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STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, April 14, 1857.

ORDERED, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be printed under his supervision and control, 350 copies of the Journal of the Senate for the current session; and that he cause three copies of the same to be distributed to each of the present Senators; one copy to each member of the present House of Representatives; one copy to each of the State Senators for 1858, and that the copies remaining be deposited in the State Library.

ATTEST: JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

STATE OF MAINE.

AUGUSTA,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1857. }

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

First Senatorial District.....SETH SCAMMAN,
NATHAN DANE,
SAMUEL W. JONES.

Second Senatorial District.....JOHN B. BROWN,
ELEAZER BURBANK,
CLEMENT PHINNEY,
JOHN P. DAVIS.

Third Senatorial District.....DAVID C. MAGOUN,
AARON J. WEST,
HIRAM CHAPMAN.

Fourth Senatorial District.....JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS,
THOMAS W. HERRICK,
NATHANIEL GRAVES.

Fifth Senatorial District.....HENRY MCGILVERY,
SAMUEL S. BERRY,
ISAAC HOBBS.

Sixth Senatorial District.....WYER G. SARGENT,
SAMUEL WASSON.

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- Seventh Senatorial District*.....A. K. P. WALLACE,
CHARLES L. RING.
- Eighth Senatorial District*.....GEORGE W. SMITH.
- Ninth Senatorial District*.....WILLIAM R. HERSEY,
ABNER R. HALLOWELL,
LYNDON OAK.
- Tenth Senatorial District*.....CHARLES. P. CHANDLER.
- Eleventh Senatorial District*.....WILLIAM CONNOR,
SULLIVAN LOTHROP.
- Twelfth Senatorial District*.....JOSEPH G. HOYT.
- Thirteenth Senatorial District*...E. W. WOODBURY,
ALMON TWITCHELL.

The Convention of Senators elect was called to order by Mr. SCAMMAN of York; on whose motion, Mr. MAGOUN of Lincoln was chosen Chairman of the Convention.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

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

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

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

The Governor and his attendants then withdrew.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS, Messrs. Davis, Scamman and Hersey, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of the Senate.

Which committee, having attended to that duty, reported :

That the whole number of ballots was	30
Necessary for a choice,	16
Joseph B. Hall has	29
Colby A. Jordan has	1

The report was accepted, and JOSEPH B. HALL was declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. HALL 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 Lewis D. Moore, Esq., authorized by *dedimus potestatem*.

On motion of Mr. HERRICK, Messrs. Herrick, Twitchell and Smith, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President of the Senate.

Which committee, having attended to the duty assigned them, reported, as follows, viz :

That the whole number of ballots was	30
Necessary for a choice,	16
Joseph H. Williams has	28
Seth Scamman has	1
George W. Smith has	1

The report was accepted, and Hon. JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS was declared duly elected President of the Senate.

Mr. WILLIAMS being conducted to the chair by Mr. SMITH of Aroostook, signified his acceptance in the following Address, viz :

SENATORS:—I accept, with due sensibility, I trust, the somewhat conspicuous position which your friendliness has assigned to me. Conscious that it is an honorable post, I am also aware that it is not always easy to discharge its duties worthily. I pray that herein I may not disappoint your reasonable expectations.

Standing upon the threshold of our legislative labors, we may congratulate one another that we have been summoned to this sphere of duty by no incomplete or equivocal expression of the popular mind. On the contrary, so startling and emphatic was the tone in which the people of this State pronounced their decisive judgment upon the political questions of the past year, that we may well regard their voice as the very voice of God. Let us, then,

acknowledge the ultimate source of our official responsibilities, and endeavor to execute our important trusts in that conscientious spirit of fidelity to the Higher Power, which will enhance the value of all the good we may be able to accomplish, and shield us from injurious imputations, if, unhappily, we shall at any time fall into error.

The field of our action opens wide before us, embracing a revision of the entire body of our written law, both civil and criminal; a thorough consideration of the respective merits and demerits of all our banking corporations; and, possibly, the adoption of some wise and efficient course of action in respect to our public domain, which shall guard us from wasting our patrimony on the one hand, and relieve us from an aggravated burden of taxation on the other. On these, and all other subjects that may come before us, let us cherish the spirit of harmony under whose tranquil influence our session has now begun, solicitous above all things, so to act as to guard the interests and promote the happiness of the people of our beloved State.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY, Messrs. Hersey, Connor and Phinney, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Secretary.

Which committee, having attended to their duty, reported:

That the whole number of votes was	29
Necessary for a choice,	15
Joseph K. Clark has	29

The report was accepted, and JOSEPH K. CLARK was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. GRAVES, Messrs. Graves, Sargent and Berry, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Messenger.

Which committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows, viz:

That the whole number of votes was	25
Necessary for a choice,	13
George Humphrey has	25

The report was accepted, and GEORGE HUMPHREY was declared duly elected Messenger of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. JONES, Messrs. Jones, Oak and Hoyt, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Messenger.

Which committee, having attended to the duty assigned them, reported:

That the whole number of votes was	23
Necessary for a choice,	13
Orrin Currier has	23

The report was accepted, and ORRIN CURRIER was declared to be duly elected Assistant Messenger of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN, 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. JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS as President, and JOSEPH B. HALL, Esq., as Secretary.

Subsequently, Mr. SCAMMAN reported to the Senate, that he had delivered the message with which he had been charged.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY, Mr. WEST was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate is duly organized by choice of Hon. JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS, President, and JOSEPH B. HALL, Esq., Secretary.

Mr. WEST subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he had been charged.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Ordered, That the rules and orders of the Senate for the year 1856, be adopted as the rules and orders of this Senate until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN,

Ordered, That the Messenger of the Senate be directed to distribute to each member of the Senate, one copy of the rules and orders of 1856.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to deposit with the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Journals, for the use of the Senate during the session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate make up the pay of the old Messenger and his Assistant, to, and including, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. BROWN,

Ordered, That the Senate invite the settled clergymen of Augusta and Hallowell, to officiate as chaplains to the Senate in rotation, according to seniority.

On motion of Mr. GRAVES,

Ordered, That the Senate hold one session per day until otherwise ordered.

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

On motion of Mr. HERSEY,

Ordered, That a committee of seven be appointed, by the chair, to which shall be referred the returns of votes cast for Senators the current political year.

And Messrs. Hersey of Penobscot, Scamman of York, Woodbury of Oxford, McGilvery of Waldo, Lothrop of Somerset, Chandler of Piscataquis, and Wallace of Washington, were appointed said committee.

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

Mr. President:—I am charged with a message from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that that branch is duly organized by the choice of Hon. CHARLES A. SPOFFORD, Speaker, and GEORGE W. WILCOX, Esq., Clerk.

The Secretary of State came in and laid on the table of the Senate the lists of the returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State for Governor, for the current political year, as have been returned to the office of the Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

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

political year, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

And Messrs. Chapman of Lincoln, Hallowell of Penobscot, Brown of Cumberland, Smith of Aroostook, Herrick of Kennebec, Dane of York, and Wasson of Hancock, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Messrs. Vinton of Gray, Adams of Newfield, Day of Waldoborough, Webber of Castine, Foster of East Machias, Drummond of Waterville, Morse of Paris, Brown of Solon, Crosby of Dexter, Marshall of Belfast, Morrison of Farmington, Lewis of Sangerville, Barron of Topsham, Dingley of Auburn, and Burleigh of Linneus.

On motion of Mr. HOYT, Messrs. Hoyt, Hobbs and Webb, were appointed a committee to wait upon the several clergymen of Augusta and Hallowell, and invite them to officiate as chaplains, in rotation, as provided by the order introduced by Mr. Brown.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication, to wit:

JANUARY 7, 1857.

Dear Sir:—I hereby resign the office of Senator in the Congress of the United States, to take effect this day.

Very respectfully, yours,

H. HAMLIN.

To the President of the Senate of the State of Maine.

Mr. WEST announced the attendance of ROBERT C. WEBB, Senator elect from the Third Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified. Mr. West was directed by the President to conduct Mr. Webb, Senator elect, to the Governor and Council, to take and subscribe the oaths to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties; who subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that the said Senator had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution, to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

And Mr. Webb appeared and took his seat at the Senate Board.

The following report of the Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, came up from the House, to wit:

The Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the returns of votes in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, for Governor, for the current political year, have examined the same, and submit the following

REPORT:

That the whole number of votes is	119,814
Necessary for a choice,	59,908
Hannibal Hamlin has	69,574
Samuel Wells has	43,628
George F. Patten has	6,554
George M. Patten has	23
Ether Shepley has	8
Joseph Titcomb has	5
George Patten has	3
Madison Stevens has	2
Ezekiel Holmes has	2
Philip Ober has	2
Mark Shepard has	1
Samuel Foxcraf has	1
Steven Rice has	1
C. Morse has	1
Samuel has	1

The committee further report, that the returns from Rockland, Yarmouth and Swanville were not sealed.

And the report was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, by leave, introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend an act for the better security of moneys in the State Treasury," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President announced the following Standing Committee :

On Bills in the Second Reading.

Messrs. Jones,
Phinney,
Woodbury,
Graves,
Webb,
Berry,
Oak,
Lothrop,
Hoyt,
Chandler,
Sargent,
Wallace.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY,

Ordered, That a committee of three, with such as the House may join, be a committee to wait upon the Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, and inform him that he has been elected, by the people, Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year;

And Messrs. Hersey, Burbank and Connor, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently said order came up with the committee on the part of the House joined as follows, to wit:

Messrs. Vinton of Gray, Deering of Hampden, Woodman of Bucksport, Danforth of Gardiner, Talbot of Lubec, Buxton of Warren, and Marshall of Belfast.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston, proposing a Convention of both branches in the Representatives' Hall, this day, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of administering to Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, Governor elect, the oaths of office necessary to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties, and asking the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate concurred, and

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House, informing that body of the concurrence of the Senate with its proposition for a Convention at the time and for the purpose named.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. HERSEY, from the committee appointed to wait upon the Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, to inform him of his election by the people, Governor of the State, reported :

That they had attended to the duties assigned them, and that the Governor elect was pleased to say, in reply, "That he was not insensible of the honor thus conferred upon him; that he did not seek or covet the office, but as the people had seen fit to call him to the responsible position, he accepted the trust at their hands, and would endeavor faithfully to discharge its duties to the best of his abilities." He was farther pleased to say, that he was ready to take and subscribe the oaths of office whenever it should suit the convenience of the Legislature.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on Senatorial Votes, reported, in part, that they have examined the returns and find no vacancies at the Senate Board, and ask farther time to perfect their report in detail.

Report accepted.

The hour assigned for the Convention having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, and the Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN of the Senate, that Senator was charged with a message to the Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, Governor elect, informing him that the two branches of the Legislature were

assembled in Convention, in the Hall of Representatives, for the purpose of administering to him the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. MAGOUN subsequently informed the Convention that he had delivered the message with which he was entrusted, and that the Governor elect was pleased to say that he would attend the Convention forthwith, for the purposes indicated.

Thereupon, the Governor elect, attended by the Governor and Council of last year, and the Heads of the Departments, preceded by the Sheriff of the county of Kennebec, came in, and, in the presence of the two Houses and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

CALEB R. AYER, 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, who having declared that a majority thereof were given for Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, and that he is duly elected, and he having, in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge the duties of that office, I therefore declare and make known to all persons in this State who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as all the good citizens thereof, that

HANNIBAL HAMLIN

is Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the State of Maine, and that due obedience should be rendered to all his lawful acts and commands as such.

God save the State of Maine."

The 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 that he might be disposed to make.

Whereupon, the Governor addressed the Convention as follows:

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

You have assembled to discharge the legislative duties devolved upon you by the people of the state. It becomes my duty, under the provisions of the constitution, to communicate to you such information as I may possess, upon the condition of the state, and to recommend such measures for your consideration as I may deem expedient. With a just reliance upon Divine Providence to sustain and direct us in all our deliberations—with a sincere desire to maintain and advance the best interests of our state, and to act in unison with the prosperity and harmony of our whole country—with thankful hearts that the husbandman has been rewarded for his toil, by an abundant harvest—that peace and health have prevailed within our borders, and that the industrial pursuits of the state are in a prosperous condition,—let us enter upon the duties severally committed to our charge.

Whatever relates to the whole country, interests and affects the people of Maine, as they constitute a part thereof. The country has just emerged from an important and exciting presidential election; more important perhaps than any which has preceded it. In the issues involved in that contest, Maine, as one of the states of the Union, had, in common with all the others, a deep and direct interest. The general result was different from what was desired and hoped by a large majority of the people of the state, and from what they believed to be for the welfare of the whole country, and what they earnestly sought to accomplish. Still, it furnishes the highest hope for the future, and foretells, with unerring certainty, the ultimate triumph of that great principle for which we have struggled. Ten other states have concurred with Maine in the effort to restore the government of the United States to what its wise and patriotic founders designed and intended it should be. New England stood in the contest substantially where she was in the struggle of the revolution. That was an effort to establish a free government, and she was pre-eminent in her sacrifices and devotion to accomplish that object, as she is now to preserve and perpetuate what was then accomplished. The true question involved in the late election was substantially, whether the advancement of human freedom should continue to be a fundamental principle and a pre-eminent object of our national government, within the line marked out by the constitution, or whether its powers should be perverted to the extension of slavery. This it was that underlaid all other

issues, however others may have mingled with it, or whatever may be the results that shall come out of it. It was an effort on one side to make the government of the United States, either by its direct acts, or its acquiescence, or its complicity, aid in spreading the evils of slavery over territories where it did not exist, but from which it had been excluded by positive law.

The history of the government shows conclusively, that the wise and good men who instituted and laid its foundation, and those who framed our constitution, designed and expected that it should be one of freedom, and not of slavery. It was upon this idea that the revolutionary war was successfully prosecuted, and the constitution adopted.

Slavery, it is true, existed in most of the states, as it had been forced upon the colonies by Great Britain, against their earnest and eloquent remonstrances. The fact was set forth in the original draft of the Declaration of Independence, as one of the causes of the revolution, when it came from the hand and pen of Jefferson. After our independence had been finally achieved, the institution was regarded as one of temporary character, and is not even named in the constitution. The acts of the men of that day show the sincerity of their intention. They did not desire to found a government upon moral, social and political wrong. The history of all the past warned them it could not be done. Their recorded acts prove indisputably what they did mean. Before the constitution was framed or adopted, and in a congress acting under the articles of confederation, Mr. Jefferson reported, in a bill for the government of the territories, the following clause, viz: "That after the year 1800 of the Christian era, there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in any of said states, otherwise than in punishment of crimes whereof the parties shall have been convicted to have been personally guilty."

This provision applied to all the territory belonging to the United States at that time, and out of which the states referred to were to be formed. That provision failed to become a law, for the want of a single vote, and by the absence of a single member. In 1787 an ordinance for the government of the territories was adopted, and in that was included an article forever excluding slavery from all the territories of the United States, with the addition, that persons held to service in any state, *under the laws thereof*, and escaping into the territories, should be delivered up—the same provision having been incorporated into the constitution by the convention then in session.

In 1789, after the adoption of the constitution by the states, the

question necessarily arose whether that did not abrogate or annul the ordinance of '87. To remove all doubt, or to make all certain, congress, at its first session under the constitution, in 1789, affirmed and made valid that ordinance, and the law was approved by George Washington. Such, briefly, is the early history of this government; and it proves beyond all doubt, that the men of that day designed and expected that the extension of slavery should be prevented by the government. Such is just what is now proposed—to follow the lights of their counsel, and by excluding slavery from the territories of the United States, make them the homes of free men.

Such are the prominent acts of the men who laid the foundations of our government, and who may be justly supposed to know what they intended. Could any doubt exist, as there cannot, an examination of the debates and the history of the times render it more certain and clear as to what were their purposes. The opinions of that day were concurred in by the prominent men of the south. They were eloquent in depicting the wrongs and injuries which slavery inflicted upon both the colored and the white man. The sad evils connected with it, in all their relations, were portrayed by them in vivid colors. They saw, felt, and acknowledged its withering effect. But now all this is changed. In the southern states it has been boldly and fearlessly avowed, that they must have the right to people the territories with their slaves, who are made such, (in the language of the constitution, referring to the states where slavery existed,) "*under the laws thereof*,"—thus seeking to control and regulate the territories by virtue of state laws. It has also been asserted that slavery is right—that it is the normal condition of the laboring man, and not confined to race or color. Principles and objects like these strike at the very foundation of our government. To preserve that government, and to have it administered as designed by our fathers, should ever remain the purpose of all who cherish our free institutions.

In 1820, when Missouri, as a part of the Louisiana purchase, sought admission as a state into the union, and just preceding that time, the question of restricting slavery in the territories again arose, and agitated the country. After much controversy, a proposition was submitted and supported almost unanimously by the south, and approved by president Monroe and his cabinet, prohibiting slavery in all the territory north of the parallel of 36° 30' north latitude, but south of that line leaving it unprohibited by law. The proposition was at the time resisted by the north, for the reason that it did not exclude slavery

from all the territory. As a compromise it was however adopted, and good faith required that it should not be disturbed or violated.

It so remained for more than a third of a century; and after all of the territory south of that line had been admitted as slave states into the Union, except a small portion reserved as Indian possessions, then, in utter violation of good faith, and at a time when quiet and peace had been restored to the country, it was ruthlessly violated and repealed. From that repeal has arisen the angry discussions in the country.

The object of the repeal, as frankly admitted and affirmed by some, and as could well be seen by all, was solely to extend slavery.

The acts of men are matters of just criticism, and we have a right to suppose and believe that men intend what is the fair and necessary result of their acts. If such were not the object, the repeal was useless. The facts that slavery was prohibited—that it has since been forced into the territory—that disgraceful and odious laws, repugnant to humanity and the age in which we live, have been enacted in Kansas by a legislature elected by persons who invaded the territory from a neighboring state—and all the scenes of anarchy and bloodshed which have there transpired with the complicity, if not the direct aid, of the general government, it would seem, can leave no room for doubt or controversy as to the object intended to be accomplished. Those who did that act are justly chargeable with all the discussion and excitement with which the public mind has been agitated—an agitation which cannot and will not cease until slavery is confined to the states where it belongs. Despotism is always aggressive, but freemen cannot submit to the aggressions of slavery, and will not be excluded from our territories. Quietly to submit to its despotic aggression, and its supremacy, would make slaves of our posterity, while we should deserve no better fate ourselves.

With slavery in the states we have nothing to do. For its extension or continuance, there, we are not responsible. It there depends upon state laws. But outside of the states, and in the territories belonging to the United States and subject to their jurisdiction, and of which states we constitute a part, we have both an interest and responsibility. An interest to preserve them for the homes of free men, from the blight and mildew of slavery, where men may be advanced socially, morally and intellectually in the scale of human existence. Responsible, because if such an evil is there allowed to spread and exist, it must be by the aid or acquiescence of the general government, of which we are a part. I can see no difference, morally, between doing a

wrong directly, and in allowing it to be done when we have the power ; and it is our duty to prevent it. There can be no distinction. We are alike responsible in each. A cheerful acquiescence by all the states in the exercise of all the rights that belong to each is our constitutional duty. A prompt demand of the rights that belong to us, and a fearless assertion of them, is also equally our duty.

While Maine, as one of the states of the Union, should at all times remain loyal to the constitution and the Union, and be ready to maintain all the rights secured by them to all the other states, and while her citizens should manifest a fraternal regard for the citizens of each of the states, she should also be true to that freedom and those principles which the constitution was formed to preserve and perpetuate.

This is the object which has so cordially united our people to an extent before unknown, but upon a principle on which they have always had a uniformity of opinion. To accomplish so great and desirable a good, and of such vital importance, prudence will dictate that our counsels should not be disturbed by matters of less moment. The great question which underlies all others should be kept steadily in view by all, and success will be the sure and final reward. What we purpose is neither sectional or fanatical ; has the greatest good of the whole country for its basis ; is in accordance with the practice of the government for more than sixty years, and is worthy of the sincere and patriotic efforts of all. The time now is, and will continue, when all who agree in the great importance of restoring the country to what it was under Washington and Jefferson, must cordially unite in undivided ranks for that purpose. What will be the line of policy adopted by the incoming administration of the general government, and how far it will be affected, under all the circumstances which surround it, by the recent demonstration of public opinion in the free states, are questions to be solved in the future. To that future, also, must its own exigencies be left, and what those exigencies may demand. You cannot, however, have failed to notice a somewhat ominous foreshadowing in the claim of constitutional doctrine recently put forth, viz : That as the institution of slavery is, by virtue of certain constitutional provisions, made an element of political power, it is therefore entitled to an expansion and increase, outside of the states where it exists.

Whether the incoming administration will adopt and sanction a doctrine so utterly untenable, as a part of its policy, remains to be seen. Our duty is plain, in any event. It is to maintain the rights of free-

dom, by opposing, in every legal mode, the extension of slavery over the territory of the United States, and by persevering in that effort, firmly and consistently to the end.

The state of affairs which has existed in the territory of Kansas, growing out of the repeal of the Missouri Compromise line of 1820, furnishes only a true exhibition of what results from attempts to establish and extend slavery. It presents a deplorable spectacle, and one which makes what is called a free government, a miserable mockery. The free navigation of a great public river has been impeded, or prevented. A legislature has been elected by armed mobs from an adjoining state. The rights guaranteed by the constitution to the citizens of each state have been disregarded. Laws have been passed by a legislature thus fraudulently elected, which are unequalled in their atrocity in any civilized country in the world; which virtually deny the right of trial by jury, abolish the freedom of the press and of speech, and which do not allow a citizen to participate in the government without first taking an oath repugnant to and in violation of the constitution. All these wrongs have been sustained by the government and a judiciary in the territory which has added to the oppression otherwise existing. Honest citizens have been murdered, and dwellings burned, and the laborer interrupted in, or driven from his pursuits, instead of receiving that protection in his rights and person to which he was justly as well as constitutionally entitled. From this sad state of things produced, it would seem to be the duty of our state to furnish the citizens of Maine, who have gone into that territory, with such aid and assistance as may be in its power. When the government of the United States shall become remiss in, or shall neglect its plain duty, it becomes the state to act. There can be no doubt that there is actual and severe suffering in that territory by those who have been prevented from pursuing their ordinary industrial avocations. I would therefore suggest, should the existing state of things continue in that territory, by the remissness or neglect of the general government, a liberal appropriation for the relief, in food and clothing, of the citizens of Maine in the territory of Kansas, under such limitations as you may deem necessary. It is due as an act of humanity, and if the government of the United States shall fail in its duty to them, and has neglected its plain constitutional obligations, they should know and feel that they are still cared for in the state from which they went to establish new homes, and extend liberty and civilization in the west.

I have been unable to examine the report of the treasurer of state. It will be submitted to the legislature, and will exhibit the finances of the state, as I learn from the treasurer, in a very prosperous condition.

The whole amount of the funded debt of the state, Dec. 31, 1856, was \$699,000; of that sum, thirty thousand dollars will become due March 1, 1857, which will be paid at that time, and the current expenses of the year will be discharged without resorting to other means than the usual state tax imposed by the legislature. No legislation will be required to provide for the payment of that sum.

The receipts and disbursements for the year ending Dec. 31, 1856, have been as follows :

RECEIPTS.			
Balance from year 1855,	.	.	\$ 39,130 37
From all other sources, .	.	.	593,312 04
Total,	.	.	<u>\$632,442 41</u>
DISBURSEMENTS, . \$486,165 00			
Balance in the treasury, .	.	.	<u>\$146,277 41</u>

A detailed account of the receipts and expenditures will be presented in the report of the treasurer.

The amount of capital invested in the state under corporate charters, and especially for the construction of railroads, is of a magnitude to call for specific and certain laws, which shall protect not only the rights of the corporation, but the public and individuals. Bodies of this corporate character may become embarrassed and may be levied on by an execution creditor, or be transferred by assignment, and thus become the property of a single individual, while the charter requires an organized administration, consisting of several officers. What may be the rights of the respective parties in such a case under existing laws, is at least very doubtful. While no evils are known to have resulted from such a state of things, they may be easily foreseen, and against which it is prudent the legislature should guard as far as practicable.

The evils of intemperance are seen and acknowledged by all, even by its unfortunate victims. The crime, pauperism, and consequent misery produced by it, present a melancholy spectacle. Its prevention is earnestly desired by all right thinking men, but unfortunately, upon the best method of suppressing or preventing it there is a difference of opinion in our community. Laws for the suppression of drinking

houses and tippling shops have been passed, designed to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks, except for mechanical and medicinal purposes. These laws have been repealed, and another enacted instead, licensing and permitting the sale of intoxicating liquors for all purposes, under the limitations and penalties therein contained. This law was passed under the alleged belief that it would better promote and secure the cause of temperance, than one of a prohibitory character. This is the state of the question as it is now presented. What should be done? What is wisest and best?

The public mind has been much and deeply agitated upon the matter, and it would seem to be most wise, under existing circumstances, not to disturb the present law until the whole subject can be more dispassionately discussed and determined. Such, undoubtedly, is the desire and expectation of the people of the state; such the implied, if not the actual pledge given in our recent election. Political bodies, like individuals, should always maintain good faith—and good faith requires that the question should not be disturbed during the present session. It is far better to wait patiently until all angry feeling shall have subsided, and when the whole subject can be more appropriately acted on. Then let a well matured and carefully prepared bill be submitted directly to the people, for their approval or rejection, at meetings held expressly for that purpose. The question would then be wrested from the vortex of party politics, connected with which any such measure must always, inevitably, be exposed to a constantly recurring opposition, and fail to secure that general acquiescence which alone can give it permanence. Under a government like ours, no law can stand the test of time which does not meet the support of a deliberate and enlightened public judgment. No judicious friend of either a license or prohibitory system, can desire to see either become a law, again to be repealed. That law, and that only, which shall receive the approbation of the community, by and for which it is enacted, can be permanent and useful.

An independent judiciary is of the utmost importance. A destruction of that independence is one step towards its corruption. Independent, honest and able, it is one of the strongest ramparts of defence for the liberty of the country, and the protection of its citizens. So far, as may be possible, those who exercise the power should be removed from all influence of fear or hope, upon its judicial action. It exercises its power over life, liberty and property, and therefore interests all in the highest degree. That it should not depend, for the

exercise of its power, on the fluctuation, caprice or whim of party success, is most obvious. A judiciary thus dependent would soon lose all respect of the community, if it did not become corrupt.

At the last session of the legislature, one of the justices of the supreme judicial court was arbitrarily, if not unconstitutionally, removed by address. In the opinion of many of the best legal minds of the state the act was entirely unconstitutional. Whether so or not, it was at least confessedly predicated upon an error of judgment, honestly exercised in the discharge of official duty, upon a matter of indisputable jurisdiction. Such error, if error it was, involved no want of adequate judicial ability, or integrity of purpose. If for such a cause, a judicial officer may be removed, in the malice or madness of party organization, where is the independence of the judiciary, and what can it become but the mere instrument of party? Does our constitution in truth contemplate a right of removal by address in such a case? I would suggest the propriety of ascertaining definitely, how far the power of the legislature, under Article IX, Section 5, of the constitution, extends. If it shall be determined that a judicial officer can be removed, in the mode there pointed out, for any opinion which may seem to the legislature erroneous, without other cause, then I would recommend such an amendment of the constitution as will meet the necessity of the case. Clearly, if such power does exist, it may prostrate the judicial at the feet of the legislative and executive branches of the government. The bad example set by one legislature may be followed by another. Such a power, in my judgment, cannot co-exist with an independent judiciary. At least, let the matter, if necessary, be submitted to the tribunal of the people, whose whole interests are so intimately and directly involved.

It may also become the duty of the legislature to ascertain whether the public exigencies require the aid of additional justices to discharge the duties that devolve upon the supreme judicial court.

In a state like ours, where the industrial pursuits are so varied, with a large population upon the frontier still progressing into, and subduing the forests, there is undoubtedly a greater necessity for legislation, than in a community where its industry has become settled and systematized. But still, one of the evils under which we suffer is excessive and useless legislation. Continual changes in our laws are productive of evil. Legislation, as far as practicable, should be general, and designed to produce system and order. Our people soon adapt themselves to laws so framed. Frequent amendments soon

leave us in doubt as to what the law is. He who shall devote himself to prevent unnecessary changes and useless laws, will acquire the reputation of a conservative and wise legislator.

These frequent changes have led to the necessity of a revision of our statutes, made under the provisions of the resolves of March 12, 1855, and April 1, 1856. The code will be submitted to you for your action. Such ordinary legislation as shall be necessary at this session may form a part of the revised code. It is, I think, fairly to be presumed, that the principal object of the legislation referred to was to condense existing laws, on the same subject, into one, with such alterations and amendments as the commissioners shall recommend, and be approved by the legislature. The enacting of this code will be an important labor for you to discharge. When a statute has received a judicial construction it would seem most wise to retain its language, so far as possible, so as not to render it necessary again to submit it to the judiciary for adjudication. The revision of the laws will necessarily be a labor which will require a longer session of the legislature than would be otherwise necessary. Still, with that degree of industry which will be given to its consideration, and with a wise effort to prevent useless amendments, it is sincerely hoped our labors may not be as extended, and that an example may be set of more limited sessions of the legislature.

It has grown into a proverb, that he who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before, is a public benefactor. The agriculture of every state, is one of the most important and necessary branches of industry. No state can be prosperous without it. It is as old as man, and we must depend upon it for most of the necessities of life. That policy which, therefore, shall in the greatest degree develop the resources and capabilities of the soil, and which shall teach the best method of producing the greatest crop at the least expense, is surely worthy of the attention of every state. There can be no doubt that we have a soil capable of producing, not only all the substantial articles consumed by the people of the state, but of sustaining a population much greater than we now have. Sound economy demands that we should produce more and purchase less, as we may easily do. The art of husbandry ought, as it may, to be reduced to a science. All may not be accomplished at once, but may we not make a commencement in what shall produce, in the end, that result? The state has done something for the purpose of increasing its productions, and developing its agricultural resources. It has given a direct bounty to

stimulate the production of certain crops. As a system, however, this, though seeming partially to accomplish its purpose, was found objectionable, and was abandoned. Agricultural societies have been formed for the same object, and it is confidently believed with far greater success, even if they have failed to accomplish all that is desirable. Sums of money are granted to these societies, which are awarded to those who produce the largest crops, raise the best stock, and manufacture the most finished articles. All this has its good effect, and, under that provision of the law of last year which requires an account of the mode of culture, and to some extent the kind of soil on which the crop is produced, we may fairly suppose will be productive of much practical good. An improved state of agriculture may be seen in other countries, resulting from similar associations. Each learns from the experience and practice of the other, and each is also stimulated to excel the other. A State Board of Agriculture has also been created by the legislature, to promote that science. It is composed of one member from each county in the state, and a secretary chosen by the board, whose duties under the laws are prescribed by the board. The duties of the secretary are responsible and arduous, as will be seen on examination. If his duties are faithfully and efficiently discharged, they must result in much good. His first annual report will be submitted to you for your consideration. From an examination of it, I am led to believe it will be most useful to the agricultural interest of the state, for the valuable information it contains. These are now existing institutions under the care of the state; and it is hardly necessary to enlarge on their importance. While, however, they remain, I would suggest the propriety of having the board consist of one member from each society, instead of one from each county, as is now the case. I would also recommend that the selectmen of towns, aldermen of cities, and assessors of plantations be required to make an annual return to the Board of Agriculture, of all agricultural products of each city, town and plantation. Such statistics would soon furnish us a correct account of our productions, and as continued from year to year, would show the progress made. The compensation of the secretary seems entirely inadequate for his services, after deducting his necessary expenses.

But does not the true and best policy of the State require that we should go one step further? Knowledge is the only sound basis of all pursuits. Practice I know, is indispensable, but a knowledge of that which lies at the foundation is necessary to guide and direct practice.

Agricultural chemistry is the foundation of enlightened agriculture. A knowledge of what composes the soil, of what it contains, of what it is deficient, what should be added, or subtracted, to make it productive, and what are the plants or roots best adapted to each, is most obviously necessary to an improved and enlightened cultivation. The relation between agriculture and chemistry is truly important, and when that relation shall be fully understood and applied, agriculture will really become a science, and production will, it is believed, be so much increased, that our present crops will be regarded almost insignificant. I have not the time, nor is this the occasion to go into details of experiments which test the truth of what I have said. We all understand the high necessity of the knowledge to which I have alluded. The question for us is, shall we make an attempt to acquire information so necessary to advance the best interests of the State? To me it would seem most wise. Next to a knowledge of our own language, I would hold in importance a knowledge of the soil we cultivate. All are interested, and more are employed in that pursuit than in any other, if not more than in all others. How necessary then is a full knowledge and understanding of it, to advance the prosperity of the State. It is confidently believed that a wise system which shall develop our agricultural resources, will tend to check the great emigration of our citizens to other sections. It is highly desirable that such an object should be accomplished, and I have full confidence that much can be done to effect it. I would therefore recommend for the consideration of the legislature, that some provision be made by law for teaching agricultural chemistry in our schools, and for analysing soils at some place in each county; or to endow some of the existing literary institutions in the state, at which agricultural chemistry, and the analysis of soils shall be taught.

It can hardly be denied that some of the past legislation of the State has tended to lessen the efficiency, if not to bring into disrepute, one of our institutions created by the Constitution of the United States, and adopted by our own State. Its importance has been conclusively demonstrated in the history of the past. The prevalence of any sentiment in the community, which has a tendency to lessen our regard and respect for an efficient military system, must necessarily occasion the advancement of a policy which will lead to an increase of the standing army of the United States. Such a result was feared by the fathers of the republic, and is to be deprecated by all true friends of constitutional liberty.

The constitution of the United States declares "that a well regulated militia is necessary to the security of a free state," and requires congress to provide for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia of the several states, reserving to the states the appointment of the officers, and training the troops according to the discipline prescribed by congress. The constitution of Maine provides "that no person of the age of eighteen years and under the age of forty-five years (excepting certain specified classes) shall be exempt from military duty, unless he shall pay an equivalent to be fixed by law." It will be within your province to enquire whether our present militia laws are in conformity with these constitutional requirements, and to provide by legislative enactment, for any important defects that shall be found to exist. It cannot be doubted that sufficient numbers of our citizens can at all times be relied upon, whose zeal and patriotism will induce them to engage in voluntary military organizations suitable for present, and which shall form a sufficient nucleus for all prospective purposes. They should understand that they may confidently rely upon all proper aid, and be protected in the enjoyment of their rights. The small amount which would be found sufficient to lighten the military labors of our citizen soldiers would bear no comparison to what we would be obliged, as a state, to contribute for the support of a standing army. The entire abolition of the militia would tend to that result. It is presumed that such a system may be enacted as will impose upon the soldier only a contribution of his time, and the cost of the uniform of his corps. The whole subject is one of great importance, and is commended to your careful consideration.

The State Reform School was, it is believed, most wisely instituted, and promises to accomplish all the good results that were anticipated. It will, undoubtedly, be the means of reclaiming, by its system of discipline and education, many of the youth who become its inmates, from habits of vice, and make them useful members of society. Its true value cannot well be over-estimated. It is wise even in an economical view, without regard to the more important aspect of it in a moral sense. It is cordially commended to the fostering care of the legislature.

The reports of the trustees and of the superintendent present a very satisfactory account of the condition of the school, its management and importance. These reports will be submitted to you, for your examination, and will furnish you with information of the school in detail. It will be noticed that there is a deficiency in the current

expenses for the year ending March 31, 1857, of five thousand dollars. This deficiency, it will be seen, has mostly arisen from an under-estimate of the number of inmates for the preceding year. Unless that deficiency shall be supplied at an early day, the usefulness of the school will be impeded very much by the embarrassment it must necessarily occasion.

It is believed that all the affairs of the school have been managed with rigid economy, perhaps with more economy than its best interests and the interest of the state will justify. A rigid economy, in all the departments of the school, is not only desirable, but is demanded. But it may be a want of economy to withhold necessary appropriations when demanded for public objects. The attention of the legislature is invited to early action on this subject.

I have not been able to examine, as I have not seen, the report of the superintendent of the Insane Hospital of the state. For information of its condition and its necessities I must refer the legislature to that report. And I commend the institution to your liberal and generous care. It was founded by the state for a most humane and noble purpose, and is entitled to receive its support. Its unfortunate inmates appeal to the humanity and benevolence of the state, and are entitled to it, from every consideration that should govern an enlightened community.

Intelligence is the sure basis of a free government. A well-informed people is the only security upon which we can rely for the perpetuity of our liberties. The common school is one of our most cherished institutions, and marks the wisdom of its founders. There is no duty more important than in providing, by just and wise laws, for the general advancement of education. In a revision of the laws, our school system, in all its departments, should, as I am sure it will, receive your careful attention. Our schools have always received the fostering care of the legislature; and it cannot be doubted or justly questioned that our common schools have much improved within the few past years. Much more may, however, be accomplished, and they may be more useful and efficient in educating the children of the state. Wise laws and such means as the legislature may impart will still advance their usefulness.

Schools and institutions of a higher grade become necessary for instructing those who engage in teaching, and for other and important pursuits. Their importance is as obvious as the common schools, though of a different character. So important have they been regarded

that the constitution of the state requires that the legislature shall suitably endow them. The whole matter is one of deep interest to the welfare of the state, and as such is submitted to your care and attention.

The report of the land agent will be submitted to you, and you will learn from it the transactions of the past year, and the conditions of the public lands, and of all that relates to that department. I have not had an opportunity to examine the same.

The present system of managing our lands, on the whole, so far as I am able to judge, is wise and proper. The best interests of all require that the timber lands should not be put into the market in quantities beyond the actual wants of the community. It is believed the laws now regulating the sale of the public lands answer all present necessities. If, however, any measure can be devised which shall induce the settlement of the lands suitable for agricultural purposes, it will commend itself to, and should receive your cordial action. We have vast tracts of land of unsurpassed fertility, and when made productive by the husbandman, will add much to the wealth and power of the state. If that can be effected by any reasonable system of legislation, it is surely desirable.

It will be seen, on examination of the law, that the charters of all the banks in the state will expire on the first day of October, 1857. The subject of their re-charter will invite your early attention. The system of banking in Maine, as a whole, has proved a safe one for the public. No losses to the public have taken place, it is believed, which cannot be traced to a violation of the spirit or letter of the law. Such additional safeguards as time and experience shall have proved to be necessary for the safety of the community should be added. It may be deemed expedient to designate some officer, by law, who shall deliver to each bank blank bills, duly countersigned and registered, which shall constitute the circulation of the bank; and also to determine by law the amount of bills to be thus delivered.

Having resigned the office of senator from this state in the United States Senate, to take effect on the seventh instant, it will become necessary for the legislature to make an appointment to supply the vacancy thus created. The duty will also devolve upon you to make an appointment of senator for six years, from and after the fourth of March next, when the present term will expire by constitutional limitation.

It will become my duty, and I shall with great pleasure co-operate

with the legislature, in all measures to secure and advance the prosperity of the state. If any facts shall come to my knowledge, demanding your consideration, the same will be duly and promptly communicated.

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

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN, the Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE, of Augusta.

Mr. DAVIS presented the following, viz :

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to procure the printing of 2,500 copies of the Governor's Message, for the use of the Senate.

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

Mr. WEBB presented the following, viz :

Ordered, That all petitions for private legislation, which shall be presented to this Legislature after the tenth day of February next, be referred to the next Legislature.

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

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. HICHBORN of Prospect, proposing a Convention of both branches in the Hall of Representatives, this day at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing seven Executive Councillors and a Secretary of State, for the current political year, and asking the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate concurred, and

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Ordered, That a message be transmitted to the House of Representatives, informing that body of the concurrence of the Senate with their proposition for a joint Convention, at the time and place, and for the purposes indicated.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

The President laid upon the table a communication from Caleb R. Ayer, Esq., Secretary of State, transmitting to the Legislature the return of the Superintending School Committee of Oldtown, agreeably to the provisions of a resolve entitled "Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians, approved March 14, 1856."

Also, a communication from the same, transmitting such returns of insurance companies as have been received at the office of Secretary of State, prior to this date.

The hour assigned for the Convention having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of Representatives, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN of the Senate,

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of State, and

Messrs. Scamman and Smith of the Senate, and Garcelon of Lewiston, Dunning of Harpswell, and Chadbourne of Perry, were appointed said committee.

Which committee having attended to the duty assigned them, reported as follows, viz:

That the whole number of votes thrown is	171
Necessary for a choice,	86
Alden Jackson has	144
Caleb R. Ayer has	26
S. C. Fessenden has	1

The report was accepted, and ALDEN JACKSON was declared duly elected Secretary of State, for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN of the Senate,

Ordered, That a committee of five be raised to receive, sort and count the votes for seven Councilors, to advise with the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current political year; and Messrs. Chapman and Woodbury of the Senate, and Adams of Newfield, Brown of Solon, and Dunn of No. 11, were appointed said committee.

Having attended to the duty required, the committee reported that

The whole number of votes was	173
Necessary for a choice,	87
William M. Reed has	146
Ichabod Frost has	147
Isaac Lincoln has	147
Nathaniel A. Joy has	146
Benjamin F. Eastman has	147
Joseph S. Monroe has	146
Abner Coburn has	147
Israel Chadbourne has	26
Samuel Jordan has	26
Henry Spaulding has	26
Arno Wiswell has	26
Daniel H. Brown has	26
William K. Kimball has	26
Joseph W. Eaton has	26
Joseph Murch has	1
Ezra B. French has	1

Which report was accepted, and WILLIAM M. REED, ICHABOD FROST, ISAAC LINCOLN, NATHANIEL A. JOY, BENJAMIN F. EASTMAN, JOSEPH S. MONROE and ABNER COBURN, were declared duly elected Councilors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

And the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

Mr. JONES, by leave, introduced a bill entitled "An act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court," approved April 9, 1856.

Bill was amended by inserting the enacting clause, and
On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, was laid on the table.

Order from the House,

That a Joint Select Committee, consisting of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to contract with person or persons to do the State printing and binding for the current political year, came up, with Messrs. Duren of Calais, Strickland of Bangor, Burr of Mercer, Morrison of Farmington, Drummond of Waterville, Fox of Portland, and Dunn of No. 11, appointed on the part of the House.

The order was read and passed, in concurrence, and Messrs. Hallowell, Herrick and Chandler, were joined on the part of the Senate.

The President laid before the Senate the report of JAMES WALKER, Esq., Land Agent, under resolve relating to a permanent school fund, which,

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, was laid on the table, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed.

The President also laid on the table a communication from CALEB R. AYER, Esq., Secretary of State, transmitting thirty-one copies of the Fortieth Annual Report of the Directors of the American Asylum at Hartford, Conn.

The President announced the following Committee:

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Dane,
Davis,
Twitchell,
Herrick,
West,
McGilvery,
Hallowell,
Connor,
Hoyt,
Wasson,
Ring, and
Smith.

On motion of Mr. GRAVES,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify William M. Read, Ichabod Frost, Isaac Lincoln, Nathaniel A. Joy, Benjamin F. Eastman, Joseph S. Monroe and Abner Coburn, that they have been duly elected Councilors to advise with the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current political year, and request their immediate attendance.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

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

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN,

Ordered, That the sessions of the Senate on Mondays, be at 2 o'clock, P. M., until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to place in the hands of the Messenger of the Senate, for the use of the same, five copies of the Revised Statutes, and ten copies of the Laws, from 1842 to 1856, inclusive.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare and report rules and orders for the government of the Senate, for the present session; and Messrs. Chapman of Lincoln, Brown of Cumberland, and Hoyt of Franklin, were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN,

Ordered, That a committee of three, on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be raised to prepare joint rules and orders for the government of the two Houses, for 1857; and Messrs. Scamman of York, Magoun of Lincoln, and Ring of Washington, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came up with Messrs. Johnson of Augusta, Talbot of Lubec, Woodman of Bucksport, Gilbert of Bath, and Hammatt of Howland, joined on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

Communications were received from Abner Coburn, Joseph S. Monroe, Benjamin F. Eastman, Nathaniel A. Joy, Ichabod Frost and William M. Reed, Councilors elect, signifying their acceptance and readiness to take and subscribe the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of the two branches in the Hall of Representatives, at 12 o'clock this day, for the purpose of electing a Treasurer of State and Land Agent for the current political year, and also for the purpose of qualifying such Councilors elect as have signified their acceptance of the office.

The Senate concurred, and

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that branch of the concurrence of the Senate with their proposition for a Convention at the time and place and for the purposes indicated.

Mr. RING presented the following, viz:

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to procure the printing of fifty copies of the diagram of the Senate Chamber, on card paper, for the use of the members of the Senate; which,

On motion of Mr. HERRICK, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. WEST, the vote of the Senate yesterday, passing an order requesting the Secretary of State to place in the hands of the Messenger of the Senate, certain documents, was reconsidered, and the order amended by striking out the word "ten," and inserting instead, the word "five," so that the order shall read as follows, viz:

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to place in the hands of the Messenger of the Senate, for the use of the same, five copies of the Revised Statutes, and five copies of the Public Laws, from 1842 to 1856, inclusive.

And as amended the order was passed.

The hour assigned for the Convention having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. HERRICK of the Senate,

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed by the chair, to receive, sort and count the votes for Treasurer of State; and Messrs. Herrick and Burbank of the Senate, and Messrs. Vinton of Gray, Marshall of Belfast, and Leavitt of Pembroke, of the House, were appointed said committee.

Having attended to the duty assigned them the committee reported,

That the whole number of ballots thrown was	149
Necessary for a choice,	75
Benjamin D. Peck has	117
Isaac Reed has	24
Scattering,	6
Blank,	2

The report was accepted, and BENJAMIN D. PECK was declared duly elected Treasurer of State for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. DANE of the Senate,

Ordered, That a committee of seven be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Land Agent; and Messrs. Dane and Woodbury of the Senate, Brown of Solon, Richardson of Tremont, Talbot of Lubec, Milliken of Camden, and Chadbourne of Perry, of the House, were appointed.

The committee having attended to their duty, reported as follows, viz:

That the whole number of ballots thrown was	155
Necessary for a choice,	78
Noah Barker has	130

James Walker has

24

B. D. Peck has

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The report was accepted, and NOAH BARKER was declared duly elected Land Agent of Maine for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. BROWN of the Senate,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify, in form, the Councilors elect, that the two Houses are now in Convention, for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

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

Thereupon, William M. Reed, Ichabod Frost, Nathaniel A. Joy, Benjamin F. Eastman, Joseph S. Monroe and Abner Coburn, Councilors elect, came in, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Councilors then withdrew and the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, by the Secretary of the Senate, informing him of the election and qualification of William M. Reed, Ichabod Frost, Nathaniel A. Joy, Benjamin F. Eastman, Joseph S. Monroe and Abner Coburn, as Executive Councilors for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. GRAVES,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify the Hon. Benjamin D. Peck of his election as Treasurer of the State of Maine; also, the Hon. Noah Barker of his election as Land Agent for the current political year.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from Isaac Lincoln, declining the office of Executive Councilor, which was read and sent down.

Also, a communication from Isaac Reed, the Treasurer of State, transmitting the annual report of the transactions of the treasury for the year ending December 31st, 1856.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY,

Ordered, That there be a committee of three, 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; and

Messrs. Hersey, Davis and Smith, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the order came up, with Messrs. Brown of Solon, Banks of Biddeford, Pearson of Machias, Morrison of Farmington, Gross of New Gloucester, Holt of Turner, and Bicknell of Augusta, joined on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Ordered, That the report of the Treasurer of Maine be referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join; and

Messrs. Magoun, Brown and Dane, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the order came up, with Messrs. Foster of East Machias, Strickland of Bangor, Ingalls of Bridgton, Adams of Newfield, Danforth of Gardiner, Dingley of Auburn, and Day of Waldoborough, joined, on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. HOYT, from the committee to extend invitations to the several settled clergymen of Augusta and Hallowell to officiate as chaplains to the Senate, reported, that the committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and had extended invitations as instructed.

Report accepted.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of the two Houses in the Hall of Representatives, this day at half-past 10 o'clock, for the purpose of electing an Attorney General, Adjutant General, and one Councilor to the Executive, for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. RING, the order for printing the diagram of the Senate Chamber, was taken from the table, and amended by striking out "fifty" and inserting "sixty-two."

And as amended, the order was passed.

Mr. HERSEY, from the committee to which were referred the returns of Senatorial votes, made the following final report:

The committee of the Senate to which were referred the returns of votes cast for Senators for the current political year, copies of records and certificates relating to votes cast for Senators in the several towns and plantations, have had the same under consideration, and report:

That in the First District—

The whole number of ballots is	12,366
Necessary for a choice,	6,189
Nathan Dane has	6,748
Seth Scamman has	6,747
Samuel W. Jones has	6,736

And they are elected.

In the Second District—

The whole number of ballots is	17,683
Necessary for a choice,	8,822
John B. Brown has	9,779
Eleazer Burbank has	9,779
Clement Phinney has	9,785
John P. Davis has	9,786

And they are elected.

In the Third District—

The whole number of ballots is	15,884
Necessary for a choice,	7,943
David C. Magoun has	9,289
Aaron J. West has	9,284
Hiram Chapman has	9,291
Robert C. Webb has	9,281

And they are elected.

In the Fourth District—

The whole number of ballots is	11,767
Necessary for a choice,	5,884
Joseph H. Williams has	7,767
Thomas W. Herrick has	7,758
Nathaniel Graves has	7,764

And they are elected.

In the Fifth District—

The whole number of ballots is	8,970
Necessary for a choice,	4,486
Henry McGilvery has	5,235
Samuel S. Berry has	5,232
Isaac Hobbs has	5,235

And they are elected.

In the Sixth District—

The whole number of ballots is	6,594
Necessary for a choice,	3,298
Samuel Wasson has	3,981
Wyer G. Sargent has	3,984

And they are elected.

In the Seventh District—

The whole number of ballots is	6,652
Necessary for a choice,	3,327
Albion K. P. Wallace has	3,396
Charles L. Ring has	3,407

And they are elected.

In the Eighth District—

The whole number of ballots is	2,639
Necessary for a choice,	1,320
George W. Smith has	1,586

And he is elected.

Twenty-nine votes returned for G. W. Smith, and twenty-seven votes for George Smith, were allowed and counted for George W. Smith.

In the Ninth District—

The whole number of ballots is	13,689
Necessary for a choice,	6,845
William R. Hersey has	8,278
Abner R. Hallowell has	8,227
Lyndon Oak has	8,283

And they are elected.

Four hundred and thirty-one votes returned for W. R. Hersey, and four hundred and thirty-one votes returned for A. R. Hallowell, were allowed and counted for William R. Hersey and Abner R. Hallowell.

In the Tenth District—

The whole number of ballots is	3,141
Necessary for a choice,	1,571
Charles P. Chandler has	1,838

And he is elected.

In the Eleventh District—

The whole number of ballots is	8,005
Necessary for a choice,	4,003
William Connor has	4,623
Sullivan Lothrop has	4,610

And they are elected.

In the Twelfth District—

The whole number of ballots is	4,378
Necessary for a choice,	2,190
Joseph G. Hoyt has	2,678

And he is elected.

In the Thirteenth District—

The whole number of ballots is	9,153
Necessary for a choice,	4,577
Enoch W. Woodbury has	5,053
Almon Twitchell has	5,055

And they are elected.

One thousand and ninety-nine votes returned for E. W. Woodbury were allowed and counted for Enoch W. Woodbury.

And the report was read and accepted.

Mr. LOTHROP presented the following, viz:

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to prepare a list of the members of the Senate, arranged according to the number of their seats, designating their residences and boarding places; also containing the names of the members of the House, with their residences, boarding-places and number of seats; also containing the names of the Standing Committees of the Legislature, and that three hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of the Senate, and that one copy be bound with each copy of the rules and orders hereafter to be accepted, which,

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, was laid on the table.

The President announced the Joint Standing Committees on the part of the Senate, which were sent down.

Mr. SCAMMAN, by leave introduced "Resolve providing for a State paper," which was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House by BENJ. FREEMAN, Clerk *pro tempore*, informing the Senate, that the House nonconcurrs with the proposition of the Senate for a joint Convention at half past ten o'clock this day for the purpose of electing an Attor-

ner General, Adjutant General, and also an Executive Councilor for Cumberland District, and proposing a Convention at 11 o'clock, at the place and for the purposes indicated.

The Senate receded from their former vote, concurred with the proposition of the House, and

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House informing that branch that the Senate concurs with their proposition for a Convention at 11 o'clock, at the place and for the purposes indicated.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that, in the absence of the Clerk, Benjamin Freeman has been elected Clerk *pro tempore*.

The hour assigned for the Convention having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of Representatives, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN of the Senate,

Messrs. Scamman and Graves of the Senate, and Hathaway of Bloomfield, Dingley of Auburn, Leavitt of Pembroke, Ingalls of Bridgton, and Wells of Clinton, of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for an Attorney General.

Having attended to that duty, the committee reported:

That the whole number of ballots is	169
Necessary for a choice,	85
Nathan D. Appleton has	144
George Evans has	22
Edward Fox has	1
Darius Alden has	1

The report was accepted, and NATHAN D. APPLETON was declared duly elected Attorney General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. MCGILVERY of the Senate,

Messrs. McGilvery and Berry of the Senate, Morrison of Farmington, Foster of East Machias, Woodman of Bucksport, Carr of

Palermo, and Gilbert of Bath, of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for an Adjutant General.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported :

That the whole number of votes is	157
Necessary for a choice,	79
James W. Webster has	132
Darius Alden has	23
Scattering,	2

The report was accepted, and JAMES W. WEBSTER was declared duly elected Adjutant General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS of the Senate,

Messrs. Davis and Hoyt of the Senate, and Parlin of Winthrop, Hunter of Clinton Gore, Rice of Monson, Chadbourne of Standish, and Hamblin of Portland, of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Councilor in place of Isaac Lincoln, declined.

Having attended to that duty, the committee reported:

That the whole number of ballots is	158
Necessary for a choice,	80
Edward Fox has	136
Samuel Jordan has	22

The report was accepted, and EDWARD FOX declared duly elected Councilor to advise with the Governor, in the executive department, for the current political year.

The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate notify Nathan D. Appleton of his election as Attorney General, and James W. Webster of his election as Adjutant General, for the current political year. Also, to notify Edward Fox that he has been elected Councilor, to advise the Governor in the executive department of the government for the current political year.

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

“Resolve providing for a State paper,” which was finally passed, in concurrence, signed by the President, and presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER, of Augusta.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from S. L. Goodale, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, transmitting his annual report.

Mr. HALLOWELL, from the Select Committee on Public Printing, reported the committee had contracted with Messrs. Stevens & Blaine, of Augusta, to do the State printing, and submitted a copy of the contract for the faithful execution of the same.

The report was accepted and contract approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On the Judiciary.

Messrs. Herrick,
Chapman,
Chandler, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Deblois of Portland,
Talbot of Lubec,
Vinton of Gray,
Woodman of Bucksport,
Danforth of Gardiner,
Gilbert of Bath,
Crosby of Dexter, *of the House*.

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Messrs. Magoun,
Ring,
Davis, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Fox of Portland,
Deering of Hampden,
Hobson of Saco,
Sampson of Manchester,
Weeks of Alna,
Gammon of Phillips,
Tabbut of Addison, *of the House.*

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On Education.

Messrs. Hoyt,
Wasson,
Twitchell, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Pearson of Machias,
Garcelon of Lewiston,
Morrison of Farmington,
Brown of Kennebunkport,
Hathaway of Bloomfield,
Moulton of Porter,
Ingalls of Bridgton, *of the House.*

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On Banks and Banking.

Messrs. Dane,
Brown,
Connor, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Hersey of Bangor,
Duren of Calais,
Drummond of Waterville,
Buxton of Warren,
Marshall of Belfast,
Brown of Solon,
Hobson of Saco, *of the House.*

On Incorporation of Towns.

Messrs. Sargent,
McGilvery,
Hallowell, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Chadbourne of Perry,
Merrill of Lee,
Wells of Clinton,
Chandler of Chesterville,
McKenney of Limington,
Lane of Poland,
Weeks of Jefferson, *of the House.*

On Division of Towns.

Messrs. Chapman,
Woodbury,
Sargent, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Pool of Bristol,
Hobbs of Waterford,
Tenney of Chelsea,
Gowen of Elliot,
Pitcher of Belmont,
Lombard of Wales,
Hinds of Dover, *of the House.*

On Division of Counties.

Messrs. Webb,
Wallace,
Hobbs, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Blaisdell of Frankfort,
Guptill of Berwick,
Rowell of South Thomaston,
Lewis of Sangerville,
Huff of Alexander,
Fletcher of Lincolnville,
Brown of Milford, *of the House.*

On State Lands and State Roads.

Messrs. Hersey,
Smith,
Scamman, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Strickland of Bangor,
Foster of East Machias,
Moore of Ellsworth,
Williamson of Starks,
Morse of Paris,
Littlefield of Alfred,
Walker of Harrison, *of the House.*

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On Indian Affairs.

Messrs. Hallowell,
Hobbs,
Wallace, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Woodbury of Litchfield,
Weed of Oldtown,
Leavitt of Pembroke,
Marston of Windham,
Murch of Dayton,
Silsby of Aurora,
Albee of Forks of Kennebec, *of the House.*

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On Agriculture.

Messrs. Lothrop,
Scamman,
Smith, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Hammatt of Howland,
Hall of Gorham,
Leavitt of Pembroke,
Allen of Thomaston,
Pottle of Salem,
Parlin of Winthrop,
Coffin of Waterboro', *of the House.*

On Fisheries.

Messrs. Ring,
Sargent,
McGilvery, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Dunning of Harpswell,
Stone of Brewer,
Webber of Castine,
Baker of Wiscasset,
Leadbetter of North Haven,
Dennett of Kittery,
Pike of Eastport, *of the House*.

On Manufactures.

Messrs. West,
Chandler,
Dane, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Banks of Biddeford,
Dingley of Auburn,
Day of Waldoboro',
Church of Levant,
Brackett of Westbrook,
Given of Brunswick,
Deering of Denmark, *of the House*.

On Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Messrs. Brown,
Lothrop,
Hoyt, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Drummond, of Waterville,
Garcelon, of Lewiston,
Strickland of Bangor,
Chadbourne of Perry,
Bicknell of Augusta,
Fletcher of China,
Clarke of Wells, *of the House*.

On Interior Waters.

Messrs. Connor,
Hallowell,
Woodbury, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Hichborn of Prospect,
Adams of Newfield,
Dunning of Charleston,
Dunn of No. 11,
Stinchfield of Lincoln,
Hobbs of Falmouth,
Houdlette of Dresden, *of the House.*

On Accounts.

Messrs. Wallace,
West,
Smith, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Adams of Newfield,
Merrill of Harmony,
Houghton of Greenwood,
Smith of Hudson,
Ford of Monroe,
Chadbourne of Standish,
Burleigh of Linneus, *of the House.*

On Claims.

Messrs. Woodbury,
Lothrop,
Chandler, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Pierce of Montville,
Brackett of Acton,
Deveraux of Penobscot,
Patten of Pittsfield,
Bickford of Newburg,
Weeks of Roxbury,
Hunter of Clinton Gore, *of the House.*

On the Militia.

Messrs. Phinney,
West,
Berry, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Milliken of Camden,
Hamblin of Portland,
Linscott of Jay,
Stewart of Newport,
Lord of Detroit,
Holt of Turner,
Carr of Palermo, *of the House*.

On Military Pensions.

Messrs. Twitchell,
Burbank,
Webb, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Davis of Buxton,
Roak of Durham,
Gould of Casco,
Whittaker of Trenton,
Smith of Belgrade,
Stone of Union,
Copp of Liberty, *of the House*.

On the Insane Hospital.

Messrs. Burbank,
Graves,
Jones, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Garcelon of Lewiston,
Wells of Freeport,
Moulton of Scarborough,
Longfellow of Beddington,
Barron of Topsham,
Robinson of Sumner,
Bennett of Troy, *of the House*.

On the Reform School.

Messrs. Scamman,
Oak,
Wasson, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Vinton of Gray,
Deering of Hampden,
Sawyer of Minot,
Rice of Monson,
Kimball of Bethel,
Joy of Surry,
Richardson of Tremont, *of the House.*

On the State Prison.

Messrs. Jones,
Hersey,
Magoun, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Moore of Ellsworth,
Tolman of Rockland,
Burr of Mercer,
Andrews of Monmouth,
Rollins of Livermore,
Campbell of Medford,
Buxton of Warren, *of the House.*

On Public Buildings.

Messrs. Graves,
Berry,
Phinney, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Gross of New Gloucester,
Little of Vienna,
Came of York,
Lewis of Boothbay,
Merriam of Garland,
Cotton of Bowdoin,
Cragin of Embden, *of the House.*

On the Library.

Messrs. Davis,
Herrick,
Oak, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Johnson of Augusta,
Butler of Sanford,
Bryant of Webster,
Martin of Rome,
Hilton of Bremen,
Parsons of Glenburn,
Jewell of Phippsburg, *of the House*.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN, of Hallowell.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from B. D. Peck, Treasurer of State, elect, signifying his acceptance of that office.

Petition of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court for increase of salary;

Petition of Lemuel Trott and others—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of William Singer, President of Thomaston Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of William Wakefield and others, to be set off from Gardiner to West Gardiner;

Petition of George Bran, to be set off from West Gardiner to Gardiner—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of John W. Hall and others, for incorporation of Buxton Manufacturing Company, was referred, in concurrence, to the Committee on Manufactures.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of altering sections fifty and seventy-seven of chapter one, of acts of amendments of 1841, relating to banks and banking, was read, and

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, amended by striking out the words "the judiciary," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "banks and banking," and as amended the order was passed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill "An act to secure a uniform registration of the births, marriages, deaths, and causes of death, in the State of Maine," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Credentials of Socabasin Swarson, delegate from the Penobscot tribe of Indians, were read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Ordered, The House concurring, that the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the condition and standing of any and all banks applying for re-charter, and report their conclusions on each application separately, by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. WOODBURY presented the claim of the Treasurer of Eastbrook, for bounties;

Also, claim of the Treasurer of Franklin, for same—and the same were severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the order providing for the printing of the Governor's message, was taken from the table, and, on motion of Mr. DAVIS, was amended by striking out the word "message," and inserting instead, the word "address."

As amended, the order was passed.

Mr. LOTHROP presented the petition of the Trustees of St. Albans Academy, for aid; and the same was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT presented the petition of Jesse Thing, for an appropriation to aid in the promotion of peace; and the same was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve providing for the election of United States Senators, (introduced in the House by Mr. VINTON, of Gray,) as follows:

Resolved, That on Friday, the sixteenth day of January, inst., at 12 o'clock, M., both branches of the Legislature will proceed to ballot for a Senator, to fill the vacancy existing in the Senate of the United States from this State, occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

Also, to ballot for a Senator to be elected to the Senate of the United States, for the term of six years, from and after the third day of March, A. D. 1857; and if any person shall be elected in either House, the result shall be communicated to the other by message. And if the Senate and House of Representatives shall elect the same persons, such persons shall be considered as elected by the Legislature, to be Senators aforesaid, and the fact shall be communicated to the Governor, by message from each House. And if either House shall fail to make the election in the first ballot, the balloting shall be continued in such House until the adjournment thereof on that day, and afterwards, from day to day, from 12 o'clock, M., until its adjournment, until an election shall be made, or until otherwise ordered. And if the Senate and House of Representatives shall elect different persons, each House shall proceed to ballot as hereinbefore provided, and until the same person shall be elected by both, or until otherwise ordered; was read, and

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Reform School, be referred to the Committee on the Reform School.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHANDLER presented the petition of Thomas A. Keating and others, for a charter for a Boat Company, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting a copy of the several titles of the Statutes of this State, as revised by Hon. Ether Shepley, under resolve of April 1, 1856.

Order from the House,

That the report of the commissioner appointed by resolves to provide for the further revision of the public laws, approved April 1, 1856, be referred to a committee, consisting of sixteen members, to be selected from this House, together with such as the Senate may deem proper to join, came up, with Messrs. Deblois of Portland, Talbot of Lubec, Danforth of Gardiner, Woodman of Bucksport, Adams of Newfield, Fletcher of China, Drummond of Waterville, Holt of Turner, Hobbs of Waterford, Brown of Solon, Crosby of Dexter, Dunn of No. 11, Gilbert of Bath, Johnson of Augusta, Pearson of Machias, and Foster of East Machias, appointed on the part of the House.

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Scamman, Davis, Magoun, Oak, Chandler, Woodbury, Chapman, Wasson and Dane, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH, of Hallowell.

Mr. SCAMMAN, from the Committee on Joint Rules and Orders, made their report, which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the "resolve providing for the election of United States Senators" was taken from the table, and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the "resolve providing for the election of United States Senators," and that at 12 o'clock the Senate will proceed to ballot, as is provided in said resolve.

And the message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. HERSEY, from committee to examine the files of the last Legislature, reported the following, viz :

Ordered, That the unfinished business of the last Legislature, which was referred to the present Legislature, be referred to the appropriate committees, to which their subject matter relates.

The report was accepted. Order was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the official bond of the Treasurer of State elect, and the same was referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Treasurer's Report.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President also laid before the Senate a communication from Edward Fox, declining to accept the office of Executive Councilor.

On motion of Mr. BROWN,

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

Representatives, this day, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of electing one Councilor, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the declination of Edward Fox, to advise the Governor the current political year.

And the message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by BENJAMIN FREEMAN, Clerk *pro tempore*, informing the Senate of the concurrence of that branch with the proposition of the Senate for a Convention, at the time and place, and for the purpose indicated.

The President presented a communication from James W. Webster, Adjutant General elect, signifying his acceptance of that office.

On motion of Mr. DANE,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to notify the several banks in this State, that all those who wish to apply for a renewal of their charters, are required to do so on or before the tenth day of February next.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act to make valid the doings of School District No. 5, in the town of Otisfield," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of the Androscoggin Railroad Company, for an act additional to their charter, authorizing the extension of their road to some point on the Lewiston and Topsham, or some other railroad;

Petition of David Hayes and others, of Westbrook;

" of C. M. Holland and others, of Canton;

" of Sireno Gould and others, of Otisfield; severally in aid of petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, for charter of the Portland and Oxford Railroad Company—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of the Judge of Probate of Penobscot County, for increase of salary, was referred to the Penobscot delegation, in concurrence.

Petition of Edward Robinson and others, for repeal of the act incorporating the town of Bowerbank, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of the Bangor House proprietors, for authority to sell real estate, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of the Bangor Horticultural Society, for representation in the Board of Agriculture, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Bank of Commerce, at Belfast, for renewal of charter, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of proprietors of Falmouth Academy, for aid and a change of name, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas J. Haynes and others, to be set off from Levant and annexed to Kenduskeag, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

The hour having arrived assigned for the Convention, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of Representatives, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. GARCELON of Lewiston,

Messrs. Garcelon of Lewiston, Phinney and Graves of the Senate, Dunning of Harpswell, Joy of Surry, and Pike of Eastport, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for one Executive Councilor.

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

That the whole number of ballots is	165
Necessary for a choice,	83
George Pierce has	139
Samuel Jordan has	25

The report was accepted, and GEORGE PIERCE was declared to be duly elected Councilor to advise the Governor, in the Executive Department of the Government, for the current political year.

Thereupon the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

Order from the House,

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to a change in the State Board of Agriculture, so that each Agricultural and Horticultural Society shall be represented, instead of each County, as is now provided by law, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

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

Also, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to banks, be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking;

Also, 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;

Also, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Reform School, be referred to the Committee on the Reform School;

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

Also, that all petitions for private legislation, presented after the twentieth day of February next, be referred to the next Legislature; and that notice of the passage of this order be published in the Tri-Weekly Journal and Tri-Weekly Age, three weeks successively;

Also, that the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Normal School, for the better education and qualification of teachers of common schools; also, to inquire into and report what amount of appropriations would be required for that purpose;

Also, that the Committee on Judiciary be directed to inquire if any farther legislation is necessary in relation to capital punishment, and report by bill or otherwise;

Also, that the fourteenth day of February next be assigned as the last day of this session for receiving new business requiring order of notice—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to inform George Pierce, Esq., that he has been duly elected a Councilor to advise the Governor in the executive department of government for the current political year.

The President read a communication from Hon. Nathan D. Appleton, signifying his acceptance of the office of Attorney General.

Mr. WEST presented the petition of William Bucknam, for amendment of the act to incorporate the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company, approved April 1, 1856; and the same was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHANDLER presented the petition of the Judge of Probate of Piscataquis county, for increase of salary, which was referred to the Piscataquis delegation.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HALLOWELL presented the petition of Traders' Bank, Bangor, for renewal of charter, which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Also, petition of Silas S. Low, for compensation for services and losses while performing military duty, which was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

The hour of 12 o'clock, noon, having arrived, being the hour assigned by the Senate to ballot for United States Senators,

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Ordered, That a committee be raised to receive, sort and count the votes for United States Senator, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, and

Messrs. Magoun of Lincoln, Brown of Cumberland, and Oak of Penobscot, were appointed.

Having attended to that duty, (the return of the Senate being 29,) the committee reported :

That the whole number of ballots is	29
Necessary for a choice,	15
Amos Nourse has	28
N. G. Hichborn has	1

The report was accepted, and AMOS NOURSE was declared duly elected Senator, on the part of the Senate, to fill the vacancy now existing in the Senate of the United States from this State, occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

Of which election the Secretary informed the House of Representatives, by message.

On motion of Mr. HALLOWELL,

Messrs. Hallowell of Penobscot, Graves of Kennebec, and Smith of Aroostook, were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for United States Senator, for six years, from and after the third day of March next.

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

That the whole number of ballots is	29
Necessary for a choice,	15
Hannibal Hamlin has	28
Nathan Clifford has	1

Which report was accepted, and HANNIBAL HAMLIN was declared duly elected Senator to the United States Senate from this State, for the term of six years, from and after the third day of March, A. D. 1857.

Of which election the Secretary informed the House of Representatives, by message.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by BENJAMIN FREEMAN, Clerk *pro tempore*, as follows, viz :

“*Mr. President* :—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that the House has, on its part, elected AMOS NOURSE, Senator, to fill the vacancy now existing in the Senate of the United States, from this State, occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.”

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, that Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing them of the election of AMOS NOURSE, as United States Senator, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, bill “An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court,” was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Messenger of the Senate be empowered to

employ a Page for the Senate, at an expense of not more than one dollar per day for services, for the days the said Page shall be in attendance.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's address as relates to agriculture, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. FREEMAN, Clerk *pro tempore*, as follows:

"*Mr. President* :—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that the House has, on its part, elected Hannibal Hamlin, United States Senator, for the term of six years, from and after the third day of March next."

On motion of Mr. HERSEY,

That Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing them of the election of HANNIBAL HAMLIN as United States Senator, for the term of six years, from and after the third day of March, A. D. 1857.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SQUIER, of Hallowell.

Mr. MAGOUN informed the Senate that he had delivered the message with which he was charged yesterday, and had informed the Governor and Council that both branches of the Legislature had, by concurrent vote, elected AMOS NOURSE Senator to fill the vacancy occurring in the United States Senate, by the resignation of the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

Order from the House,

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

Also, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to the encouragement of Agriculture, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

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

Also, that the Committee on Fisheries be directed to inquire into the expediency of requesting our Representatives and Senators in Congress to use their influence against the repeal of the law giving bounty to vessels engaged in the cod fisheries, and report by resolve or otherwise;

Also, that the Secretary of State be directed to procure twenty-five copies of the revised statutes, and twenty-five copies of the laws of the State from 1842 to 1856, inclusive, for the use of the Legislature;

Also, that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire if any, and what alteration should be made in that part of the law regulating attachments of real estate and immovable personal property, which requires the attaching officer to state in the copy of his return, filed with the Town Clerk or Register of Deeds, the sums sued for in the writ, and report by bill or otherwise;

Also, that the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire

into the expediency of legislative action to encourage the art and practice of the underdraining of soils; and further ordering that the same committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of such an alteration of the law, as to withhold the aid of the State from such agricultural societies as shall introduce into their exhibitions, fairs or cattle shows, horse races, or other trial of speed of horses, or horsemanship—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That a committee of five, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the modification of Import duties of the United States, and especially as respects such articles or raw materials as may be, or are used in manufactures, with instructions to report, by resolution or otherwise, the sense of the Legislature on this subject, with Messrs. Garcelon of Lewiston, Banks of Biddeford, Foster of East Machias, Danforth of Gardiner, and Buxton of Warren, appointed on the part of the House, was read and passed in concurrence; and

Messrs. Chandler, Smith and Lothrop, joined on the part of the Senate.

Order from the House,

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to slavery and Kansas affairs, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, to consist of seven, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, with Messrs. Hathaway of Bloomfield, Wells of Freeport, Parlin of Winthrop, Garcelon of Lewiston, Dennett of Kittery, Dickey of Fort Kent, and Merriam of Garland, appointed on the part of the House, was read and passed in concurrence; and

Messrs. Oak, Wasson and Chandler, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Petition of Aaron B. Holden, Register of Probate for the county of Cumberland, was referred to the Cumberland delegation, in concurrence.

Petition of Toma Socklexis and Attean Orson, in relation to the booming privileges belonging to the Penobscot Indians, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Petition of Johnson Neal and others, of Webster plantation, for power to impose a tax on all property in said plantation, for the benefit of schools, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Horace Mixer and others, asking that the said Mixer may be set off from Sedgwick and annexed to Penobscot, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Sandy River Bank, for an increase of capital, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Request of Arthur L. Grant, for a pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Credentials of John Gabriel, delegate from the Passamaquoddy Indians; and of Peol Sockis, delegate from the Penobscot Indians—were severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Mr. SMITH presented the petition of Phineas Boynton and others, for repairing bridges in No. 11, Range 5; also, petition of Ira Fish and others, for an appropriation to erect a bridge in Crystal plantation—and they were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock, A. M., on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure and distribute to each of the members of the Senate, and to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, and to each of the Messengers, one copy each of the Thrice-Weekly Journal and Age, during the present session of the Legislature, and

Mr. HERRICK gave notice, that on Monday next he should move a reconsideration of the vote passing said order.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on the Treasurer's Report, to which was referred the bond of the Treasurer elect, reported: that they had examined said bond and found it sufficient in form, and that the sureties are sufficient. The report was accepted and bond approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same committee, made a final report on the Treasurer's Report, which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. COLBY, of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Ordered, That, in the absence of the Secretary, JOSEPH K. CLARK be declared Secretary *pro tempore*.

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 Lewis D. Moore, Esq., authorized by *dedimus potestatem*.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That an order passed in the Senate January 9, 1857, requiring the sessions of the Senate to be holden on Mondays at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Ordered, That one additional member be added to the Joint Select Committee on Revision of Public Laws.

And, accordingly, Mr. DANE of York, was added to said committee.

Sent down.

Mr. HERRICK moved to reconsider the vote by which the order directing the Secretary of the Senate to cause to be furnished to each member and officer of the Senate, a copy of the Thrice-Weekly Journal and Age, was passed; and that motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. MAGOUN presented the following, viz:

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of refusing all applications for the charter or re-charter of banks when the capital stock is less than one hundred thousand dollars; which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. HERRICK, by leave, introduced a bill entitled "An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings," which was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of J. H. Clarke and others, to be set off from Township No. 9 and annexed to Franklin, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of A. H. Morrill and 16 others, of Van Buren, for an appropriation for roads, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Orono Bank, for renewal of charter, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of John Attean and others, of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, in relation to their funds;

Petition of same, in relation to their school;

Remonstrance of same, against change in treaty—were severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of Wesley, for bounties, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill "An act requiring the Indian Agent to sell land in Brewer," was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to provide for the security of repairers of vessels," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST: JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB, of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House, informing that body that JOSEPH K. CLARK has, in the absence of the Secretary, been elected Secretary *pro tempore* of the Senate.

Mr. JONES was charged with the message, who subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he had been charged.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law relative to recording mortgages on personal property, and report by bill or otherwise. Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Arthur Pratt and others, praying that the Land Agent may be authorized to sell a certain strip of land lying between Penobscot and Aroostook counties, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, The House concurring, that the Joint Standing Committees be directed, in the consideration of business which shall be referred to them, to give precedence to public acts and resolves, and

report such acts and resolves, in the appropriate branch of the Legislature, as early in the session as practicable.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HERRICK, that Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing the executive department, that, in the absence of the Secretary, the Senate have elected JOSEPH K. CLARK, Secretary *pro tempore*.

Mr. HERRICK subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he had been charged.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST: JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of F. M. Sabine and others, for an insolvent law, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of the Trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary, for aid, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of Alexander, for bounties, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HERRICK,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of taxing, in the towns where the banks are located, bank stock of banks in this State, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act in favor of the State Reform School," (introduced by Mr. WASSON,) was read and referred to the Committee on the State Reform School.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of G. L. Boynton and others, that proceeds of stumpage on Township No. 8 be endorsed on notes given therefor ;

Also, petition of Patrick Darling and others, praying that moneys paid by said Darling for land in No. 6, Range 5,—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of George Bran ;

Also, on petition of Horace Mixer and others ;

Also, on petition of Thomas H. Haynes and others ;

Also, on petition of William Wakefield and others ; and these reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HERRICK, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate, on the 17th inst., passed the following order, to wit :

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure and distribute to each of the members of the Senate, and to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, and to each of the Messengers, one copy of the Tri-Weekly Journal and Age, during the present session of the Legislature.

And on the question of reconsideration the yeas and nays were ordered, and the Senate refused to reconsider, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Chandler, Connor, Hallowell, Herrick, Hobbs, Hoyt, Lothrop, Williams.

NAYS—Messrs. Burbank, Chapman, Dane, Davis, Jones, Magoun, Oak, Ring, Sargent, Smith, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the following, viz :

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to prepare a list of the members of the Senate, arranged according to the number of their seats, designating their residences and boarding-places ; also, containing the names of the members of the House, with their residences, boarding-places, and number of their seats ; also, containing the names of the standing committees of the Legis-

lature, and that three hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of the Senate, and that one copy be bound with each copy of the rules and orders hereafter to be adopted.

And the order was passed.

On motion of Mr. OAK,

Ordered, That the hour of meeting of the Senate be at 11 o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

The report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Report came up from the House, that branch having non-concurred with the Senate in its acceptance, and recommitted the same.

The Senate receded from their former vote, and recommitted the same, with instructions to the committee "to report whether any, and what, sums have been drawn out of the treasury the last year, on warrants, beyond appropriations; what sums, on warrants, for which no appropriation had been made; and what sum has been paid out of the treasury since December 31, 1856, on warrants drawn before that time.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM, of Augusta.

Petition of William Fisher and others, praying for increase of salary of Judge of Municipal Court, and fees on blank writs, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Merchants' Bank, Bangor;

“ of Eastern Bank, Bangor;

“ of Grocers' Bank, Bangor; severally for recharter—were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Sargent, 2d., and others, for recharter of Bangor Boom;

Petition of C. H. Waterhouse and others, of Cape Elizabeth;

Petition of Joseph H. Perley and others, of Portland; severally that the charter of the Portland and Cape Elizabeth Ferry Company may be repealed, and another company be authorized by charter to take its place—were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Receipts for bounties, &c., of Treasurers of Lee, Carroll and Springfield; and

Claims of the Treasurer of Bingham—were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of John Carlton, 2d., of Frankfort, for increase of pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of James Smith, Jr., and others, for the repeal of chapter 168 of the revised statutes, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac S. York and others, for aid to make a road through the town of Grafton, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering or amending the school laws of this State, as to provide for the distribution of a certain per centage of the school money in each town among the smaller districts;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making valid the doings of officers in relation to the attachments of real and personal property, and their returns to the Register of Deeds' office, and to the Town Clerk, and to report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of a further increase of the tax now required of the several towns in this State for the support of common schools, and report thereon;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 2, of chapter 123 of the public laws of 1844, so that lands owned by non-residents to be advertised for unpaid taxes, shall be advertised in the counties where such lands are located; *provided*, there be a paper published in such counties;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pay of jurors and witnesses;

That the Secretary of State be directed to procure twenty-five copies of the revised statutes, for the use of the Legislature—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Mr. HALLOWELL presented the petition of Jacob Frye and others, for an appropriation to make a road from Patten to No. 5, Range 6, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported order of notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Edward Robinson and others.

The report was read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of defining by law, the rights of any person who shall perform labor, or furnish materials for erecting, altering or repairing, any house, or other building or appurtenances, or furnish labor or materials for the above purposes, by virtue of a contract with any person, who may not be the owner of the land, on which such house, building or appurtenances, is contracted to be erected, and the owner of such land.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from GEORGE PIERCE, Councilor elect, signifying his acceptance of that office, which was read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House, proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Hall of Representatives, this day, at half-past 11 o'clock, for the purpose of administering the oaths required by the Constitution, to GEORGE PIERCE, to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duty as Councilor to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary *pro tem*.

Subsequently, a message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House concur with the proposition for a Convention, at the time, place, and for the purpose indicated above.

At the hour assigned, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Ordered, That the Secretary *pro tempore* be directed to notify GEORGE PIERCE, Councilor elect, that the two branches are now assembled in Convention, ready to administer to him the qualifying oaths of office.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary *pro tempore*; who subsequently reported, through the chair, that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Pierce returned for answer, that he would forthwith attend upon the Convention for the purpose of taking and subscribing the qualifying oaths.

Thereupon, GEORGE PIERCE, Councilor elect, attended by the Executive Council, came in, and in the presence of the two Houses in Convention assembled, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Pierce and his attendants then withdrew, and the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. BURBANK,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, by the Secretary of the Senate, informing him of the election and qualification of GEORGE PIERCE, as an Executive Councilor, for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary *pro tempore*.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the following order, introduced by himself on the 19th inst., and laid on the table, viz:

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be, and they hereby are, directed to inquire into the expediency of refusing all applications for the charter or recharter of banks, when the capital stock is less than one hundred thousand dollars, and the same was refused a passage.

On motion of Mr. OAK,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 4, of chapter 243 of the laws of 1852, as to authorize all school districts where graded schools exist, to raise money additional to their proportion of the school money raised by the towns in which such school districts are established.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHPOP, by leave, introduced a bill entitled "An act amending section 20, chapter 25 of the revised statutes," and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY, charged with a message to the Governor and Council, on Friday the 16th instant, informing them of the election of HANNIBAL HAMLIN, as Senator in the United States Senate from this State, for six years from and after the third day of March, A. D. 1857, reported that he had delivered the message with which he had been charged.

On motion of Mr. SARGENT,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to make up the pay, at three dollars per day, of Thomas E. Church for two days' service in the Senate Chamber, the 19th and 20th instant, during the absence of the Messenger and Assistant Messenger.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST: JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM, of Augusta.

Petition of the Directors of Medomak Bank, for a recharter, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of H. J. Libby and others, praying that they may be made a body corporate, under the name of the Royal River Manufacturing Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, by leave, introduced bill "An act providing for the collection of taxes, in unincorporated places, on lands of non-resident owners," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to a change in the State Board of Agriculture, reported bill "An act additional to an act to establish a Board of Agriculture, approved April 1, 1856."

Report accepted, and the bill read twice, the rules being suspended for that purpose, and was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. RING, the vote of the Senate, refusing to pass the order instructing the Committee on Banks and Banking to inquire into the expediency of refusing to charter banks having a capital stock of less than one hundred thousand dollars, was reconsidered, and the order was passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of altering or amending chapter 26 of the public

laws of 1847, entitled "An act respecting the election of electors of President and Vice President," in such manner as will prevent the vote of any city, town or plantation being rejected, because of its not being returned before a certain day named in said act;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that, in case of the death of a married woman possessed of real or personal estate, not disposed of by *Will*, and leaving a husband, he shall be entitled to the same proportion of said estate, in the distribution thereof, that a widow now has in the estate of her deceased husband; and of further providing by law, that in all respects the survivor, whether husband or wife, shall be entitled to an equal interest or proportion in the estate, real or personal, left by the other;

That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish twenty copies of the public laws of the State from 1842 to 1852, inclusive, for the use of the Legislature; and if he has not a sufficient number of copies on hand, to procure enough to make up the deficiency—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John Gabriel; also,

Resolve in favor of Socabason Swarson—were severally twice read, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to amend chapter 149 of the revised statutes," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of the citizens of Pembroke, that Falls Island may be set off from Trescott to Pembroke;

Petition of citizens of Trescott, for the same;

" of Isaac N. Davis and others, to be set off from Greene and annexed to Webster—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Edward O'Brien and others, of Thomaston, for incorporation of the Thomaston Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Account of the Treasurer of Linneus, for bounties paid on wolves, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Tallman Lowell and others, to authorize County Commissioners to lay out a road over tide waters in Bath and Phippsburg, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to provide for transcribing conveyances recorded in Lincoln and Hancock, of lands lying in Penobscot county," was referred to the Penobscot delegation, in concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Jesse Thing, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report was read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the law relative to railroad corporations, as make an overissue of certificates of the capital stock of such corporations, by any of the officers thereof, a criminal offense, to be punished by fine or imprisonment, or both; also, to inquire whether the embezzlement of any of the funds of such corporations, by the president, directors, treasurer, superintendent or agents of such corporations; or the making, knowingly and willfully by any of said officers, of a false entry upon any of the books of accounts of such corporations, or of knowingly or willfully making a false official report relative to the financial condition of said corporations, should be deemed an offense to be punished in the same way.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Select Committee to prepare rules and orders for the Senate, reported the rules and orders of the last Senate, with sundry amendments.

The report was accepted, and the rules and orders adopted.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure the printing of 450 copies of the rules and orders reported by the committee, together with the usual documents and statistical information accompanying the same.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Joint Select Committee to which was recommitted their previous report on the Treasurer's Accounts, with instructions, made a second report, which,

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the act entitled "An act to repeal the one hundred eighty-third chapter of the public laws of 1855, approved January 23, 1856."

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tem*.

A true transcript.

ATTEST: JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Claim of the Treasurer of the town of Lagrange, for bounty on wild animals, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Pembroke, Charlotte, Perry and Robbinston, asking protection for the pickerel in the Pennamaquon and Boyden Lakes, and tributary waters, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of S. Stone and others, for Lot No. 1, Range 7, to be set off from Columbia to Centreville, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of J. F. Chapman and others, of Thomaston, to surrender the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That so much of the Governor's message as relates "to the modification of the import duties of the United States, and especially as respects such articles or raw materials as may be, or are used in manufactures," be referred to the Joint Select Committee who have that subject under consideration ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary and proper, to render the collection of taxes assessed on lands of non-residents more speedy and certain ;

That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire what further legislation is necessary, if any, to secure the instruction of the higher English branches in our common schools, and report by bill or otherwise ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the statutes, as to allow each town to provide one or more buildings or enclosures for the reception of such beasts as may be, by law, liable to be impounded ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of an alteration of the provisions of the homestead act ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law in regard to elections, approved April 10, 1856, in such a manner that the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns and assessors of plantations, may be authorized to strike off the names of persons from the check list, when the evidence is sufficient to satisfy said officers that said persons are not voters in the city, town or plantation, when their names appear upon the list, without giving notice to the party of the intention to strike off his name, as required by said act ;

That the members of the Board of Agriculture, during their present session, be admitted to the privileges of the State Library on the same conditions as the members of the Legislature ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire and report what amendment, if any, is necessary in the revised code, as reported by the commissioner, to provide for the conveyance of the right of dower of an insane married woman, when the fee in real estate is conveyed by the husband of such insane person ;

That the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes be authorized to employ a clerk—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the report of CALEB R. AYER, Esq., Secretary of State, on the library, and

On motion of Mr. WEST, it was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. CHIAPMAN, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of J. H. Clarke and others;

Also, on petition of Isaac N. Davis and others;

Also, on petition of John Moran and others—and the reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “An act to make valid the doings of School District No. 1, in Madawaska plantation,” was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, from Committee on Interior Waters, reported order of notice, returnable to present Legislature, on petition of Daniel Sargent, 2d., and others.

Read and accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported order of notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of C. M. Holland and others.

Read and accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported order of notice, returnable to present Legislature, on petition of Joseph H. Perley and others, and E. H. Waterhouse and others.

Read and accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, by ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., Secretary of State, transmitting the report of A. T. Wheelock,

Commissioner to the Industrial Exhibition, at Paris, France, according to the request of said Commissioner.

And said report was, on motion of Mr. MCGILVERY, referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DANE presented the petition of the Directors of South Berwick Bank, for renewal of charter—referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MCGILVERY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that superintending school committees of towns may furnish poor children with school books, without interfering with the right of suffrage.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That the petition of the inhabitants of Waldoborough and vicinity, which was sent to the House of Representatives in 1856, together with all other papers accompanying the same, praying that the courts of the county of Lincoln be removed from the town of Wiscasset and located in Waldoborough, be taken from the files and referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of the delegation from the county of Lincoln.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP, the vote passing the order directing the printing of the rules and orders, was reconsidered; and the same was amended by striking out "450" and inserting "250"; and the order was passed as amended.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Claim of the Treasurer of Newry, for bounty on bears—referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Wm. E. Sawyer and others, for an appropriation for a road through Mattamiscontis and No. 2—referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Albert Moore and others, of Anson, Embden, Lexington and New Portland, for a law in relation to insane persons; also,

Petition of Joshua Hilton and others, for the same—severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the constitution and laws of the State, as to render elective by the people the Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Land Agent, Attorney General, Adjutant General, Superintendent of Schools and Warden of State Prison, and report by bill, resolve or otherwise;

That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of refusing all applications for charters or rechartered banks, with a capital stock of over seventy-five thousand dollars—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act relating to the city of Calais," (introduced in the House by Mr. DUREN,) was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, granting order of notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company;

Also, on petition of the Androscoggin Railroad Company;

Also, on petition of Tallman Lowell and others—severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GRAVES,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the school laws of this State, as to change the time at which school agents are to make return of the number of scholars in their several school districts to the assessors of towns, from the first day of May to the first day of April, should they be so instructed by their respective cities, towns and plantations.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, by ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., Secretary of State, transmitting to the Legislature certain resolutions adopted by the Legislature of New Hampshire, on the 12th, 13th and 14th days of July last, relating to the naturalization laws, to Kansas affairs, and to the repeal of the Missouri compromise, and

On motion of Mr. WEST, 500 copies of the message and accompanying resolutions were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature; and the resolutions relating to the late acts of violence and bloodshed in Kansas, and the national capitol; also, the resolution relating to the Missouri compromise—were referred to the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Resolve in favor of Socabasen Swarson;

“ in favor of John Gabriel—they were severally finally passed, in concurrence, signed by the President, and presented to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN, of Hallowell.

Petition of S. N. Hatch and others, of Rockland, for renewal of charter of North Bank—referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Hiram Peavie, for charter to navigate Passadumkeag stream with steamboats—referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Bill “An act to incorporate the St. Croix Insurance Company”—referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to examine into the expediency of so altering or amending the 58th chapter of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of hops, that the same shall be deemed merchantable without inspection;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 63 of chapter 119 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign attachment—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of York Bank, for renewal of charter—referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, by leave, introduced bill “An act to repeal section nine of an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations,” approved April 1, 1856, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary [be instructed to]

inquire into the expediency of passing a law to prohibit the exhibition of circuses within this State, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Petition of the Directors of the Bank of Somerset; also,

“ of the Directors of Oakland Bank, severally for a renewal of their charters—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of H. N. West and Jonas Jenkins, asking remuneration for building a bridge over Fish River;

Petition of Daniel W. Campbell and Alexander Campbell, asking to be released from the payment of certain notes;

Petition of John L. Turner and others, in aid of petition of H. N. West;

Petition of D. G. Cook and others, for an appropriation in favor of Sanford Noble—severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Bangor, for railings to be put upon the roofs of slated buildings, to provide against accidents from snow slides;

Petition of Seward Merrill and others, for an act additional to an act, approved February 24, 1855;

Petition of Moses Gould and 83 others; also,

“ of C. D. Bearse and 140 others; severally in aid of petition of Seward Merrill and others—severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Register of Probate of Kennebec, for increase of salary—referred to the Kennebec Delegation, in concurrence.

Petition of Jonas Green and 40 others, in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, for the charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad;

Remonstrance of Ichabod Pinkham and others, against the petition of Benjamin Read, for a bridge from Indian Town Island to the main land—severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of Monticello, for bounties—referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill “An act in relation to the registry of deeds;” also,

Bill “An act in relation to wills”—severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill “An act for the appointment of a Railroad Commissioner,” (introduced in the House by Mr. DEBLOIS)—referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians—read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law, directing the assessors of the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, at the time of taking the valuation of personal and real estate, also to procure the “amount and estimated value of some of the principal agricultural and mineral products, and the manufactures resulting therefrom,” agreeably to the suggestions contained in a circular of the United States Commissioner of Patents, dated February 29, 1856, and published in the Agricultural Patent Office Report of 1855;

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their influence in favor of the French Spoliation Claims;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution, that the Governor and Senators may be chosen by a plurality, instead of a majority as they now are—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

The President presented a communication from NOAH BARKER, Esq., Land Agent elect, signifying his acceptance of that office.

Read and sent down.

Petition of Robert Martin, for services and travel as one of the Executive Committee of the Maine State Agricultural Society—referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of the Judge of Probate of the county of Somerset, for increase of salary—referred to the Somerset delegation.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of William M. Rogers and others, for an additional act in relation to the Sagadahoc Ferry—referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Westbrook Seminary, for aid—referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of City Bank, Bath ; also,

“ of the Directors of Ocean Bank ; also,

“ of the Directors of People’s Bank ; also,

“ of the Directors of American Bank, severally for renewal of charter ; also,

Petition of C. L. Owen and others, for a new bank at Bath, in place of Commercial Bank—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws in relation to plantations, as to require the levying of State and county taxes upon said plantations, and the raising of money by said plantations for the repair of highways, the support of schools, the support of the poor, and other purposes for which towns are now required to raise money, when the number of inhabitants exceeds seventy-five.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN,

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

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Militia be requested to visit the arsenal at Portland, examine the property there deposited, and report if any appropriation is necessary to put the arms and equipments in a suitable condition for re-issue to troops; and also if any farther appropriations for fencing and repairs of building are necessary, and report the full amount of all appropriations that should be made.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, by leave, introduced a "Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, for the year 1855."

Read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the vote, accepting the report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of Tallman Lowell and others, was reconsidered, and the report was recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report, asking to be discharged from any farther consideration of bill "An act to provide for the security of repairers of vessels," and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Read and accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred an order relative to the issuing illegally, of certificates of stock in railroad corporations, made a report, asking to be discharged from further consideration of said order.

Read and accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Bartholomew R. Lunt and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the town of Islandport."

Report read and accepted. Bill read once, and to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, assigned for its second reading.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SQUIER, of Hallowell.

Bill "An act to incorporate the town of Islandport," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Directors of Freemans Bank, for renewal of charter;

" of same, for increase of capital—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of William H. Stevens and others, for incorporation, with the right of building a bridge across the Kennebec river, from Solon to Embden;

Petition of citizens of Raymond, in aid of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad—severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles T. Holland, for the adoption of the "State of Maine Log Rule," as the standard rule for scaling logs—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Oliver and others, that Timber Island, in Phipsburg, may be annexed to Bath—referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of I. N. Winslow and 22 others, for an appropriation—referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of the Judge of Probate of Waldo county, for an increase of salary—referred to the Waldo delegation, in concurrence.

Bill “An act to extend the time for the Waldo Mills Company to build their dam across Goose River”—referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Claim of the city of Calais, for bounty—referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell State lands in the town of Carroll;” also,

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the interest of the State in any lands owned by the State in the towns of Burlington, Lowell and Passadumkeag, on such terms and conditions as he shall deem to be for the interest of the State;” also,

Petition of George S. Foster and 26 others, for an appropriation in aid of a road across Letter C, Range 1—severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the resolve authorizing the Calais academy, or their assigns, to locate their grant of land in Township No. 18, Range 3;

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing school districts to take land for the purpose of erecting school houses thereon, in a similar manner as lands are taken for other public uses;

That to the chaplains of this Legislature be granted the same privileges, in regard to the library, as members of the Legislature;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law, that the Judge of Probate, or any Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, may have the power of appointing some persons with power to relinquish the right of dower, of insane married women, to real estate of their husbands, on proof of permanent insanity;

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter eighty-nine of the statutes of 1854, by striking out of the sixth section thereof, the words, "or which he may deem necessary to be made by school officers and teachers," thereby limiting the powers of the State superintendent, in preparing blank forms for school registers, within the bounds prescribed by the statutes—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank, for renewal of charter and increase of their capital stock, (with a bill); also,

Petition of the Directors of Sagadahoc Bank, for renewal of charter—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURBANK,

Ordered, That the reports of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Insane Hospital, be referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the petition of Henry Upton, for pension, with the accompanying papers, be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Patrick Darling and others.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported order of notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of John W. Hall and others.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HALLOWELL, from the Committee on Public Printing and Binding, reported that they had contracted with Messrs. Hartford and Smith to do the public binding, and submitted a copy of the contract.

Read and accepted, and contract approved. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing agricultural, horticultural and pomological societies, to take and hold property, real or personal, the income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of C. M. Holland and others, was recommitted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Tallman Lowell and others.

Read and accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Searsport Bank; also,

“ of the Directors of Bath Bank; also,

“ of the Directors of Manufacturers' Bank, Saco; also,

“ of the Directors of Mechanics' Bank; also,

“ of the Directors of Richmond Bank;

“ of the Directors of the Bank of Winthrop; severally for renewal of charter—severally referred, in concurrence, to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Gideon Mayo and others, for the extension of the Penobscot Railroad to the north line of Milford—referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of J. G. Swett and 73 others, for appropriation, for repair of gun house, in Brewer—referred to the Committee on Militia, in concurrence.

Petition of Selectmen of Manchester, for change of line between Manchester and Augusta—referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Snow and others, of Five Islands plantation, to be incorporated into a town called "Winn"—referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Claim of Penobscot county, for supporting insane and indigent Indians—referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Account of L. H. Eaton, against the Land Office, for survey of State lot in Clifton, and scaling logs cut thereon—referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845, concerning the assessment of taxes"—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, with leave to report by bill or otherwise; and that all bills, resolves, petitions and memorials relating to this subject, presented, or which may be presented, during the session, be referred to the same Committee—with Messrs. Stone of Brewer, Morrison of Farmington, Holt of Turner, Hammett of Howland, Littlefield of Alfred, Tolman of Rockland, and Burr of Mercer, appointed on the part of the House, was read, and, on motion of Mr. OAK, was laid on the table.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of so far amending the 60th section of the 77th

chapter of the revised statutes, as to add one more member to the board of Bank Commissioners, and report upon the same—read and passed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Sabattis Lewey;

“ in favor of Peol Sockis—were severally read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourns, it adjourn to Monday, February 2d, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

A message was received from the Governor, by ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Bank Commissioners of the State, which report was, on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GRAVES,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary, relative to a “resolve for carrying into effect a resolve for a permanent school fund,” approved August 24, 1850.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN, from Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported order of notice, returnable to present Legislature, on petition of C. M. Holland and others.

Read and accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the order directing inquiry into the expediency of amending section 60, of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, made a report, recommending that the said section be amended by striking out “five,” in the sixth line, and insert “six” in lieu thereof; and also recommending that this report be referred to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. OAK,

The order referring so much of the Governor's message as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law, to a joint select committee, was taken from the table, passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Oak, Smith and Graves, joined on the part of the Senate.

Mr. WOODBURY presented the claim of Daniel Blanchard, treasurer of Blanchard, for bounty on bears—referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT presented the following order, viz:

Ordered, That the several cashiers of banks in this State, be requested to make return under oath to the Secretary of State, on or before the 15th inst., of all sums of money loaned by said banks for the last three months, with the amount of interest and exchange charged thereon, and that the Secretary of State furnish a copy of this order to said cashiers forthwith. Read, and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, laid on the table.

Petition of Selectmen of Strong, for abatement of tax—referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Dennis Sprague and others, for an appropriation to build a gun house—referred to the Committee on Militia.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that no person signing a note as surety, when the note is given on time, shall be holden on said note after it shall have matured, unless the holder of the same shall give the parties interested ten days notice, in writing;

before said note is due; *provided*, that if the surety should not be in a situation to receive such notice, it may be left at his last and usual place of abode, and this shall be made binding on the surety.

Sent down for concurrence.

The order, passed in the Senate, relative to proposed amendments of the laws in relation to plantations, came up from the House, that branch having non-concurred with the Senate in passing the order, and referred it to a committee of one from each County, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join—and with Messrs. Burleigh of Linneus, Hammatt of Howland, Hamblin of Portland, Silsby of Aurora, Woodbury of Litchfield, Holt of Turner, Barron of Topsham, Hinds of Dover, Pool of Bristol, Linscott of Jay, Bennett of Troy, Hobbs of Waterford, Leavitt of Pembroke, Brown of Kennebunkport, and Merrill of Harmony, appointed on the part of the House.

The Senate receded from their former vote passing the order, concurred with the House in referring the same to a Select Committee, and joined Messrs. Woodbury, Davis, Jones, Hobbs, and Ring, on the part of the Senate.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Petition of the Directors of Atlantic Bank;

“ “ “ of Waterville Bank;

“ “ “ of Calais Bank; severally for renewal of charter—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of C. S. Crosby and another, to refund taxes illegally assessed—referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Brackett and others, of Cornish, to have certain lands set off from Cornish to Limerick—referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Appleton and others, for the incorporation of "The Messalonskee Manufacturing Company"—referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Webb, for pension—referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Claim of James H. Macomber, Treasurer of Milo, for bounty paid on a bear—referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill "An act concerning reviews in civil actions;"

" " " " concerning suits for false representations;"

" " " " to make valid the doings of County Commissioners in the several counties in this State"—severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to amend an act in relation to home, and agencies of foreign, insurance companies"—referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the petition of Robert Patterson, for pension, with the accompanying papers, be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the bounty on wild animals;

That the 28th chapter of the 2d revision of the Laws of Maine, be taken from the Committee on Revised Statutes, and referred to the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law;

That the Committee on Education be directed to lay before the Legislature, the number of academies and other institutions of learning, endowed by the State, the date of their incorporation, their location, the sum of each endowment, the amount of appropriations to each, and when made, whether such appropriations were in money or land, and the number of students attending each, the last year;

That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the management of the Cumberland County Agricultural Society for the past year, with reference to the payment of the allowance provided by the State for agricultural societies, and report a statement of facts—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Ticonic Bank;

“ “ “ “ Granite Bank;

“ “ “ “ Augusta Bank;

“ “ “ “ North Bank—severally for renewal of charter—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY called up the order laid on the table yesterday, requiring cashiers of banks to make returns—the order was amended by inserting “25th” instead of “15th” of February inst.; and on motion of Mr. BROWN, it was again laid on the table.

Mr. JONES, by leave, introduced bill “An act to amend chapter one hundred and eighty-two of the Public Laws,” approved March 17, 1855. Read, and referred to the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire, if further legislation is necessary respecting the collection of taxes on real estate of resident owners, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, Resolves, entitled

Resolve in favor of Sabattis Lewey;

“ in favor of Peol Sockis—and they were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Seward Merrill and others. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Petition of A. H. Kimball and others, of Rockland, for re-charter of Rockland Bank; also,

Petition of Knott Crockett and others, for re-charter of Lime Rock Bank; also,

Petition of Directors of Belfast Bank;

“ “ “ “ Bucksport Bank;

“ “ “ “ Sandy River Bank, severally for renewal of charter; also,

Petition of Ezra Tobie and others, of Gray, for a bank—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Wilton Manufacturing Company, for repeal of their charter; also,

Petition of Lucy Crockett and others, of Rockland, for incorporation of the “Achorn Lime Rock Company”—severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of Wilson Hichborn and 95 others, for division of the town of Prospect; also,

Petition of Luther Luce and others, to be set off from Industry, and annexed to Farmington—severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of E. C. Parks, relative to the Maine State Register—referred, in concurrence, to the Committee on the Library.

Petition of R. S. Morse and others, of Dixfield, for alteration of county and town lines—referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of Assessors of Plantation No. 2, Range 2, for change of name of plantation—referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company, for an amendment of their charter—referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That so much of the Governor's address as relates to the State Prison, together with the reports of the Warden and Inspectors of the Maine State Prison, be referred to the Committee on the State Prison;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of making some alteration in, or addition to, "An act entitled an act in addition to the thirty-second chapter of the Revised Statutes, touching the settlement of paupers in certain cases," approved May 10, 1846, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee on the State Library be directed to report to the House, what public documents there are in the several departments of said Library, that may be had for distribution—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

"Resolve for the payment of certain persons in attendance upon the Agricultural Board"—referred in concurrence to the Committee on Agriculture.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Newburgh"—referred in concurrence to the Committee on Education.

Petition of the Directors of Marine Bank; also,

" " " " " Newcastle Bank, severally for renewal of charter—referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, by ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., Secretary of State, as follows, viz :

" To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit for your consideration, the reports of the Adjutant General, Trustees of the State Reform School, of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Insane Hospital, and the Inspectors and Warden of the State Prison.

H. HAMLIN.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
February 3, 1857." }

On motion of Mr. HERRICK, the report of the Adjutant General was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SARGENT,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be instructed to lay upon the table of the Secretary, five copies of the Acts and Resolves of 1856, for the use of the Senate.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill " An act to make valid the doings of school district No. 1, in Madawaska Plantation ;" also,

Bill " An act additional to an act to incorporate the Bangor House Proprietary "—reports severally read and accepted—bills severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of C. S. Crosby and another, reported Resolve in favor of Charles S. Crosby and Arvida Hayford. Report was accepted, and the Resolve read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported order of notice on the petition of Gideon Mayo and others ;

Also, on the petition of William M. Rogers and others—severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported a Resolve relating to bounties on cod fisheries—read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the papers relating to the claim of S. G. Bowes, for pension, be taken from the files in the office of the Secretary of State, and placed before the Committee on Military Pensions—read and passed in concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP introduced an Order, instructing the Committee on Banks and Banking, to report against the re-charter of any and all banks, whose business has been the discounting of paper for parties whose residence and business is out of the State; and who are in the practice of charging illegal interest—and on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter two hundred and twelve of the public laws, approved March 13, 1856, and revising chapter one hundred and sixty of said laws, approved March 16, 1855.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Webb, for a law authorizing an appeal in certain cases; also,

Petition of Samuel Smiley and 81 others, for a law prohibiting the exhibition of Circuses in this State—severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Trustees of Gould's Academy, in Bethel, for aid to enable them to purchase apparatus to teach agricultural chemistry; also,

Petition of Josiah Brown, 2d, and others, in aid of same—severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. RING,

Ordered, That 350 copies of the Abstract of the Reports of the Inspectors of Fish, for the year 1856, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Petition of Northern Bank, Hallowell; also,

“ “ Farmers' Bank, Bangor—severally for renewal of charter; also,

Petition of Edmund Smith and 112 others, for a new bank at Lewiston—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of George Thoms and 172 others, of Buckfield;

“ “ A. G. Tinkham and 72 others, of Hartford;

“ “ Sharon Robinson and 55 others, of Sumner—severally in aid of the charter of the Portland & Oxford Central Railroad—severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Claim of L. N. Jones, Treasurer of Holden, for bounty on bears—referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of G. H. Haskell and others, in aid of petition of Joseph Snow and others, to incorporate Five Islands Plantation—referred, in concurrence, to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Petition of the Trustees of Corinna Union Academy, for a donation of land or money—referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Spencer G. Bowes, of Washington, for a pension—referred, in concurrence, to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Petition of Deodat Brastow, for deed of lot No. 11, in Indian Township No. 2—referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Casco Bank, Portland; also,

“ “ Bank of Cumberland—severally for renewal of charter—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Moses Gould and others, for authority to construct a railway around Munjoy Hill in Portland—referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making appropriations to finish making the road from Fort Kent to the Allegash; also, to finish making the road from Presque Isle to the St. John River; also, for making an appropriation to assist the settlers in making some deep cuts and building bridges, on the road from the boundary line to Fort Kent—read, and passed in concurrence.

Bill “An act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity”—referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill “An act additional to the several acts incorporating the City of Portland;” also,

Bill “An act additional to the several acts incorporating the City of Portland;” also,

Memorial of the City of Portland, asking further legislation,

1st, in reference to opening streets; and

2d, in reference to interest on taxes undue; also,

Copy of Order of the City Government of Portland—severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

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

“An act additional to an act to incorporate the Bangor House Proprietary;”

"An act to make valid the doings of school district No. 1, in Madawaska Plantation"—which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the vote of yesterday, passing to be engrossed Resolve relating to bounties on cod fisheries, was reconsidered—and the Resolve was recommitted to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported bill "An act to extend the time for the Waldo Mills Co. to build their dam across Goose River." Report read and accepted, bill once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Petition of the Directors of Hancock Bank;

" " " " " Alfred Bank—severally for renewal of charter; also,

Petition of the Directors of Alfred Bank for increase of capital stock—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Veazie and others, for extension of the Bangor, Oldtown & Milford Railroad; also,

Petition of same, for further time to complete branch tracks of Bangor, Oldtown & Milford Railroad; also,

Petition of Hiram Ricker and others, of Poland, in aid of charter of the Portland & Oxford Central Railroad—severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Blanchard, for aid in supporting paupers at the Insane Hospital—referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petitions of George Bran and others, and of William Wakefield and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred a "Resolve in favor of the town of Newburgh," reported that the said Resolve "Ought to pass." Read and accepted—resolve once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of Strong, made a report asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending its reference to the Committee on Claims. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Petition of City Bank, Biddeford;

" " Merchants' Bank, Portland, severally for renewal of charter—were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of John S. Patten and others, that the Land Agent be authorized to sell State land in Lowell and Enfield;

Petition of Thomas S. Roberts, for compensation for land sold by the State—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Harriet Doe, for compensation for injuries received by her husband, Esty N. Doe, while in the service of the State;

Petition of Constant A. McLaughlin, for additional compensation for injuries received in aiding an officer—severally referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of D. E. Somes and others, of Biddeford, for a change in the powers of the Municipal Court of Biddeford ;

Petition of D. Stewart and others, for a law against circus exhibitions—severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of David Jenkins, to be set off from West Gardiner to Gardiner—referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of John W. West and others, of Franklin, for increase of bounty on wolves—referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Bill “An act for the education of youth,” (introduced in the House by Mr. MOORE of Ellsworth)—referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill “An act additional to the 77th chapter of the Revised Statutes,” (introduced in the House by Mr. BICKNELL of Augusta,) was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of increasing the fees of Justices of the Peace, and report by bill or otherwise ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 282 of the public laws of 1852, relating to publication of intentions of marriage, and report by bill or otherwise ;

That the Committee on Indian Affairs be directed to ascertain, and report to this House the amount paid, in bounty, to the Penobscot Indians the last year, as appears by the Agent's account ; the number of bushels of the several agricultural products upon which bounty has been paid, and (if practicable) whether bounties or dividends have been paid to persons not legally entitled thereto ;

That the Land Agent be directed to procure, for the use of the Legislature, a STATE PLAN, on which shall be delineated the townships and parts of townships, now belonging to the State ;

That the papers in the office of the Secretary of State, connected

with the passage of the act entitled "An act further defining the jurisdiction and powers of the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford," approved April 1, 1856, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of William H. Mills and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw—was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, a resolve, entitled "Resolve in favor of the town of Newburgh," which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported bill "An act to extend the time for the Waldo Mills Company to build their dam across Goose river," amended as per sheet annexed marked "A."

The amendment was adopted, bill read a second time, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported "Resolve for the payment of certain persons in attendance upon the Board of Agriculture."

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

Mr. MAGOUN presented the petition of the Directors of Lincoln Bank; also,

Petition of the stockholders of The Village Bank, severally for a renewal of charter—which were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT presented the petition of D. Stevens and others, of Jackson Plantation, for aid in the construction of a road, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN presented the remonstrance of R. S. Hunt and 212 others, against the petition of Tallman Lowell and others, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Public Buildings be directed to inquire into the expediency of a new arrangement of seats in the Representatives' Hall, with a view to the greater convenience of members of the House, was read and passed in concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported "Resolve for the payment of certain persons in attendance upon the Board of Agriculture," amended as per sheet annexed marked "A."

Report accepted, the amendment was adopted, bill read a second time, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of Joseph Snow and others.

The report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, reported bill "An act additional to chapter one hundred and four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty four, entitled 'An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth.'"

Report accepted, and the bill was read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, reported that legislation is inexpedient on the order directing an inquiry into the expediency of further legislation, relative to a "Resolve for carrying into effect a resolve for a permanent school fund," approved April 9, 1856;

Also, same report on order directing inquiry, whether further legislation is necessary to secure the instruction of the higher English branches in common schools;

Also, same report on order relating to authorizing school districts to take lands, on which to erect school houses;

Also, same report on order relating to increase of tax for the support of common schools;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Luther Luce and others, ordering notice thereon, returnable to present Legislature, was accepted in concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, informing the Senate that, in the absence of their Clerk, the House has elected BENJAMIN FREEMAN Clerk pro tem.

Mr. HOBBS presented the petition of William and James Frye, of North Haven, for an act of incorporation; also,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company;" and

Mr. DAVIS presented the petition of E. G. Harlow and 41 others, of Canton, in aid of petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, for charter of the Portland & Oxford Central Railroad Company—which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR presented petition of the Directors of Skowhegan Bank; and

Mr. DANE presented the petition of Directors of Canal Bank, severally for renewal of charter—which were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PHINNEY presented the petition of C. R. Paul, of Letter D Plantation, that the Land Agent be authorized to convey to him certain lands—referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALLACE presented petition of S. J. Roberts, for privilege to maintain a weir near Bobear Island—referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DANE, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, made a report, asking to be discharged from farther consideration of an order directing them to inquire into the condition of any and all banks applying for a re-charter, and recommending the passage of an order *authorizing*, instead of *directing* them thus to inquire.

Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Ordered, The House concurring, that the Committee on Banks and Banking be authorized to inquire into the condition and standing of any and all banks applying for a re-charter, and report their conclusions on each application separately, by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Hallowell.

Petition of the Directors of Mousam River Bank ;

“ “ “ “ “ Market Bank, Bangor ;

“ “ “ “ “ Lumberman's Bank, Oldtown ;

“ “ “ “ “ Lewiston Falls Bank, Lewiston ;

“ “ “ “ “ Waldoboro' Bank ;

“ “ “ “ “ Union Bank, Brunswick ;

“ “ W. S. Dennett, of the Bank of the State of Maine ;

“ “ Joseph Gilchrest and others, of Georges Bank—severally for renewal of charter ; and

Petition of W. Coburn and others, for a bank charter at Brunswick—were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of John Kelsey and 22 others, in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, for charter of Portland & Oxford Central Railroad ;

Petition of William Frye and 55 others, for change of the law relating to roads in North Haven—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Gilbert Voter and others, for aid in the construction of a road to Dead river settlement ;

Petition of William R. Miller, for appropriation to build a road ;

“ “ Selectmen of Salem, for aid in constructing a road to Dead river—severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas G Watson and 39 others, in aid of the petition of Thomas J. Haines and others ; and

Remonstrance of Greenleaf Wing and 172 others, against said petition of Thomas J. Haines—severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles F. Barker and others, for a charter to build a marine railway in the town of Jonesport;

Petition of Robert Bowker and others, for a fire insurance charter in Brunswick—severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of T. H. Fassett, for compensation for design and patterns for the King monument; also,

Claim of James Fothergill, for bounty for killing a wolf—severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Abiel McAlister, for pay for timber, lumber and hay taken by the State—referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of the Milltown Temperance Society;

“ “ Lydia M. Smith and 140 others, ladies of Calais;

“ “ Anna Lamb and 96 others, ladies of Milltown;

“ “ John T. Tinker and 71 others—severally for a prohibitory liquor law—severally referred, in concurrence, to the Joint Select Committee, having that subject under consideration.

Petition of Stephen Purrington and 21 others, of Harpswell, for a law for the preservation of clams—referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Clark and others, for repeal of the act incorporating the town of Bowerbank—referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of County Commissioners of Cumberland County, for leave to build a new jail in said County, was referred, in concurrence, to the Cumberland Delegation.

“Resolve in favor of the temporary Clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, in the year 1855,” came back from the House, that branch having non-concurred with the Senate in passing it to be engrossed, and referred the same to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate receded from their vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and referred the same as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from farther consideration of the petition of C. T. Holland, and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of G. L. Boynton and another, with resolve, entitled "Resolve for the allowance of money paid to the State," was accepted in concurrence.

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

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of the Selectmen of Manchester; also,

Same report on petition of Thomas Oliver and others; also,

Same report on petition of Wilson Hichborn and others; also,

Same report on petition of S. Stone and others; also,

Same report on petition of Nathaniel Brackett and others—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a road across Letter B, Range 1;

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;

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

That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of the State's furnishing the several towns and organized plantations, for the use of their respective Superintending School Committees, Supervisors and District Clerks, one copy each, for said officers, of the school laws of the State, as contained in the revision, printed in pamphlet form, and containing such important judicial decisions relative to public schools, as said committee shall

deem requisite, together with the blank forms required by law in the management of school district affairs—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

The following paper from the House, viz :

Ordered, That the cashiers of the several banks in this State, be directed to make returns to the Secretary of State, under oath, on or before the first day of March next, of the amount loaned by their several banks, and the amount of interest and exchange charged thereon—was read, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill “An act additional to chapter one hundred and four of the public laws of 1854, entitled an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth”—which was read a second time, amended, on motion of Mr. JONES, as per sheet annexed marked “A,” and as amended, was, on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on an order directing them to inquire into the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 123 of the public laws of 1844.

Report accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred bill “An act to amend chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the revised statutes, in relation to the duties payable by public officers,” reported that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted. Bill was once read, and to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M., assigned for its second reading.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was re-committed the report of said Committee on an order requiring them to inquire into the expediency of requesting our Representatives and Senators in Congress, to use their influence against the repeal of the law giving bounty to vessels engaged in cod fisheries, reported “Resolve in relation to bounties on cod fisheries.”

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

Mr. SCAMMAN, by leave, introduced bill "An act to amend chapter 119 of the revised statutes, relating to trustee process"; and

Mr. DAVIS, by leave, introduced bill "An act repealing chapter two hundred and seventy-nine of the laws of Maine," approved April 10, 1856—and these bills were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HALLOWELL presented the petition of the Directors of Kenduskeag Bank, for renewal of charter, which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Petition of the citizens of Medford and vicinity, for aid in erecting a bridge across the Piscataquis river in Medford;

Petition of inhabitants of Sebec;

“ “ Eleazer Jenks and others;

“ “ Russell Kittredge and others;

“ “ Stephen Danforth and others;

“ “ inhabitants of Alton;

“ “ inhabitants of Atkinson—severally in aid of same;

“ “ Leonard Bradbury and others, for an appropriation on the State road from Greenville to Brighton;

Petition of Cyrus A. Packard and others, for same;

“ “ inhabitants of Bridgewater Plantation, for an appropriation to repair the road through Letter B, Range 1;

Petition of Isaac Witham and others, for an appropriation on road from Greenville to the head of Chesuncook lake—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Cayford, for annexation to Skowhegan;

“ “ Joshua E. Jenks and others, to be set off from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation;

Petition of F. H. Hutchings and others, to be set off from Rumford to Hanover—severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of stockholders of Maritime Bank, for increase of capital;

“ “ Directors of Biddeford Bank, for renewal of charter;

“ “ William McGilvery, for re-charter of Maritime Bank—severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin B. Benson and others, for a charter of a marine railway at Tremont, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of William B. Lapham and others, to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's Pond, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of Campbell Bachelder and others, for an act of incorporation for manufacturing lumber and running a grist mill—referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of Selectmen of South Thomaston, for expenses incurred in supporting a pauper in the Insane Hospital—referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital, in concurrence.

Petition of Selectmen of Burlington, in relation to the collection of non-resident taxes—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Moses Rollins and others, for aid to Vassalboro' Academy—referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

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Petition of Hannah Murphy, of Tremont, for pension—referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles R. Porter, Judge of Probate of Sagadahoc, for increase of salary—referred, in concurrence, to the Sagadahoc delegation.

Remonstrance of Benjamin Clifford and others, against the petition of Tallman Lowell and others—referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Claim of Treasurer of Bethel;

Claim of Treasurer of Plantation No. 1 & 2, Range 5, in Oxford County—severally for bounty—were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill “An act to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company”—was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the twenty-fifth chapter of the revised statutes, as to provide that the money raised in accordance with the 75th section thereof, to repair ways and bridges, may be expended by highway surveyors, whose duty it shall be to give every person in their respective districts, an opportunity to furnish labor upon the road to the amount of his tax;

That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to consider whether any legislation is necessary to secure to stockholders of bank stocks, who may not consent to, or petition for, a renewal of their charters, the right to withdraw their stock from such banks as may obtain such renewal, together with their full proportions of profits (if any) that may have accrued thereon, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of making appropriation for the repair of the Houlton and Baring road, across the Indian Township, in the County of Washington;

That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to insurance, so that all foreign companies shall be required to establish an agency, in accordance with chapter 270 of the acts and resolves of 1856, before making insurance upon property in this State; were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Selectmen of Manchester, came up from the House amended, by striking out the word "seventh," and inserting instead the word "eighth." The Senate reconsidered its former vote accepting the report, adopted the amendment of the House, and as amended, the report was accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, resolve, entitled "Resolve for the allowance of money paid to the State," which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported "Resolve in relation to bounties on cod fisheries," with an amendment, as per sheet annexed marked "A."

The amendment was adopted, the resolve read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill "An act to amend chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the revised statutes, in relation to the duties payable by public officers"—which was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Report, was taken from the table, and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the sixty-seventh chapter of

the revised statutes, so as to include railroad sleepers, knees, and other descriptions of ship timber, and cedar for shingles and other purposes, that the unlawful taking and conversion of which, may be subject to the forfeitures and penalties therein provided, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SMITH,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of making appropriations to finish making the road from Presque Isle to No. 11, Range 5; also, to aid the settlers in making a road from Presque Isle, through Letter C, Range 1, to the boundary line.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the vote whereby the Senate indefinitely postponed bill "An act additional to chapter 104 of the public laws of 1854, entitled an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth," was reconsidered, and on motion of the same Senator, the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. BROWN, by leave, introduced bill "An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HALLOWELL presented the petition of Thomas A. White and others, of Bangor, for a bank; and

Mr. SCAMMAN presented petition of the Directors of the Bank of Hallowell, for renewal of charter—and the same were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN presented petition of Johnson Rideout and others, for a Marine Insurance Company, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH presented petition of Paul Peavy, asking to be reimbursed for losses in building a bridge in No. 6, Range 5, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented petition of William Bearce and others, for a law allowing owners of water power on one side of streams, to build dams across the same—referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HALLOWELL, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled “An act to incorporate the town of Islandport,” which was passed to be enacted, signed by the President, and presented to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

Petition of Charles J. Gilman and others, for a bank charter

“ “ David Bugbee and others, for the same ;

“ “ Directors of Cobbossee Contee Bank ;

“ “ “ “ Auburn Bank ;

“ “ “ “ Gardiner Bank ;

“ “ “ “ City Bank, Bangor—severally for renewal of charter—were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of James Bryant and others ; and

“ “ Isaac S. Hall and others—severally for school districts No. 1 and 2, to be set off from South Thomaston, and annexed to Thomaston ;

Petition of Milton Robbins and others, in aid of same—were severally referred to the Committee on Divisions of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Larrabee and others, for extension of time to cut timber on State Lands;

Petition of J. A. Cushing and others, for a road from Nickatow to Patten—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of E. Holmes and others, for a law to prevent the poisoning of foxes;

Petition of Vespasian Wardwell and 58 others, asking for an additional act for the preservation of moose and deer—severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of Peter S. Folsom, for compensation for damages sustained while in the service of the State—referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of the Board of Education, of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles N. Germaine and others, of the Aurora Lodge No. 50, of Free Masons, for an act of incorporation—referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Bill “An act respecting the redemption of land sold for taxes;” also,

Bill “An act respecting judicial proceedings”—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

“Resolve authorizing the payment of school money to Hancock Plantation, in the County of Aroostook”—referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to alteration of law regulating attachments of real and personal estate, with bill “An act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable property,” was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the propriety of enacting a law, specifying those articles embraced in the term "appurtenances," as used in deeds conveying real estate;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 125, section 35 of the revised statutes, so as more clearly to define the extent of lien claims;

That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the common school fund of the State, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the papers relating to claim of Arthur L. Grant, for pension, be taken from the files in the office of Secretary of State, and placed before the Committee on Military Pensions;

That the petitions for aid to Limerick Academy, referred to the Legislature of 1855, be taken from the files in the office of Secretary of State, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Education—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to the Judiciary, and also bill "An act to repeal an act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court," approved April 9, 1856, reported bill "An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court."

The report was accepted. The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, reported legislation inexpedient on order relating to furnishing poor children with school books;

Also, asking to be discharged from farther consideration of the petition of Johnson Neal and others, and recommending the reference of the same to the Joint Select Committee on Plantations.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred bill "An act to incorporate the St.

Croix Insurance Company," reported the same in a new draft, and recommended its passage.

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

Mr. WOODBURY, by leave, introduced bill "An act imposing a duty of twenty dollars upon Inspectors General, before receiving their commissions"—which was read twice, the rules being suspended for that purpose, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred an order relative to the French Spoliation Claims, reported that said order *ought not to pass*.

Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Wm. Frye and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the petition of the County Commissioners of Piscataquis County, be taken from the files of 1856, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to open and make passable, the State road leading from Portage Lake to Fort Kent, in the County of Aroostook, and to make such alteration in the location of said road as he may deem necessary—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Theophilus Cushing and others, for leave to purchase east half of No. 2, Range 5—referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Barnabas Webb and others, of Thomaston, against the petition of James Bryant and others—referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Mr. RING presented the petition of William M. Brooks and others, for renewal of charter of Frontier Bank; and

Mr. CHAPMAN presented petition of the Directors of the Mariners' Bank, also for renewal of charter — which were referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. JONES presented petition of the Trustees of Lebanon Academy, for aid; also,

Petition of Noah Lord and 47 others, in aid of the same—which were referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. WEBB presented petition of Isaac Reed and 92 others, of Lincoln County, praying that the county buildings may be removed to Waldoboro'—referred to Committee on Division of Counties.

Mr. GRAVES presented petition of Trustees of the Insane Hospital—which was referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

Mr. MAGOUN presented petition of William Morse and others, in aid of petition of Tallman Lowell and others — referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Mr. TWITCHELL presented petition of the Judge of Probate of Oxford County, for increase of salary—referred to the Oxford delegation.

And these several petitions, referred as above, were sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Petition of first school district of Bucksport, for leave to raise money in aid of the bequest of J. R. Folsom;

Petition of John M. Noyes and 13 others;

“ “ A. Billington and others;

“ “ J. S. Osgood and others—severally in regard to the publication of unpaid non-resident taxes—were severally referred to to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of H. A. Wood and others, for extension of the charter of Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company;

Petition of inhabitants of Nobleboro' and adjoining towns, for an alteration of the law in regard to mill dams, where there are different owners on each side of the stream—were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of William Jackman and 41 others, for an appropriation for a road from Nickatow to Patten—referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of L. W. Howes of Rockland, that Rockland be made a half shire town of Lincoln County—referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles E. Ranlett and others, of Thomaston, for leave to extend a wharf beyond tide water in Georges river—referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles O. Record, for an appropriation to repair the State Arsenal at Bangor—was referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

“Resolve for promulgating the annual general laws of the State”
—was referred to the Select Committee on Public Printing, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That all petitions for increase of salary of State or County officers, whose salaries are paid by the State, be referred to a Joint Special Committee, consisting of one from each county, with such as the Senate may join—with Messrs. Duren of Calais, Richardson of Tremont, Burleigh of Linneus, Stinchfield of Lincoln, Hinds of Dover, Chandler of Chesterville, Morse of Paris, Marshall of Belfast, Baker of Wiscasset, Bicknell of Augusta, Jewell of Phippsburg, Holt of Turner, Adams of Newfield, Hamblin of Portland, and Burr of Mercer, appointed on the part of the House—was read, and passed in concurrence—and Messrs. Magoun, Woodbury, Graves, Berry, and Wallace, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the resolve, entitled “A resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office,” approved March 22, 1856, so that the mortgage of any part owner may be better protected in case said part owner fails to comply with the provisions of said resolve, to save his land from forfeiture;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to protect *bona fide* creditors and stockholders of corporations, and report by bill or otherwise—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Lemuel Trott and others, with bill “An act to amend the 31st section of the 25th chapter of the revised statutes, relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways”—was accepted in concurrence, and the bill was read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Petition of the inhabitants of Industry, for re-annexation of part of New Sharon—referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill “An act to incorporate the St.

Croix Insurance Company," which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES, bill "An act additional to chapter 104 of the public laws of 1854, entitled an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth," was taken from the table, and recommitted to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported order of notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Moses Gould and others;

Also, same report on petition of William and James Frye—reports severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALLACE, from the Committee on Accounts, to which was referred the petition of T. H. Fassett, made a report, asking to be discharged from further consideration of said petition, and recommending that it be referred to the Committee on Claims. Report accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Hiram Peavy and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH presented petition of Silas Coburn, Jr., for allowance of labor on road, in payment for a lot of land;

Also, petition of Daniel Cummings and 59 others, for an appropriation to build a bridge over the Mattawamkeag river, in Bancroft Plantation;

Also, petition of George W. Smith and one other, for a release—which were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Mr. BROWN presented the remonstrance of Willard Lewis and

others; and of inhabitants of Boothbay—severally against a bridge from Southport to Boothbay—which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges;

Mr. SCAMMAN presented petition of Ebenezer C. Staples and others, to be incorporated into a company to construct a canal from Little river, so called, in Saco, to a place called Googin's Point, in said Saco, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters;

And these several petitions and remonstrances, referred as above, were sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the Senate reconsidered their vote accepting the report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of William M. Rogers and others, and recommitted the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of H. J. Libby and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Royal River Manufacturing Company."

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

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled "An act to extend the time for the Waldo Mills Company to build their dam across Goose river"—which was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, a resolve entitled "Resolve for the allowance of money paid to the State," which was finally passed, signed by the President, and presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on petition of James Bryant and others, and of Isaac S. Hall and others; and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, the report was recommitted, with instructions to the Committee to report an order of notice.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appointing a commissioner to represent the industrial products, resources and occupations of Maine, at the exhibition of agriculture to be held at Paris, France, during the present year.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

Petition of William T. Thomas and 12 others;

“ “ Mark Shepard and others;

“ “ Abel Hovey and others;

“ “ P. W. Perry and others—severally for alteration of law relative to the publication of unpaid non-resident taxes—which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah A. Judkins, to have his buildings set off from Roxbury to Mexico;

Petition of Andrew J. Donnell and others, to be set off from Searsmont, and annexed to Belmont;

Petition of Thomas & B. Brastow, to be set off from Orrington, and annexed to Brewer—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of the President, Directors, and Company of the York & Cumberland Railroad Company, for amendment of charter, with a bill—was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of D. L. Milliken and others, for a manufacturing corporation, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of George E. Burr and 25 others, for a law for the preservation of pickerel in North Pond and its tributaries, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Irish of Union, for alteration of the law regulating the sale of liquor, was referred to the Committee having that subject under consideration, in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of incorporated towns in the County of Aroostook, for a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements, was referred to the Joint Select Committee on Plantations, in concurrence.

Petition of Freeman Kingsley and others, for a law authorizing the destruction of dogs, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of Smith Cram, for pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of John G. Hayes and others, for an insolvent law, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Asa Davis and others, in aid of the petition of the citizens of Medford, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to provide for proof of deeds in certain cases," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law relating to manufacturing corporations, so that the stockholders therein shall not be personally liable for any contracts of such corporation, entered into after the adoption of such amendment; and also that the stock and fixtures shall be exempt from taxation for a limited time;

That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the constitution, relating to the right of suffrage, that any legal voter, changing his residence from one city or town in this State, to any other city or town under the same jurisdiction, and not otherwise disqualified, excepting three months residence, shall have a right to vote for all National and State officers;

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of making valid the doings of County Commissioners, in the assessment of money upon unincorporated townships and tracts of land, for the repair of roads therein; and to make valid the sales, by County Treasurers, of such townships and tracts sold to pay the assessments made thereon, if the purchase money is not refunded to the purchaser within four years from the date of sale by the Treasurers, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire whether further legislation is necessary in relation to mortgages, coupled with a power to sell on breach of the same; also in relation to timber lands reserved for public uses;

That when any public act is approved by the Governor, the Secretary of State shall forthwith furnish a copy thereof to the Chairman of the Committee on the Revision of Statutes, and said Committee are directed to incorporate the same into the revision in their appropriate place—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Samuel Veazie and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of the inhabitants of Industry, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred "Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, for the year 1855," reported that the resolve ought to pass;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of Strong, reported "Resolve to abate a

portion of the State tax of the town of Strong, and to add the same to the State tax of the town of New Vineyard;”

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of J. K. Killsa, reported “Resolve in favor of J. K. Killsa;”

And these reports were severally accepted. Resolves severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported bill “An act to incorporate the Royal River Manufacturing Company,” with an amendment as per sheet annexed, marked “A.”

Report was accepted. The amendment was adopted, and the bill having had its second reading, was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill “An act to amend the thirty-first section of the twenty-fifth chapter of the revised statutes, relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways”—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOBBS, the vote of yesterday, recommitting the report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of James Bryant and others, with instructions to report order of notice thereon, was reconsidered, and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill “An act to make valid the doings of the County Commissioners in the several counties in this State,” reported that the bill ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was recommitted their report on petition of Wm.

M. Rogers and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the alteration of the thirtieth chapter of the revised statutes, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DANE, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to the expediency of refusing to charter any and all banks with a capital of more than seventy-five thousand dollars;

Also, same report on an order relating to the expediency of refusing to charter any and all banks with a capital of less than one hundred thousand dollars—which reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of John Carleton, 2d, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of S. S. Low, reported "Resolve in favor of S. S. Low."

Report accepted. Resolve once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the papers taken from the files relating to the city of Biddeford, reported bill "An act relating to the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford."

Accepted. Bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of F. H. Hutchings and others.

Report accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, by leave, introduced bill "An act concerning passenger carriers"—which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN presented the petition of the 1st Baptist Society in Bath, for change of name—which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT presented the petition of Josiah Emery, for pay for personal services—which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

Petition of J. N. Winslow and 26 others ;

“ “ Abner Lowell and 76 others—severally for an insolvent law—severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Reuel Washburn, Judge of Probate of Androscoggin County ;

Petition of Register of Probate of same County — severally for increase of salary—were severally referred to the Androscoggin delegation, in concurrence.

Petition of Franklin Adams, for extension of time to cut lumber—referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of William B. Hayford and others, for a charter to build a boom across the east branch of the Penobscot river — referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of John S. Baker, County Attorney of Sagadahoc, for increase of salary—referred to the Joint Select Committee, having the subject of increase of salaries under consideration, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Lumberman's Bank, for increase of capital—referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of William F. Penniman and others, for an act additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Machias river—referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of Joshua Dunn and 175 others, of Portland, in aid of the Portland & Oxford Central Railroad ;

Bill "An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's Crossing, in the city of Bath"—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Claim of J. G. Hunt, Treasurer of Albany, for bounty on a bear—referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Tristram Hill and 225 legal voters in Greene, against the petition of Isaac N. Davis and others—referred to the committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to amend chapter eighteen of the revised statutes"—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Agricultural Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 72 of the revised statutes, so that a standard weight may be established for corn, rye, and wheat;

That the petition for aid to Parsonsfield Seminary, referred to the last Legislature, be taken from the files, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Education;

That all remonstrances against the incorporation of plantations in the County of Aroostook, be taken from the files of last year's Legislature, and be referred to the Joint Special Committee, having the subject of incorporation of plantations under consideration;

That the claim of the County of Penobscot, for the support of insane and indigent Indians, be taken from the Committee on Accounts, and referred to the Committee on Claims—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred several petitions and papers from the last Legislature, relating to the appointment of an inspector, made a report, asking to be discharged from farther consideration of the same, and recommending that they be referred to the Committee on Manufactures—was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, to which was referred an order relating to the expediency of amending chapter 89, section 6, of the laws of 1854, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to the increase of the permanent school fund of the State, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of same Committee, to which was referred bill "An act for the education of youth," that legislation thereon is inexpedient—were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order defining by law the meaning of the word "appurtenances," that legislation thereon is inexpedient—was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of R. S. Morse and others;

Also, same report on petition of Isaac Reed and others.

The reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, resolves, entitled

"Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, in the year 1855;"

Resolve in favor of S. S. Low;

"to abate a portion of the State tax of the town of Strong, and to add the same to the State tax of the town of New Vineyard—and the same were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, made like report on "Resolve in favor of J. K. Killsa"—which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. OAK, was laid on the table.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported bill "An act relating to the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford," with an amendment as per sheet annexed, marked "A."

The amendment was adopted, the bill read a second time, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GRAVES, from the Committee on Public Buildings, to which was referred an order relating to a new arrangement of seats in the Representatives' Hall, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of S. G. Bowes, reported "Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes."

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

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled "An act to make valid the doings of school district No. 1, in Madawaska Plantation, in the County of Aroostook;"

"An act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property;"

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Bangor House Proprietary" — and these bills were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the President, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve in favor of the town of Newburgh;

" in favor of Charles S. Crosby and Arvida Hayford— which were severally finally passed, signed by the President, and presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Petition of Benjamin Stinchfield and others, of Rockland, that the costs incurred in securing themselves against loss on account of Shipbuilders' Bank bills, be made preferred claims by law; also,

Petition of the Directors of Ellsworth Bank, for abatement of tax—were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of R. Woodhouse and others, for an alteration of the laws in relation to probate courts—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Paul S. Merrill and others, for an appropriation on the road from Greenville to the head of Chesuncook Lake—referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Ebenezer Brown and others, of Orland, for the preservation of fish in Eastern river—referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Jeremiah Merrill and others, of Westbrook and Falmouth, against the petition of William Buckman and others, for amendment of charter of East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company, and refer the same to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges—referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Claim of the Treasurer of Gilead, for bounty—referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Indigent Minister's Association"—was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to incorporate the West Androscoggin Agricultural and Horticultural Society"—referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Luce and Madawaska High School"—was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill "An act in relation to Directors of Corporations"—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill "An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes"—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the communication of the Governor, in relation to the claims of the State under the treaty of Washington, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, and that said Committee be directed to inquire and report what further legislation may be needful to obtain the early adjustment of all the treaty claims, and to receive the legal and equitable rights, and promote the prosperity of the French settlers on the St. John river—with Messrs. Hammatt of Howland, Littlefield of Alfred, Buxton of Warren, Fox of Portland, Foster of East Machias, Danforth of Gardiner, and Hichborn of Prospect, appointed on the part of the House—was read, and passed in concurrence—and Messrs. Chapman, Hersey and Connor, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to consider whether any legislation is necessary in relation to deposits made at the Suffolk Bank, by the banks in this State, and the redemption of their bills at Boston, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law, making it the duty of the Selectmen of towns, where military companies exist, to collect and secure for the State the arms and equipments of such companies, when they shall be disbanded;

That the papers in relation to the Portland & Oxford Central Railroad, be taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges;

That the Committee on the Militia be directed to ascertain what repairs are necessary to be made on the State Arsenal buildings at Bangor, in order to preserve the public property deposited therein;

That the petitions of the inhabitants of Waite and Talmadge plantations, in the County of Washington, asking for an act of incorporation, be taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns—were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill “An act to make valid the doings of school district No. 5, in the town of Otisfield”—that the same ought to pass—was accepted in concurrence, and the bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, “Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes”—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. OAK, from the Committee on the State Reform School, reported “Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.”

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

Mr. HALLOWELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the petition of John Attean and others; also an order requiring that Committee to report the amount paid in bounties to the Penobscot Indians the past year, together with the number of bushels of the several agricultural products, and whether bounties have been paid to persons not legally entitled to them, made a report as required, with bill “An act to regulate the duties of the Agent of the Penobscot Indians”—and on motion of Mr. SCAMMAN, the report and bill were laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Petition of Oliver Eveleth and J. H. Eveleth, for a grant of the lower Cancomgomac Falls, with eight hundred acres of land, for the purpose of aiding them in building saw and grist mills on said Falls ;

Petition of Ansel Smith and others, in aid of the same ;

“ “ Enoch Ford and others, for an appropriation for building and repairing the road from Greenville to the head of Chesuncook Lake ;

Petition of Henry T. Hildreth and others, for same ;

“ “ William Jameson, for extension of time to cut timber on State Lands—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of William P. Doughty and 20 others, in aid of petition of Ezra Tobie for a bank—was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of T. L. Stanton and 20 others, of North Monmouth, for the prevention of the destruction of foxes by poisons—referred to Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles W. and Rebecca Curtis, for a divorce—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Claim of James Nichols, for services rendered ;

“ “ the Treasurer of Alton, for bounty on bears — were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill “An act giving towns liens on vessels for taxes,” came up from the House, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The

Senate non-concurred, and referred the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act in relation to connections of Railroads"—was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Revised Statutes, chapter 18, section 10, that after the words "incidental charges," in the tenth line, it may read, "and if any owners of such pews or seats shall refuse to accept such monies, or consent to such sale, such owners shall not commence any action within thirty days after the time of said sale, or after the expiration of one year;"

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire what farther legislation is necessary in relation to the sale of unwholesome meats;

That the Committee on the State Library be directed to inquire into the expediency of re-publishing the Geological reports of the State, and report as soon as practicable;

That the Committee on the Militia be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 196 of the public laws of 1856;

That a bill, entitled "An act for the incorporation of the town of Waite, in the County of Washington," with the accompanying papers, if there are any, be taken from the files and laid before the Committee on Incorporation of Towns—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Judiciary Committee be requested to inquire what farther legislation, if any, is necessary to prevent misapplication of monies raised by towns for the support of schools, and report as they think expedient—was read, and on motion of Mr. HERRICK, the Senate non-concurred with the House in the passage of the order, and referred the same to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act enlarging the powers of Constables in the city of Calais"—was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill entitled "An act to make valid the doings of school district No. 5, in the town of Otisfield"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, "Resolve in favor of the State Reform School"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL presented the petition of Henry Upton, for a pension—which was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Ordered, That 500 copies of the report of the Bank Commissioners, made to the Legislature January 17, 1852, upon the subject of Free Banking, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Somerset delegation, to which was referred the petition of David White, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled "An act to amend the thirty-first section of the twenty-fifth chapter of the revised statutes, relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways"—and it was passed to be enacted, signed by the President, and presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, "Resolve in relation to bounty on cod fisheries"—which was finally passed, signed by the President, and presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Petition of Joseph Knapp and others;

“ “ Levi Hayes and others;

“ “ Henry Abbott, Jr., and others;

“ “ John C. Stockbridge and others—severally for a change of the law relative to the inspection of hops;

Petition of Elisha Chick and others, for the exchange and sale of corn, grain and meal by weight—severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of William E. Evans and others, for legislation in regard to Justices of the Peace;

Petition of Geo. L. Cox and others, for amendment of section 2 of chapter 123 of the public laws of 1844;

Petition of Francis Purington and others, for change of law relating to the settlement of paupers;

Petition of Lewis Silsby and others, that unpaid taxes of non-residents may be published in the local papers;

Petition of Selectmen of Oldtown, for the enactment of a law making the collection of non-resident taxes more sure and certain;

Petition of Ammi R. Mitchell and others, for alteration of the law relating to mortgages—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Arthur McArthur, Committee of Trustees of Limington Academy, for endowment;

Petition of Waterville College, for endowment of a professorship of chemistry;

Remonstrance of Hosea Hildreth and others, against the petition of B. Rackliff and others—were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of George Bridgman and others, in aid of the Portland & Oxford Central Railroad.

Remonstrance of city of Bath, against petition of Tallman Lowell and others—were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of William Mitchell and others, of Machiasport, for a charter for a marine railway—was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Paul S. Merrill and others, for an appropriation for a road in Shirley—referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of H. Green and others, for compensation to members of volunteer companies—referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Hopkins, to be indemnified for loss and damage—was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Thomas Moon and others, against setting off Falls Island from Trescott to Pembroke—was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Mousam River Bank, for increase of capital—was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of City Council of Rockland, that Rockland be made a half-shire town for Lincoln County—was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of Jonathan Spear and others, for a lien law to protect the rights of those furnishing rock for the manufacture of lime—was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of S. L. Hill and others, against the petition of Isaac N. Davis and others—was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering and amending the law granting bounty on bears and wolves, that the bounty of two dollars on bears be repealed, and the bounty on wolves be reduced to five dollars, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for an uniformity of school books throughout the State; and also of contracting with the publishers of such books as may be selected to furnish them for a given number of years, at a specific price, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee on the State Prison be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the number of officers of the prison for the better security of the prisoners in said prison—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Message from the Governor, transmitting a communication from George M. Weston, with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Claims under the treaty of Washington, in concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill entitled "An act enlarging the powers of Constables in the city of Calais," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Piscataquis delegation, to which was referred the petition of James Bell, Judge of Probate of Piscataquis County, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Charles W. and Rebecca Curtis, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of F. M. Sabine and others; also papers from the last Legislature, relating to the same subject, made a report asking to be discharged from further consideration thereof, and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred bill "An act respecting Judicial proceedings," reported that the said bill ought to pass. The report was accepted, and the bill was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. GRAVES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to inquire into the expediency of furnishing the surviving members of the constitutional convention, who framed the constitution of this State, with one copy each of the journal of that convention.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST presented the account of J. Y. McClintock, Sheriff of Waldo—which was referred to the Committee on Accounts. Also petition of Trustees of Lisbon Academy for aid—which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. HERSEY presented the petition of the Selectmen of Chester and others, that the lands reserved for schools in said town be made equal to other lands in said town—which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Mr. HALLOWELL presented petition of Phillis Russell for the conveyance to her, as heir of Phillis Rhode Island, of a lot of land in township No. 4, Indian Purchase.

And these several petitions, referred as above, were sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Thomas Oliver and others, was reconsidered and the report was recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourn, it be to three o'clock this afternoon.

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled "An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court," and the question being on the passage of the same to be enacted, on motion of Mr. SMITH, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was passed to be enacted in concurrence, as follows, viz :

YEAS. Messrs. Berry, Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hersey, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, Magoun, Oak, Ring, Scamman, Twitchell, Webb, West, Williams, Woodbury—25.

NAY. Mr. Smith—1.

And the bill having received the signature of the President, was transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented the petition of Antoinette L. Brown Blackwell, Lucy Stone, and Ernestine L. Rose, for laws to secure "woman's rights" — which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SQUIER of Hallowell.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill "An act respecting judicial proceedings"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Charles F. Barker and others;

Also, same report on petition of William Mitchell and others.

The reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred bill "An act to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company," reported the same in a new draft;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred bill "An act to incorporate the Indigent Minister Association," reported that the bill ought to pass.

And these reports were severally accepted.

The bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice returnable to present Legislature, on petition of Josiah A. Judkins and others;

Also, same report on petition of Joshua Jenks and others;

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Ebenezer C. Staples and others.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. OAK, the "Resolve in favor of J. K. Killsa," was taken from the table and recommitted.

Mr. RING presented the petition of John P. Carter, of Bluehill, for the protection of sheep and deer;

Mr. BROWN presented petition of Isaac Sturdivant, agent of the Cumberland Marine Railway Co.—which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. HALLOWELL presented petition of Samuel A. Gilman, for extension of time to cut timber on south half of township No. 2, Range 3—which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

And these several petitions were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PHINNEY asked leave to have his name recorded as voting in the affirmative on the bill, passed to be enacted yesterday, entitled "An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court;"

Mr. WALLACE made a like request, and

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN, their requests were severally granted.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Wilton Manufacturing Company, reported bill "An act to repeal an act to incorporate the Wilton Manufacturing Company."

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

Petition of James Bryant and others, of South Thomaston, for an act of incorporation—was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Howe, in aid of the petition of Henry Upton—was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled "An act enlarging the

powers of Constables in the City of Calais"—which was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Petition of Ira Keys and others, officers of the Washington Guards of Orland;

Petition of James B. Beedle and others;

“ of Ezra F. Beal and others;

“ of John A. Elder and others;

“ of James Mann and others;

“ of G. V. Farnham and others;

“ of John L. Hodsdon and others;

“ of John Carroll and others;

“ of G. J. Burns and others;

“ of Samuel L. Morris and others;

“ of William H. Garnsey and others;

“ of A. H. Kelsey and others;

“ of I. H. Weston and others;

“ of Samuel T. Beal and others;

“ of Maj. Gen. Wendell P. Smith and others;

“ of M. D. Lane and others;

“ of Officers of Portland Regiment—severally for a change of the Militia Law;

Petition of J. M. Mansfield, to be paid for injuries—were severally referred to the Committee on Militia, in concurrence.

Petition of N. A. Farwell and others;

“ of Knott Crockett and others;

Petition of John Bird and others ;

“ of Jonathan Spear and others ;

“ of Asa Crockett and others ;

“ of William Wilson and others ;

“ of Ephraim Perry and others ;

“ of C. R. Mallard and others ;

“ of Charles McLoon and others ;

“ of Joseph Farwell and others ;

“ of Samuel Rankin and others ;

“ of H. G. Berry and others, severally that Rockland be made a half-shire town of Lincoln County ;

Remonstrance of William Singer and others, against the same ;

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

Petition of F. W. Bran and others ;

“ of Joseph Springer and others ;

“ of C. E. Hayward and others ;

“ of Thomas Little and others, severally that the Municipal Court in Augusta may be abolished ;

Petition of Darius Alden and others, of Augusta, for alteration of their city charter ;

Petition of E. A. Fenderson and others, for amendment of city charter of Biddeford ;

Petition of Samuel G. Pike and others, for a reduction of the salary of the Judge of Police Court of Calais ;

Petition of James W. Davis and others, of Surry, for amendment of law in relation to advertising unpaid non-resident taxes ;

Petition of E. G. Bonner and others, for removal of the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court from Alfred to Saco—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Account of Daniel C. Emery against the State ;

Petition of city of Portland with account for supplies for troops in June, 1855—were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of G. A. Hudson, for protection against depredations of the Passamaquoddy Indians ;

Petition of Joseph Nicola and Tomar Sabattis, in relation to taking the census of the Penobscot Indians—were severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Petition of Directors of Ellsworth Bank for leave to surrender its charter ;

Petition of Directors of American Bank, for extension of time to pay capital stock—were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Inhabitants of Kingsbery, for an appropriation on a road ;

Petition of Inhabitants of Brighton, for an appropriation on a road ;

Petition of Greenleaf M. Fogg and others, for aid from the State to build a road from Greenbush to Lowell ;

Petition of William M. Drury and others, for aid in completing a road from the Kennebec River to Moosehead Lake—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Blanchard and others, proprietors of Custom House Wharf, Portland, for an act of incorporation ;

Petition of David Talbot and others, for an act to prohibit vessels from mooring during winter in the main passage of Rockport harbor—were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

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

Petition of Selectmen of Kingfield, for abatement of State tax—were severally referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Nickerson and others, for a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements—referred to the Committee on Plantation Affairs, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles R. Porter, for an appropriation to grade the ground and erect a fence around the King monument—referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, in concurrence.

Petition of R. G. Dennis and others, for incorporation of the Somerset and Franklin Agricultural Society—referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of Rufus Virgin and others, in aid of the Portland & Oxford Railroad—referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Daniel Jones and others, against the petition of inhabitants of Nobleboro'—referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of C. J. Fay and others, against the petition of Joseph Snow and others—referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Mary Rockwood, against the petition of Selectmen of Manchester—was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering and amending the law granting bounty on wolves, that the bounty of eight dollars be raised to ten dollars, and report by bill or otherwise—was read, and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Elijah Upton, Register of Probate of Sagadahoc County, for increase of salary—was referred to the Sagadahoc delegation, and the member from Webster, in concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Charles E. Ranlette and others ;

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Thomas Brastow and others ;

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order relative to requiring asses-

sors of cities, towns and plantations to procure the amount and estimated value of some of the principal agricultural products; also,

Same report on so much of the Governor's message as relates to agricultural chemistry;

Mr. GRAVES, from the Kennebec delegation, to which was referred the petition of the Register of Probate of Kennebec, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Robert Patterson, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred the petition of William E. Evans and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Also, like report on petition of Robert Woodhouse and others.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of William Wyman and others, for a law for the protection of cranberries, came up from the House referred to the Committee on Judiciary. On motion of Mr. HERRICK, the Senate non-concurred with the House, and referred the same to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of Johnson Rideout and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the City Insurance Company;"

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred an order in relation to the appointment of a commissioner to the Agricultural Exhibition at Paris, France, reported, "Resolve for the representation of Maine, in the Paris Exhibition of Agriculture in eighteen hundred and fifty-seven."

These reports were severally accepted, and the bill and resolve, severally once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Sagadahoc delegation to which was referred the petition of Charles R. Porter, Judge of Probate of Sagadahoc, reported the following, viz :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes be, and they are hereby directed to amend said Revision in the tenth title, chapter 115, third section, and eighth line, by inserting after the word "Sagadahoc" the words "three hundred dollars," instead of "two hundred dollars," so that it shall read "Sagadahoc three hundred dollars."

The report was accepted and the order was passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

An act to incorporate the Indigent Ministers Association ;

An act to repeal an act to incorporate the Wilton Manufacturing Company ;

An act to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company—which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting from taxation, for a limited time, certain property of any manufacturing corporation which shall actually invest a sum not less than thirty thousand dollars, in any town within this State.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, the rules was suspended, and the vote referring the communication of G. M. Weston and accompanying papers to the Committee on Judiciary, was reconsidered, and the same ordered to lie upon the table, and 350 copies printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. SMITH presented the petition of Edward Stevens, that the land agent be authorized to convey to him a lot of land in No. 11, R. 5—which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of Hollis Bowman and others, for an additional criminal term or terms of the S. J. Court in Penobscot County ;

Petition of Hatch & Thompson and others, that guards may be placed on slated roofs to prevent accidents from snow slides—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of John Goldthwait and others for restoration of town line between Manchester and Augusta ;

Petition of S. G. Stevens and others, to be set off from Glenburn to Levant—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel W. Bradley, for extention of time to cut timber on township No. 7, Range 16 ;

Remonstrance of William Lunt and others, against petition of C. T. Holland—were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Eliphalet Clark and others, for incorporation of a Manufacturing Company—was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Gray for an Academy—was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles H. Hall, that expenses incurred by him in removing a prisoner from the Reform School to Penobscot jail, be refunded—was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of S. M. Baker, for allowance of account—was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Cyrus Fenderson and others, in aid of the petition of R. S. Morse and others—was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of William Wirt Virgin and others, for compensation to uniformed volunteer companies—was referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. P. Boyd and others, against repealing the ninth section of chapter 651 of the laws of 1856, came up from the House referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, the Senate non-concurred, and the remonstrance was laid on the table.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy," was referred, in concurrence, to the Committee on Education.

Orders from the House,

That the Secretary of State cause to be printed as soon as may be, 500 copies of the law entitled "An act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property," approved Feb. 16, 1857; and that the Secretary be requested to send twenty-five copies of the same to the high sheriff of each county, with instructions to place one copy in the hands of each deputy sheriff;

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the permanent school fund of this State by appropriating thereto, a per centum of the annual proceeds which shall hereafter accrue from the sales of the public lands;

That the petition of J. V. Putnam and others, citizens of the incorporated towns in the county of Aroostook, praying that all plantations organized for election purposes, that contain a sufficient number of inhabitants, may be incorporated into towns; and for retrenchment of county expenses, together with the draft of a bill to

promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements, and accompanying papers relating thereto, be taken from the files of last year and referred to the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred an order directing an inquiry into the expediency of amending the laws in relation to plantations—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of G. W. Smith and others, with "Resolve in favor of G. W. Smith," was read and recommitted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the report of A. T. Wheelock, Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition, that the same be placed on file—was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice on petition of Thomas Oliver and others, came up from the House amended by striking out the word "eighth" and inserting instead the word "tenth." The Senate receded from their former vote recommitting said report, adopted the amendment of the House, and as amended, accepted the report in concurrence.

Bill "An act relating to the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford," came up from the House amended as per sheet annexed marked "B." The Senate receded from its former vote passing this bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the House, and as amended, passed the same to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported order of notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of city council of Rockland.

Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Henry Upton, reported, "Resolve in favor of Henry Upton."

The report was accepted. Resolve once read and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill "An act to incorporate the City Insurance Company," also,

"Resolve for the representation of Maine in the Paris Exhibition of Agriculture in 1857"—which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on the Library, to which was referred the petition of Edward C. Parks, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, presented the petition of Thomas D. Boyd and others, for an insolvent law—which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GRAVES, by leave introduced bill, "An act in addition to chapter 245 of the public laws of 1852," and the same was referred to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. COLBY, of Augusta.

Petition of Benjamin Chadbourne, for a pension ;

“ of William A. Harvey and others, in aid of the same, came up from the House referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, the Senate non-concurred and referred the same to the next Legislature, under the rules.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of David S. Plumly and others, for an insolvent law ;

Bill “ An act additional to the sixty-ninth chapter of the revised statutes ”—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting documents relating to the claim of Abiel McAlister, was received, and the papers were referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to prepare and report to this House, a bill fixing the necessary number of Bank Commissioners, their compensation, and authorizing the Governor and Council to draw warrants for the same—was read, and, on motion of Mr. HERRICK, was amended by striking out of the first line the word “ Judiciary,” and inserting instead the words “ Banks and Banking.” As amended, the order was passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation may be necessary to compel the repayment of taxes, when real estate is redeemed from the levy of an execution, by those who may redeem the same ;

That the Committee on the Militia be directed to designate one member of said Committee to visit Bangor and ascertain what repairs, if any, are necessary to be made on the State Arsenal buildings, located in that place, in order to preserve the public property deposited therein—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of John P. Carter and others, came back from the House, that branch having non-concurred with the Senate in its reference to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred the same to the Committee on Agriculture. The Senate receded and concurred with the House in their reference of the petition to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Antoinette L. Brown Blackwell, Lucy Stone, and Ernestine L. Rose, came back from the House, that branch having non-concurred with the Senate in referring it to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred the same to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Talbot of Lubec, Pearson of Machias, Parlin of Winthrop, Allen of Thomaston, Buxton of Warren, Brown of Solon, Brown of Milford, Milliken of Camden, Pierce of Montville, and Murch of Dayton, on the part of the House.

The Senate receded from their former vote, and referred to a Select Committee, in concurrence, and Messrs. Davis, Chapman, Herrick, Chandler and Hobbs, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Bill "An act to incorporate the St. Croix Insurance Company" was re-committed to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Bill "An act relating to property of deceased married women" was re-committed to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Finance, with bill "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill was once read and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Moore and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petition of Benjamin Litchfield and others, ordering notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of the York and Cumberland Rail Road Company, ordering notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Andrew J. Donnell and others, ordering notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to increase of fees of Justices of the Peace, that legislation thereon is inexpedient—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment,

“Resolve in favor of Henry Upton”—which was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

Bill "An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings," came up from the House amended, as per sheet annexed marked "A," and, as amended, re-committed to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges—the Senate adopted the amendment of the House, and re-committed the bill in concurrence.

Bill "An act to authorize the business of banking," came up from the House referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Copp of Liberty, Stone of Brewer; Woodman of Bucksport, Morrison of Farmington, Strickland of Bangor, Tolman of Rockland, and Merrill of Harmony, with such as the Senate may join.

The Senate concurred, and joined Messrs. Hallowell, Smith and McGilvery.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of either increasing or discontinuing the appropriation now made for Teachers' Conventions;

That the Committee on State Lands and State Reads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for a survey of a railroad route from Lincoln to some point on the Aroostook river, best calculated to promote the interests of the State;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 33 of the public laws of 1847, and chapter 79 of the laws of 1848, that any person or corporation aggrieved by the decision of the board of examiners, or by the neglect or refusal of such board to examine and decide any case of insanity in their towns, may have a hearing before three justices of the peace and quorum, to be selected as set forth in section 9, chapter 33 of the laws of 1847, and the third to be appointed by the two justices chosen as aforesaid, or to be selected in such other manner as shall preserve the rights of all parties;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of farther legislation to provide for the appointment of guardians to insane married women, who are possessed of property in their own right, in cases where the husband is not able to support the wife, and is not fit to be, or will not be appointed her guardian ;

That the Committee on the Insane Hospital be directed to consider the expediency of repealing chapter 268 of the statutes of 1856, providing for the partial support of insane paupers, by the State, otherwise, of so amending the act that the entire support of such paupers may be charged to the State—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Phippsburg, against the petition of Thomas Oliver and others — was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred petition of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the M. E. Church, with bill “ An act to change the name of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church ;”

Report of the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of the inhabitants of 1st school district in Bucksport, with bill “ An act in addition to an act to enable the 1st school district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R. Folsom ;”

Report of same Committee, with bill “ An act in relation to directors of corporations ;”

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, with bill “ An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company,” passed August 14, 1849 ;

Report of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred “ Resolve abating the tax of the town of Litchfield, and assessing the same upon the town of West Gardiner,” that the same ought to pass—were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills and resolve were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Library, to which was referred bill "An act providing for a State Librarian, and defining his duties," that the same ought not to pass—was accepted, in concurrence.

Report of same Committee, to which was referred an order respecting the disposition of certain public documents, with the following order, viz :

Ordered, That, the Senate concurring, the copies in the library of the second annual report, of the Superintendent of Common Schools, and of the report and resolves of the Legislature of 1847, respecting International Literary Exchanges, be distributed among the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, in the proportion indicated by the 11th joint rule of the two houses.

The report was accepted, and the order passed in concurrence.

Mr. SMITH, by leave introduced "Resolve for the encouragement of building mills in township Letter C, Range 1"—which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported titles seven, titles to property; and ten, salaries and compensations; and recommending that the said titles be passed to be engrossed, and further recommending that the other titles be passed in the same manner, as the Committee are able to report, and that after engrossment, all the titles be consolidated into one act.

The report was accepted, and said titles were once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of D. G. Cook and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MCGILVERY asked leave to have his vote recorded in the affirmative on the final passage of bill "An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court,"—and leave was granted.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, the "Resolve in favor of Henry Upton" was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of giving additional jurisdiction to justices of the peace; also of increasing the duty on the commissions of same, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Simon Collins and others;

" of O. L. Currier and others, severally against being set off from New Sharon to Industry—were referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill entitled "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," which was read a second time and, on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, was laid on the table.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled "An act to make valid the doings of school district number five in the town of Otisfield."

"An act relating to the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford."

"An act to incorporate the Royal River Manufacturing Company," and the same were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the President, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

Petition of Josiah Penly and others, for a law to prohibit the exhibition of circuses — was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Willard Clapp and others, for an insolvent law—was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of Phippsburg, against the petition of Tallman Lowell and others—referred in concurrence to the Committee on Rail Roads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Nathaniel Hanscom for a pension—was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence, the joint order being suspended for the purpose.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of Industry;

“ of Nathan Cutler, severally against the petition of Luther Luce and others—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 250, of the laws of 1856, entitled “An act regulating conveyances by married women;”

That the same committee be directed to report an amendment to section second of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, by substituting the words, “every three years,” in place of “annually,” in the second section, thereby making county treasurers elected for three years, instead of one as now provided;

That the Committee on Education, be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the school laws of this State, that all money for the support of schools may be divided among the school

districts, not in proportion to the number of scholars, but in proportion to the average attendance for the previous year—were severally read and passed in concurrence.

The order reported by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, that the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, be and they are hereby directed to amend said revision in the 10th title, 115th chapter, 3d section, and 8th line, by inserting after the word Sagadahoc the words “three hundred dollars,” instead of two hundred dollars, so that it shall read, “Sagadahoc three hundred dollars,” came back from the House recommitted.

The Senate receded from its former vote passing the order, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to increasing the pay of witnesses and jurors, was recommitted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of the Treasurer of Cutler, with “Resolve for the abatement of the State tax on the town of Cutler;”

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred petition of C. H. Waterhouse and others, with bill “An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company”—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The resolve and bill were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

A message was received from the Governor, by ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., Secretary of State, as follows:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

As it will become necessary on the 4th proximo, to enter upon the duties of Senator in Congress, conferred on me in your kindness and confidence, and for which I desire to express my grateful acknowledgements, I hereby resign the office of Governor, to take effect on the 26th instant.

H. HAMLIN.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
February 25, 1857. }

Which was read, and sent down.

Petition of inhabitants of No. 11, Range 5, in aid of the petition of Edward Stevens—was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred petition of E. A. Fenderson and others, with bill "An act to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford," was accepted, in concurrence.

The bill was read twice, the rules being suspended for that purpose, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill "An act in relation to wills," reported the same in a new draft.

Report was accepted, bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Nathaniel Blanchard and others;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred bill "An act giving towns liens on vessels for taxes," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, be instructed to inquire if further legislation is necessary for the protection of the citizens of this State against any fraudulent or insolvent insurance companies out of this State.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bills and resolve, entitled "An act to change the name of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church ;"

"An act in addition to an act to enable the first school district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R. Folsom ;"

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company," passed August 14, 1849;

"An act in relation to Directors of Corporations;"

Resolve abating the State tax of the town of Litchfield and assessing the same upon the town of West Gardiner—which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same committee, reported without amendment title 7, titles to property; title 10, salaries and compensations, of the revision of the statutes—and these titles were severally read a second time, title 10 was amended as per sheet annexed marked "A," and as amended, both titles were passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, presented the petition of William Wirt Virgin and others, for an insolvent law—which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported bill "An act repealing all acts relating to the inspection of hops." The report was accepted, and the bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, by leave, introduced "Resolves respecting French Spoliations"—which were read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, be required to consider so much of the Governor's address as relates to the expediency of providing by law, for the better security of the public against any emergency that may arise in consequence of the transfer of railroad shares to private individuals, thereby exonerating the shareholders from any board of officers, and leaving the public without protection from losses or damages which may be sustained in consequence of gross neglect or want of suitable means of conveyance, thereby hazarding the lives and property of the public, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN, .

Ordered, That the Committee on the State Reform School, be directed to inquire into the expediency of furnishing four copies of Colton's General Atlas, for the use of the State Reform School.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM, of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Honorable Executive Council, informing that body that the Hon. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, has officially transmitted to the Senate, by the Secretary of State, his resignation of the office of Governor, that a vacancy now exists in that office, and by the provisions of the constitution, the exercise of the office of Governor now devolves upon the Hon. JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS, President of the Senate; and that, in obedience to the requisitions of the constitution, he will forthwith enter upon the discharge of the duties of Governor.

Mr. JONES was charged with the message, and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he had been charged, and that the Hon. Executive Council were pleased to say that they were now in session, ready to receive the Hon. JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS, as acting Governor of the State of Maine.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Ordered, that ——— be a Committee to accompany the Hon. JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS, President of the Senate, to the Chamber of the Executive Council, that he may there enter upon the exercise of the duties pertaining to the office of Governor.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY, the blank in the foregoing order was filled with the name of Hon. DAVID C. MAGOUN, Senator from Lincoln.

The PRESIDENT, previous to vacating the chair, addressed the Senate as follows :

Senators : The office of Governor having become vacant by the resignation of him whom the people honored by an election to that station, the constitution of the state requires me, as President of the Senate, to occupy the Executive chair until another Governor shall be duly qualified. My duties as your presiding officer, therefore, are henceforth suspended.

I cannot, however, break off my official connection with you, and withdraw from the Senate chamber, without publicly acknowledging the decorum which has characterized all your deliberations at this Board, and also expressing my grateful sense of the courtesy which you have constantly manifested towards me. The period of our co-operation in this branch of the Legislature has been comparatively brief; but it has sufficed to establish between us relations of mutual confidence and personal regard, which I hope may outlive the fleeting hours of our public intercourse, and which I am sure will always be to me a source of pleasing retrospection.

Whatever may be the responsibilities which invest the station to which by our organic law I am now transferred, I shall bear with me the conviction, that I may confidently look to my associates here for a candid consideration, and an indulgent judgment, of all my executive acts. With this comfortable assurance, which I presume to feel, and which already abates somewhat of my self-distrust, I proceed to undertake the exercise of "the supreme executive power of the State," for the remainder of my senatorial term; and in now retiring hence for that purpose, I leave with every member and officer of this Board a sincere and affectionate farewell.

After which, accompanied by Hon. DAVID C. MAGOUN, the President repaired to the Chamber of the Executive Council, and

Subsequently Mr. MAGOUN reported that the Hon. JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS had formally entered upon the discharge of his duties as acting Governor of the State.

Mr. SMITH rose and said —

Mr. Secretary: I hold in my hand a resolution which I desire to submit, not as a matter of form, but as an act of justice to our late presiding officer, — as a tribute eminently due to him for the faithful and dignified manner in which he has discharged his official duties :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to the Hon. JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS, for the able, impartial and courteous manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body during his occupancy of the Chair.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the vote on this resolution was taken by Senators rising. The Resolve was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. HERRICK,

Messrs. Herrick, West and Smith, were appointed by the secretary, a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a President of the Senate, *pro tempore*. Having attended to the duty assigned them, the committee reported as follows, (the return of the Senate by Mr. Hersey being 28:)

That the whole number of ballots is	28
Necessary for a choice,	15
Hiram Chapman has	16
Seth Scamman has	10
David C. Magoun has	1
George W. Smith has	1

The report was accepted, and the Hon. HIRAM CHAPMAN was declared duly elected President *pro tempore* of the Senate.

Mr. Chapman being conducted to the chair by Mr. SMITH, of Aroostook, addressed the Senate, as follows :

SENATORS:—I sincerely thank you for this expression of your partiality. I accept the honorable position to which you have chosen me, and shall labor earnestly to deserve the confidence reposed in me by an impartial discharge, to the best of my ability, of the duties devolving upon me.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, that Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that body that

the Hon. Hiram Chapman has been elected President *pro tempore* of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS, that Senator was charged with a similar message to the Governor and Council.

Both Senators subsequently reported to the Senate, that they had attended to the duties assigned them, respectively.

Petition of W. G. Davis and others;

“ of D. Elliot and others;

“ of officers of the Brunswick L. I. Company, severally for a change of the militia law—were severally referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Petition of William Kilburn and others, for change of law in relation to residence of paupers;

Bill “An act in relation to Justices of the Peace,”—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Tyler Rice and Sons;

“ of S. R. Porter and others, severally for an insolvent law;

Remonstrance of Gullifer and Gilman, and others, against the same—were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of J. J. Royal and others, for a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements—referred to the Committee on Plantation Affairs, in concurrence.

Petition of Hancock Bank, for increase of capital—was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Shepard Bean and others, against petition of John Tobin and others—was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish, for the information of the Legislature, a detailed account of the expenditures under the three following items, in the appropriation act of 1856, viz: Clerk hire, contingent fund of the Governor and Council, and

the contingent fund of the treasurer, showing to whom and when paid, for what services the amount claimed, and the amount allowed;

That the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred an order respecting plantations, be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the law, requiring towns to relieve persons falling into distress in adjoining unincorporated places;

That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the pension now paid to Peter S. Folsom—were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, for the year 1855; also,

Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes—were severally re-committed to the Committee on Claims, for a statement of facts, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on County Estimates, with "Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in the State;"

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, with "Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians;"

Report of the same Committee, with "Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians"—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The resolves were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relative to amending chapter 18, section 10, of the revised statutes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient—was accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve to abate a portion of the State tax of the town of Strong, and to add the same to the town of New Vineyard—was re-committed to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred the petition of Isaac Sturdivant and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present legislature. The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Silas Coburn, Jr., and another—reported “Resolve in favor of Silas Coburn, Jr., and Bela H. Chesley.”

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

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported bill “An act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company”;

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Horace Mixer, reported bill “An act to set off a part of the homestead of Horace Mixer from Sedgwick and annex the same to Penobscot”;

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported bill “An act granting further powers and privileges to Agricultural and Horticultural Societies.”

And these reports were severally accepted in concurrence; bills severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. LOTHROP, from Committee on Agriculture, reported bill “An act to amend an act entitled An act to establish a Board of Agriculture.” The report was accepted, bill was once read, and, on motion of Mr. LOTHROP, was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Rail Roads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of Tallman Lowell and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of William B. Hayford and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to present Legislature. The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

“An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company.”

Also, Resolve for abatement of State Tax on the town of Cutler ; which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Also, “Resolve respecting French Spoliations,” which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Also, bill “An act in relation to wills,” which was read a second time and re-committed to the Committee on Bills in Second Reading.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported statement of facts relative to the “Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes.” The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice on petition of S. G. Stevens and others ; also, same report on petition of Charles Cayford.

The reports were severally accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled :

“An act to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford ;”

“An act respecting judicial proceedings”—which were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

“Resolve for the payment of certain persons in attendance upon the Board of Agriculture”—which was finally passed, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

Petition of Thomas B. Moore to be set off from Littleton to Houlton;

Remonstrance of Edward Staples and 95 others, of Farmington, against the petition of Luther Luce and others—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Lemuel N. Tracy and others, inhabitants of incorporated towns in Aroostook County, for an act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements—was referred to the Committee on Plantation Affairs, in concurrence.

Petition of Smith Barber and others, for an amendment of the law regulating the settlement of paupers—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Remonstrance from the town of Thomaston, against the removal of the county buildings of Lincoln County—was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Claim of Eben Trafton, for bounties on bears—was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Claim of the town of Moscow, for the conveyance of insane paupers to the Insane Hospital;

Petition of Columbus Crockett, for remuneration for money paid and services rendered in the *Aroostook War*—were severally referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the laws relating to the inspection of butter and lard, flax seed, pressed hay and other agricultural products, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the same Committee be required to look into the expediency of passing an act providing for bounty on crows, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the petition of A. C. Buffam and others, and all the accompanying papers, providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to an uniformity of school books throughout the State—was accepted, in concurrence.

Title ten, of the revision, came back from the House, that branch having refused to adopt the amendment of the Senate, as per sheet annexed, marked "A." The Senate receded from their former vote, passing the title, as amended, to be engrossed—concurred with the House in rejecting the amendment, and passed the title to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, reported "Resolve authorizing the payment of school money to Hancock plantation, in the County of Aroostook;"

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported "Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield, for the support and commitment of a foreign insane pauper"—and these reports were severally accepted.

The resolves were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Daniel Hopkins, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Also, same report on claim of Robert Martin—and these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of Moses Gould and

others, reported bill "An act to authorize the construction of a railroad around the north side of the city of Portland."

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

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was recommitted bill "An act additional to chapter 104 of the public laws of 1854, entitled An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Arthur L. Grant, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Also, same report on petition of Hannah Murphy;

Mr. PHINNEY, from the Committee on the Militia, to which was committed an order relating to the repeal of chapter 196 of the public laws of 1856, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. BURBANK, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, to which was referred the petition of the Overseers of the Poor of Blanchard, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Lewis D. Moore, Deputy Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution the second annual report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, and the report and resolves of the Legislature of 1847, respecting international exchanges, in compliance with an order of the 21st inst.

Mr. RING presented the remonstrance of John Saunders, of Trescott, against setting off Mahars Island from Trescott to Pembroke—which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN presented the petition of Henry C. Lovell and 110 others, that interest on contracts secured by mortgage on real estate, not exceeding 7 per cent., may be legal—which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of Industry, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of J. H. Clarke and others, reported bill "An act to set off a portion of plantation No. 10, and annex the same to the town of Franklin."

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

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill entitled "An act in relation to wills"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the 22d section of chapter 106 of the revised statutes, as to permit administrators, executors and guardians, when they shall reside more than ten miles from the place where a court of probate shall be holden in any county, to make oath to their inventories before some justice of the peace.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN,

Ordered, That the sessions of the Senate be at 10 o'clock, A. M., until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, bill "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act in relation to Directors of Corporations," having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and

strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President pro tem., and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Petition of John C. Cummings and others, of Letter C, Range 1, Aroostook County, in aid of the petition of Isaac Wortman, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Association"—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing jury fees, and report by bill or otherwise—was read, and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relative to altering chapter 25 of the revised statutes, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommended an order in relation to increasing the pay of witnesses and jurors—that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill, "An act respecting the redemption of lands sold for taxes," that the said bill ought to pass. The report was accepted in con-

currence; the bill was read once, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Thomas J. Haines and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Ellsworth Bank;

Report of the Oxford Delegation, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Thomas Brown, Judge of Probate of Oxford county—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. BROWN, by leave, introduced bill, "An act to extend the time allowed the Atlantic Bank to close its concerns," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BROWN, the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of York and Cumberland Railroad Company, was reconsidered and amended by striking out the word "ten" and inserting instead, the word "eight"—also, by striking out the word "tenth" and inserting instead, the word "thirteenth"—as amended, the report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed an order relating to prohibition of Circus Exhibitions—reported that legislation thereon, is inexpedient;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was committed an order relating to the protection of bona-fide creditors and stockholders of corporations, made a report, recommending that the said order be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of D. Stewart and others; of Samuel Smiley and others; and of Joseph Perley and others—reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. BURBANK, from the Cumberland Delegation, reported leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. B. Holden;—and these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

“An act granting further powers and privileges to Agricultural and Horticultural Societies;”

“ “ “ to set off part of the homestead of Horace Mixer from Sedgwick, and annex the same to Penobscot;”

“ “ “ to authorize the construction of a Railroad around the north side of the city of Portland;”

“ “ “ for the further extension of the Bangor Boom Company”—with an amendment as per sheet annexed marked “A”—which amendment was adopted.

Also, “Resolve in favor of Silas Coburn, jr. and B. H. Chesley;”

“ “ “ “ the town of Cherryfield for the support and commitment of a foreign insane pauper;

“ authorizing the payment of School money to Hancock plantation in the county of Aroostook—which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment;

“Resolve to promote the Education of the Penobscot Indians;”

“ “ in favor of the Penobscot Indians;”

“ “ “ “ “ Passamaquoddy Indians”—and the same were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A communication was received from Alden Jackson, Esq., Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution, an Abstract of the Semi-Annual Returns of Banks.

Mr. SCAMMAN, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported “Title Twelve of the Revision, entitled Public Institutions for the punishment and reform of Criminals, and the care and cure of the Insane.” The report was accepted. The title was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary,

be directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the law, in relation to the choice of Selectmen and Assessors, as to require such officers to be chosen and to hold their offices in the same manner as Superintending School Committees are now chosen and hold their offices.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported order of notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Benjamin B. Benson and others.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government;

“ “ additional to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company, passed August 14, 1849;

“ “ to incorporate the City Insurance Company;

“ “ to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

“ “ to extend the time allowed the Atlantic Bank to close its concerns;

“ “ to change the name of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church;

and these bills were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, Resolves entitled

Resolve for the representation of Maine in the Paris Exhibition of Agriculture in 1857;

“ abating tax of the town of Litchfield, and assessing the same upon the town of West Gardiner;

“ in favor of S. S. Low;

which were severally finally passed in concurrence. And these bills and resolves having been severally signed by the President *pro tem*. were transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Petition of Selectmen of Mount Desert and Tremont, to amend act of incorporation of the town of Tremont—was referred in concurrence, to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Remonstrance of P. G. Eaton and others, against the division of town of Prospect, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Hannah Murphy, came up from the House recommitted.

The Senate receded from their former vote, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, with "Resolve in favor of Ellsworth Bank;"

Report of the Committee on Finance, with bill "An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1857"—were severally accepted in concurrence, and the resolve and bill were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what legislation is necessary to make married women, doing business in their own name, or on their own account, liable for their accounts, notes and contracts, and report by bill or otherwise—was read, and passed in concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented the petition of Eben Hilton and others, for additional enactments relative to liens on ships—which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred an order relating to a normal school, reported bill "An act for the establishment of a State Normal School."

The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. SARGENT, the bill was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. WEBB,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that all creditors shall be entitled to interest on accounts of more than six months standing.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of Lucie A. Hunt and others;

" " Isabel Butterfield and others, severally for a law to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks—were severally referred to the Committee on Prohibitory Liquor Law, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Ezekiel Brown and others, of Carroll;

" " James Butterfield and others, of Springfield;

" " James Cooper and others, of No. 7, Range 5—severally against the petition of John Tobie and others—were referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company"—was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Revision of the Laws be required to strike out of the title first, chapter six, section 118, line 7, the words "and seal"—was read, and passed in concurrence.

Mr. BURBANK, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, to which was committed an order relating to the repeal of chapter 268 of the statutes of 1856, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR presented the petition of Going Hathorn, for repeal of an act approved April 9, 1856—which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Vacancies having occurred in several committees by the election of Mr. Chapman, President *pro tem.*, the following gentlemen were announced by the President *pro tem.* to fill said vacancies, viz:

On the Judiciary,	Mr. Jones.
On Division of Towns,	Mr. Hobbs.
On Revision of the Statutes,	Mr. West.
On Claims vs. the United States,	Mr. Davis.
On the Joint Select Committee on petition of Antoinette L. B. Blackwell and others,	Mr. Webb.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill entitled "An act respecting the redemption of land sold for taxes"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from same Committee, reported without amendment, "Resolve in favor of Ellsworth Bank"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to set off a portion of plantation No. 10, and annex the same to the town of Franklin," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, by leave, introduced a bill entitled "An act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons, issued by railroad corporations"—which was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported title twelve of the revision, entitled "Public institutions for the punishment and reform of criminals, and the care and cure of the insane," with an amendment, as per sheet annexed marked "A."

The amendment was adopted, and the title was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the same Committee, reported without amendment, bill "An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1857"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Gay and 45 others, for alteration of law relating to ways—was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, by leave, introduced bill "An act additional to chapter 159 of the public laws, passed A. D. 1845"—which was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. MAGOUN presented the petition of William M. Reed and 121 others, to be incorporated to build a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath—which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Sagadahoc delegation, to which was re-committed their report on petition of Charles R. Porter, Judge of Probate of Sagadahoc, reported bill "An act establishing the salary of the Judge of Probate for Sagadahoc County."

The report was accepted, and the bill was twice read, the rules being suspended for that purpose, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

“An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company;”

“An act to repeal an act to incorporate the Wilton Manufacturing Company;”

“An act to incorporate the Indigent Ministers’ Relief Association;”

“An act in addition to an act to enable the first school district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R. Folsom ”
—and these bills were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians ;

“ in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians ;

“ for abatement of the State tax on the town of Cutler ;

“ in favor of the State Reform School—which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Petition of John Baker, for remuneration for services and losses in the Aroostook troubles—was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill “An act relating to certain officers of town and other corporations—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill “An act to amend an act for the better security of the monies in the State treasury”—referred to the Committee on Increase of Salaries;

Bill “An act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company”—referred to the Committee on Manufactures—were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what, if any, further legislation is necessary relating to the law of evidence, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of Charles Gay and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed an order relating to conveyances, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Henry C. Pierce and others, and of Joshua Hilton and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of David Talbot and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature. And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, "Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in the State"—which was read a second time, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A," and as amended, on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, was laid on the table.

Mr. WOODBURY, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill "An act additional to chapter 159 of the public laws, passed A. D. 1845"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON presented the petition of Jotham S. Dyer and others, for increase of bounty on wolves, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed an order in relation to mortgages, and also in relation to the sale of timber on lands reserved for public use, reported bill "An act relating to attachments."

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

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of Cyrus McKown and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company."

The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. WEBB, the bill was laid on the table, and 350 copies of the same ordered to be printed.

Mr. SCAMMAN, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported "Title three, regulations connected with trade"—which was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN, bill "An act to regulate the duties of the agent of the Penobscot Indians," was taken from the table, read a second time, and was again ordered to lie on the table, on motion of Mr. HALLOWELL.

Adjourned.

. JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Hallowell.

Petition of J. B. Cahoon and others of Portland, for amendment of city charter;

Petition of Lewis Williams and another, for a law to close up copartnerships when one of the partners lives out of the State;

Petition of S. F. Perley and others, in aid of the petition relating to Meteorological Observations;

Remonstrance of Daniel Wooster and others, against petition of William Frye and others; were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of James Babb and others;

“ of S. Glidden and others—severally against the petition of inhabitants of Nobleborough; were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of E. Ham and others, in aid of the petition of J. Lowell and others; referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, the assize of bread offered, or intended to be offered for sale in the market,—and that they be directed to report by bill or otherwise;

That the same Committee be directed to inquire whether any and what alterations in chapter 277 of the public laws of the year 1856, relating to electors and elections, be expedient, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the same Committee be instructed to consider the expediency of amending chapter 28 of the second revision of the laws, respecting tippling shops, by inserting after the word "plantations" in the fifth line of the sixth section, the following, to wit: "under such restrictions and regulations as they may deem necessary," and report as they may deem expedient;

That the Committee on the Militia be required to report to the Legislature the total cost to the treasury of the State, of the Military Department of the Government for the last year, including the expense of the Adjutant General's office;

That the petition of Arthur McArthur and others, for an endowment for Limington Academy, with the accompanying papers, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Education;

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, to which was committed an order relating to the management of the Cumberland Agricultural Society for the year 1856—accompanied by "Resolve in favor of the Cumberland County Agricultural Society";

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitting a "Resolve to promote the education of the Passamaquoddy Indians"—were severally accepted in concurrence.

The resolves were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield, for the support and commitment of a foreign insane pauper," came up from the House, recommitted for a Statement of Facts.

The Senate concurred.

Remonstrance of Darius Forbes and others;

" of Benjamin Richards and others; severally against the petition of Jason Hilborn and others; were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. WILCOX, its Clerk, informing the Senate, that the House has received and entered upon its journals, a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed public acts, as follows:

An act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property. Approved February 16, 1857.

“ “ to amend the 31st section of chapter 25 of the revised statutes. Approved February 17, 1857.

“ “ in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court. Approved February 18, 1857.

“ “ relating to the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford. Approved February 25, 1857.

“ “ in relation to Directors of Corporations;

“ “ respecting judicial proceedings; severally approved February 27, 1857.

Mr. HALLOWELL presented the remonstrance of John S. Ayer and others, business men of Bangor, against granting new bank charters, and against renewal of bank charters with capital stock of less than one hundred thousand dollars, which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred petition of Trustees of Corinna Academy, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Also, same report, on petition of Moses G. Rollins and others; and these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill

“An act relating to Attachments”;

Also, Title Three, of the revision, entitled “Regulations connected with trade”;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMAN, from the Committee on the Revision of Statutes, reported Title Eight, of the revision, “Judicial Courts, County Commissioners, and officers connected with them”;

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

Petition of Samuel S. Lambert and others, for a prohibitory Liquor law, was referred to Committee having that subject under consideration, in concurrence.

Petition of Darius Forbes, Thomas Mabry, and E. G. Buxton, for pay for services rendered the State in 1855, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Bryant and others, for alteration of the law in relation to mill dams, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act authorizing the County Commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Thomas B. Moore, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Isaac N. Davis and others;

Also, same report, on petition of Nathaniel Brackett and others;

Also, same report, on petition of Selectmen of Manchester.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of St. Albans Academy, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of J. F. Chapman and others, reported bill, "An act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company": The report was accepted, the bill was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMAN, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported "Resolve to repeal a part of a resolve, approved March 16, 1855." The report was accepted, and the resolve was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves, entitled

Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes ;

“ “ “ “ Ellsworth Bank ;

“ respecting French Spoliations ;

“ to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians ;

which were severally finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, *pro tem.*, were transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Petition of Aaron Adams and others, for an act to enable the town of Harpswell to build a road across tide waters, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of Zetham F. Berry and others, in aid of the petition of Wilson Hichborn and others, referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill, “An act to provide for the trial of capital cases,” was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. HALLOWELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of A. C. Buffam and others, reported “Resolve providing for the appointment of Commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater Stream” ;

Mr. BURBANK, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of South Thomaston, reported “Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston” ;

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the claim of George A. Fairfield, reported "Resolve in favor of George A. Fairfield";

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of E. G. Buxton and others, reported "Resolve in favor of E. G. Buxton and others";

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Harriet N. Doe, reported "Resolve in favor of Harriet N. Doe";

And these reports were severally accepted. The resolves were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Same Senator from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Charles H. Hall, reported "Resolve in favor of Charles H. Hall."

The reports was accepted. The resolve was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Columbus Crockett, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Also, same made report on petition of Abiel McAllister.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Joseph Snow and others, reported bill, "An act to incorporate the town of Winn";

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed an order relating to sale of unwholesome meats, reported bill, "An act additional to chapter 163 of the Revised Statutes";

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which were referred petition of Crosby and others, reported bill, "An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs in cities and villages";

And these reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, resolves, entitled

Resolve to repeal a part of a resolve, approved March 16, 1855; which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also, resolve in favor of Cumberland County Agricultural Society;

Also, resolve to promote the Education of the Passamaquoddy Indians—which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed an order relating to bounties on wild animals, made a report, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

Mr. HERRICK, from same Committee, to which was committed an order relating to amendment of the pauper law of 1846, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Also, same report, on order relating to the amendment of the Constitution, so as to make certain officers elective by the people;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Webb, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES presented remonstrance of John N. Goodwin and others, against the repeal of the 9th section of chapter 651, of Laws of 1856, which was read and laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred bill, "An act to repeal the 9th section of an act authorizing the consolidation of certain Railroad Corporations"; that the bill ought to pass—was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was read, and Wednesday, the 11th instant, at 11 o'clock, A. M., was assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to

which was recommitted "Resolve in favor of G. W. Smith", reported the same in a new draft, entitled "Resolve in relation to township L, range 2". The report was accepted, the resolve was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "An act additional to an act to provide in part for the expenditures of Government", was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN, bill, "An act to amend an act, entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture", was taken from the table—the blank in section 4 was filled, by inserting the word "eight"—and the blanks in section 6 were filled, by inserting the word "two" after the word "exceeding", and the word "five" after the word "thousand"; and as thus amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from LEWIS D. MOORE, Esq., Deputy Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution an Abstract of Returns of Corporations.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, Title Eight, of the revision, entitled "Judicial Courts, County Commissioners, and officers connected with them", which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of J. S. Holmes and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That there be taken from the files, and placed in the hands of the Committee on Division of Counties, the petition of C. P. Marsh and others, to be set off from Dixfield to Canton, presented to the last Legislature;—also, petition of three of the inhabitants

of Dixfield to be set off from said town, and be annexed to the town of Jay, presented to the Legislature of 1855.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled "An act additional to an act to provide in part for the expenditures of Government"; which was passed to be enacted, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of Daniel Wheeler and others, for legalizing doings of Milldam school district—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Miller, Jr., and others, that Waldoboro' may be made the shire town of Lincoln County—was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Elliot Smith and others, of Norway, against incorporation of a new agricultural society, to be called West Androscoggin—was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Account of Job P. Leavitt, for collecting rifles—was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill "An act, a company styled Whitney, Hamilton & Company"—was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

"Resolve for the distribution of certain books in the Library"—was referred to the Committee on the Library, in concurrence.

"Resolve directing the Secretary of State to purchase 600 copies of the Maine State Register," came up from the House referred to the Committee on the Library.

The Senate refused so to refer in concurrence, and indefinitely postponed the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House,

That a committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Legislature relative to the decease of our distinguished countryman, the late Dr. Kane—with Messrs. Milliken of Camden, Hichborn of Prospect, Drummond of Waterville, Morrison of Farmington, and Foster of East Machias, appointed on the part of the House—was read, and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Chandler, Dane, and Twitchell, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of making the provisions of section 16 of chapter 6 of the revision, apply to the kinds of property mentioned in the first paragraph of section 11 of the same chapter, whether the property is owned by residents or non-residents ;

That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the Bank Commissioners to ascertain whether any of the banks of this State are in the practice of receiving more than the legal rate of interest on their loans, and if so, that they be directed to state the fact in their annual report ;

That the same Committee be direct to inquire into the expediency of refusing a charter to any banks in this State, who have been in the habit of taking more than the legal rate of interest on their loans, on receiving satisfactory evidence thereof—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of the Trustees of Falmouth Academy, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Also, same report on petition of Trustees of Limerick Academy ;

Also, same report on petition of Trustees of Gould Academy;

Report of the Committee on Rail Roads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred petition of the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge Company, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was committed an order relating to Savings Institutions—that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of George L. Cox and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of same Committee, that bill "An act to provide for the collection of taxes in unincorporated places, on lands of non-resident proprietors," ought not to pass—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the expediency of repealing "An act to repeal the 133d chapter of the public laws of 1855, approved January 23, 1856"—was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. JONES.

Report of Committee on Change of Names, with bill "An act to change the names of certain persons"—was accepted in concurrence, bill was read, and Monday assigned for second reading.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment,

"Resolve in relation to township L, R. 2," and the same was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. FOSTER, of East Machias, informing the Senate that, in the absence of the Speaker, the House had elected WARREN H. VINTON, of Gray, Speaker *pro tempore*.

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

An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs in cities and villages;

An act to incorporate the town of Winn;

An act entitled an act additional to chapter 163 of the revised statutes;

Also, resolve in favor of Harriet Doe—which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred petition of selectmen of Mt. Desert and Tremont, reported bill “An act to amend the act incorporating the town of Tremont.” The report was accepted. The bill was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOYT, the Senate reconsidered their vote accepting the report of the Committee on Education, on petition of J. S. Holmes, and the same was recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMAN, by leave, introduced bill “An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company”—which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMAN presented the remonstrance of Abraham Collins and others, against repeal of the 9th section of chapter 651 of the laws of 1856, entitled “An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations”—which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. HALLOWELL, bill “An act to regulate the duties of the agent of the Penobscot Indians,” was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, resolves entitled

Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston;

“ in favor of George A. Fairfield;

“ in favor of E. G. Buxton and others;

Resolve providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream — which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHANDLER, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of Foxcroft Academy" — which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEST, the New Hampshire resolutions, relating to the introduction or importation of foreign paupers and criminals into this country, were taken from the table, and referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. West, Hersey, and Wasson, on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, they came up, the House having joined Messrs. Merrill of Harmony, Pike of Eastport, Gould of Casco, Houghton of Greenwood, Lombard of Wales, Cyr of Madawaska, and Fletcher of China, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it be until eleven o'clock, A. M., until otherwise ordered.

Mr. MCGILVERY, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of James Bryant and others. The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred bill "An act authorizing the Commissioners of Somerset County to re-assess certain taxes," reported that the bill ought to pass. The report was accepted. The bill was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act for the further extension of the Bangor Boom Company;

An act respecting the redemption of land sold for the payment of taxes—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence ;

Also, resolve in favor of Henry Upton—which was finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolve, having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were transmitted by the Secretary to the Governor, for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Petition of S. T. Hinds and others, of Lincoln County, for removal of county buildings—was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of E. L. Pike and 62 others, of Sebago, for an alteration of the Constitution so that the Legislature may meet once in two years—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of Whitneyville for bounty on bear, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill “An act fixing the liability of rail road corporations in certain cases”—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was re-committed bill “An act relating to the property of deceased married women”—that the same, in a new draft, ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, to which was referred bill “An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company”—that the same, in a new draft, ought to pass ;

Report of same Committee, to which was committed an order relating to abolishing jury fees—with bill “An act to abolish jury fees, and to amend chapter 151 of the revised statutes”;

Report of the Committee on Education, with bill “An act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity”;

Report of the same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to furnishing school officers with a copy of the school laws, with “Resolve authorizing the publication and distribution of the school laws”;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of David W. Campbell and others, with “Resolve in favor of A. Campbell & Co.”;

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of John W. Hall and others, with bill “An act to incorporate the Buxton Manufacturing Company”;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, with “Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians”;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of Robert Bowker and others, with bill “An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company”—were severally accepted, in concurrence. The bills and resolves were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to giving additional jurisdiction to Justices of the Peace—was accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Wilson Hichborn and others, reported bill “An act to divide the town of Prospect, and incorporate the southerly part into a town by the name of Stockton.” The report was accepted, and the bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation

is inexpedient on an order relating to the repeal of "An act to repeal the 133d chapter of the public laws of 1855, approved January 23, 1856," was taken from the table and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill "An act to change the name of certain persons"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. SMITH presented the petition of B. W. Mallett, for pay for support of an alien pauper—which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the hour for holding the sessions of the Senate, shall hereafter be at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, excepting Mondays, when it shall be at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. WEST presented the petition of William Baker and 44 others, for additional statute provisions for the liens of mechanics and others upon vessels—which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the remonstrance of David Wooster and others, against petition of William Frye and others, made a report, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges—which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

"Resolve in relation to township L, range 2", which was finally passed, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and transmitted by the Secretary to the Governor, for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Account of the treasurer of Lagrange for bounty paid on wild animals, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Castine," came up from the House, passed to be engrossed, and the same was once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred the petition of Freeman Kingsley and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Also, same report, on petition of E. Holmes and others, and of J. L. Stanton and others;

Also, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the expediency of passing an act providing for bounty on crows;

Also, that bill, "An act to incorporate the West Androscoggin Agricultural and Horticultural Society," ought not to pass;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled

"An act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity," which was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. HERRICK, was laid on the table.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill, "An act to incorporate the Buxton Manufacturing Company," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the same Committee, reported, without amendment, resolves, entitled

"Resolve authorizing the publication and distribution of the School Laws";

" " in favor of A. Campbell & Co.";

Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians"; which were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Edward Stevens, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the next Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN presented petition of E. B. French, and 153 others, for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN, by leave, introduced bill, "An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company"; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Stephen Bartlett and others;

" of Lyman Rawson and others;

" of Selectmen of Rumford; severally against the division of the town of Rumford—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of George F. Patten and 100 others, against the repeal of the ninth section of an act to authorize the consolidation of certain Railroad Corporations, came from the House, was read, and on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, was laid on the table.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on the State Prison, to which was referred an order relating to increasing the number of officers in the State Prison, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMAN, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported Title Six of the revision, entitled "The powers and duties of Courts of Probate." The report was accepted. The title was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported bill, "An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company," with an amendment as per sheet annexed marked "A." The amendment was adopted, the bill was read a second time, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill "An act to abolish jury fees; and to amend chapter 151 of the Revised Statutes"—which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, was laid on the table.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bills entitled "An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company";

An act relating to the property of deceased married women—which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

"An act for the assessment of a State Tax, for the year 1857"; which was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and transmitted by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. OAK,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of "Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties of the State," which was further amended, as per sheet annexed marked "B"; and on motion of Mr. SCAMMAN, was again laid on the table.

"Resolve for paying Roll of Accounts No. 37, for 1857," came up from the House, passed to be engrossed. The resolve was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act for the establishment of a State Normal School"; which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, was again laid on the table.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled "An act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company"—which was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HATHAWAY of the House.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending the 19th section of chapter 41, of the public laws of this State, approved March 30, 1853, entitled "An act concerning Railroads;"

That the Judiciary Committee, be instructed to consider the propriety of providing by law, that the towns and plantations in this State may grant and vote such sums of money, as may be necessary for the building, purchasing, and repairing of a Hearse, and Hearse-house, for the use of their citizens; and also, to make valid the doings of towns that may have voted sums the present month for said purposes, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the support of paupers in plantations and unincorporated places, at the expense of the State, and also of paupers having no legal settlement in any town in the State—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Petition of George H. Gardiner and 176 others, of Bath, in aid of the petition of William M. Reed and others—was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of town of Warren, for alteration of law of 1844, relating to the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Georges river—was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of Robert Williamson and others, for an act of incorporation for manufacturing purposes—was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of the mayor and overseers of the poor of Bath, for payment for support of Jane Sutherland at the Insane Hospital—was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Z. P. Wentworth and others, inhabitants of incorporated towns in the County of Aroostook, for a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements—was referred to the Committee on Plantation Affairs, in concurrence.

Petition of G. W. Nutt and another, for leave to build a fish weir and smoke-house on State land at Pleasant Point, in Perry—was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Cyrus Fassett and others, against a half-shire town for the County of Lincoln, and petition to make Waldoboro' the shire town;

Petition of Horace Fassett and others, in aid of the same—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

“Resolve to encourage schools in Madawaska,” was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to further legislation to secure the rights of stockholders of banks;

Also, same report on an order in relation to interest and exchange taken by banks;

Also, same report on an order relating to the expediency of taxing stocks of banks in this State, owned out of the State;

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of the directors of Hallowell Bank;

Also, same report on petition of directors of Kenduskeag Bank, for reduction of capital;

Report of same Committee, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to banks and banking be referred to the Bank Commissioners, with instructions to report thereon in their next annual report;

Report of same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to the number of Bank Commissioners;

Also, an order relating to fixing the number of Bank Commissioners and their compensation, and authorizing the Governor to draw warrants therefor;

Also, an order relating to deposits in Suffolk Bank, that the provisions contemplated in said orders are embraced in the bill to be reported on petition of sundry banks for renewal of charter—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Cumberland delegation, to which was referred the petition of Cumberland County Commissioners—with bill "An act concerning the jail in the County of Cumberland," was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred petition of William M. Reed and others, ordering notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature;

Also, *same report* on bill "An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Rail Road Company"—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

"Resolve in relation to the Commissioner at Washington" came back from the House, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A." The Senate receded from their former vote passing the same to be engrossed, amended the House amendment as per sheet annexed marked "B," and as thus amended adopted the amendment, and the resolve as thus amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve providing for the appointment of Commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream"—was re-committed to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMAN, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Jacob Frye and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of William and James Frye, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company;"

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of Henry C. Lovell, with bill "An act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to usury."

And these reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. BROWN, by leave, introduced bill "An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company" — which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to sell the interest of the State in any lands owned by the State in the town of Chester, and in township No. 11, Range 1.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the "Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in the State," was taken from the table, and the same Senator moved to reconsider the vote adopting the amendment, as per sheet marked "B," and that motion so to reconsider was laid on the table.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor, announcing the decease of SAMUEL B. STONE, Esq., late Representative from Brewer, and that the House has passed appropriate resolutions, and proposing to the Senate, as a mark of respect to the deceased, an immediate adjournment.

Whereupon, Mr. HALLOWELL of Penobscot, rose and addressed the Senate as follows :

MR. PRESIDENT: The announcement which has just been made to us of the death of Samuel B. Stone, a member of the House of Representatives, from Brewer, cannot be received without painful emotions in every breast.

So sudden was he called from earth, that his absence from his usual seat had scarcely been noticed when the intelligence of his death reached us.

On Saturday morning he was attending to his usual duties in full health; in the afternoon of that day he returned to his home in Brewer; the following day he attended meeting, and while assisting the choir of which he was a member, in the services of the day, he was taken suddenly ill, and died on the evening of the same day, at half past eleven, in the midst of his family and friends. His disease was apoplexy. Mr. Stone's legislative experience was brief, but sufficiently long to prove that he possessed intelligence, independence, firmness and honesty of purpose, such as to make him a valuable member of the legislative body in which he represented his constituents, and to endear him to all his associates. This summons should remind us all of our frailty, and of the solemn truth, that "in the midst of life we are in death."

In conclusion, Mr. H. offered the following :

Whereas, the announcement of the death of Samuel B. Stone, Esq., lately a member of the House of Representatives from Brewer, has been made, therefore

Resolved, That as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, this body do now adjourn.

The resolve was unanimously adopted, and the Senate accordingly adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, Title Six of the revision, entitled "The powers and duties of Courts of Probate"—which, on motion of Mr. GRAVES, was laid on the table.

Mr. WOODBURY, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill "An act to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill "An act concerning the jail in Cumberland County"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill "An act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to usury," which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BROWN, was laid on the table.

Mr. LOTHROP, from same Committee, reported without amendment, resolves entitled

Resolve for paying Roll of Accounts No. 37, for 1857;

" in favor of the town of Castine—which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Eliphalet Clark and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company";

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred petition of inhabitants of Harpswell, reported bill "An act to authorize the town of Harpswell to extend a highway over tide waters";

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred petition of Ebenezer C. Staples and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Little River Canal Company";

And these reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred petition of Thomas S. Roberts, reported "Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts."

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

A message was received from the House, by Mr. WELLS of Freeport, informing the Senate, that in the absence of the Speaker, the House has elected WILLIAM T. JOHNSON of Augusta, Speaker *pro tempore*.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Thomas Oliver and others;

Also, made same report on petition of Luther Luce and others;

Also, made same report on petition of F. H. Hutchins and others.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, made same report on petition of Charles T. Holland.

Mr. SCAMMAN, from same Committee, made a like report on petition of Arthur Pratt and others.

Mr. HERSEY, from same Committee, made same report on petition of A. B. Campbell and others;

Also, same report on petition of Isaac Witham and others; of Paul S. Merrill and others; of T. Hildreth and others; and of Enoch Ford and others.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to an alteration of the law, so that County Treasurers may be elected once in three years—reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to amendment of chapter 28 of title two of the revision, in regard to tippling shops, made a report, asking to be discharged from further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Joint Select Committee having that subject under consideration.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred bill “An act in relation to connections of railroads,” reported that the bill ought not to pass;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred so much of the Governor’s message, as relates to providing for the better security of the public in relation to the transfer of railroad shares to private individuals, made a report asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Insane Hospital, be directed to inquire into the expediency of permitting the Trustees of said Hospital, to pay into the treasury of the State the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, being one half of the legacy made to said Trustees by the late Col. Black; and of authorizing the Treasurer of State to issue to said Trustees, an equal amount of State Script therefor.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill “An act additional to an act, entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations”—which was read a second time, and the amendments of the House as per sheets annexed marked “A” and “B” respectively, were adopted. Mr. WEST moved to further amend the

bill as per sheet submitted marked "C;" pending the consideration of which amendment, the bill was laid on the table, and the Senate

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Petition of C. E. Howard and 62 others;

" of George W. Wright and 92 others;

" of Luther Law and 49 others; severally, that Waldo-borough be made the shire town of Lincoln county;

Petition of Ebenezer Otis and 47 others, that Thomaston or Rockland, be made a half shire town of Lincoln county.

Remonstrance of John McLean and 104 others, against the proposed change of the shire town of Lincoln county, were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Nathan Parsons and 112 others of Glenburn, against the petition of S. G. Stevens and others, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of W. H. Titcomb and 20 others, for an act to make valid the acts of the assessors of the first Universalist meeting house in Rockland;

Bill "An act additional to chapter 53 of the public laws of the year 1848";

Resolution of the city of Portland against alteration of city charter, were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of D. B. Hinckley for further legislation in relation to a resolve in his favor;

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to adjust stumpage claims with William Dickey,” were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of the Directors of the American Bank;

Also, report of the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of E. Holmes and others, were severally recommitted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to choice and tenure of office of selectmen and assessors;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the protection of bona fide creditors and stockholders of corporations, were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to compulsory repayment of taxes, when real estate is redeemed from levy, with bill “An act additional to chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to the levy of executions on real estate,” was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to report to this House, what alterations in the laws, or amendments to the constitution of this State, if any, ought to be made in order that the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States may not deprive the colored residents of this State, of any rights, privileges, or immunities they have heretofore enjoyed as citizens of this State;

That the same Committee be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary, if any, in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes on stock corporations;

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of the passage of an act exempting from attachment, Libraries, in the same manner, and to the same extent, that the tools of mechanics and implements of husbandry are at present exempted;

That the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs, be directed to inquire into the expediency of reporting resolutions, expressive of

the sense of this body, on the late decision of the Supreme Judicial Court of the United States, in the "Dred Scott" case,—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN presented the petition of Lincoln Webb and 101 others of Woolwich;

Also, petition of John Baker and others of Wiscasset; severally for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath,—which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMAN presented the petition of J. K. Deering and others, for "An act to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association"—which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Josiah Emery, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

§ Same Senator, from the same Committee, made a like report on the petition of B. W. Mallett;

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of the First Baptist Church in Bath, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred an order directing that papers relating to the Parsonsfield Seminary, be taken from the files, reported that the Rules and Orders debar any action thereon;

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Peter S. Folsom, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;—and these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, reported "Resolve abating the State tax of the town of Strong, and assessing the same upon the town of New Vineyard." The report was

accepted, and the resolve was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Isaac Wortman, reported "Resolve for encouraging the building of mills in Letter C, Range 1";

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the repeal of chapter 212 of the public laws, approved March 13, 1856, reported bill "An act in relation to the liability of magistrates for issuing precepts, and officers executing them";

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Campbell Batchelder and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Corinna Steam and Water Company"; and these reports were severally accepted. The bills and resolve were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. HALLOWELL, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of the Commissioners of 1855 for revising the public laws of the State"; which was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or altering the sixth specification of section 63, chapter 119, of the revised statutes.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEBB,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HALLOWELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs, be directed to prepare and submit to the Legislature, resolutions, or a report, expressive of the views of the Legislature, on the late decis-

ion of the United States' Supreme Court in the "Dred Scott" case, and such further legislation as may be proper, in reference to that decision.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the amendment to bill "An act additional to an act, entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations"—proposed by Mr. WEST and marked "C." After discussion the bill and amendment were laid on the table, on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, and Tuesday, March 17, assigned for its further consideration.

Remonstrance of T. H. Chase and others ;

" of John Smith and others,—severally against any change of the shire town of Lincoln county—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Engrossed Bill, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

"An act to authorize the construction of a railroad around the north side of the city of Portland";

"An act to divide the town of Prospect, and incorporate the southerly part thereof into a town by the name of Stockton"—which were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. OAK,

Ordered, That during the temporary absence of the Secretary, JOSEPH K. CLARK act as Secretary *pro tem*.

The oaths of office were administered to Mr. Clark by LEWIS D. MOORE, Esq., authorized by *dedimus potestatem*, and he entered upon the discharge of his official duties.

Report of the Joint Select Committee, on so much of the Governor's message as relates to claims under the treaty of Washington, accompanied by "Resolve for the purchase of lands for French settlers in Aroostook County"—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings," (introduced in the House by Mr. MORRISON)—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report at the earliest period practicable, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of Waterville College, that the same be referred to the next Legislature; also,

Report of same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to the expediency of altering school law, that legislation thereon is inexpedient—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred bill "An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company," with bill "An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company"—was accepted, in concurrence.

The bill was once read, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition and memorial of the city council of Portland, with two bills accompanying the same, that legislation is inexpedient, so far as the same

provides additional powers in relation to streets and highways; and as to the rest and residue of said petition and memorial, they report a bill in a new draft accompanying, entitled "An act additional to the several acts incorporating the city of Portland."

The report was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was once read, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was recommitted bill "An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings"—that the bill in a new draft, ought to pass.

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

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws, as to make the compensation of County Commissioners fixed by a salary;

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing or altering the law in relation to the individual liability of stockholders in corporations—were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported that the further consideration of the petition of Thomas Webb, be referred to the next Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on State Reform School, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to the purchase of Colton's Atlas for the Reform School.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Jesse Higgins.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURBANK, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, to which was referred the petition of the trustees of the Insane

Hospital, reported "Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital."

The report was accepted. The resolve was once read, and Monday at 11 o'clock, A. M., assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported the following, without amendment, bills entitled

An act to incorporate the Little River Canal Company;

An act to authorize the town of Harpswell to extend a highway over tide waters;

An act to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts"—was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. JONES, recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Banks and Banking be requested to consider whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to bank receivers, and report thereon to this Legislature—was read, and passed in concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of the Trustees of the East Maine Conference Seminary, reported "Resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary."

The report was accepted. The resolve was read once, and Thursday next assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve for encouraging the building of mills in Letter C, Range 1"—was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. JONES, laid on the table.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Corinna Steam and Water Power Company"—was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act additional to chapter 94 of the revised statutes,

relating to the levy of executions on real estate"—was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act in relation to the liability of magistrates for issuing precepts, and of officers executing them"—was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Title Six of the revised statutes, was reported by the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment—and the same was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill "An act repealing chapter 276 of the laws of 1856," ought not to pass—which report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PHINNEY, from the Committee on the Militia, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Dennis Sprague and others.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Ammi R. Mitchell and others;

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relative to the expediency of amending chapter 125, section 25, of the revised statutes.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PHINNEY, from the Committee on the Militia, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to passage of a law, making it the duty of the selectmen of towns where military companies exist, to collect and secure for the State, the arms and equipments of such companies where they may be disbanded.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of J. W. Mansfield and others.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve authorizing the publication and distribution of the school laws,” reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WASSON.

The following bills were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, viz :

An act to change the names of certain persons ;

An act repealing all acts relating to the inspection of hops ;

An act authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes ;

An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company ;

An act to set off a portion of plantation No. 10, and annex the same to the town of Franklin ;

An act to set off a part of the homestead of Horace Mixer from Sedgwick, and annex the same to Penobscot ;

An act to regulate the duties of the agent of the Penobscot Indians ;

An act to amend the act incorporating the town of Tremont ;

An act to incorporate the Buxton Manufacturing Company ;

An act granting further powers and privileges to agricultural and horticultural societies ;

An act relating to the property of deceased married women—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

The following resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, viz :

Resolve to repeal part of a resolve, approved March 16, 1855 ;

“ in favor of Cumberland County Agricultural Society ;

“ in favor of the town of South Thomaston ;

“ in favor of Silas Coburn, Jr., and B. H. Chesley ;

“ to promote the education of the Passamaquoddy Indians ;

“ in favor of the town of Cherryfield, for the support and commitment of a foreign insane pauper ;

Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians ;

“ in favor of A. Campbell & Company—which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves were signed by the President *pro tem*, and by the Secretary *pro tem*., and presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. OAK, from the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to slavery and Kansas affairs, made a report, accompanied by resolves, which, on motion of Mr. WASSON, were laid on the table, and 1000 copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tem*.

A true transcript.

ATTEST :

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Petition of the Directors of Lewiston Bridge Company, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Greenleaf Gray and others ;

“ of Jeremiah Lindsey and others ;

“ of Benjamin Shute and others ;—severally, that if the town of Prospect be divided, they may be left north of the proposed dividing line ; were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, to which was referred an order relating to amending school laws—that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Androscoggin Delegation, to which was referred

the petition of William R. Frye, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Also, same report on petition of Reuel Washburn;

And these reports were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, that legislation is inexpedient on a bill referred to them, entitled "An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath," came from the House recommitted, with instructions to report a bill. The Senate concurred.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and for the further protection of mechanics' liens";

Report of same Committee, that bill "An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanics' Association" ought to pass;—were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company"—was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the delegation from the county of Kennebec, be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws in regard to the several Municipal Courts of the cities of Augusta, Hallowell, and Gardiner, as that the several judges of the same may be paid, and their salaries fixed, by the said cities, instead of being paid by the county of Kennebec as they now are, or that their salaries may be abolished; and that they receive their fees, instead of salaries, and report by bill or otherwise,—was read and passed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act relating to attachments," came back from the House amended, as per sheet annexed, marked "A." The Senate receded from their former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment; and as amended, the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

“Resolve in relation to commissioner at Washington,” came back from the House, further amended, as per sheet annexed, marked “C.” The Senate receded from its former vote, passing the resolve to be engrossed; refused to adopt the amendment “C,” and on motion of Mr. JONES, was recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate, that the House had, in the absence of its Clerk, elected BENJAMIN FREEMAN, Clerk *pro tem*.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, “Resolve making an appropriation for improving the buildings at the State Prison”;

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported “Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital,” with an amendment, as per sheet marked “A,” which amendment was adopted; and these resolves were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on petition of William Cowperthwaite;

Also, same report on petition of Daniel Cummings and others; And the reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to bounty on wild animals;

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of John U. West and others; and of Jotham S. Dyer and others;

Also, same report, on petition of Joseph Smith and others;

Also, same report, on petition of D. F. Lothrop and others;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of William Wyman and others, made a report, asking to be discharged from a further consideration of the same, and recommending that it be referred to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes;

Mr. SCAMMAN, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of J. A. Cushing and others; also, petition of William Jackman and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. HERSEY, from the same Committee, made same report on petition of C. R. Paul;

Mr. SMITH, from the same Committee, made same report on petition of Jesse Wheelock;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill "An act to provide for the trial of capital cases," reported that the same ought to pass. The report was accepted. Bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Phineas Boynton and others, reported "Resolve in favor of Phineas Boynton";

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of W. H. Stevens and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Solon and Embden Bridge Company";

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of inhabitants of Nobleborough, reported bill "An act to encourage the use of water power";

And these reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

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

An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company;

" " additional to the several acts incorporating the city of Portland; which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from same Committee, reported without amendment, "Resolve in favor of the commissioners of 1855 for revising the statutes"; which, on motion of the same Senator, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Resolve entitled "Resolve for encouraging the building of mills in letter C, range 1," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill "An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings"—which was read a second time, amended as per sheet annexed, marked "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

"An act concerning the jail in the county of Cumberland"—which was passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, "Resolve in favor of the town of Castine." The resolve was finally passed, in concurrence. And this bill and resolve having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were sent to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing on the part of Maine, for a joint survey of the line between this State and New Hampshire, for the purpose of more effectually marking and establishing the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to inform the Legislature, what sums have been paid the commissioners, appointed in 1855, for revising the public laws of the State, the time they were employed; also, the sum paid the commissioner, appointed in 1856,

and the time he was employed upon said revision, for services and expenses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY presented remonstrance of John W. Caldwell and others of Golden Ridge plantation, against being incorporated into a town, or being taxed as a plantation,—which was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Hallowell.

Remonstrance of Joseph Mahoney and others;

“ of Benj. R. Field and others;

“ of town of Searsmont—severally against petition of A. J. Donnell and others—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of Machias, for bounties—was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill “An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court,” (introduced in the House by Mr. DEBLOIS)—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Judiciary Committee be directed to inquire into the propriety of providing by law, that the expenses of the Police Court

of the city of Bangor be paid by said city, instead of the County of Penobscot, as provided by an act approved February 28, 1856.

Was read, and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred petition of Selectmen of Salem, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Also, same report on petition of Oliver Eveleth and others;

Also, same report on petition of R. N. West—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill “An act relating to obstructions in navigable streams,” reported from the Committee on Revision of Statutes, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. CONNOR, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill “An act additional in relation to banks and banking,” reported by the Committee on Banks and Banking, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

The bill was read once, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to law respecting electors, with bill “An act additional to an act, entitled an act respecting the election of electors of President and Vice President”—was accepted in concurrence—and on motion of Mr. HERRICK, the bill was laid on the table.

Resolves, reported by the Committee appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Legislature, relative to the death of Dr. Kane, were read, and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred bill “An act additional to the 77th chapter of the revised statutes,” that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommended.

The Senate concurred.

Bill “An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings in cities and villages,” (passed to be engrossed in

the Senate,) came back from the House amended, as on sheet annexed, marked "A."

The Senate receded, adopted the amendment of the House, and as amended, passed the same to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Engrossed "Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians," came from the House recommitted to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Senate receded from its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Litchfield and others, and recommending its reference to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON presented the petition of Stephen Joy and others, of Hancock, for increase of bounty on wolves, which was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. WASSON, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of "Resolve authorizing the publication and distribution of the school laws"—and the same was finally passed, in concurrence, and presented by the Secretary *pro tem.* to the Governor for his approval.

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

An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanics' Association;

An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and for the further protection of mechanics' liens—were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Solon and Embden Bridge"; and

Bill "An act to encourage the use of water power"—were severally reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, and were severally read, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act additional to an act, entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations," the question being on concurring with the House in the House amendment, as follows, viz:

Amend by adding to the first section, as follows:

"And provided, also, that the corporation which may be so formed, shall be subject and liable to the provision of an act entitled 'An act to provide for certain railroad connections of the European and North American Railway Company,' approved March 29, 1853, and no acceptance of the act of consolidation aforesaid shall be deemed and taken to be an acceptance of the provisions of that act."

Mr. HOYT moved to amend the House amendment, by adding "and provided, also, that the Androscoggin Railroad Company, and such companies as consolidate under the act to which this is additional, shall be severally *entitled* to, and bound by an act, entitled 'An act to provide a tribunal for regulating the joint business of railroad companies,' approved April 18, 1854."

And the question on the adoption of this amendment to that of the House, having been ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the negative, as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Dane, Davis, Hoyt, Jones, Magoun, Ring, Scamman, Twitchell, Wallace, West—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hersey, Hobbs, Lothrop, Oak, Phiuney, Sargent, Smith, Wasson, Webb, Woodbury—18.

Mr. MAGOUN moved to amend the House amendment, by adding after "March 29, 1853," the words "and of such other general laws concerning railroad corporations as are, or may be, hereafter enacted."

And the question on the adoption of this amendment, having been

ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the negative, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Dane, Davis, Jones, Magoun, Ring, Scamman, Twitchell, Wallace, West—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hersey, Hobbs, Hoyt, Lothrop, Oak, Phinney, Sargent, Smith, Wasson, Webb, Woodbury—19.

The House amendment was then concurred in, and the question on ordering the bill as amended to be engrossed, having been ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Davis, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hersey, Hobbs, Hoyt, Lothrop, Oak, Phinney, Sargent, Smith, Twitchell, Webb, Woodbury—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Dane, Jones, Magoun, Ring, Scamman, Wallace, Wasson, West—8.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of Edmund B. Bowman, jr. and 94 others of Wiscasset;
“ of Francis Tibbetts and 32 others of Wiscasset, severally
for a charter to build a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath,—
were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and
Bridges, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. H. Nickerson and 189 others, against the
petition of T. & B. Brastow, was referred to the Committee on
Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill “An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodiac
waters,” (introduced in the House by Mr. Chadbourne of Perry);

Bill “An act additional to chapter 148 of the revised statutes,
and to repeal chapter 256 of the laws of 1856”;

Bill “An act to amend chapter 32 of the revised statutes, rela-
tive to the support of paupers in unincorporated places”—were
severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concur-
rence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Indian Affairs, be requested to inquire
into the propriety of repealing a resolve in favor of the Passama-
quoddy Indians, approved February 26, 1856, to amend a resolve,
approved March 16, 1853;

That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire
whether any further legislation is necessary to the assessment of
taxes upon neat stock and other personal property, in cases in which
a town line divides the farm of any person in such a manner as that
his dwelling house is in one town, and his barns and other out build-
ings in another;

That the same Committee, be instructed to inquire into the expe-
diency of so amending chapter 30 of the revised statutes, so that
pound keepers shall have the right to take into their custody any

beasts, and return the same to the pound from which they may have escaped, or may have been illegally taken;

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 73, of the revised statutes, so that small towns having no commercial or mercantile business, shall be obliged to purchase weights and measures,—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Greenleaf M. Fogg and others;

Also, same report on petition of William M. Drury and others;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on petition of directors of Hancock Bank;

Also, same report on petition of directors of Maritime Bank for re-charter,—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of the stockholders of the Maritime Bank, for increase of capital, came up from the House, and on motion of Mr. HERRICK, was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred petition of D. B. Hinckley, with “Resolve in favor of D. B. Hinckley”;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of George A. Hudson, with “Resolve authorizing the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry,”—were severally accepted in concurrence; and the bills were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Resolve, entitled a “Resolve for the promulgation of certain laws,” came from the House, passed to be engrossed,—which was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill “An act establishing the salary of the judge of probate for Sagadahook county,” came back from the House, indefinitely postponed. On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the bill was laid on the table.

Petition of William Singer and others of Thomaston, that a charter may be granted for a toll bridge across the Kennebec river at

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

Mr. BROWN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of the president and directors of the York and Cumberland Railroad Company, reported bill "An act additional to an act to establish the York and Cumberland Railroad Company." The report was accepted. The bill was read twice under the suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of E. E. Bourne and others.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred bill "An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred bill "An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of William Mitchell and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Machiasport Marine Railway Company";

And these reports were severally accepted; and the bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred petitions of Leonard Bradbury and others; of inhabitants of Kingsbury; of inhabitants of Brighton; of Cyrus A. Packard and others; of County Commissioners of Piscataquis, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Thomas S. Roberts, reported "Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts";

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

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported that bill "An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath," ought to pass.

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

Mr. MAGOUN presented the petition of H. G. Berry and 55 others for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Same Senator presented the petition of James F. Patten and others, for a law creating a lien on vessels for premiums of insurance, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of J. K. Killa, reported "Resolve in favor of J. K. Killa," accompanied by a written statement of facts. The report was accepted. The resolve and statement of facts were read, upon which Mr. SCAMMAN moved, that the further consideration of the resolve be indefinitely postponed; and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the resolve was indefinitely postponed, as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Brown, Burbank, Chapman, Dane, Davis, Hallowell, Hersey, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Magoun, Scamman, Twitchell, Webb, West—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Chandler, Connor, Graves, Herrick, Lothrop, Oak, Phinney, Ring, Sargent, Wallace, Wasson, Woodbury—12.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMAN, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported Title Eleven of the revision. The report was accepted. The title was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve in favor of Phineas Boynton," reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. OAK,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act to

abolish jury fees and to amend chapter 151 of the revised statutes," passed to be engrossed in the House and passage refused in the Senate. The question being on a motion to reconsider this vote; the yeas and nays were ordered, and the Senate refused to reconsider, as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Chandler, Herrick, Phinney, Woodbury—4.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Connor, Davis, Graves, Hershey, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, Magoun, Oak, Sargent, Scamman, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, Webb, West—19.

On motion of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes," and the same was refused a passage to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw on petition of William Buckman and others.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Constant A. McLaughlin, reported "Resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin."

The report was accepted, and the same was read once, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

The following bills were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, viz:

Bill "An act additional to chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to levy of executions on real estate";

Bill "An act in relation to wills";

" " " to provide for the trial of capital cases";

And these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Charles H. Hall," reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolve were presented by the Secretary *pro tem.* to the Governor, for his approval.

Petition in aid of the petition of Charles Cayford;

“ of inhabitants of Cornville in aid of petition of Charles Cayford;

Remonstrance of John Woodman and 100 others, against the petition of Charles Cayford;

Remonstrance of the town of Roxbury, against the petition of Josiah A. Judkins; were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of H. G. O. Cass and others of Bowerbank, for abatement of the State valuation of said town. Referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. WILCOX its Clerk, announcing that the House has received and entered upon its journals, a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed public acts, as follows, viz:

An act respecting the redemption of lands sold for the payment of taxes; approved March 7, 1857;

An act relating to the property of deceased married women;

“ “ repealing all acts relating to the inspection of hops; severally approved March 16, 1857.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Bill An act to amend chapter 32 of the revised statutes;

“ An act additional in relation to witnesses;

“ An act to amend an act additional in relation to witnesses;

“ An act to prevent fraudulent conveyances, and to protect heirs therefrom—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That, the Senate concurring, Messrs. Foster of East Machias, and Drummond of Waterville, be added to the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary, with such as the Senate may join.

Was read and passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of such an amendment of the 15th section of chapter 107 of the revised statutes, or such other alteration of the law, as to authorize special administrators to control and manage real estate and collect rents, pending the probate of wills.

Was read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Gideon Mayo and others.

Was accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred “Resolve relating to meteorological observations,” referred by the last Legislature to the present one, with resolve in a new draft, entitled “Resolve relative to meteorological observations in the State of Maine.”

Was accepted, in concurrence.

The resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BURBANK, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, to which was referred an order relating to the bequest of the late Col. Black, reported "Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital."

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

Mr. HALLOWELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of A. C. Buffum and others, reported "Resolve providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream."

The report was accepted. The resolve was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported that bill "An act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company," ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the bill read once, and to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for its second reading.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Education, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to increasing or discontinuing the appropriation for teachers' conventions;

Also, same report on an order relating to increasing the permanent school fund of the State;

Also, same report on an order in relation to the misapplication of money raised for the support of town schools.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Selectmen of Warren;

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on papers of the last Legislature, in relation to the petition of James M. Bangs of Lubec, to build a fish weir in tide waters in front of his land in Lubec.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve for the promulgation of certain laws," reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Charles Cayford and others.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Josiah A. Judkins, reported bill "An act to set off Josiah A. Judkins, together with certain real estate, from the town of Roxbury to the town of Mexico";

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of Charles E. Ranlett and others, reported bill "An act authorizing the extending a wharf into tide waters at Thomaston";

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred petition of Benj. B. Benson and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company."

And these reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred petitions and orders relating to the subject, reported "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell land in the towns of Lowell, Burlington, Enfield, Passadumkeag, Carroll, and Chester."

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

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, reported that bill "An act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy," ought to pass.

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

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on petition of A. J. Donnell and others.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of D. B. Hinckley,” (reported without amendment from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading,) was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMAN, from the Committee on the State Reform School, made a report, detailing the examination made by said Committee, of the State Reform School at Portland.

On motion of Mr. OAK, the report was laid on the table, and 1000 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The following bills and resolves, reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, were severally passed to be engrossed, viz :

Resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin ;

“ in favor of Thomas S. Roberts ;

Bill An act to incorporate the Machiasport Marine Railway Company ;

Bill An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company ;

“ An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company.

Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve authorizing the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry,” (reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment,) was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “An act to amend section 70, of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, in relation to banks and banking,” reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred an order relating to the subject, reported “Resolve providing for the repair of the Houlton and Baring road” ;

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the subject, reported bill "An act to amend the 22d section of chapter 106 of the revised statutes";

Mr. HERRICK, from the same Committee, reported that bill "An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodiac waters," ought to pass;

Mr. OAK, from the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs, reported in a new draft, bill "An act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws," approved March 17, 1855.

And these reports were severally accepted. Bills and resolves therein named were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to interest on accounts after six months;

Also, same report on order relative to repeal or alteration of the sixth specification, of the 63d section, of chapter 119 of the revised statutes;

Also, same report on order in relation to foreign attachments;

Mr. JONES, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relative to the examination of insane persons;

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported that the petition of Rodney G. Dennis and others, be referred to the next Legislature;

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill "An act to amend chapter 119 of the revised statutes, relating to trustee process," ought not to pass;

Same Senator, from same Committee, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of an order in relation to amending the law concerning manufactures, and recommending its reference to the Committee on Manufactures.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Title Eleven of the revision of the statutes, reported without amendment from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company," reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing, in the city of Bath"; and on motion of same Senator, the bill was amended as on sheet annexed marked "A," and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred an order relating to the subject, reported "Resolve in favor of Fish river road."

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

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported that bill "An act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company," ought to pass.

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

Bill "An act relating to the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court in the city of Calais";

Bill "An act relating to the powers of Justices of the Peace in the city of Calais"—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages, given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations"—and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Public Printing and Binding, be authorized to contract with some person or persons, for the printing and

binding of the new revision of the laws—said contract to have no binding force till approved by the Legislature.

Was read, and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing a resolve authorizing the appointment of the commissioner to prosecute the claims of the State of Maine against the government of the United States, approved March 17, 1855.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following bills were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed :

Bill An act to incorporate the town of Winn ;

“ An act relating to attachments ;

“ An act to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company ;

“ An act additional to the several acts incorporating the city of Portland ;

Bill An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings, in cities and villages ;

And these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

The following resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, viz :

Resolve relating to the death of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane ;

“ abating the State tax of the town of Strong, and assessing the same on the town of New Vineyard—which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And the foregoing bills and resolves were presented by the Secretary *pro tem.* to the Governor, for his approval, except “An act to incorporate the town of Winn.”

Adjourned.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST :

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

Petition of R. P. Dunlap and 35 others, for a law for the protection of insurance companies;

Bill An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer;

“ “ “ to amend an act respecting judicial proceedings, approved February 25, 1857; were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill An act to incorporate T. Ingalls and others into a company for the purpose of making and vending a perpetual daily almanac or calender; was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be requested to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of State to supply the State library, the Land office, the Clerk's office in each of the several counties, and such other offices as the committee shall deem proper, with a copy of a map of such counties in this State, as have recently been, and are now being surveyed, as soon as such maps shall have been completed, and ready for the market, was read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw, on petitions of Noah Lord and others, and the Trustees of Lebanon Academy, came from the House, and on motion of Mr. JONES, was laid on the table.

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw, on petition of Trustees of Lisbon Academy;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw, on petition of P. S. Merrill;

Also, same report on petition of John Baker;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women;

Also, same report on an order relating to an amendment of the constitution in regard to the right of suffrage;

Report of same Committee, that bill "An act additional to the 69th chapter of the revised statutes," ought not to pass;

Also, that bill "An act in relation to justices of the peace," ought not to pass; were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Education, on petition of J. S. Holmes and others, with resolve in favor of Foxcroft Academy, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. OAK.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that the petition of the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, be referred to the next Legislature, was accepted, in concurrence.

Title Eleven of the revision of the statutes, entitled "crimes and offenses, proceedings in criminal cases, punishments and incidental provisions," came from the House amended as per sheet marked "A." The Senate non-concurred with the House, in the adoption of the amendment, and insisted on their former vote, passing the same to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was recommitted the report of said Committee, with a resolve in relation to the commissioner at Washington, reported "Resolve in favor of the commissioner at Washington."

The report was accepted. The resolve was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the liability of married women, doing business on their own account, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to the repeal of chapter 250 of the laws of 1856, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of S. G. Pike and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to exemption of libraries from attachment, reported bill "An act to exempt libraries from attachment and execution," reported that the bill ought to pass;

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Thomas A. Keating and others, reported bill, "An act to incorporate the Sebec Pond Boat Company";

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Joshua E. Jenks and others, reported bill "An act to set off Joshua E. Jenks, Augustus Perley, and Lyman Bradstreet, from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation";

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of T. H. Fassett, reported "Resolve in favor of T. H. Fassett," accompanied with a statement of facts;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of the city of Bath, reported "Resolve in favor of the city of Bath," with statement of facts;

These reports were severally accepted; and the bills and resolves were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee, on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of S. G. Stevens and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

An act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy;

" " to set off Josiah A. Judkins, together with certain real estate, from the town of Roxbury to the town of Mexico;

An act to authorize the extending of a wharf into the tide waters at Thomaston;

An act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company;

“ “ to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company;

“ “ to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company;

Also, resolve in favor of the Fish River Road;

Resolve authorizing the Land agent to sell land in the towns of Lowell, Burlington, Enfield, Passadumkeag, Carroll, and Chester;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES moved to reconsider the vote of the Senate passing, in concurrence, an order to increase the number of the Committee on the Judiciary; and that motion, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY,

The vote passing to be enacted, “An act to incorporate the town of Winn,” was reconsidered, and the bill laid on the table.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

“Resolve in favor of D. B. Hinckley”; and the same was finally passed, in concurrence, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire and report by resolve or otherwise, what further legislation is necessary to secure the payment of notes due the State as provided for, in part, by a resolve approved March 22, 1856.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

“Resolve for the promulgation of certain laws”; which was

finally passed, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Petition of Godfrey Lydick to be set off from Alexander to Crawford, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Moses Anderson and others, against the protection of clams, or shell fish,—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill “An act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Penobscot,” came from the House indefinitely postponed, and, on motion of Mr. OAK, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill “An act for the better protection of orchards, nurseries, and gardens”;

Also, “Resolve providing for an amendment of the constitution, relating to impeachment and address”; were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

“Resolve authorizing the Land agent to execute deeds under the resolves, approved March 22, 1856,” (introduced in the House by Mr. HERSEY of Bangor,) was once read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 279 of the public laws of 1856, approved April 10, 1856, was read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petitions of J. S. Osgood and others; A. Billington and others; and J. M. Noyes and others,—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Also, same report of same Committee, on petition of F. Pennington and others;

Also, same report of same Committee, on petition of E. L. Pike and others;

Also, report of same Committee, to which was referred, bill "An act concerning passenger carriers," that the same ought not to pass, were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of William Wyman and others, with bill "An act to protect the culture of cranberries";

Report of the same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to further legislation in relation to attachments, with bill "An act in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property," were severally accepted, in concurrence. The bills were severally once read, and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported Title Four of the revision. The report was accepted, and the title was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, reported Title Five of the revision. The report was accepted; the title was once read, and Monday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., assigned for second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, declaring, that bill "An act to amend an act additional in relation to witnesses," ought not to pass, came from the House accepted. On motion of Mr. JONES, the report was laid on the table.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Sebec Pond Boat Company," reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY,

Bill "An act to incorporate the town of Winn," was taken from the table, and passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

The following bills, reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, were also severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence, viz:

"An act to authorize the town of Harpswell to extend a highway over tide waters";

"An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company";

"An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and for the further protection of mechanics' liens";

"An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings";

"An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company";

"An act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company";

And these bills were presented by the Secretary *pro tem.* to the Governor for his approval.

The following resolve and bill were reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, and were severally passed to be engrossed, viz:

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital;

Bill "An act to amend the 22d section of chapter 126 of the revised statutes."

Sent down for concurrence.

Also, "Resolve relative to Meteorological Observations in the State of Maine," which was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred various petitions and orders relating to the subject, reported "Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook." The report was accepted, and the resolve was read once, and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of Sylvester J. Roberts, reported bill "An act to authorize Sylvester J. Roberts to build and maintain a wier in tide waters, in Narraguagus bay. The report was accepted. The bill was read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodiac waters," reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of moose and deer, approved March 29, 1853, (reported in the House, from the Committee on Agriculture,) was once read, and Monday next, assigned for a second reading.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript,

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Wm. Lewis and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw—was accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred an order in relation to a change of location of Calais Academy grant, with "Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais Academy"—was accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve once read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Report of the Committee on Finance, on petition of George D. Bacon, that the same be referred to the next Legislature—was accepted, in concurrence.

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting abstract of moneys paid to the commissioners to revise the statutes, was received, and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, was laid on the table, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment,

Bill "An act to protect the culture of cranberries";

Title Five of the revision of the statutes—which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported Title Two of the revision.

The report was accepted. The title was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment,

Bill "An act additional to an act further to protect personal liberty"; also,

"Resolve for the repair of the Houlton and Baring road";

Mr. WOODBURY, from same Committee, reported without amendment,

Bill entitled "An act in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property";

Mr. JONES, from same Committee, reported without amendment,

Bill "An act to authorize Sylvester J. Roberts to build and maintain a weir in tide waters in Narraguagus bay"; also,

"Resolve in favor of T. H. Fassett";

Mr. OAK, from same Committee, made like report on bill "An act to exempt libraries from attachment and execution"; also,

Bill "An act to set off Joshua E. Jenks, Augustus Perley, and Lyman Bradstreet, from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation"; also,

"Resolve in favor of the city of Bath."

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from same Committee, reported without amendment, "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to execute deeds under the resolve approved March 22, 1856"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Also, "Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the County of Aroostook"—which, on motion of the same Senator, was laid on the table.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported that bill "An act additional to an act for the preservation of moose and deer," be recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL called up the bill "An act for the establishment of a State Normal School"—and the same was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of William B. Lapham and others, reported bill "An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's Pond, in Woodstock";

Also, on petition of inhabitants of Pembroke, Perry, Charlotte, and Robbinston, bill "An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Pennamaquon and Borden's lake, and tributary waters."

The reports were severally accepted. Bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Same Senator, from same Committee, on petition of Stephen Purington, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, by leave, introduced bill "An act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company"—which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following bills and resolves were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, viz :

Bill An act to incorporate the Corinna Steam and Water Power Company ;

Bill An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanics' Association ;

Bill An act to incorporate the Little River Canal Company ;

Bill An act additional to an act respecting the electors of President and Vice President ;

Bill An act to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company—and the same were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Resolve for paying roll of accounts No. 37, for 1857 ;

" authorizing the payment of school money to Hancock plantation, in the County of Aroostook ;

Resolve authorizing the agent for the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry—and these resolves were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

The foregoing bills and resolves were presented by the Secretary *pro tem.* to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH K. CLARK, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST :

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

Petition of Oliver Farrington and others, to make valid the doings of a school district in Brewer—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of William Holloway and others, for the passage of a bill to protect deer on Cross Island—was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Bill “An act to amend chapter 263 of the laws of 1856”—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill “An act additional in relation to witnesses,” ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that bill “An act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford,” ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of C. F. Barker and others, with bill “An act to incorporate the Jonesport Marine Railway Company”;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petitions of William G. Sawyer and others, and of William R. Miller and others, with “Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Mattamiscontis”—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The bills and resolve were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

“Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital,” was recommitted to the Committee on the Insane Hospital, in concurrence, for a statement of facts.

“Resolve making an appropriation for improving the buildings at the State Prison,” was recommitted in concurrence, to the Committee on the State Prison.

Report of the Committee, on an order relating to increasing the permanent school fund of the State, was recommitted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill “An act additional in relation to witnesses,” was taken from the table, and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill “An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank of Biddeford”—was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Allen Lewis and others, for an act of incorporation for a Marine Railway at Boothbay Harbor—was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The motion of Mr. JONES to reconsider the vote passing an order to increase the number of the Committee on the Judiciary, was taken from the table, and leave being granted, the motion was withdrawn by Mr. JONES, when Mr. WASSON was joined to the said Committee, on the part of the Senate.

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

An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant’s Pond, in Woodstock, County of Oxford;

An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the Pennamaquon and Borden’s lake, and tributary waters.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, made same report on “Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais Academy.”

And the same was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. TWITCHELL, was laid on the table.

Petition of Charles K. Miller and others, for a charter to build a railroad from Greenbush to the east line of the State—was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, for the year 1855, came up from the House indefinitely postponed.

The Senate refused to concur with the House, and finally passed the resolve.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred bill "An act to incorporate the Frontier Iron Company," reported that the bill ought to pass.

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

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Petition of Samuel R. Jackson of Brunswick, for reimbursement of money paid by him to secure the ends of justice;

Petition of John Parr of Portland, that the State would relinquish to him the right to certain property in Portland; were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of William Higgins and 16 others, to be re-annexed to the town of Levant;

Petition of Greenleaf Wing and 150 others, that Kenduskeag may be re-annexed to Levant; were severally referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Bill, "An act to amend chapter 28 of the laws of 1847, relating to appeals from the decision of County Commissioners";

Bill "An act to make valid the doings of the selectmen and superintending school committee of the town of Winthrop, for the year 1856," were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to change the name of Oak Grove School," came up from the House, passed to be engrossed. The bill was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company," came up from the House, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A." The Senate receded from their former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the House, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, with "Resolve providing for the building of a stone wall at Pleasant point";

Report of same Committee, with "Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act authorizing towns to purchase a hearse, and erect a hearse house for the same";

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, with bill "An act to repeal chapters 53, 56, and 57 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions, tobacco, and exportation of flaxseed";

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, with "Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Grafton"; were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The bills and resolves were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be directed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the repair of the Maine military road, was read, and passed in concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported order of notice, returnable to the next Legislature, on petition of Charles K. Miller and others.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HALLOWELL presented the petition of Harrison Knowles, for extension of time to cut timber on State land, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

“An act to limit the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Calais”;

“An act to incorporate the Jonesport Marine Railway Company”;

“An act additional in relation to witnesses”;

Also, “Resolve in aid of repairing roads in the town of Mattamiscotis”; which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Also, bill “An act to incorporate the Frontier Iron Company”; which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “An act to incorporate the Augusta Free Bridge Company,” (reported in the House from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges,) was recommitted, in concurrence.

Bill “An act to amend an act respecting judicial proceedings,” was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Charles Carlisle and others, against changing the shire town of Lincoln county, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Bill “An act additional to an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations,” came from the House, refused a passage in that branch. The Senate non-concurred with the House in refusing the bill a passage, and the yeas and nays being ordered, it was passed to be enacted, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hersey, Hobbs, Oak, Phinney, Wasson, Webb, Woodbury—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Dane, Jones, Magoun, Ring, Wallace, West—7.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to chapter 16 of the revision;

Also, that legislation is unnecessary on petition of Oliver Farrington and others.

The reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, with bill "An act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven, in the county of Waldo," was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported legislation inexpedient on an order in relation to amending the law relating to insurance;

Also, same report, on an order relating to fraudulent or insolvent insurance companies, out of the State;

Also, that bill "An act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to home agencies of foreign insurance companies," ought not to pass;

Also, that bill "An act to provide for the security of repairs of vessels," ought not to pass.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported that bill "An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company," ought to pass.

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

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of George E. Burr and others, reported bill "An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond, in the town of Mercer."

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

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims, be instructed to inquire if the State valuation of the town of Bowerbank is not too high, and if so, to report a reduction of the same, by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN offered the following Order, viz:

Ordered, That (the House of Representatives concurring) the two Houses of the Legislature finally adjourn, on Monday, the thirteenth day of April next,—which was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Mr. OAK proposed the following, viz:

Ordered, That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be, and they are hereby required, to give their opinions upon the following question:

"Are free colored persons of African descent, having a residence established in this State, for the term of three months next preceding any election, authorized, under the provisions of the constitution of this State, to be electors for governor, senators, and representatives"?

And it is further *Ordered*, that a copy hereof, signed by the President *pro tem.* and attested by the Secretary of the Senate, be communicated forthwith, by the most expeditious mode, to each one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and an answer to the foregoing question be requested at the earliest possible moment. But if the Legislature shall have adjourned before the answer can be prepared, the same shall be returned to the Secretary of State, to be by him published in the State paper.

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

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

“An act entitled an act additional to chapter 163 of the revised statutes,”—which was passed to be enacted, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Account of E. W. Clark, sheriff of Oxford County, was referred, in concurrence, to the Committee on Accounts.

Bill “An act to repeal an act, entitled an act in relation to directors of corporations”—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Hollis Bowman and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Was accepted, in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital,” (reported in the House from the Committee on the Insane Hospital,) was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill “An act additional to an act to establish the York and Cumberland Railroad Company,” came up from the House amended, as per sheets annexed marked “A” and “B.”

The Senate receded from its former vote passing this bill to be engrossed, the House amendments were severally adopted, and as amended the same was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Bear and Little Bear ponds, in the towns of Turner and Hartford"—was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill "An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond, in the town of Mercer"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill "An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company."

The bill was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. JONES, laid on the table.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on petition of John Moran and others ;

Also, same report on petition of Thomas Brastow and others ;

Also, same report on petition of Benjamin Shute and others ;

Also, reported that the petition of Godfrey Lydick be referred to the next Legislature ;

Also, reported leave to withdraw on petition of David Jenkins ;

Also, same report on divers petitions referred from the last Legislature to the present ;

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of J. W. Winslow and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Also, same report on petition of G. S. Foster and others.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported that said Committee had completed the examination of all petitions, remonstrances and other papers before them, and asked to be discharged from further service.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution the third annual report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, for 1856.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. WILCOX, its Clerk, transmitting "Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, for the year 1855," and informing the Senate that the House does not concur with the Senate in giving said resolve a final passage, but insists on its former vote indefinitely postponing the same.

And on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, the resolve was laid on the table.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. WILCOX, its Clerk, transmitting bill "An act additional to an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations," and informing the Senate that the House refuses to recede from its former vote refusing this bill a passage to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. BROWN, the Senate insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be enacted, and voted to appoint conferees.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported Title Two, chapter 11 excepted, of the revision.

The report was accepted. The title was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolves relating to the publication of the revised statutes," came from the House passed to be engrossed.

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

Mr. OAK, from the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law; also, to which was referred chapter 28 of the revision of the public laws of Maine, reported that said chapter 28 should not be embodied in the revision of the public laws, but should remain as one of the unrepealed laws of 1856;

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred a "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to settle with William Diekey," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Benjamin Stinchfield and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Also, made same report on petition of J. B. Cahoon and others;

Also, made same report on petition of Daniel Wheeler and others;

Also, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to liability of stockholders in corporations;

Mr. JONES, from the same Committee, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to compensation of county commissioners;

Mr. CHANDLER, from the same Committee to which was referred bill "An act to amend an act respecting judicial proceedings," reported that the bill ought not to pass;

Mr. GRAVES, from the Committee on Public Buildings, to which was referred the petition of Charles R. Porter and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Militia."

And the same was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported bill "An act additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Goose River Harbor," approved January 31, 1854.

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

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire if any, and what alterations are needed to the seventh and

eight sections of an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, approved April 20, 1854, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Constant Rankin and others, against the petition of the trustees of the First Universalist Meeting House in Rockland—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

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

An act authorizing towns to purchase a hearse, and erect a hearse-house;

An act to change the name of Oak Grove School;

An act to repeal chapters 53, 56, and 57 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco, and exportation of flax seed;

Also, resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

“ “ providing for the building of a stone wall at Pleasant Point;

Also, resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Grafton—

And these bills and resolves were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill “An act additional granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven, in the County of Waldo”—which was read a second time, and amended as per sheets annexed, marked “A” and “B.”

As amended, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. OAK called up the order introduced by him in the Senate yesterday, relating to requiring the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court to answer a certain question, and leave was granted him to withdraw the order, for the purpose of amending it.

Subsequently, Mr. OAK submitted the order, amended as follows, viz:

IN SENATE,
March 26, 1857. }

Ordered, That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be, and they hereby are, required to give their opinions upon the following question :

Are free colored persons, of African descent, having a residence established in some town in this State, for the term of three months next preceding any election, authorized under the provisions of the Constitution of this State to be electors for Governor, Senators and Representatives?

And it is further *Ordered*, That a copy hereof, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and attested by the Secretary of the Senate, be communicated forthwith, by the most expeditious mode, to each one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and an answer to the foregoing question be requested at the earliest possible moment. But if the Legislature shall have adjourned before the answer can be prepared, the same shall be returned to the Secretary of State, to be by him published in the State paper.

Which was read, and passed.

Mr. LOTHROP moved to reconsider the vote passing to be engrossed "Resolve in aid of repairing roads in the town of Mattamiscortis"—and the motion was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SQUIER of Hallowell.

Petition of Columbus Foster and others, for an alteration of the law in relation to the location of school houses,—was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Account of the treasurer of Charleston, for bounty on bears,—was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Increase of Salaries, that bill “An act to amend an act for the better security of the moneys in the State treasury,” ought not pass;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill “An act to amend chapter 32 of the revised statutes, and providing for a change in the pauper laws,” ought not to pass.

Report of same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to amending chapter 73 of the revised statutes relating to weights and measures;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of the inhabitants of Bridgewater plantation, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Increase of Salaries, granting leave to withdraw on petition of John S. Baker,—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Isaac N. Davis and others, came back from the House re-committed. On motion of Mr. WOODBURY, the report was laid on the table.

Bill “An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant’s pond in Woodstock,” came up from the House amended, as per sheet annexed marked “A.” The Senate receded from their former vote, adopted the amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill "An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer," in a new draft, ought to pass, was accepted, in concurrence,—and the bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison," came from the House, passed to be engrossed. The resolve was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment,

Bill "An act additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Goose river harbor," passed January 31, 1854;

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Militia"; and said bill and resolve were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported reference to the next Legislature, on petition of city council of Rockland;

Also, same report, on petition of John Tobin and others;

Also, same report, on petition of Isaac Reed and others;

Also, same report, on petition of R. S. Morse and others;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve relating to the publication of the revised statutes," (reported by Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment,) was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, laid on the table.

"Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred petition of William H. Titcomb and others, reported "Resolve making valid the doings of the proprietors of the First Universalist Meeting House in Rockland";

Mr. WASSON, from same Committee, to which was referred order to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845, reported

bill "An act to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845";

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the claim of the town of Moscow, reported "Resolve in favor of the town of Moscow";

And these reports were severally accepted; bill and resolves were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. WASSON, laid on the table, petition of Warren Lamson to have unpaid non-resident taxes advertised in the county papers.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

The Senate re-considered the vote passing to be engrossed, bill "An act additional granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven, in the county of Waldo"; and on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the votes adopting the amendments marked "A" and "B," were also re-considered, and the said amendments were rejected; and the bill, as it came from the House, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," (reported in the House from the Committee on Education,) was re-committed, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary, regulating proceedings before juries to appraise damages for lands taken for highways, on appeal from county commissioners,—was read and passed, in concurrence.

The President *pro tem.* announced Messrs. Woodbury, Webb and Burbank, as conferees, on the part of the Senate, on the bill "An act additional to an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations,"—and was transmitted to the House by the Secretary, with a message informing that branch, that the Senate insists on its former vote passing the bill to be enacted, and proposes a conference; and also informing the House, that the Senate has appointed for conferees, the Senators above named.

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

legislation inexpedient on an order relative to amending chapter 30 of the revised statutes ;

Mr. HERRICK, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on an order in relation to capital punishment ;

Also, leave to withdraw, on petition of R. T. Dunlap and others ;

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of selectmen of Kingfield ;

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to the re-survey of boundary line between Maine and New Hampshire ;

Also, legislation inexpedient on an order relating to aid for a road in letter B, range 1 ;

Also, leave to withdraw, on petition of Phillis Russell ;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HALLOWELL, presented claims of the city of Bangor, for bounties paid, and for support of a foreign insane pauper, which were referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act to amend section 70, of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, in relation to banks and banking ;

An act in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property ;

An act to set off Josiah A. Judkins, together with certain real estate from the town of Roxbury to the town of Mexico ;

And these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, "Resolve authorizing the Land agent to execute deeds under the resolves, approved March 22, 1856," which was finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves, having received the signature of the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor, for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Claim of town of Machias, for the support of an insane pauper;
Claim of town of Greenwood, for bounty on bears,—were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Solomon Coy, for alteration in city charter of Calais, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill “An act to amend the 26th section of the 32d chapter of the revised statutes,” was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, be requested to inquire into the expediency of altering or amending the law, that all tickets sold by any agent or ticket master of any railroad or steamboat corporation in this state, or their agents out of this state, or by any individual, or his agent, owning such railroad or steamboat property, shall entitle the holder to be carried by said railroad or steamboat corporation, on any train or boat that may be run, belonging to the parties aforesaid, as the said ticket may show, for the term of six days, provided said ticket shall not be for an excursion only,—was read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill “An act repealing an act, entitled an act further defining the powers of

justices of the peace in certain cases," approved April 9, 1856, ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that bill "An act to prevent fraudulent conveyances, and to protect heirs therefrom"—ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that bill "An act fixing the liability of railroad corporations in certain cases," ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Ira Fish and others;

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on petition of James Bryant and others.

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, with "Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians."

Was accepted, in concurrence.

The resolve was once read, and Monday assigned for a second reading.

Bill "An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath," came back from the House recommended to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, with instructions to report the bill in a new draft, engrafting therein the amendments which have been adopted to the bill, as shown by papers marked "A" and "B," annexed.

The Senate concurred in the recommitment.

Bill "An act to amend an act, entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture," came back from the House amended as per sheet annexed marked "C." The Senate receded from its former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the House, and on motion of Mr. TWITCHELL, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act to regulate the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes," was recommitted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

"Resolve relating to the publication of the revised statutes," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the "Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais Academy," and the same was amended, as per sheet annexed marked "A," and again laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WASSON.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported bill "An act additional to chapter 82 of the revised statutes";

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order in relation to altering chapter 67 of the revised statutes, reported bill "An act additional to chapter 67 of the revised statutes";

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported "Resolve authorizing the Land agent to convey lot numbered 11, in township No. 2, Indian purchase, to Deodat Brastow";

And these reports were severally accepted, and the bills and resolve were severally read, and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. WILCOX, 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 public acts, entitled

An act in relation to wills;

An act additional to chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to the levy of executions on real estate;

An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings, in cities and villages;

An act relating to attachments;

Severally approved March 20, 1857.

An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and for the further protection of mechanics' liens;

An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings;

Severally approved March 21, 1857.

An act additional to an act respecting the electors of president and vice president;—approved March 24, 1857.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled

“An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer”;

Also, “Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison”;

which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, made a like report on Resolve to make valid the doings of the first Universalist society in Rockland;

Resolve in favor of the town of Moscow;

Also, bill “An act to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845”;

And these resolves and bill were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of D. Alden and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed an order respecting the collection of taxes on real estate of resident owners, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient,—and these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Hannah Murphy, made a report, asking to be discharged from further consideration thereof,—which report, on motion of Mr. WASSON, was laid on the table.

Mr. WOODBURY, by leave, introduced “Resolve in favor of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia,” which was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and on motion of Mr. RING, laid on the table.

Order from the House,

That a committee of five, with such as the Senate may join, be

raised to ascertain and report, when the Legislature may finally adjourn, with Messrs. Vinton of Gray, Woodbury of Litchfield, Buxton of Warren, Brown of Solon, and Holt of Turner, appointed on the part of the House,—was read and passed, in concurrence, and Messrs. Magoun, Wallace, and Dane, were joined on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

The petition of Warren Lamson and others, was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEBB, by leave, introduced bill "An act to change the time of holding the Supreme Judicial Court, in the county of Lincoln,"—which was referred to the Lincoln delegation.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, called from the table the order introduced by him, in relation to the final adjournment,—and the same was referred to the Committee on Final Adjournment.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company;

An act to incorporate the Machiasport Marine Railway Company;

An act to incorporate the Sebec Pond Boat Company;

An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company;

An act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy;

An act in relation to depositions;

An act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company;

An act to incorporate the Jonesport Marine Railway Company;

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Calais, approved April 4, 1856;

An act to amend the 22d section, of chapter 106 of the revised statutes;

An act to incorporate the proprietors of Solon and Embden Bridge;

And the same were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same senator, from the same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve relative to Meteorological Observations, in the State of Maine;

Resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin;

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital;

Resolve in favor of Phineas Boynton;

Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts;

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to renew a note to the Trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital;

Resolve providing for the appointment of commissioner, to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream;

And these resolves were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves, having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Petition of the selectmen of South Thomaston, for payment of expenses incurred on account of an insane pauper,—was referred, in concurrence, to the Committee on the Insane Hospital.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Education be required to consider so much of the report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, as relates to central districts. Likewise so much as relates to the duty of committees in effecting a uniformity of text books, and report thereon;

That the statement of facts in relation to James Leonard, an in-

mate in the insane hospital, be taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital,—were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill “An act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, entitled Of parishes and ministerial lands”;

Report of the same Committee, with bill “An act additional respecting judicial proceedings”;

Report of the same Committee, with bill “An act to amend chapter 107 of the revised statutes, in relation to the appointment of special administrators in certain cases”;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, with “Resolve authorizing the sale of Indian lands in Brewer”;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, with bill “An act to incorporate the proprietors of Custom House Wharf in Portland”;

Were severally accepted in concurrence. The bills and resolves were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on an order relating to pension of Peter S. Folsom, that his pension ought to be discontinued after the present quarter, was re-committed, in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw, on petition of Smith Cram, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill “An act in relation to the powers of married women”;

Also, bill “An act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Portland,”—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The report of the Committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw, on petition of Trustees of Lebanon Academy, was taken from the table and re-committed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Education, to which

was referred the petition of Trustees of Limington Academy, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the same Committee, to which was referred a "Resolve in aid of schools in Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren," reported "Resolve in favor of the plantations of Madawaska, Hancock, and Van Buren."

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

Bill "An act to amend the 2d section of chapter 265 of the laws of the year 1856, relating to the Militia," was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. DANE presented the petition of Samuel W. Jones, for repayment of taxes paid to the State,—which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported Title One of the revision. Report was accepted. The title was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. RING,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of "Resolve in favor of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia," and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, the title was changed so as to read "Resolve for the further distribution of the revised statutes"; and as thus amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HERRICK,

The rules were suspended and the vote on the report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Directors of Maritime Bank for a re-charter, was reconsidered; and on motion of the same Senator, the report of the same Committee, on petition of the stockholders of the Maritime Bank

for increase of capital, was taken from the table, and both reports were recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was recommitted their report on the petition of Peter S. Folsom, reported "Resolve in relation to Peter S. Folsom."

The report was accepted. The resolve was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture": on motion of Mr. DAVIS, the vote adopting the House amendment, on sheet marked "C," was reconsidered, and the said amendment "C," was amended as per sheet annexed marked "D"; and as amended the amendment was adopted; and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The "Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, for the year 1855," was taken from the table; the Senate insisted on their former vote, finally passing the resolve, and voted to appoint a Committee of Conference, and Messrs. Woodbury, Wasson, and West, were appointed on part of the Senate. The resolve was transmitted to the House by the Secretary, with a message informing that branch, that the Senate insists on its former vote, proposes a conference, and have appointed for conferees the Senators above named.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment,

"Resolve relating the Passamaquoddy Indians," which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, reported without amendment, bills entitled

An act additional to chapter 82 of the revised statutes;

An act additional to chapter 67 of the revised statutes;

Also, resolve authorizing the Land agent to convey lot No. 11 in

township No. 2, Indian purchase, to Deodat Brastow, which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve for encouraging the building of mills in letter C, range 1;

Resolve relating to the publication of the revised statutes;

And these resolves were severally finally passed, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of Warren Lamson came back from the House, that branch having non-concurred with the Senate in referring the same the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and referred it to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate receded, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional concerning the powers of Judges of Probate," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel Veazie and others;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill "An act for the better protection of orchards, gardens, nurseries, and cranberry meadows," ought not to pass.

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of E. S. Little and others, with bill "An act additional relating to tolls on Lewiston bridge";

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of Elisha Chick and others, with bill "An act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots."

Were accepted, in concurrence, and the bills were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of E. Holmes and others, with bill "An act to restrain the sale of strychnine and other deadly poisons," came from the House referred to a Joint Select Committee, with instructions to report a bill embracing the substance of said bill, with Messrs. Brown of Solon, Parlin of Winthrop, Foster of East Machias, Fletcher of China, Andrews of Monmouth, Allen of Thomaston, and Buxton of Warren, appointed on the part of the House.

The Senate concurred, and Messrs. Oak, Twitchell, and Berry were joined on the part of the Senate.

Mr. WEBB, from the Lincoln delegation, to which was referred bill "An act to change the time of holding the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Lincoln," reported that the bill ought not to pass;

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on the Library, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to furnishing the surviving members of the constitutional convention with a copy of its journal;

Also, made a like report on an order relating to re-publishing the Geology of the State.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, by leave, introduced bill "An act in regard to the examination of witnesses"—which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, by leave, introduced resolve directing the Land Agent to ascertain the quantity of land in the gore between the

conventional line of 1842, and the line run by Lieutenant Graham."

And the same was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Ordered, That no papers, on any subject, shall be referred to any of the joint standing committees of the Legislature, after Thursday next—and after that day, all matters requiring examination by a committee, shall be passed over to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEBB, bill "An act to amend an act, entitled an act to establish a board of agriculture," was taken from the table, and as previously amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, entitled Of parishes and ministerial lands," was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, resolves entitled

Resolve in relation to Peter S. Folsom;

" in favor of the plantations of Madawaska, Hancock, and Van Buren";

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bills entitled

An act to incorporate the proprietors of Custom House wharf in Portland;

An act to amend chapter 107 of the revised statutes, in relation to the appointment of special administrators in certain cases;

An act additional respecting judicial proceedings;

Also, resolve authorizing the sale of Indian land in Brewer;

And these bills and resolve were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of Columbus Foster and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of "Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais Academy."

Mr. WASSON moved that the resolve, as amended, be indefinitely postponed.

On this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and decided in the affirmative, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Burbank, Chapman, Connor, Davis, Graves, Hallowell, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, Magoun, McGilvery, Oak, Ring, Sargent, Twitchell, Wasson, Webb, West, Woodbury—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Chandler, Hersey, Smith—4.

Petition of Richard Hogan and others, in aid of the petition of William M. Reed and others, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That a Committee, consisting of one from each county, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of removing the Seat of Government of this State to Portland or Bangor, and report on or before the sixth day of April next, with Messrs. Moor of Ellsworth, Vinton of Gray, Littlefield of Alfred, Buxton of Warren, Burr of Mercer, Weed of Oldtown, Burleigh of Linneus, Copp of Liberty, Hobbs of Waterford, Campbell of Medford, Morrison of Farmington, Garcelon of Lewiston, Gilbert of Bath, Chadbourne of Perry, and Bicknell of Augusta, appointed on the part of the House, was read and passed, in concurrence, and Messrs. Magoun of Lincoln, Wasson of Hancock, Graves of Kennebec, Chandler of Piscataquis, and Dane of York, were joined on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the increase of witnesses and jurors' fees, was taken from the table and recommitted, with instruc-

tions to bring in a bill, increasing the travel of witnesses to six cents per mile each way, and their attendance at the supreme judicial court to one dollar and twenty-five cents.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred bill "An act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Bear and Little Bear ponds in the towns of Turner and Hartford,"—reported that the bill, in a new draft, ought to pass.

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

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

"Resolve in favor of the Commissioners of 1855, for revising the public laws of the State, was taken from the table, and refused a passage to be engrossed.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act to amend the 2d section of chapter 265 of the laws of the year 1856, relating to the militia;

An act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company;

An act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company;

An act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company;

And these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Grafton;

Resolve providing for the building of a stone wall at Pleasant point;

And these resolves were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

These bills and resolves, having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor, for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy";

Bill "An act additional to provide for the distribution of School money"—were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on County Estimates, granting leave to withdraw on petition of the county commissioners of Sagadahoc,—was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill "An act concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this State,"—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. GRAVES, from the Kennebec delegation, to which was referred the order relating to the municipal courts of Augusta, Hallowell, and Gardiner, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to the purchase of county maps;

Also, same report on an order relating the collection of debts due the State;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Joint Select Committee on Plantations, reported bill "An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements."

The report was accepted, and the bill was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. GRAVES,

"Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in

this State," was taken from the table, and as amended, was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred an order relative to the increase of the common school fund, reported "Resolve for increasing the permanent school fund of the State."

The report was accepted. The resolve was read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was recommitted bill "An act to incorporate the St. Croix Insurance Company, made a report asking to be discharged from a further consideration of the bill. On motion of the same Senator, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported chapters 81 to 90, inclusive, of Title Nine, of the revision. The report was accepted, and the chapters aforesaid were read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical, and chemical purposes";

Also, bill "An act to encourage manufacturing establishments in this State"; were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on petition of the selectmen of Chester;

Also, that legislation is inexpedient on so much of the Governor's message as relates to public lands;

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK moved to reconsider the vote refusing a passage to "Resolve in favor of the Commissioners of 1855, for revising the public laws of the State," and the motion to reconsider was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HERRICK.

Mr. HALLOWELL presented the petition of Newall Blake and others; of John Butterfield and others; of Edward Ellison and others; and of Jonathan Powers and others, severally in aid of the petition of Samuel Veazie and others, which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill

"An act additional relating to tolls on Lewiston Bridge," which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Also, bill "An act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots," which was read a second time. The Senate non-concurred with the House and rejected the amendment marked "A," adopted the House amendment on sheet marked "B," in concurrence; and as thus ammended, passed the bill to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petitions of various banks for renewal of charter, with bill "An act additional in relation to Banks and Banking," was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven, in the county of Waldo;

An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodiac waters;

An act to repeal chapters 53, 56, and 57 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco, and the exportation of flaxseed.

Mr. WASSON, from same Committee, reported

An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's Pond, in Woodstock;

An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond in Mercer;

An act authorizing Sylvester J. Roberts to build and maintain a weir in tide waters in Narraguagus bay;

An act authorizing towns to purchase a hearse and erect a house for the same;

An act to change the name of Oak Grove School;

An act additional to an act to establish the York and Cumberland Railroad Company;

And these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison, which was finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolve having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. TAPPAN of Augusta.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing by law the salary of the Deputy Secretary of State, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing the collection of birds, now in the cabinet of the State house, belonging to Dr. Cushman of Wiscasset, and report by bill or otherwise;

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill "An act relating to certain officers of towns and other corporations," ought not to pass, was accepted, in concurrence.

Report of same Committee, that bill "An act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to directors of corporations," ought to pass, was accepted, in concurrence, and the bill was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais Academy," came back from the House, that branch having refused to concur with the Senate in its indefinite postponement, and recommitted the same to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. The Senate adhered to their former vote indefinitely postponing the resolve.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills entitled An act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank;

An act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Thomaston Bank;

An act to reduce the capital stock of the Bank of State of Maine;

An act to change the name of the Mousam River Bank;

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

An act to increase the capital stock of the Sandy River Bank;

An act to incorporate the Lowell Bank;

An act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank;

An act to reduce the capital stock of the City Bank of Bangor;

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

An act extending the time for the American Bank to increase its capital stock;

An act to extend the charter of the Atlantic Bank, Portland;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank;

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

severally reported in the House, from the Committee on Banks and Banking,—were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petition of Ezra Tobie and others, with bill "An act

to incorporate the Central Bank," was accepted, in concurrence. The Senate adopted the House amendment, striking out the fourth section, and recommitted the bill, in concurrence.

The President *pro tem.* laid before the Senate, a communication from the Hon. DANIEL GOODENOW, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, answering the question propounded to them by the Senate, on the 26th ultimo, as follows, to wit:

To the Honorable Senate of Maine :

I have had the honor to receive from your body, this day, an order requiring the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, to give their opinions upon the following question :

"Are free colored persons, of African descent, having a residence established in some town in this State, for the term of three months next preceding any election, authorized under the provisions of the Constitution of this State to be electors for Governor, Senators and Representatives" ?

By "free colored persons" I understand that you intend *males*, twenty-one years of age and upwards, born within the United States, or naturalized according to law, if of foreign birth, and thereby owing allegiance to any foreign State or power; not paupers or under guardianship.

It is my opinion, that such "free colored persons" *are* authorized, under the provisions of the Constitution of this State to be electors as aforesaid, in the towns or plantations where their residence is so established; that they *are* citizens of this State and "entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States" of the Union. In the convention which framed the Constitution of this State, while the article upon "Electors" was under consideration, Mr. Vance of Calais, moved to insert in the list of exceptions "negroes" after the words "Indians not taxed." This proposition was rejected by the convention. Mr. Holmes, who was chairman of the committee who reported the Constitution, said the "Indians not taxed," were excluded not on account of their color, but of their political condition. They are under the protection of the State, but they can make and execute their own laws. They have never been considered members of the body politic. But I know of no difference between the rights of the negro and the white man—God

Almighty has made none—our Declaration of Rights has made none. That declares, that “all men” (without regard to color) “are born equally free and independent.”

I refer to this, in order to show that this subject did not escape the observation of the convention; and also to show its construction of the language used in the Constitution.

DANIEL GOODENOW.

ALFRED, March 30, 1857.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill “An act to amend section 20 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes,” reported that the bill ought not to pass;

Mr. HERRICK, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Solomon Coy and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred bill “An act to provide for proof of deeds in certain cases,” reported that the bill ought not to pass;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to the Homestead act, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Daniel W. Bradley, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Paul Peavey, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Theophilus Cushing and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN presented the remonstrance of G. K. Jewett and 26 others, against any amendment of a bill to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad;

Also, the remonstrance of Arad Dudley and 65 others, against the further extension of the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad;

which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution the list of stockholders of the several banks in this State, for the year 1857.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Joint Select Committee on Final Adjournment, reported that all the committees of the Legislature may report on all subjects committed to them, on or before Monday next. That on and after Monday, the Legislature may hold two sessions each day, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and half past two in the afternoon; and may finally adjourn, on or before Wednesday, the fifteenth instant.

The report was amended, by striking out the words "Wednesday, the fifteenth," and inserting instead "Monday, the thirteenth"; and as amended was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred an order relating to the expediency of amending the 7th and 8th sections of an act additional to an act to provide for the Education of Youth, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred bill "An act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy in Falmouth," reported that the bill ought to pass.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Charles N. Germaine and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens, and Members of Aurora Lodge."

These reports were severally accepted; and the bills severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Militia, be directed to inquire into the expediency of limiting the whole number of the volunteer militia, under the laws of the State, to three thousand

instead of ten thousand, as now limited by section 7 of chapter 10 of the new revision.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, reported a statement of facts, on petition of Trustees of Lebanon Academy, which report, on motion of Mr. JONES, was laid on the table.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred bill "An act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company," reported that the bill ought to pass.

Report was accepted. The bill was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment,

"Resolve for increasing the permanent school fund of the State," which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. JONES, laid on the table.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment,

Bill "An act additional in relation to Banks and Banking," which was read a second time, the amendments of the House, as per sheets annexed, marked "A, B, and D" were adopted,—and the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. BROWN.

Mr. BERRY, by leave, introduced bill "An act to prohibit the exhibition of Circuses,"—which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HALLOWELL, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of W. B. Hayford and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the East Branch Boom Company";

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported bill "An act relating to liens on vessels";

These reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Manufactures, to

which was referred bill "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical, and chemical purposes," made a report, asking to be discharged from further consideration thereof, and recommending that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. WILCOX, its Clerk, transmitting bill "An act to provide for the trial of capital cases"—informing the Senate, that the bill having passed to be enacted in both branches of the Legislature, had been returned to the House, having originated there, with the objections of the Governor thereto, and that on the question, "Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor"? the House had refused so to pass it, by a vote of 100 nays to 4 yeas.

The message of the Governor containing his objections to the bill in question was read, as follows :

To the House of Representatives :

I have attentively considered the provisions of the bill entitled "An act to provide for the trial of capital cases." It is a departure from the rule which has hitherto prevailed in this State for conducting the trial of indictments for capital offenses, and in my opinion discards a sound and important principle generally recognized in the administration of justice.

Heretofore, whenever provision has been made by law for the hearing of such cases, by a number of judges less than a majority of the full law court, it has always been accompanied by a provision allowing the accused to take exceptions to their rulings and instructions. This safeguard is accorded to every person whose rights of property only, are involved, before our courts, as well as to all those who may be put on trial for offenses which are not capital; and I cannot perceive that it is wise or just to take it away from him alone who is on trial for a capital offense.

It is of the utmost importance in securing the confidence of a community in its judicial tribunals, that the law of the land, as promulgated by them, should be uniform and harmonious; and this is eminently true in respect to the adjudication of criminal cases;

but to allow four judges, out of the eight who now constitute the Supreme Judicial Court, to be the final arbiters of the law in capital cases, makes it at least possible for discordant opinions, on similar questions, to prevail at different times, thus producing a conflict of authoritative law within the same sovereignty and jurisdiction, which may conduct different juries to opposite conclusions, under a similar state of facts.

Moreover, if four judges only are to sit in the trial of capital cases, should they at any time happen to differ in opinion among themselves, the negative opinions of any two of them, by producing an equipoise, would be controlling and decisive of the point in difference; nevertheless, under the provisions of this bill the accused would be remediless in such a case, however erroneous those negative opinions might be in the judgment of a majority of the whole court, if it could be appealed to.

That some two of our judges would not unfrequently be found at variance with their associates in the unpremeditated opinions they are sometimes called upon to form, in conducting capital trials, may readily be presumed, when we consider the different constitution of independent minds, and the frequent introduction of new members upon the bench, under the operation of the present limitation of the judicial tenure.

Inasmuch, then, as this bill does not require the concurrence of opinion of a majority of "the Supreme Judicial Court," which under the Constitution is clothed with the judicial power of the State, as the court of final resort, nor even unanimity among the four judges whom it proposes to authorize to try capital cases, and as it provides no alternative protection to the accused by allowing him the privilege of taking exceptions to their rulings and decision, I am constrained to withhold from it my approval, and herewith return it to that branch of the Legislature in which it originated.

JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, {
March 23, 1857. }

And on the question, "Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor"? the Senate concurred with the House in refusing to pass the bill, as follows:

YEAS—0.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hersey, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, Magoun, McGilvery, Oak, Phinney, Sargent, Scamman, Smith, Twitchell, Wasson, Webb, West, Woodbury—28.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. WILCOX, its Clerk, announcing to the Senate, that the House has received and entered upon its journal, a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature, that he has approved and signed public acts, as follows, to wit:

An act additional to chapter 163 of the revised statutes;

Approved March 26, 1857.

An act to amend section 70 of chapter 77 of the revised statutes, in relation to banks and banking; Approved March 28, 1857.

An act in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property; Approved March 28, 1857.

An act to amend the 22d section of chapter 106 of the revised statutes; Approved March 30, 1857.

An act in relation to depositions; Approved March 30, 1857.

An act to amend the 2d section of chapter 265 of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, relating to the militia;

Approved March 31, 1857.

An act to repeal chapters 53, 56 and 57 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco, and exportation of flax seed; Approved April 1, 1857.

Bill "An act in addition to chapter 256 of the public laws of 1856";

Also, bill "An act relative to the appointment of guardians of insane married women,"—were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on petition of directors of the Maritime Bank for increase of capital stock;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw, on petition of stockholders of the Maritime Bank for extension of their charter;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on petition of C. E. Hayward and others;

Report of the Waldo delegation, that on petition of the judge of probate of Waldo county, the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Education, that on an order relative to central school districts, legislation is inexpedient,—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that the petition of Harrison Knowles, be referred to the next Legislature, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HALLOWELL.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, with bill "An act to incorporate the Free State Bank," was accepted, in concurrence. The title of the bill was amended, in concurrence, by striking out the words "Free State," and inserting instead the word "Norombega." The bill was then read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act to reduce the capital stock of the Kenduskeag Bank," passed to be engrossed in the House, was read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

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

An act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers' and Traders' Bank;

An act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Thomaston Bank;

An act to reduce the capital stock of the Bank of the State of Maine;

An act to change the name of the Mousam River Bank;

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

An act to increase the capital stock of the Sandy River Bank;

An act to incorporate the Lowell Bank;

An act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank;

An act to reduce the capital stock of the City Bank, Bangor;

An act extending the time for the American Bank to increase its capital stock;

An act to extend the charter of the Atlantic Bank, Portland;

An act to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank;

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

An act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to directors of corporations; which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Also, An act to increase the capital stock of Freemans Bank, which was read second time, amended as per sheet annexed, marked "A," and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the same Committee, reported without amendment, bills entitled

An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Oak Grove Academy in Falmouth;

An act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Bear and Little Bear ponds, in the towns of Turner and Hartford;

An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens, and Members of the Aurora Lodge;

An act to incorporate the East Branch Boom Company;

An act relating to liens on vessels; which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURBANK, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, to which was referred the petition of the selectmen of South Thom-

aston, reported "Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston";

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Appleton and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Messalonskee Manufacturing Company";

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill "An act entitled an act to amend chapter 32 of the revised statutes"; also, another bill upon the same subject; and also an order relating to the support of paupers in unincorporated places, reported bill "An act providing for the expenses incurred for the relief of persons falling into distress in unincorporated places in certain cases";

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the claim of Penobscot county, reported "Resolve in favor of Penobscot county";

Mr. PHINNEY, from the Committee on the Militia, to which was referred an order relating to amending chapter 10, section 7 of the new revision, reported bill "An act amending an act, approved April 9, 1856";

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Samuel W. Jones, reported "Resolve in favor of Samuel W. Jones";

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Larrabee and others, reported "Resolve in favor of Eliphas Gullifer and Orlando W. Gilman";

These reports were severally accepted; and the said bills and resolves were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Joseph W. Porter and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Also, same report, on petition of W. H. Bowman and others;

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred several petitions for an insolvent law, made a report, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of J. R. Deering and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association";

The report was accepted, and the bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed:

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The motion to reconsider the vote passing to be engrossed "Resolve in aid of repairing roads in the town of Mattamiscontis," was taken from the table, and the Senate refused so to reconsider, and the resolve, being on its final passage, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HOYT.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill "An act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committee of the town of Winthrop," reported bill "An act to make valid the doings of the selectmen and superintending school committees in certain cases";

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

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to the abolishment of the office of commissioner at Washington, reported "Resolve repealing resolve, approved March 17, 1855";

The report was accepted. The resolve was read, and on motion of Mr. HALLOWELL, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BROWN,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act additional relating to banks and banking." The amendment of the House, on sheet marked "C" was adopted, and the bill as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on the State Prison, to which was referred the report of the inspectors and warden of the

state prison; also, "Resolve making an appropriation for improving the buildings at the State Prison," made a report with a statement of facts thereon; and also reported bill "An act in relation to the clerk of the State Prison"; and "Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison";

And the report, bill, and resolve were laid on the table, and 350 copies thereof ordered to be printed.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported chapters 91 to 112 inclusive, of the revision.

The report was accepted. The chapters aforesaid read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the assessment and collection of taxes on stock corporations, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Also, same report on an order relating to making valid the doings of county commissioners in certain cases;

Also, same report on an order relative to the dower of insane married women;

Also, same report on an order relating to transfer of railroad shares;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred bill "An act to provide for the foreclosure of mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations," that the bill be referred to the next Legislature;

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the remonstrance of J. W. Caldwell and others, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on petition of Joseph R. Hawes and J. W. Lowell; and also on remonstrance of Elijah Webster and others;

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of S. L. Boulter and others;

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was committed an order relating to the repair of the military road, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMAN, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of the State Reform School"; also, "Resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School,"—which were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The report of the Committee on the State Reform School, was taken from the table and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of Ebenezer Hilton and others, reported bill "An act additional relating to liens on vessels."

The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, the bill was laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

"An act to incorporate the proprietors of Custom House Wharf, in Portland,"—and the same was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, with bill "An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company," was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was laid on the table, and Tuesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Bill "An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company," passed to be engrossed in the House, was read once, and Tuesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. PHINNEY, from the Committee on the Militia, to which was referred an order requiring them to visit the Arsenal at Portland, reported that they had attended to that duty, and submitted "Resolve for the repair of the Arsenal buildings at Portland";

The report was accepted. The resolve was once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WEBB, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported that the committee had disposed of all business referred to them, and asked leave to be discharged from further service.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill

"An act to incorporate the Norombega Bank," which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, laid on the table.

Also, bill "An act to reduce the capital stock of the Kenduskeag Bank," which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, by leave, introduced bill "An act to change the location of the Skowhegan Bank," which was read once, and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. OAK, from the Committee to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law; also, an order relating to the amendment of the 28th chapter of the revised statutes, reported that legislation thereon, at the present time, is inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

An act to incorporate the Messalonskee Manufacturing Company;

An act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees, in certain cases;

An act providing for the expenses incurred for the relief of persons falling into distress in unincorporated places, in certain cases;

An act amending an act, approved April 9, 1856;

Also, Resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School;

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Reform School;

Resolve in favor of Penobscot county;

Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston;

Resolve in favor of Eliphas Gullifer and Orlando W. Gilman;

Resolve in favor of Samuel W. Jones;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred papers relating to Waite and Tallmadge plantations, reported that legislation thereon, is inexpedient;—and further reported, that the committee had no further business before them, and asked to be discharged from further service.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported "Resolve for the printing and distribution of the report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture, for 1856";

The report was accepted, and the resolve was once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WASSON, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of S. L. Milliken and S. B. Holt," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of Benjamin Cole, jr.," which was read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST moved a call of the Senate, and eighteen Senators were found to be in attendance.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

The "Resolve in aid of repairing roads in the town of Mattamiscontis," was taken from the table, and finally passed, in concurrence, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the salary of the Deputy Secretary of State, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Isaac Sturdivant, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported that having attended to the business referred to them by this Legislature, the committee ask leave to be discharged from further service.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

The "Resolves relating to Kansas Affairs and Slavery," were taken from the table, and amended as per sheet annexed, marked "A," and again laid on the table.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer;

An act additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Goose river harbor, passed Janury 31, 1844 ;

An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters at Thomaston ;

An act to amend chapter 107 of the revised statutes, in relation to the appointment of administrators in certain cases ;

An act to set off Joshua E. Jenks, Augustus Perley, and Lyman Bradstreet from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation ;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture ;

An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the Pennamaquon and Borden's lake and tributary waters ;

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve in favor of the city of Bath ;

Resolve authorizing the sale of Indian land in Brewer ;

Resolve relating the to Passamaquoddy Indians ;

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital ;

Which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves, having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WARE of Augusta.

"Resolve in favor of Warren H. Vinton," passed to be engrossed by the House, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act relating to the property of deceased married women";

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Nathaniel Hanscom, with "Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom";

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of the selectmen of Warren, with bill "An act to amend the fourth section of an act entitled an act for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Georges river and tributary streams";

Were severally accepted, in concurrence. Bills and resolve severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve in aid of Westbrook Seminary," came up from the House, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A," and as amended, refused a passage. The resolve was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on the State Prison, reported that they had examined and reported on all matters referred to them, and asked to be discharged from further service;

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on the Library, to which was referred "Resolve for the distribution of certain books in the library," reported that said resolve ought not to pass;

Mr. PHINNEY, from the Committee on the Militia, reported that they, having attended to and disposed of all matters referred to them, asked to be discharged from further service;

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State

Roads, to which was referred the petition of Samuel A. Gilman, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to the survey of a railroad route from Lincoln to the Aroostook river, reported that the order be referred to the next Legislature ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred bill " 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 now liable to be taxed to the owners of such interests, " from the last Legislature, reported that the bill ought not to pass ;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEBB,

The vote passing to be engrossed " Resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School, " was reconsidered, and the same was, on motion of the same Senator, laid on the table.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported chapter 113 of Title Nine, which is the whole of that title, and completes the revision.

The report was accepted. The chapter was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

The report of the Committee on Military Pensions, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of Hannah Murphy, was taken from the table, and the same Senator proposed to amend the report so as to allow the petitioner leave to bring in a resolve entitled " Resolve in favor of Hannah Murphy, "—and pending the adoption of this amendment, the report was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire and report if any further legislation is necessary in relation to the revision of the special laws of the State,—was read, and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of "Resolves relating to Kansas Affairs and Slavery," which as amended, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of passing a resolve instructing the superintendent of common schools to recommend at the institutes, the adoption of a uniform system of penmanship,—was refused a passage, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to taxation of personal property, with bill "An act further to provide for the assessment of taxes on personal property";

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, with bill "An act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank";

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of Josiah P. Bean, with "Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean," (indefinitely postponed in the House);

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill "An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes," ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of David Bugbee and others, with bill "An act to incorporate the Penobscot River Bank";

Were severally accepted, in concurrence. The bills and resolves were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Lucy Crockett and others, with bill "An act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company," was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was read twice, under a suspension of the rules,—amended, in concurrence, by striking out the fourth and fifth sections; and as amended, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred an order in relation to the removal of the seat of government,—that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the securing of the payment of notes due the State;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw, on petition of Samuel E. Jackson;

Report of the same Committee, leave to withdraw, on petition of Warren Lamson;

Report of the Committee on the Militia, submitting a statement of the amount of money expended for military purposes during the past year;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that the petition of William Jameson be referred to the next Legislature, accepted in the House, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HALLOWELL.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported the following bills and resolves, without amendment, which were severally disposed of, as follows, viz:—bills

"An act to amend an act, for the preservation of salmon, shad, and alewives, in Georges river and tributary streams,"—was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"An act relating to the property of deceased married women," was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. WEST, laid on the table.

"Resolve in favor of Warren H. Vinton," was read a second time, and recommitted for a statement of facts.

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. HOYT, laid on the table.

"Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom," was read a second time. Mr. LOTHROP moved that the resolve be indefinitely postponed, pending which question, on motion of Mr. HERSEY, the resolve and motion were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

The consideration of bill "An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company," reported from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges,—and the same was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

The rules was suspended, and the Senate reconsidered their vote, referring bill "An act to provide for foreclosure of mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations," to the next Legislature. The same Senator, by leave, introduced a substitute bill with the same title, and on his motion, the whole subject was laid on the table, and 350 copies of the substitute bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. HALLOWELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported that the committee had disposed of all business referred to them, and asked to be discharged from further service;

Mr. HERSEY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported that that committee had disposed of all business before them, and asked to be discharged from further service;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourn, it adjourn to meet at two o'clock and thirty minutes, this afternoon. And be it further *Ordered*, That the Senate, hereafter, hold two sessions a day, commencing at nine o'clock and thirty minutes, in the forenoon, and at two o'clock and thirty minutes, in the afternoon, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill

"An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company," which was read a second time, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A"; and pending the consideration of the bill, the Senate adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

The Senate resumed the consideration of bill "An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company,"—which as amended, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HERSEY,

The Senate proceeded to the further consideration of "Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom." The question of its indefinite postponement was decided in the negative, and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the claim of the town of Solon, reported "Resolve in favor of the town of Solon."

The report was accepted. The resolve was read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEBB,

The Senate reconsidered their vote recommitting "Resolve in favor of Warren H. Vinton," and passed the same to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, with bill "An act additional to provide for the distribution of school money," came up from the House recommitted. The Senate refused to concur with the House, and accepted the report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported, without amendment, the following bill and resolves, which were disposed of, as follows, viz :

Bill "An act to change the location of Skowhegan Bank,"—was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. LOTHROP.

"Resolve for the printing and distribution of the report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture";

"Resolve for the repair of the Arsenal buildings at Portland"; which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

The Senate reconsidered their vote passing to be engrossed, bill "An act additional respecting judicial proceedings"; and on motion of the same Senator, the bill was amended, by striking out of the first line of section one, the word "six," and inserting in its stead the word "seven." As thus amended, the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of Ebenezer Brown and others, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Bill "An act to amend chapter 140 of the revised statutes, relating to the price of board of officers of the State Prison," came up from the House, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Senate non-concurred.

Sent down.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act additional concerning the powers of Judges of Probate";

Report of the Committee on Education, with bill "An act for the establishment of a State Normal School";

Were severally accepted in concurrence. The bills were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Allen Lewis and others, with bill "An act to incorporate the Boothbay Marine Railway Company";

Was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, with bill "An act to provide for the equitable distribution of the estates of insolvent debtors,"—was accepted and the bill referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to encourage the use of water powers," came back from the House indefinitely postponed. The Senate receded from its former vote passing this bill to be engrossed, and indefinitely postponed the same, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to make valid the doings of the selectmen and superintending school committees in certain cases," came back from the House, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A." The Senate receded from their former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed;

the amendment "A" of the House was adopted, and the bill was then laid on the table, on motion of Mr. DAVIS.

On motion of Mr. HALLOWELL,

The vote refusing to pass, in concurrence with the House, an order in relation to an uniform system of penmanship, was reconsidered, and the question being on a suspension of the rules to allow the order a passage, the Senate refused so to suspend, and so the order was refused a passage.

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

An act to incorporate the Penobscot River Bank;

An act further to provide for the assessment of taxes on personal property;

An act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank;

Which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Also, Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean;

Which was read a second time, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in the State;

Resolve authorizing the Land agent to sell land in the towns of Lowell, Burlington, Enfield, Passadumkeag, Carroll and Chester;

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Reform School;

Which were severally finally passed, in concurrence, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill

"An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners and of other lands sold for taxes,"—which was read a second time; the amendment of the House, as per sheet annexed marked "A," was adopted. Mr. JONES proposed an amendment, as on sheet marked "B"; and on motion of Mr.

HERRICK, the bill was laid on the table, and 350 copies of the proposed amendment ordered to be printed.

Mr. MAGOUN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported that that committee had attended to all matters before them, and asked to be discharged from further service.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The report of the Committee on the State Prison, accompanied by bill "An act in relation to the clerk of the State Prison," and a "Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison," was taken from the table. The report was accepted, and the bill and resolve having been read a second time, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEBB,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of "Resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School." Mr. WEBB proposed to amend the resolve, by striking out "twenty-two thousand" and inserting instead "fifteen thousand"; and pending the adoption of this amendment, on motion of Mr. SARGENT, the resolve was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

The "Resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary," was taken from the table, and being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was passed to be engrossed, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Brown, Burbank, Chapman, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Phinney, Sargent, Twitchell, Wasson, Webb, West—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Connor, Lothrop, Magoun, Oak, Scamman, Smith, Wallace—7.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of "Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary." Mr. TWITCHELL moved that the Senate non-concur with the House in refusing to pass the resolve to be engrossed, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the Senate refused to concur, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Brown, Burbank, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hoyt, Jones, Sargent, Twitchell, Wasson, Webb, West—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Lothrop, Magoun, Oak, Scamman, Smith, Wallace—6.

The resolve was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

The "Resolve for increasing the permanent school fund of the State," was taken from the table, and being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was so passed, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Brown, Chandler, Chapman, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hoyt, Magoun, Oak, Phinney, Sargent, Scamman, Smith, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, Webb, West—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Connor, Jones, Lothrop—3.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The report of the Committee on Education, with statement of facts in relation to the petition of the Trustees of Lebanon Academy, was taken from the table and amended so as to grant the petitioners leave to bring in a "Resolve in favor of Lebanon Academy," and as thus amended, the report together with the resolve, were referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Bill "An act additional relating to liens on vessels," was taken from the table, read a second time, and again laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HERRICK.

Mr. OAK, from the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs, reported "Resolves in relation to the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court of the United States, in the case of Dred Scott."

Accepted. The resolves were read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

The vote indefinitely postponing "Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean," was reconsidered, and the resolve laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on the petition of Hannah Murphy, which was amended so as to allow the petitioner to bring in a resolve entitled "Resolve in favor of Hannah Murphy." As amended the report was accepted. The resolve was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Norombega Bank" was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act additional in relation to Banks and Banking;

An act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to directors of corporations;

An act additional relating to tolls on Lewiston Bridge;

An act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots;

And these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the same Committee, reported without amendment,

Resolve in favor of S. L. Milliken and S. B. Holt,—which was finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolve having been signed by the President

pro tem., were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act additional to an act to prevent disturbances of religious worship," was accepted, and the bill was read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, that bill "An act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women," ought to pass, was accepted, and the bill was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Franklin Adams, with "Resolve in favor of Franklin Adams";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill "An act in addition to chapter 256 of the public laws of 1856, relating to the disclosure of poor debtors," ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, that bill "An act to incorporate the Central Bank," in a new draft, ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of the Directors of City Bank, Biddeford, with bill "An act to increase the capital stock of City Bank, Biddeford";

Were severally accepted, in concurrence. The bills and resolve were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, that bill "An act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of moose and deer, approved March 29, 1857," in a new draft ought to pass, was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was read, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, that bill "An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath," in a new draft, ought to pass, was accepted, and the bill twice read, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill "An act in regard to the examination of witnesses," ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that bill "An act regulating suits for false representations," ought not to pass;

Report of the Penobscot delegation, that bill "An act to provide for transcribing conveyances recorded in Lincoln and Hancock, of lands lying in Penobscot county," be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of same, that the petition of the Judge of Probate of Penobscot county, be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that "Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution relating to impeachment and address," be referred to the next Legislature;—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company," passed to be engrossed in the House, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported bill "An act to encourage Manufactures"; and also, bill "An act to incorporate the Ingalls Perpetual Daily Almanac and Calender Company";

The reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read, and this afternoon assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act relat-

ing to the property of deceased married women." Mr. WEST proposed an amendment as per sheet marked "A"; and pending the adoption of the amendment, the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. JONES.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill "An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements," was taken from the table and amended, as per sheets annexed marked "A," "B" and "C." As amended, Mr. HERRICK moved its indefinite postponement, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the Senate refused to indefinitely postpone the bill, by a tie vote, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Hallowell, Herrick, Hersey, Hoyt, Lothrop, Sargent, Smith, Wasson—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Burbank, Davis, Hobbs, Jones, Magoun, McGilvery, Oak, Scamman, Webb, West, Woodbury—12.

The question being now upon its passage to be engrossed, the bill was laid on the table.

The following bills, reported by Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, were disposed of, as follows, viz :

Bill "An act for the establishment of a State Normal School," was read a second time, and laid on the table.

Bill "An act additional concerning the powers of Judges of Probate," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

"Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the claim of the city of Bath, reported "Resolve in favor of the city of Bath."

The report was accepted. The resolve was read twice, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SCAMMAN, from the Committee on the State Reform

School, reported that they had passed upon all business before them, and asked to be discharged from further service.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

An act to increase the capital stock of the Sandy River Bank;

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

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

An act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders' Bank;

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

An act to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank;

An act to reduce the capital stock of the Kenduskeag Bank;

An act to reduce the capital stock of the Bank of the State of Maine;

An act to reduce the capital stock of the City Bank, Bangor, and to extend the charter thereof;

An act to extend the charter of the Atlantic Bank, Portland;

An act extending the time for the American Bank to increase its capital stock;

An act to change the name of the Mousam River Bank;

An act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank;

An act to incorporate the Lowell Bank;

An act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Thomaston Bank;

And these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolve entitled

Resolve in favor of Penobscot county;

Which was finally passed, in concurrence.

The foregoing bills and resolve, having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor, for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act regu-

lating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of others lands sold for taxes." The amendment proposed by that Senator, was further proposed to be amended by Mr. HERRICK, as per sheet marked "B"; and pending the question of the adoption of the amendment to the amendment, the Senate

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

The Senate proceeded to consider the question before them at the moment of adjournment this forenoon, and the amendment proposed by Mr. HERRICK was rejected. The bill was then amended as per sheet annexed marked "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Bill "An act to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845," came back from the House indefinitely postponed. The Senate receded from its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and indefinitely postponed the same, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings,"—was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School,"—was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

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

An act to encourage manufactures;

An act to incorporate the Ingalls Perpetual Daily Almanac and Calender Company;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Also, bill "An act additional to an act for the preservation of Moose and Deer, approved March 29, 1857,"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. OAK, by leave, introduced bill "An act declaring all slaves

brought by their masters into this State, free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them,"—which was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Jonathan Spear and others, reported bill "An act creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock for the manufacture of lime."

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

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements." The yeas and nays being ordered on the question of its passage, the bill was passed to be engrossed, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Burbank, Davis, Hobbs, Jones, Magoun, McGilvery, Phinney, Scamman, Wallace, Wasson, West, Woodbury—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Chandler, Connor, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hoyt, Lothrop, Oak, Smith—10.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The Senate proceeded to the further consideration of bill "An act relating to the property of deceased married women." The amendment proposed by Mr. WEST was rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on the Library, reported that that committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and asked to be discharged from further service.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act additional relating to liens on vessels," came back from the House, indefinitely postponed. On motion of Mr. McGILVERY, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The vote passing to be enacted bill "An act additional in relation

to Banks and Banking," was reconsidered. The vote passing the bill to be engrossed, was also reconsidered; and the bill amended as per sheet annexed, marked "E," and as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of William M. Reed and others, with bill "An act to incorporate the Bath and Woolwich Bridge Company";

Report of same Committee on petition of J. A. Pettengill and others, with bill "An act to incorporate the Augusta Free Bridge Company";

Were severally accepted, in concurrence. The bill were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability," passed to be engrossed in the House,—was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act to make valid the doings of plantation No. 11, range 5, in the county of Aroostook," came from the House, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Senate non-concurred.

Sent down.

"Resolve in favor of Sarah W. Stone," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, that the petition of Ezra Clark and others, be referred to the next Legislature,—was accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill “An act to secure an uniform registration of the births, marriages, deaths, and causes of deaths, in the State of Maine,”—was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bills entitled “An act to repeal chapter 256 of the public laws of 1856, in relation to the disclosures of poor debtors”;

“An act in addition to an act additional in relation to witnesses, approved April 9, 1856,” (reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary,) were severally read, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Bill “An act additional to chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to Agricultural Societies,” came back from the House, indefinitely postponed. The Senate insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The vote passing to be engrossed, bill “An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes,” was reconsidered. The vote adopting amendment “A” was reconsidered, and leave was granted Mr. JONES to withdraw said amendment for the purpose of perfecting the same. Subsequently Mr. JONES again submitted his amendment, marked “A,” pending the adoption of which, on motion of Mr. LOTHROP, the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which

was referred the claim of the town of Whitefield, reported "Resolve in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Whitefield";

The report was accepted. The resolve was read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the claim of the town of Machias, reported that the claimants have leave to withdraw;

Also, same report on claim of town of Bowerbank;

And the reports were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act additional relating to Banks and Banking," came back from the House, further amended as per sheet annexed marked "F." The Senate receded from its former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed,—adopted the amendment of the House, marked "F"; and as thus amended, passed the same to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of William F. Penniman and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported that the committee having attended to all business referred to them, asked to be discharged from further service;

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, reported that they had attended to all business referred to them, and asked to be discharged from further service;

And these reports were severally accepted.

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

An act to incorporate the Bath and Woolwich Bridge Company;

An act to increase the capital stock of City Bank, Biddeford;

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company;

An act to incorporate the Central Bank;

Which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill

"An act to incorporate the Augusta Free Bridge Company,"—which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. SCAMMAN, laid on the table.

Mr. OAK, from the same Committee, reported without amendment, bill

"An act creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock for the manufacture of lime";

Which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill

"An act to exempt stockholders of corporations from personal liability,"—which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. SCAMMAN, laid on the table.

"Resolve in favor of John Parrs," (reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary,) was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. OAK, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill

"An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings,"—which was read a second time, the amendment of the House marked "A," was adopted; and the bill was further amended, as per sheet annexed marked "B"; and as thus amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SCAMMAN,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of "Resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School." On the question of striking out "22,000," the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was stricken out, by the following vote, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Burbank, Chapman, Davis, Graves, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, McGilvery, Twitchell, Webb, West—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Chandler, Hallowell, Magoun, Oak, Phinney, Scamman, Smith, Wallace, Wasson, Woodbury—11.

On the question of filling the blank thus created, with the words "twenty thousand," the yeas and nays were ordered, and the blank was so filled, by the following vote; viz :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Graves, Hallowell, Hoyt, Jones, Magoun, McGilvery, Oak, Phinney, Scamman, Smith, Wallace, Wasson, West, Woodbury—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Chapman, Davis, Hobbs, Lothrop, Twitchell, Webb—7.

And as thus amended, the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

The Senate proceeded to the further consideration of bill "An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes." The question being on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. JONES, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the amendment was rejected, as follows, viz :

YEAS—Messrs. Burbank, Davis, Graves, Hobbs, Jones, Magoun, Phinney, Scamman—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Brown, Chandler, Chapman, Hallowell, Hoyt, Lothrop, McGilvery, Oak, Smith, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, Webb, West, Woodbury—16.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. MCGILVERY, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of the town of Stockton,"—which was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. LOTHROP, by leave, introduced "Resolve in aid of building a bridge and repairing road to Dead river,"—which was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Bill "An act to provide for foreclosure of mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corpo-

rations," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A"; and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Bill "An act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees in certain cases," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HALLOWELL,

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that the petition of William Jameson be referred to the next Legislature, was taken from the table and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill entitled "An act in addition to chapter 256 of the public laws of 1856, relating to the disclosures of poor debtors"; also,

"Resolve in favor of Franklin Adams," having been reported without amendment, by Mr. OAK, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading,—were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The "Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in Aroostook county," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill

"An act declaring all slaves, brought by their masters, into this State, free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them,"—which was read a second time, and laid on the table.

Mr. GRAVES, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported, that that committee had attended to all business before them, and asked to be discharged from further service;

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported that the committee had disposed of all business referred to that committee, and asked to be discharged from further service;

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act to amend the 4th section of an act entitled an act for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives, in Georges river and tributary streams;

An act additional to chapter 109 of the public laws, passed A. D., 1845, concerning the assessment of taxes;

An act further to provide for the assessment of taxes on personal property;

An act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank;

An act to incorporate the Norombega Bank;

An act to incorporate the Penobscot River Bank;

An act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company;

An act to incorporate the Boothbay Marine Railway Company;

An act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity;

And these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom;

Resolve in favor of Warren H. Vinton;

Resolve for the further distribution of the revised statutes;

Which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

These bills and resolves, having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported the following resolves and bill, without amendment, which were severally disposed of, as follows, viz :

Resolve in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Whitefield;

Resolve in favor of the town of Stockton;

Were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in aid of building a bridge and repairing road to Dead river,—which was read a second time, and referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John Parrs,—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill “An act to secure an uniform registration of the births, marriages, deaths, and causes of deaths, in the State of Maine”—was read a second time, the amendments of the House, on sheets marked “A, B, C and D,” were severally adopted; and being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill, as amended, was refused a passage to be engrossed, by the following vote, viz :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Graves, Herrick, Jones, Magoun, Oak, Twitchell, Wasson, Woodbury—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Chapman, Dane, Davis, Hallowell, Hobbs, Hoyt, Lothrop, McGilvery, Phinney, Webb, West—12.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. COPP of Liberty, informing the Senate, that in the absence of the Speaker, the House has elected JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND of Waterville, Speaker *pro tem*.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That on and after Monday next, the Senate hold three sessions a day, commencing at nine o'clock thirty minutes, A. M., and two and a half and seven and a half o'clock, P. M. And be it further ordered, the House of Representatives concurring, that both branches of the Legislature adjourn on Wednesday, the fifteenth instant, *sine die*. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act to incorporate the East Branch Boom Company," came back from the House, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A." The Senate receded from their former vote, adopted the amendment of the House, and as amended, the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act providing for the expenses incurred for the relief of persons falling into distress in unincorporated places, in certain cases," came back from the House, amended as per sheet "A," and indefinitely postponed. The Senate receded from its former vote, adopted the House amendment, and as thus amended, the bill was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, with bill "An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Gowen Hathorn, with bill "An act to amend an act relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations";

Were severally accepted, in concurrence. And the bills were severally read, and afternoon assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Militia, on petition of C. O. Record, with "Resolve making an appropriation for repairs on the State Arsenal at Bangor,"—was accepted, and the resolve was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to change the name of Joseph Morang,"—was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to change the time of holding the first meeting of

the Maine Medical Association," passed to be engrossed in the House,—was read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Order from the House,

That the Senate concurring, that the Secretary of State be requested to furnish to Waterville College, the two volumes of the Collections of the Maine Historical Society, necessary to complete the set in the college library.

Was read, and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HERRICK,

The motion to reconsider the vote refusing a passage to "Resolve in favor of the commissioners of 1855, for revising the public laws of the State," was taken from the table, and the Senate refused so to reconsider.

Bill "An act concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this State," (reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary,) was read once, and afternoon assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. McGILVERY,

The bill "An act additional relating to liens on vessels" was taken from the table, and the Senate insisted on its former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act additional to chapter 67 of the revised statutes relating to timber upon rivers and streams;

An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank of Biddeford;

An act to incorporate the Central Bank;

An act to incorporate the Messalonskee Manufacturing Company;

An act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women;

An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath;

An act amending chapter 265 of the public laws of 1856, approved April 9, 1856, respecting the militia;

An act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of Moose and Deer, approved March 29, 1857;

An act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees, in certain cases;

An act additional concerning the powers of judges of probate;

An act additional in relation to banks and banking;

An act additional to an act to prevent disturbances of religious worship;

An act to prevent libraries from attachment and execution;

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company;

And these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve in favor of Hannah Murphy;

Resolve in favor of Harriet Doe;

Resolve in favor of Franklin Adams;

Resolve in favor of Sarah W. Stone;

Resolve for increasing the permanent school fund of the State;

Resolve directing the Land agent to ascertain the quantity of land in the gore between the conventional line of 1842, and the line run by Lieutenant Graham;

Resolve authorizing the Land agent to convey lot No. 11, in township No. 2, Indian purchase;

Resolve providing for the repair of the Houlton and Baring road;

And these resolves were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER,

The vote passing to be engrossed, bill "An act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company," was reconsidered, and the vote passing the same to be engrossed, was also reconsidered. The bill was

then amended as per sheet annexed marked "A," and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill "An act relating to obstructions in navigable rivers and streams," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that the petition of Harrison Knowles, be referred to the next Legislature, was taken from the table, and accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The "Resolves in relation to the decision of the United States in the case of Dred Scott," were taken from the table, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A," and laid on the table, and Tuesday next assigned for the further consideration of the same.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill "An act to change the location of Skowhegan Bank," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet "A"; and as amended, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. OAK, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill

"An act concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this State,"—which was read a second time, the amendment of the House, marked "A," was adopted; and on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The report of the Committee on Education, that the petition of J. S. Holmes and others, be referred to the next Legislature, was taken from the table, and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Waterville Manufacturing Company."

The report was accepted, and the bill having had its first and

second readings, under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Augusta Free Bridge Company," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A"; and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Mr. President :—I am charged with a message from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate, that the House refuses to adopt the Senate's amendment marked "B," to the bill entitled "An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings," and that the House insist on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed—propose a conference,—and have appointed as conferees on its part, Messrs. Deblois of Portland, Woodman of Bucksport, and Crosby of Dexter.

The Senate insisted on its former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed as amended on sheet "B," and appointed as conferees, Messrs. West, Hallowell and Davis,—of which action of the Senate, the Secretary informed the House by message.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The "Resolve for repeal of resolve, approved March 17, 1855," was taken up, and on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the further consideration of the same was assigned for May 10, 1857.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill "An act to exempt stockholders of corporations from personal liability," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A," and the yeas and nays being ordered, it was passed to be engrossed, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hobbs, Hoyt, Magoun, Oak, Phinney, Wallace, Wasson, Webb, West, Woodbury—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Chapman, Davis, Jones, Smith, Twitchell—5.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill "An act declaring all slaves brought into this State, by their masters, free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, by the yeas and nays, as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Davis, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Magoun, McGilvery, Oak, Phinney, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, Webb, West, Woodbury—22.

NAY—Mr. Smith—1.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported that that committee had attended to all business before them, and asked to be discharged from further service;

Mr. BROWN, made a like final report from the Committee on
• Railroads, Ways and Bridges; and

Mr. HOYT, made a like final report from the Committee on Education;

Which reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill

"An act relating to the property of deceased married women";

Which was passed to be enacted, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Bill "An act to amend an act relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations," (reported without amendment, by Mr. OAK, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading,) was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, laid on the table, and May 20, 1857, assigned for its further consideration.

Bill "An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company," was read a second time, the amendment of the House, marked "A" was adopted,—and as amended, the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Bill "An act additional relating to liens on vessels," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve for the payment of additional Roll of Accounts, No. 37, for 1857," had its two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Final report of the Committee on Accounts, was accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. OAK, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill

"An act to change the time of holding the first meeting of the Maine Medical Association,"—which had its second reading, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN of Hallowell.

"Resolve in favor of E. G. Buxton and others," came back from the House, amended as per sheet marked "A"; and as amended, indefinitely postponed. The Senate adopted the House amendment, refused to concur in an indefinite postponement, and passed bill, as amended, to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve for the printing and distribution of the report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture for 1856," came back from the House, amended as on sheet marked "A." The Senate

adopted the amendment, and passed the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to regulate the sale and use of poison," passed to be engrossed in the House, as amended on sheets "A and B," had two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, the amendments of the House were adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional to chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies," came back from the House, that branch having adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the same. The question being on concurring with the House, on motion of Mr. JONES, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Militia, with bill "An act to amend an act entitled an act to organize and discipline the militia, approved April 9, 1856," was accepted, in concurrence. The bill had two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, and was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence, by the yeas and nays, as follows, viz :

YEAS—Messrs. Burbank, Chapman, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hoyt, Jones, Magoun, McGilvery, Oak, Smith, Webb—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Chandler, Hollowell, Herrick, Hobbs, Phinney, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, West, Woodbury—11.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and further to provide for the recording of mortgages of personal property and conditional sales";

Report of the Committee on Education, on an order relating to collection of statistics of colleges, &c., with "Resolve providing for the collection of statistics in relation to the colleges and other institutions of learning in this State";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act to regulate appeals from county commissioners";

Report of the same Committee, that bill "An act to amend chapter 263 of the laws of 1856," ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that bill "An act repealing the

law of 1852, and reviving the law of the revised statutes, relative to the publication of intentions of marriage," ought to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence. The bills and resolve were severally read, and afternoon assigned for their second reading.

Bill "An act to change the names of certain persons," had its two several readings, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Fish river road," came up from the House, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A." The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the resolve, as amended to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to assize of bread, with bill "An act additional concerning the city of Portland," was accepted, in concurrence. The bill had two several readings, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act additional concerning the city of Portland," was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was read, and afternoon assigned for its second reading.

"Resolves in relation to the North American and European Railway";

"Resolves relating to the publication of the laws," passed to be engrossed in the House, were severally read once, and afternoon assigned for their second reading.

Bill "An act to change the names of certain persons," had its two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to make valid the doings of the assessors of the town of Gray, for the year 1856," was read, and afternoon assigned for a second reading.

Order from the House,

That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, to forward to the clerks of the plantations of Drew and Webster, one copy each

of the Maine Register, and the Acts and Resolves of the State of Maine, for the 1856,"—was read, and passed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in Aroostook county," came back from the House, indefinitely postponed. The Senate non-concurred, and insisted on its former vote, passing the resolve to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill

"An act additional respecting judicial proceedings;"

Which was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Stockton," came back from the House amended, by adding the words "provided the same are in the State Library." The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the resolve, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. MCGILVERY, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate refused to pass to be engrossed, bill "An act to secure an uniform registration of the births, marriages, deaths, and causes of deaths, in the State of Maine"; and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the vote was reconsidered, as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Burbank, Chandler, Graves, Herrick, Jones, Magoun, McGilvery, Oak, Twitchell, Wasson, Woodbury—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Chapman, Dane, Davis, Hallowell, Hoyt, Phinney, Wallace, Webb, West—10.

The bill was then amended, as per sheets annexed marked "E and F," and as amended, being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was refused a passage, by the following vote, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Burbank, Chandler, Graves, Herrick, Jones, Magoun, McGilvery, Oak, Twitchell, Wasson, Woodbury—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Chapman, Dane, Davis, Hallowell, Hobbs, Hoyt, Phinney, Wallace, Webb, West—11.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That upon all questions that may come before the Senate, any Senator shall not speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than twice upon the same question, without the unanimous consent of the Senate.

Bill "An act for the protection of deer on Cross Island," (reported in the House from the Committee on Agriculture,) was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve concerning the special laws and resolves,"—was read once, and afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act additional to chapter 104 of the public laws of the year 1854, entitled an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth,"—was read once, and on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, laid on the table, and May 20, assigned for its further consideration.

Final report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was accepted, in concurrence.

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of H. H. Boody and others, with bill "An act to incorporate the Maine Bank at Brunswick," was accepted, in concurrence. The bill having had two several readings, under suspension of the rules, was amended, by striking out the fourth section, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of William Coburn and others, with bill "An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank," was accepted, in concurrence. Bill was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act increasing the fees of witnesses," (reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary,) was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve making an appropriation for repairing gun house at Brewer," (reported in the House from the Committee on the Militia,) was read once, and May 10th, assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve authorizing a State loan," (reported in the House from the Committee on Finance;)

Bill "An act additional to the law relating to elections," (reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;)

Bill "An act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bowerbank," (reported in the House from the same Committee;)

Were severally read once, and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "An act additional to chapter 25 of the revised statutes, relating to ways," (reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;)

Also "Resolve repealing a resolve, approved March 25, 1856, relating to books for the several towns and cities";

Were severally read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the commissioner at Washington," came back from the House, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A." The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the resolve, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act in relation to the liability of magistrates for issuing precepts, and of officers executing them," came from the House, indefinitely postponed. The Senate receded from their former vote, adopted amendment "A" of the House, and indefinitely postponed the bill, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, that legislation is inexpedient on an order in relation to railroad tickets;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill "An act concerning reviews in civil actions," ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on

an order in relation to an amendment of the Constitution, that the governor and senators may be elected by plurality;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The following bills and resolves, (reported without amendment, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading,) were severally read a second time, and disposed of, as follows:

Bill "An act to make valid the doings of the assessors of the town of Gray for 1856,"—was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also, bill "An act to regulate appeals from county commissioners";

Also, bill "An act repealing the law of 1852, and reviving the law of the revised statutes, relative to the publication of intentions of marriage";

"Resolve providing for collection of statistics in relation to colleges and other institutions of learning, in this State";

"Resolve concerning the special laws and resolves";

"Resolve relating to the publication of the laws";

"Resolve in relation to the North American and European Railway";

Bill "An act additional concerning the city of Portland";

Bill "An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and further to provide for the recording of mortgages of personal property and conditional sales";

Which were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to amend chapter 263 of the laws of 1856," was amended, as per sheet annexed marked "A," and as amended, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate, be directed, in making up the pay roll, to make up the pay of the Assistant Secretary, at two dollars and fifty cents, for each day's attendance, and travel as heretofore.

Mr. OAK, from the Committee on Intemperance and a Prohibi-

tory Liquor Law, made a lengthly report on that subject, which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Bill "An act concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this State," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State, be directed to notify the clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, of the change of the law in relation to the publication of intentions of marriage, by forwarding a copy of the act making this change, to each of them, immediately after its approval by the Governor.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill "An act for the establishment of a State Normal School," was taken from the table, and referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, moved to reconsider the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Education, on the petition of J. S. Holmes and others; and this motion was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CHANDLER.

"Resolve in relation to printing certain documents," had two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy," came from the House, indefinitely postponed. The Senate refused to concur with the House, and referred the resolve to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock for the manufacture of lime," came back from the House, amended as on sheet annexed marked "A." The Senate adopted the amendment, and as thus amended, passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GRAVES,

Ordered, That when the Senate next adjourn, it adjourn to meet at nine and a half o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Mr. HERRICK, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill "An act to prohibit the exhibition of circuses," reported that the committee have previously examined and reported on the same subject, and that this bill comes before them contrary to the rules of the Senate.

The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the bill was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Bill "An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements," came back from the House further amended, as on sheet annexed marked "D." The Senate adopted the amendments, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to the encouragement of a uniform system of penmanship in the schools of Maine," had its two several readings under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz :

YEAS—Messrs. Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Graves, Hallowell, Hobbs, Hoyt, McGilvery, Phinney, Smith, Webb, West—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Dane, Davis, Jones, Magoun, Twitchell, Wasson, Woodbury—7.

Bill "An act for the establishment of a State Normal School,"

came back from the House, that branch having adhered to its former vote passing the same to be engrossed.

The Senate refused to concur, and on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the bill was laid on the table, and May 20th assigned for its further consideration.

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," came back from the House, that branch having insisted on its former vote refusing the resolve a passage.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the bill was laid on the table, and June 10th assigned for its further consideration.

"Resolve in favor of East Maine Conference Seminary," came up from the House referred to the next Legislature.

The Senate receded from their former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing vote of the two branches on amendment "B," to bill "An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings," reported that the Committee had agreed that the bill in a new draft, which was submitted, ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The bill was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing vote of the two branches, on bill "An act additional to an act authorizing the consolidation of certain railroad corporations," reported that they had failed to agree with the Committee on the part of the House, and recommended that the Senate adhere to its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

The report was recommitted.

Mr. WOODBURY asked to be discharged from farther service on said Committee, and his request was granted.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing vote of the two branches, on "Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, for the year

1855," reported that they had been unable to agree with the House Committee, and recommended that the Senate adhere to its former vote finally passing the same.

The report was accepted.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee to which was referred the subject of foreign paupers, reported "Resolve relating to foreign paupers and criminals."

The report was accepted, and the resolve having had two several readings, under suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, by leave, introduced bill "An act additional to an act authorizing the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, approved April 1, 1856," which was read, and on motion of Mr. WEBB, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. JONES, a call of the Senate was ordered, and 18 Senators were found to be in their seats.

Bill "An act to repeal an act to incorporate the town of Bowerbank," (reported by Mr. WOODBURY, without amendment, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading,) was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, laid on the table, and May 20th assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY, the vote passing to be engrossed "Resolve in relation to printing certain documents," was reconsidered, and the resolve was amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act to secure an uniform registration of births, marriages, deaths, and causes of deaths in the State of Maine," came back from the House, that branch having refused to concur with the Senate in refusing the bill a passage, and passed the same to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. HOYT, the bill was laid on the table, and May 10th assigned for its further consideration.

"Resolve relating to the claims of the State and settlers, arising under the Treaty of Washington," (reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary,) was read, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to exempt stockholders of corporations from personal liability," came back from the House amended, as per sheet annexed marked "B."

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "An act additional relating to liens on vessels," came back from the House, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A."

The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional to the law relating to elections," (reported without amendment from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading,) was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, laid on the table, and the 20th day of June next assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be printed under his supervision and control, 350 copies of the Journal of the Senate for the current session; and that he cause three copies of the same to be distributed to each of the present Senators, one copy to each member of the present House of Representatives, one copy to each of the State Senators for 1858, and that the copies remaining be deposited in the State Library.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the "Resolves in relation to the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court of the United States in the case of Dred Scott," were taken from the table, amended as per sheets annexed marked "B" and "C," and again laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Report of the Committee on Education, that bill "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Luce and Madawaska High School," ought not to pass.

Was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to authorize the business of banking"—was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act to incorporate the Bath and Woolwich Bridge Company;

An act to change the name of Joseph Morang;

An act in addition to chapter 256 of the public laws of the year 1856, relating to the disclosures of poor debtors;

An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company;

An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company;

An act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company;

An act to incorporate the Ingalls Perpetual Daily Almanac and Calender Company;

An act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy, in Falmouth;

An act to incorporate the master, wardens, and members of Aurora Lodge;

An act to incorporate the East Branch Boom Company;

An act to change the time of holding the first meeting of the Maine Medical Association;

An act to change the name of certain persons;

An act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Bear and Little Bear ponds, in the towns of Turner and Hartford;

An act for the preservation of deer on Cross Island;

An act additional concerning the city of Portland;

An act additional to an act further to protect personal liberty;

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland & Kennebec Railroad Company;

An act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company—and these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve in favor of John Parrs;

" in favor of Samuel W. Jones;

" making an appropriation for repairs of the State Arsenal at Bangor;

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Militia;
“ in favor of the town of South Thomaston;
“ in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Whitefield;
“ in favor of the city of Bath;
“ in favor of the town of Solon;
“ in favor of the town of Moscow;
“ providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School;

Resolve for repair of the Arsenal building at Portland;
“ in favor of the Fish river road;
“ for the printing and distribution of the report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture for 1856—and these resolves were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves were signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

“Resolve relating to the Maine State Prison,” had two several readings, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of James Campbell,” was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill “An act to make valid the doings of plantation No. 11, Range 5, in the County of Aroostook,” was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

“Resolve repealing a resolve approved March 17, 1855,” came from the House passed to be engrossed. The chair ruled that this resolve could not be acted upon under the rules of the Senate, having been previously acted upon during the present session.

“Resolve relating to the claims of the French settlers under the treaty of Washington,” had two several readings, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

The vote of the Senate, assigning May 10 for the further consideration of "Resolve making an appropriation for repair of a gun-house in Brewer," was reconsidered, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY,

The Senate reconsidered their vote accepting the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act to prohibit the exhibition of circuses"—and the report was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the "Resolves in relation to the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court of the United States in the case of Dred Scott," which, as previously amended, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

The Senate reconsidered their vote whereby bill "An act to authorize the business of banking," and assigned the 10th day of May next for the further consideration of the same.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Bill "An act to exempt stockholders of corporations from personal liability," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional in relation to the promulgation of the public laws," having had two several readings under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the plantations of Madawaska, Hancock, and Van Buren," came back from the House amended as per sheets annexed marked "A" and "B."

The Senate adopted the amendments of the House, and passed the resolve as amended to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad," (reported in the House from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Samuel Veazie and others,) was

twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An act creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock for the manufacture of lime;

An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company;

An act further to regulate appeals from County Commissioners;

An act increasing the fees of witnesses;

An act to change the names of certain persons;

An act to regulate the sale and use of poison;

An act additional concerning the city of Portland;

An act to incorporate the Waterville Manufacturing Company;

An act concerning the salaries of the several Municipal Judges of the cities of this State;

An act repealing the law of 1852, and reviving the law of the revised statutes relative to the publication of intentions of marriages;

An act to incorporate the Maine Bank at Brunswick;

An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes—which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, resolves entitled

Resolve in favor of the commissioners at Washington;

“ in favor of the town of Stockton;

“ concerning the special laws and resolves;

“ relating to the publication of the laws;

“ authorizing a State loan;

“ making valid the doings of the assessors of the First Universalist Meeting House in Rockland—which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves, having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

"Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State," from the House, had two several readings under a suspension of the rules, was amended by striking out the words "Secretary of State," and inserting instead, the words "Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council"—and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of Wm. W. Bolster, W. B. F. Davis, and Joseph B. Hall"—which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill "An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank"—which was read a second time, and being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was refused a passage, as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Davis, Hobbs, Oak, Smith, Webb, West—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Burbank, Dane, Hoyt, Jones, Magoun, Phinney, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, Woodbury—10.

Bill "An act to provide for the foreclosure of mortgages, given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations," came back from the House amended as per sheets annexed, B, C, D, E, and F.

The Senate adopted the amendments aforesaid, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The vote refusing a passage to bill "An act to incorporate the Pejepscot bank," was reconsidered.

The bill was then amended as on sheets annexed marked "A" and "B," and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to make up in the pay roll of the Senate, the usual allowance to the reporters of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. OAK,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at 9 1-2 o'clock, A. M.

Bill "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes," (reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary,) was read, the amendments of the House on sheets marked A, B, C, and D, were adopted, and the bill as amended, was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Ordered, The House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature adjourn *sine die*, on Friday morning, 17th inst.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. TAPPAN of Augusta.

Bill "An act additional relating to liens on vessels," came back from the House, that branch having refused to concur with the Senate in passing the bill to be engrossed, and adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the same.

The Senate adhered to its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

The vote passing bill "An act to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and further to provide for the recording of mortgages of personal property and conditional sales," to be engrossed, in concurrence, was reconsidered, on account of an error in the House endorsement, and it was *refused* a passage, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed in making up the pay roll of the Senate, to allow the chaplains twelve dollars each for their services during the present session.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to make up the pay roll of the Senate, to and including Friday, the 17th inst.

A Message was received from the House, by Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta, informing the Senate that the House concurs with the proposition of the Senate to adjourn finally on Friday, the 17th inst.

Mr. DANE, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported that that Committee had attended to all the business referred to them, and asked to be discharged from further service.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MCGILVERY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate make up the pay roll of the Messengers of the Senate for two days additional.

Report of the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of Antoinette L. Brown Blackwell and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw—was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability," being on its passage to be enacted, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, and June 10th assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. MAGOUN moved to reconsider that vote, and on the question of reconsideration the yeas and nays were ordered, and the Senate refused to reconsider, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Burbank, Chandler, Connor, Hallowell, Hobbs, Magoun, Oak—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry, Chapman, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hoyt, McGilvery, Smith, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, Webb, West, Woodbury—14.

"Resolves relating to Kansas Affairs and Slavery," came back from the House amended as on sheet annexed marked "D."

The Senate adopted the amendment of the House, and passed the resolves to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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

An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings;

An act additional relating to liens on vessels;

An act declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this State free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them;

An act to incorporate the Frontier Iron Company;

An act to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association;

An act additional in relation to the promulgation of the public laws;

An act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad;

An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements — which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve for payment of additional roll of accounts, No. 37;

" providing for the collection of statistics in relation to colleges and other institutions of learning in this State;

Resolve in relation to the North American Railway;

" in favor of T. H. Fassett;

" relating to foreign paupers and criminals;

" in favor of Eliphaz Gullifer and Orlando W. Gilman;

" repealing a resolve approved March 25, 1856, relating to books for the several towns and cities;

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Cole, Jr.;

" making an appropriation for repairing gun house in Brewer;

Resolve in favor of the plantations of Madawaska, Hancock, and Van Buren;

Resolve in favor of James Campbell — which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

On motion of Mr. HALLOWELL,

The rules of the Senate were suspended, so that on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, the vote assigning June 10th for the further consideration of bill "An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability," was reconsidered. The vote adopting amendment "B" was reconsidered, and the amendment was rejected.

The Senate then insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, amended as on sheet "A."

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Seward Merrill and others ;

Also, the minority report of the same Committee, on the same, accompanied with bill "An act to authorize Seward Merrill and others to construct and maintain a wharf in tide waters, opposite their own land,"—were severally, together with the bill, referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank," came back from the House, that branch having adopted the amendments numbered one and two on sheet "B," and rejected amendment "three" on same sheet, and also amendment "A." The Senate concurred, and passed the bill, as thus amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Greenwood Cemetery Company," had two several readings, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. WEST, by leave, introduced "Resolve repealing a resolve concerning the special laws and resolves," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Richard Wells," had two several readings,

under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to encourage manufactures," came back from the House, refused a passage in that branch. The Senate receded from their former vote, and refused the bill a passage, in concurrence.

Bills entitled

"An act in relation to the rights of married women";

"An act to incorporate the Ticonic Company";

Were severally twice read, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. WEBB, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of Samuel S. Berry,"—which had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Parker P. Burleigh," passed to be engrossed in the House, was twice read, under a suspension of the rules, and on motion of Mr. MAGOUN, laid on the table.

Order from the House,

That the petition of Ira B. Delano for relief from a note held by the State, and from losses by reason of the State taking his logs, which he had paid for, be taken from the files for the year 1854, and referred to the governor and council,—was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. MAGOUN.

"Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State," came from the House amended as per sheet "A." The Senate amended the House amendment, as per sheet "B,"—adopted the amendment as amended, and passed the resolve, as amended, to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

An act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations;

An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank;

An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability;

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

The same Committee, also reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve in relation to the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court of the United States, in the case of Dred Scott;

Resolve relating to the Maine State Prison;

Resolve relating to the encouragement of an uniform system of penmanship in this State;

Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in Aroostook county;

Resolve in relation to the pension of Peter S. Folsom;

Resolve relating to the claims of the French settlers, under the treaty of Washington;

Which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves, having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned to evening.

EVENING SESSION.

Bill "An act to cede to the United States, jurisdiction over a certain tract in Portland harbor, Maine, known as Hog Island Ledge; and over certain land at or near the entrance of Kennebec river, Maine," passed to be engrossed in the House, had two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, — amended as on sheets annexed, marked "A" and "B," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently this bill came back from the House, that branch having refused to adopt amendment "A." The Senate concurred, and passed the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. CHADBOURNE of Perry, informing the Senate, that in the absence of the Speaker, the House has elected CHARLES DANFORTH of Gardiner, Speaker *pro tem.*

"Resolve in favor of the Corinna Union Academy," was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

"Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate," was read twice, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve on the pay roll of the House of Representatives," had two several readings, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was read twice, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve in favor of Samuel S. Berry;

Resolve repealing resolve concerning the special laws and resolves;

Resolve relating to the Kansas Affairs and Slavery;

Resolve in relation to printing certain documents;

Resolve in favor of Richard Wells;

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State;

And these resolves were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President *pro tem.*, and by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet to-morrow (Thursday) evening, at 7 o'clock.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY EVENING, }
7 O'CLOCK, P. M., APRIL 16, 1857. }

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The Senate reconsidered their several votes passing titles one to twelve, inclusive, to be engrossed.

Bill "An act to revise and consolidate the public laws," had two several readings, the rules being suspended; the House amendment "A," was adopted, and the bill, as amended, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills entitled

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the proprietors of Ticonic Bridge";

"An act to repeal the acts consolidated in the revised statutes of the year 1857";

"An act additional to provide for the expenses of the government";

Were severally read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve for the appointment of commissioners to superintend the publication of the revised statutes for the year 1857," had two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government;

An act to cede to the United States, jurisdiction over a certain tract in Portland harbor, known as Hog Island Ledge; and over certain land at or near the entrance of Kennebec river;

An act to incorporate the Ticonic Company;

An act to incorporate the Greenwood Cemetery Company;

An act in relation to the rights of married women;

An act to revise and consolidate the public laws ;

An act additional to an act to incorporate the proprietors of Ticonic Bridge ;

An act to repeal the acts consolidated in the revised statutes of the year 1857 ;

And these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

The same Committee, also reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate ;

Resolve on the pay roll of the House of Representatives ;

Resolve for the appointment of commissioners to superintend the publication of the revised statutes of the year 1857 ;

Which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Baker," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the commissioners for revising the public laws," came from the House, passed to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. MAGOUN, the rules were suspended, so that the resolve might come before the Senate. The resolve then had two several readings, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by the yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry, Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hoyt, Magoun, Oak, Wasson, West, Woodbury—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Hobbs, Smith, Twitchell, Webb—4.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

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

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 17, 1857.

Met according to adjournment at 6 o'clock, A. M.

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

An act additional to provide for the expenses of the government ;
Which was passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

The same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

Resolve in favor of Joseph Baker ;

Resolve in favor of the commissioners for revising the public laws ;
Which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these resolves and bill having been signed by the President *pro tem.*, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

Ordered, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait on the Governor, and inform him, that the two branches of the Legislature having acted upon the matters before them, are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make ; and Messrs. Magoun of Lincoln, Smith of Aroostook, and Hoyt of Franklin, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

The order came back, with Messrs. Cotton of Bowdoin, Tabbutt of Addison, Silsby of Aurora, Wilson of Brewer, Marston of Windham, and Jewell of Phippsburg, joined, in concurrence, on the part of the House.

Subsequently Mr. MAGOUN, from the foregoing committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor was pleased to say, that he would forthwith communicate through the Secretary of State.

A message was received from the Governor, by hand of ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., Secretary of State, laying before the Senate a list

of the Acts and Resolves, passed by the present Legislature, and approved by him, and informing the Senate that he has no further communication to make.

Mr. SMITH of Aroostook, rose in his place, and said :

Mr. SECRETARY : — I ask leave to lay upon your table a resolution, and move that the question on its adoption be taken by rising.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to Hon. HIRAM CHAPMAN, for the able, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body during his occupancy of the chair the present session.

Pending its adoption, Mr. WASSON of Hancock, rose in his place, and said :

Mr. SECRETARY : — The present is one of those rare occasions when man throws off that sordid, selfish disposition, to stand out in all the pride and beauty of his noble intellectual nature ; when the cares, anxieties, and perplexities of official duties subside, leaving an hour to be devoted to those thoughts, which serve to please and elevate. After a somewhat protracted session, which — I am happy to say — has been faithfully improved in maturing and enacting such laws as are demanded by the great and growing interests of our State — the parting hour has come.

On reviewing the "field of labor," I in truth can say, that those mutual relations, which originated at this "board" — now to be dissolved — have not been characterized by vituperative contests and rivalry, but with civil and courteous regard and kindness, stamping, in indellible and pleasing impress upon the tablets of our memories, the forms and faces of those who for three long months have met around this Senate board. Our official labors have closed. What we have done, is now in the past ; its influence with the future. Conscious that in all our deliberations we have looked only "for the greatest good to the greatest number," we can now return to our constituents, perfectly confident of meeting their concurrent approval.

And, Mr. President, may I be permitted to tender for myself, and my brother Senators, our heartfelt thanks for the urbane, able, and

impartial manner in which you, sir, have discharged the duties of your office.

And, Senators, let us be thankful, that while our minds have been engrossed in the discharge of our legislative duties; while the fatal arrow of death has struck down a member of the other "branch," our guardian angel has protected us from that unwelcome messenger. And, may He who has watched over and cared for, return us in health and safety to those loved ones at home. And may we not forget, that

" Like coursers fleet, the winged moments fly,
Like rushing winds, the days and weeks go by,
Rolling as swiftly toward that far off shore,
Where hoary Time, himself shall be no more."

The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

Mr. CHAPMAN responded, as follows :

SENATORS:— I am reminded by the vote just taken, that our legislative labors for this session, are about to close. They have been varied and arduous, and the session has been protracted beyond the expectation of most of the members. But it should be remembered that the amount of ordinary business before us has been unusually large, and some of the questions to be decided, very important, and difficult to adjust. In addition to this, we have had the extraordinary business of enacting a general banking law, and passing upon the re-charter of most of the old banks, and granting such new charters as the public interest demanded, and also the revision of the entire Statute Laws of the State.

These two last named subjects have cost the members an amount of labor nearly equal to the business of an ordinary session, but I am satisfied that the work has been faithfully executed, and will be a vast benefit to the people of the State.

This Legislature has been eminently a working one, and I fully believe that all your duties have been performed under a deep sense of responsibility, and with a patriotic desire to promote the best interest of the people. Our session has been one of unusual harmony. In all the earnest debates at this board upon important questions and conflicting interests, no breach of courtesy has occurred, and I

have yet to learn, that there has been the least unkind feeling entertained by any member toward another.

Called to preside over your deliberations at a time in the session when the duties of the chair were just beginning to be arduous, and difficult, I have endeavored to discharge them impartially, and I am very largely indebted to your aid and support, for whatever of success has attended my efforts. Nothing has been wanting on the part of any member of this board, to render my position agreeable and happy. Your kindness and indulgence to me, has been without intermission, and over my errors, you have thrown the mantle of charity. For all these tokens of your regard, and especially for this last expression of your approval of my conduct, I tender you my cordial and heartfelt thanks, and beg to assure you, that I shall ever take a lively interest in your welfare, and shall cherish the remembrance of your friendship for me, with emotions of gratitude.

The separation consequent upon the adjournment of the Legislature, is always painful to me; and especially so in this branch. Few in numbers, all become acquainted with each other, and strong ties of friendship are formed between members, which will be as enduring as life. But the time has come when we must part, and I wish you all a safe return to your families and friends; and may the blessings of a kind Providence attend you in all the future of life, and if we meet not again upon earth, may we all meet in a happier and better world beyond the grave.

Mr. WEST offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be tendered to JOSEPH B. HALL, Esq., Secretary of the Senate, and JOSEPH K. CLARK, Esq., Assistant Secretary, for the faithful and acceptable manner in which they have severally discharged the responsible duties of their respective offices.

Mr. BURBANK offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Ordered, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to GEORGE HUMPHREY, Messenger, ORRIN CURRIER, Assistant Messenger, and JOSEPH BECK, Page, for the faithful and obliging man-

ner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective positions.

On motion of Mr. MAGOUN,

The Senate then adjourned *without day*.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TITLES OF ACTS

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1857.

PUBLIC LAWS.

An act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property.

to amend the thirty-first section of the twenty-fifth chapter of the revised statutes, relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways.

in relation to the supreme judicial court.

respecting judicial proceedings.

in relation to directors of corporations.

respecting the redemption of land sold for the payment of taxes.

repealing all acts relating to the inspection of hops.

relating to the property of deceased married women.

granting further powers and privileges to agricultural and horticultural societies.

in relation to wills.

relating to attachments.

additional to chapter ninety-four of the revised statutes, relating to the levy of executions on real estate.

to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings, in cities and villages.

to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings.

to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the revised statutes, and for the further protection of mechanics' liens.

additional to an act entitled "An act respecting the election of electors of president and vice-president."

entitled "An act additional to chapter one hundred and sixty-three of the revised statutes."

An act to amend section seventy, of chapter seventy-seven of the revised statutes, in relation to banks and banking.
in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property.
to amend the twenty-second section, of chapter one hundred and six of the revised statutes.
in relation to depositions.
to amend the second section, of chapter two hundred and sixty-five of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, relating to the militia.
to repeal chapters fifty-three, fifty-six and fifty-seven, of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco, and exportation of flax seed.
authorizing towns to purchase a hearse, and erect a house for the same.
to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer.
to amend chapter one hundred and seven of the revised statutes, in relation to the appointment of special administrators in certain cases.
to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a board of agriculture."
to repeal an act entitled "An act in relation to directors of corporations."
to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots.
additional to chapter one hundred and fifty-nine of the public laws, passed in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, concerning the assessment of taxes.
further to provide for the assessment of taxes on personal property.
additional in relation to banks and banking.
additional respecting judicial proceedings.
relating to the property of deceased married women.
additional to an act entitled "An act to prevent disturbances of religious worship."
to exempt libraries from attachment and execution.
additional concerning the powers of judges of probate.
additional to chapter sixty-seven of the revised statutes, relating to timber upon rivers and streams.
amending chapter two hundred and sixty-five of public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-six, approved April ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, respecting the militia.

An act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women.

to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees, in certain cases.

in addition to chapter two hundred and fifty-six of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, relating to the disclosure of poor debtors.

additional to "An act further to protect personal liberty."

to regulate the sale and use of poison.

further to regulate appeals from county commissioners.

repealing the law of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and reviving the law of the revised statutes, relative to the publication of intentions of marriages.

creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock for the manufacturing of lime.

increasing the fees of witnesses.

regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes.

concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this state.

additional relating to liens on vessels.

additional in relation to the promulgation of the public laws.

declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this state, free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them.

additional to chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes, relating to ways.

additional concerning the supreme judicial court and judicial proceedings.

to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements.

providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons, issued by railroad corporations.

to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability. in relation to the rights of married women.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

An act to incorporate the town of Islandport.

to extend the time for the Waldo Mills Company to build their dam across Goose river.

to make valid the doings of school district number one, in Madawaska plantation, in the county of Aroostook.

additional to an act to incorporate the Bangor House Proprietary.

enlarging the powers of constables in the city of Calais.

relating to the municipal court of the city of Biddeford.

to incorporate the Royal River Manufacturing Company.

to make valid the doings of school district number five, in the town of Otisfield.

to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford.

additional to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company, passed August fourteenth, eighteen hundred forty-nine.

to extend the time allowed the Atlantic Bank to close its concerns.

to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

to incorporate the City Insurance Company.

to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

to change the name of the "Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

to repeal "An act to incorporate the Wilton Manufacturing Company."

to incorporate the Indigent Ministers' Relief Association.

to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company.

additional to "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government," approved February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred fifty-seven.

in addition to an act to enable the first school district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R. Folsom.

for the further extension of the Bangor Boom Company.

for the assessment of a state tax, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, amounting to two hundred thousand nine hundred twenty-nine dollars thirty cents.

accepting the surrender of the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company.

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- An act to divide the town of Prospect and incorporate the southerly part thereof into a town by the name of Stockton.
- to authorize the construction of a railroad around the north side of the city of Portland.
- authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes.
- to regulate the duties of the agent of the Penobscot Indians.
- to change the names of certain persons.
- to amend the act incorporating the town of Tremont.
- in addition to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company.
- to set off a part of the homestead of Horace Mixer from Sedgwick, and annex the same to Penobscot.
- to set off a portion of plantation number ten, and annex the same to the town of Franklin.
- to incorporate the Buxton Manufacturing Company.
- concerning the jail in the county of Cumberland.
- additional to the several acts incorporating the city of Portland.
- to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company.
- to authorize the town of Harpswell to extend a highway over tide waters.
- to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company.
- to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company.
- to incorporate the town of Winn.
- to incorporate the Little River Canal Company.
- to incorporate the Corinna Steam and Water Power Company.
- to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company.
- additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association.
- to set off Josiah A. Judkins, together with certain real estate, from the town of Roxbury to the town of Mexico.
- to incorporate the International Hotel Company.
- to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company.
- to incorporate the Sebec Pond Boat Company.
- to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company.
- to incorporate the Machiasport Marine Railway Company.
- to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy.
- repealing an act entitled "An act to limit the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Calais," approved April fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

- An act to incorporate the Jonesport Marine Railway Company.
to incorporate the Proprietors of Solon and Embden Bridge.
to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company.
to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company.
to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company.
for the preservation of trout in the Schoodiac waters.
additional to "An act granting certain privileges to the Islands
composing the town of North Haven, in the county of
Waldo."
to authorize Sylvester J. Roberts to build and maintain a weir
in tide waters of Narraguagus bay.
additional to an act to establish the York and Cumberland
Railroad Company.
to change the name of Oak Grove School.
to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's pond in Wood-
stock.
to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond in the
town of Mercer.
to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Pennamaquon and
Borden's lake and tributary waters.
additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Goose river har-
bor, passed January thirty-first, eighteen hundred and for-
ty-four.
to set off Joshua E. Jenks, Augustus Perley and Lyman
Bradstreet from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation.
to incorporate The Proprietors of Custom House Wharf, in
Portland.
authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Thom-
aston.
additional relating to tolls on Lewiston Bridge.
to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank.
to change the name of the Mousam River Bank.
to reduce the capital stock of the Bank of the State of Maine.
to increase the capital stock of the Sanford Bank.
to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers' and Tra-
ders' Bank.
to increase the capital stock of the Sandy River Bank.
extending the time for the American Bank to increase its cap-
ital stock.
to increase the capital stock of the Alfred Bank.

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- An act to reduce the capital stock of Kenduskeag Bank, of Bangor.
to increase the capital stock of the Freemans Bank.
additional to an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Thom-
aston Bank."
to amend the fourth section of an act entitled "An act for the
preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Georges river
and tributary streams."
to incorporate the Literary Fraternity.
to incorporate the Boothbay Marine Railway Company.
to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank.
to reduce the capital stock of the City Bank, of Bangor, and to
extend the charter thereof.
to incorporate the Long Reach Bank.
to incorporate the Lowell Bank.
to extend the charter of the Atlantic Bank of Portland.
to incorporate the Norombega Bank.
to incorporate the Penobscot River Bank.
to incorporate the Messalonskee Manufacturing Company.
additional to an act entitled "An act for the preservation of
moose and deer, approved March twenty-ninth, eighteen
hundred fifty-seven" [three.]
to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in
the city of Bath.
to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, at Biddeford.
to incorporate the Central Bank.
additional to "An act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Com-
pany."
to incorporate the Bath and Woolwich Bridge Company.
to change the name of Joseph Morang.
for the protection of deer on Cross island.
to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Bear and
Little Bear ponds in the town of Turner, county of An-
droscoggin, and the town of Hartford, county of Oxford.
additional concerning the city of Portland.
to incorporate the East Branch Boom Company.
to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company.
additional to an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Portland
Railroad Company.
to change the names of certain persons.
to incorporate the Maine Bank at Brunswick.

An act additional concerning the city of Portland.

to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy, in Falmouth.

to change the time of holding the first meeting of the Maine Medical Association.

to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company.

to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Ingalls Perpetual Daily Almanac and Calendar Company.

to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Aurora Lodge.

to incorporate the Waterville Manufacturing Company.

to change the names of certain persons.

to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association.

to incorporate the Frontier Iron Company.

to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad.

to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank.

to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company.

to incorporate the Proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company.

to incorporate the Ticonic Company.

to cede to the United States jurisdiction over a certain tract in Portland harbor, Maine, known as the "Hog Island Ledge," and over certain land at or near the entrance of Kennebec river, Maine.

to incorporate the Greenwood Cemetary Company.

to provide in part for the expenditures of the government.

additional to "An act to incorporate the Proprietors of Ticonic Bridge."

additional to provide for the expenses of government.

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- Resolve providing for state paper.
in favor of Socabason Swasson.
in favor of John Gabriel.
in favor of Peol Sockes.
in favor of Sabattis Lewy.
for the allowance of money paid to the state.
in favor of the town of Newburg.
in favor of Charles S. Crosby and Avida Hayford.
in relation to bounty on cod fisheries.
for the payment of certain persons in attendance upon the
board of agriculture.
for the representation of Maine in the Paris exhibition of agriculture in eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.
in favor of Silas S. Low.
- Resolves abating tax of town of Litchfield and assessing the same upon the town of West Gardiner.
- Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.
for abatement of the state tax on the town of Cutler.
in favor of the Penobscot Indians.
in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.
to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians.
in favor of Spencer G. Bowes.
- Resolves respecting French spoliations.
- Resolve in favor of Ellsworth Bank.
in favor of Henry Upton.
in relation to township L, range two.
to promote the education of the Passamaquoddy Indians.
in favor of Cumberland County Agricultural Society.

Resolve to repeal part of a resolve approved March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

in favor of A. Campbell and Company.

in favor of Silas Coburn, jr., and B. H. Chesley.

in favor of the town of Cherryfield for the support and commitment of a foreign insane pauper.

in favor of the town of South Thomaston.

in favor of the town of Castine.

authorizing the publication and distribution of the school laws.

in favor of Charles H. Hall.

abating the state tax of the town of Strong, and assessing the same upon the town of New Vineyard.

Resolves relative to the death of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane.

Resolve in favor of D. B. Hinckley.

Resolves for the promulgation of certain laws.

Resolve for paying Roll of Accounts number thirty-seven, for eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

authorizing the payment of school money to Hancock plantation, in the county of Aroostook.

authorizing the agent for the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry.

authorizing the Land agent to execute deeds, under the resolves approved March twenty-second, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

relative to meteorological observations in the State of Maine.

in favor of Thomas S. Roberts.

providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream.

in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin.

authorizing the Treasurer of State to renew a note to the Trustees of Maine Insane Hospital.

in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital.

in favor of Phineas Boynton.

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providing for the building of a stone wall, at Pleasant point.

in aid of repairing road in the town of Grafton.

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in aid of repairing road in the town of Mattamiscontis.

in favor of the Insane Hospital.

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in favor of the city of Bath.

authorizing the sale of Indian land in Brewer.

providing for laying a tax on the several counties in the state.

authorizing the Land agent to sell land in the towns of Lowell, Burlington, Enfield, Passadumkeag, Carroll and Chester.

in favor of committee on State Reform School.

in favor of S. L. Milliken and S. B. Holt.

in favor of Penobscot county.

in favor of Warren H. Vinton.

in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom.

for the further distribution of the revised statutes.

authorizing the Land agent to convey lot number eleven, in township number two, Indian purchase.

in favor of Harriet Doe.

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in favor of the town of Solon.

in favor of the city of Bath.

in favor of the town of Moscow.

in favor of the town of South Thomaston.

for the repair of the Arsenal buildings at Portland.

in favor of Fish river road.

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