Washington, submitted the following which was read and unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to WILLIAM G. CLARK, Esq., Secretary of the Senate, and to NATHANIEL C. REED, Assistant Secretary, for the faithful and acceptable manner in which they have severally discharged the duties of their respective offices.

Mr. SWASEY of Cumberland, offered the following, which was read and unanimously passed, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to Peter A. Dalton, Messenger of the Senate, and to David Brown, Assistant Messenger of the Senate, for the faithful manner in which they have respectively performed the duties of their offices during this session.

Mr. HAYDEN, from the Joint Select Committee to wait on the Governor and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature having acted upon all matters, are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, reported: That they had waited on the Governor and discharged the duty assigned them, and the Governor was pleased to say that he would communicate to the Legislature through the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State subsequently came in and laid on the table a list of the titles of the acts and resolves passed by the present Legislature, which had received the approval of the Governor.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT, The Senate adjourned without day.

WM. G. CLARK, Secretary.

# TITLES OF ACTS

#### PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1856.

### PUBLIC LAWS.

- An Act to repeal an act entitled "An act regulating the suffrage of naturalized citizens."
  - to repeal an act entitled "An act annulling the naturalization powers of courts in this state."
  - additional concerning the supreme judicial court and its jurisdiction.
  - to repeal the one hundred eighty-third chapter of the public laws of eighteen hundred fifty-five.
  - to make valid the draft and doings of the grand jury for the county of Penobscot.
  - to authorize the establishment of city scales.
  - to repeal an act regulating the formation of military companies additional to an act to establish the state reform school.
  - in addition to an act approved March twenty-nine, eighteen hundred fifty-four, allowing aliens to hold and convey real estate.
  - relating to the fees of justices of the peace, and of judges and recorders of municipal or police courts in criminal cases.
  - relating to the education of children residing upon territory the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States.
  - to prevent the destruction of fish in Moosehead Lake.

    additional to "An act to provide for the education of youth."
  - to prevent the destruction of fish in Brewer pond.
  - to establish a municipal court in the city of Portland.
  - to authorize the increase of pay to the register of probate in Penobscot county.
  - for the removal of paupers having no settlement within this state.

An Act to establish a police court in the city of Bangor.

making further provisions for laying out the money raised by towns for ways and bridges.

to give jurisdiction in equity, in cases between copartowners of ships.

in relation to the election of judges of probate, registers of probate, sheriffs, and judges of municipal and police courts. regulating proceedings on demurrer.

to repeal an act additional to chapter one hundred and seventy of the revised statutes.

relating to the disclosures of poor debtors.

providing for the appointment and duties of a recorder of the police court of Bangor.

further regulating the construction of wharves in tide waters.

to prevent the destruction of pickerel in upper and lower Stone ponds in Stoneham.

in relation to the powers of constables.

to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Flying pond.

additional respecting elections in cities.

to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Somerset.

in further regulation of proceedings on indictments for defective ways.

to authorize the governor to appoint commissioners to take acknowledgment of deeds, or other contracts and depositions in foreign countries.

additional to "An act relating to hawkers and pedlers," approved July thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

to amend chapter one hundred and eighty-seven of the laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

explanatory of section five, article second, of an act entitled "An act to provide for the education of youth."

to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Washington.

additional relating to supervisors and superintending school committees.

regulating the commencement of actions, when the plaintiff is not an inhabitant of this state,

to increase the salary of the county attorney of the county of Cumberland.

An Act repealing chapter one hundred and forty-seven of the public laws, approved March thirteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

to punish and prevent frauds in the use of false stamps, labels and trade marks.

additional concerning private ways.

to amend the first section of an act entitled "An act further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers."

in relation to the collection of state taxes.

further defining the jurisdiction and powers of the municipal court of the city of Biddeford.

more fully prescribing the power and duties of agricultural societies.

to regulate the succession of trusts in certain cases.

in relation to bank returns.

to establish a board of agriculture.

authorizing towns to purchase and hold fire engines.

giving further remedies to proprietors of aqueducts for the collection of assessments.

in addition to chapter one hundred and five of the revised statutes.

for the better security of the moneys in the state treasury.

to limit the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Calais.

to regulate the salaries of the warden and, subordinate officers of the state prison.

to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Waldo.

to abolish town courts.

additional to an act entitled "An act in relation to bonds issued by railroad corporations," approved January thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of York.

regulating conveyances by married women.

relating to administration on estates of deceased married wo-

to amend chapter thirty of the revised statutes.

to provide for the incorporation of musical societies.

regulating the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners in county jails.

- An Act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops.
  - additional to chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the revised statutes.
  - additional to an act defining the jurisdiction and powers of the municipal court of the city of Biddeford, approved April first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

in relation to returns of votes for county officers.

additional in relation to trustee process.

to increase the salary of the county attorney of the county of Oxford.

further defining the powers of justices of the peace in certain cases.

granting to subsequent attaching creditors, the review of actions against their debtors.

to amend an act entitled "An act additional for the relief of poor debtors," approved August eleventh, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

regulating proceedings in actions of scire facias.

to organize and discipline the militia.

additional in relation to witnesses.

for completing the records of deceased clerks of the judicial courts.

additional to an act for the support of certain insane persons at the insane hospital, approved April seventeen, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

additional to chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the revised statutes.

in relation to home, and agencies of foreign insurance companies.

relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations.

in relation to the supreme judicial court.

for enforcing common law liens.

enlarging the criminal jurisdiction of the police court of the city of Belfast.

making further provision respecting the bonds of cashiers of banks.

to change the time of holding the May term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Lincoln.

additional concerning electors and elections.

in addition to, and explanatory of, the ninety-fourth chapter of the revised statutes.

An Act repealing chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the laws of Maine, approved March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

# PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

- An Act additional to "An act to incorporate the Calais Gas Light Company."
  - granting further powers to the proprietors of Forest Grove Cemetery.
  - enlarging the powers of the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
  - addititional to the act to incorporate the Portland Savings Bank.
  - to establish a public library in the town of Eastport.
  - to increase the capital stock of the Portland Gas Light Company.
  - to incorporate the Castine Mechanics' Association.
  - to increase the capital stock of the Bangor Gas Light Company.
  - to incorporate the Maine Mutual Marine Insurance Company.
  - to incorporate the proprietors of Union Wharf in Portland.
  - additional to an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank of Portland.
  - authorizing the city of Portland to provide wharf and dock accommodations for ocean steamships.
  - to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank.
  - to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank.
  - to increase the capital stock of the American Bank at Hallowell.
  - to increase the capital stock of the Calais Bank.
  - to increase the capital stock of the Bath Bank.
  - to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Bath.
  - to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford.
  - to incorporate the Village Bank of Bowdoinham.
  - to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company.
  - to incorporate the Washington County Agricultural Aid Society.

- An Act to revive the charter of the European and North American Railway Company, and to extend the time for locating and building the same.
  - authorizing the construction and maintaining of certain bridges over the Kenduskeag river in the city of Bangor.
  - to extend the time for filing the location of the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company, and building the same.
  - to increase the capital stock of the People's Bank.
  - to amend the charter of the Newichawanick Company.
  - to incorporate the South Kennebec Agricultural Aid Society.
  - additional to "An act to establish the South Kennebec Agricultural Society."
  - to incorporate Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter.
  - to authorize James Miller to extend and maintain a wharf in tide waters in Belfast.
  - to incorporate the North Marine Wharf and Railway Company.
  - to incorporate the South China Mechanics' Association.
  - additional to an act to establish the Sagadahock Ferry Company, approved March seventh, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.
  - to set off a part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to the town of Naples.
  - to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation.
  - granting further powers to the association for the relief of aged and indigent women, to hold property.
  - in addition to an act authorizing the inhabitants of the first school district in Bucksport to accept a bequest made by Joseph R. Felsom.
  - to incorporate the Herring Gut Marine Railway Company.
  - to incorporate the Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
  - to incorporate the Brunswick Water Power Company.
  - authorizing James A. Creighton to change the bed or channel of Mill River stream, emptying into the Georges river.
  - to provide for the correction of certain deficiencies in returns made by a town officer of the town of Weld.
  - to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of St. John's Lodge.
  - to repeal an act entitled "An act to allow the construction of a weir in tide waters of Damariscotta river."

- An Act to incorporate the Universalist Parsonage Association in Belfast.
  - authorizing the extension of a wharf into the tide waters of Penobscot river.
  - to incorporate the Bryant's Pond Manufacturing Company.
  - to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Bank.
  - to incorporate the Nezinscot Bank.
  - to set off Stephen Spaulding, together with his real estate. from the town of Sumner to the town of Buckfield.
  - to incorporate the Branch Mills Manufacturing Company.
  - additional to "An act to incorporate the Lake Sebago Railroad Company.
  - to set off a portion of the town of Litchfield, in the county of Kennebec, and to annex the same to the town of Wales, in the county of Androscoggin.
  - to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Fairfield Boom Corporation," approved March twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.
  - to incorporate the Foxcroft Manufacturing Company.
  - to provide in part for the expenditures of government.
  - to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Freedom Lodge.
  - additional to "An act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the Oldtown and Lincoln Railroad."
  - authorizing the construction of a wharf in the town of Camden. to incorporate the Brunswick Marble Company.

  - to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company.
  - to incorporate the Lewiston Village Corporation, and the Auburn Village Corporation; and to provide for the dissolution and closing up of the affairs of the Lewiston Falls Village Corporation.
  - to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company.
  - to incorporate the Ellsworth High School.
  - to incorporate the Unitarian Parsonage Proprietary in Belfast.
  - to incorporate the Maine Ministers' Relief Association.
  - additional to an act to incorporate the Waldoborough Village Corporation.
  - to incorporate the Bowdoinham Boot and Shoe Company.
  - to increase the capital stock of the Pepperell Manufacturing Company.
  - to incorporate the Biddeford Fire Insurance Company.

An Act to authorize the diversion of the water from Long pond into Round pond.

- to incorporate the Atlantic Bank.
- to incorporate the Bank of Enterprise.
- to remedy the loss of a certain assessment of taxes in the town of Newburg.
- to incorporate the proprietors of the Livermore Falls Bridge.
- to incorporate the town of Littleton.
- to reduce the capital stock of the Veazie Bank of Bangor.
- to incorporate the Lewiston Institution for Savings.
- to incorporate the Mattawamkeag Boom Company.
- to incorporate the Devonshire Mills Company.
- further extending the time for the proprietors of the Rumford Falls Bridge Company to erect and complete the same.
- to incorporate the Eastern Masonic Temple Company.
- in addition to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Plank Road Company.
- to change the name of Kilmarnock, in the county of Piscataquis, to that of Medford.
- to incorporate North Somerset Agricultural Society.
- to set off part of the town of Litchfield and annex the same to West Gardiner.
- additional concerning the Kennebec Log Driving Company.
- to change the names of certain persons.
- to incorporate the Steam Mill Boom Company.
- to incorporate the Maine Gold Mining Company.
- to incorporate the Bowdoinham Village Corporation.
- additional to "An act to incorporate the Georges Canal Company."
- to set off certain persons from the town of Hartford and annex the same to the town of Buckfield.
- for the assessment of a state tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, amounting to two hundred one thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars, forty-four cents.
- to annex a part of the town of Bremen to the town of Waldoborough.
- to set off certain lands from the town of Strong, and annex the same to the town of New Vineyard.
- to incorporate the Gray Steam Mill Company.
- to incorporate the Brunswick Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

An Act to incorporate the Fairfield Bank.

- to incorporate the Kennebunk Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- to amend chapter four hundred and fifty-nine of the special laws, approved February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.
- to incorporate the Alfred Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- additional to an act to incorporate the North Kennebec Agricultural and Horticultural Society.
- authorizing the sale and transfer of the franchise and repealing the charter of the Machias River Company.
- to incorporate the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company.
- to incorporate the Bridge Company of Canton Point.
- to incorporate the Richmond Congregational Ladies' Sewing Society.
- to incorporate the Sidney Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- to change the names of certain persons.
- to incorporate the Lubec Silver Lead Company of Maine.
- to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society.
- to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations.
- to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company.
- to incorporate the Penobscot Mutual Loan Fund Association.
- to preserve the harbor of Portland.
- to incorporate the Dirigo Insurance Company.
- giving further powers to the Auburn Village Corporation.
- to incorporate the Skowhegan Savings Bank.
- authorizing the town of Lewiston to choose fire wardens.
- to incorporate the Tide Water Boom Company.
- to incorporate the Mount Katahdin Road Company.
- to incorporate the town of Orient.
- to change the names of certain persons.
- to amend the sixth section of an act passed on the twentysixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fiftysix, entitled "An act for the assessment of a state tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, amounting to two hundred one thousand one hundred fifty-three dollars forty-four cents.
- respecting school district number three in Exeter.
- to alter and amend an act to incorporate the proprietors of the Stillwater Bridge.

- An Act to incorporate the West Branch Chesuncook Boom Corpora
  - additional to an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company.
  - to incorporate the Oldtown Manufacturing Company.
  - to set off certain territory from the town of Manchester and annex the same to the city of Augusta.
  - to incorporate the proprietors of the Winslow Free Bridge.
  - to set off part of Norridgewock and annex the same to Skow-hegan.
  - to authorize the assessment and collection of a district tax, for school district number seven in Norway.
  - to reduce the capital stock of the Ellsworth Bank, of Ellsworth.
  - to incorporate the Blue Mountain Lodge.
  - to incorporate the proprietors of the Hallowell and Chelsea Bridge.
  - to establish and maintain a high school, in school district number one, in the town of Saco.
  - granting certain privileges to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company.
  - to provide in part for the expenditures of government.
  - to amend an act to incorporate the Oxford Agricultural Aid Society.

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# TITLES OF RESOLVES

#### PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1856.

Resolves providing for a public printer.

Resolve authorizing the renewal of a portion of the state debt.

in favor of John Francis.

in favor of the members of the executive committee of the Maine State Agricultural Society.

in favor of W. R. Webb.

in aid of the road leading from Fairfield's Mills, through township four, range four, west from the east line of the state. in favor of Joseph Sockabasin.

in favor of Peol Sockis.

in favor of William W. Quimby.

in favor of Peter S. Folsom.

authorizing the sale of shares, owned by the state, in the capital stock of the Augusta Bank.

authorizing the land agent to sell the lot reserved for the future disposition of the legislature, in plantation number fourteen, east division, in the county of Washington.

for the benefit of the ministerial and school fund of the town of Clifton.

in favor of Henry Upton.

in favor of John K. Russell.

Resolves in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Resolve for the payment of roll of accounts number thirty-six.

declaratory of amendments of the constitution.

in favor of Umcolcus plantation.

in favor of Benjamin Smith.

providing for the distribution of the report of the superintendent of common schools.

authorizing the land agent to convey Mark Island, in Gouldsborough, to the United States.

in favor of the insane hospital.

Resolves abating tax of town of Hollis, and assessing the same upon the town of Dayton. Resolve in favor of the insane hospital.

in favor of Bickford C. Mathews.

in favor of Rufus N. Sanborn.

in favor of the town of Waldoborough.

in favor of the insane hospital.

to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians.

in favor of Abagail O'Brien.

in favor of Simon F. Walker.

in favor of John N. Goodwin.

Resolves authorizing a loan in behalf of the state.

Resolve in favor of Charles F. A. Johnston and Charles Kidder.

in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin.

in favor of Thomas S. Roberts.

providing for repairing the state road through the town of Baileyville.

in aid of the Portland Cavalry Guards.

authorizing the land agent to sell certain lands in Bradley.

providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream.

in favor of the town of Danville.

Resolves further to postpone the operation of a resolve, entitled a resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the state in the land office, approved April twentieth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Resolve in favor of James Pomeroy.

in favor of the Penobscot Indians.

relating to books for the several towns and cities.

laying a tax on the counties.

in favor of John Sargent, junior.

to diminish the state valuation of town of Addison.

in favor of Eliza Bartlett.

in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

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for the purchase and distribution of the Maine State Register and Business Directory.

in favor of Richard Libbey and John Lane.

Resolves to provide for the further revision of the public laws.

Resolve for the abatement of the state tax on the town of Cutler.

in favor of William Hogan.

, to correct the state valuation of the town of Kingfield, in the county of Franklin.

in favor of the committee on the state prison.

Resolve in favor of the committee on the state reform school.

making an appropriation for the road across the Indian township in the county of Washington.

in favor of Abial McAllister.

for abatement of state valuation of the town of Arrowsic.

in aid of roads in the town of Kingsbery.

in relation to the settlement of the account of the land agent.

for the payment of the militia called into the public service by order of the governor, June fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

in favor of Volney A. Sprague.

in favor of the Maine state prison.

relating to the Woodworth patent.

providing for religious services at the insane hospital.

to authorize fencing the tomb on the public grounds near the capitol.

relating to the state library.

Resolves in relation to the binding of the acts and resolves of this state. Resolve in favor of the town of Dixmont.

in favor of certain members of the house of representatives.

in favor of John B. Hill.

relating to school registers.

making appropriation for building fence and repairing arsenal at Portland.

in favor of William Poor, junior.

in favor of Charles Turner.

in favor of plantations number thirty-three and twenty-one in the county of Hancock.

in favor of Gilman Turner.

in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of secretary of state.

in favor of Aaron S. Lyford and another.

in favor of the Maine Historical Society.

relating to John Thompson, an insane person.

providing for an appropriation for the state reform school.

in favor of Joseph Socabasin.

in favor of Samuel Chadbourne.

in favor of B. F. Stinson.

in aid of road and bridge in Penobscot county.

in aid of road-in the county of Aroostook.

fixing the salary of the adjuant general.

Resolve for carrying into effect a resolve for a permanent school fund, approved August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty.

in favor of Isaiah Felker.

for payment of additional roll of accounts number thirty-six. in aid of roads and bridges in the counties of Franklin and Somerset.

in relation to deed of conveyance made to Samuel F. Hersey and Dudley C. Hall.

in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook.

in favor of Simeon S. Hasty.

in favor of William H. Lunt and another.

Resolves relating to the extension of slavery, the territory of Kansas, and secret political associations.

Resolve authorizing the governor and council to audit and settle the claims of John B. Hill, Joseph Baker and James Bell, commissioners appointed to revise, collect and arrange all the public laws of this state.

for procuring certain volumes of the publications of the Maine Historical Society.

in favor of William L. Putnam.

fixing the compensation of the superintendent of public buildings.

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