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STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 25, 1858.

ORDERED, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be printed under his supervision and direction, 350 copies of the Journal of the Senate for the present session; and that he cause three copies of the same to be distributed to each of the members of this Senate, one copy to each member of the present House of Representatives, one copy to each of the State Senators for 1859, and that the remaining copies be deposited in the State Library.

Read and passed.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

STATE OF MAINE.

AUGUSTA, Wednesday, January 6, 1858.

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*.....WILLIAM W. THOMAS,
ELEAZER BURBANK,
JOHN P. DAVIS,
CHARLES W. GODDARD.
- Third Senatorial District*.....AARON J. WEST,
HIRAM CHAPMAN,
JASON M. CARLETON.
NATHANIEL A. BURPEE.
- Fourth Senatorial District*.....ALFRED FLETCHER,
JOHN BERRY, JR.,
CHARLES A. WING.
- Fifth Senatorial District*.....HENRY MCGILVERY,
SAMUEL S. BERRY,
ISAAC HOBBS.
- Sixth Senatorial District*.....WYER G. SARGENT,
SAMUEL WASSON.

Seventh Senatorial District.....CHARLES L. RING,
DANIEL K. HOBART.

Eighth Senatorial District.....JOHN McCLUSKY.

Ninth Senatorial District.....ELIJAH L. HAMLIN,
WILLIAM PLAISTED, JR.,
JACOB W. STINCHFIELD.

Eleventh Senatorial District.....WILLIAM CONNOR,
SULLIVAN LOTHROP.

Twelfth Senatorial District.....JOSEPH G. HOYT.

Thirteenth Senatorial District...ENOCH W. WOODBURY,
ALMON TWITCHELL.

The Convention of Senators elect was called to order by Hon. Mr. BURBANK of Cumberland, on whose motion Hon. HIRAM CHAPMAN of Lincoln was chosen Chairman of the Convention.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

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

Mr. WEST subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he had been charged, and that the Governor was pleased to return 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, preceded by the Sheriff of Kennebec and 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. HOYT,

Messrs. Hoyt, Carleton and Wasson, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of the Senate.

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

That the whole number of ballots is	30
Necessary for a choice,	16
Joseph B. Hall has	29
Daniel T. Pike has	1

The Report was accepted and JOSEPH B. HALL, Esq., was declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate for the current political year.

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 Alden Jackson, Esq., Secretary of State, and entered upon the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Messrs. Davis, Dane and Hobart, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President of the Senate.

The Committee having attended to the duty assigned them reported as follows :

Whole number of ballots thrown is	29
Necessary for a choice,	15
Seth Scamman has	28
Daniel K. Hobart has	1

The Report was accepted and HON. SETH SCAMMAN was declared duly elected President of the Senate.

Mr. Scamman being conducted to the Chair by Mr. Hobart of Washington, signified his acceptance in the following address, viz. :

SENATORS :—For this honorable expression of your confidence in selecting me to preside over your deliberations, let me tender to you my most cordial acknowledgments.

I accept the trust at your hands ; and while it will be my constant purpose impartially to discharge the responsible and oftentimes delicate duties of the position your friendliness has assigned me, I must, rely, in no small degree, upon your generous co-operation and indulgence.

SENATORS,—An intelligent constituency has summoned us to this sphere of duty, and entrusted us with high official responsibilities. That constituency will scan with eagle eye the policy we here pursue,

the laws we here enact, and the fidelity with which we discharge the functions of our office.

Prompt, energetic action is imperatively demanded of us, so that our official labors may be brought to a successful close at an early day. And may all our legislation during this session be such as readily to develop the extensive natural resources of our great and growing State, secure prosperity to all our industrial pursuits, promote the highest welfare of all our people, and shed peace and happiness around our domestic altars.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE,

Messrs. Burpee, Connor and McClusky, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Secretary. Which Committee, having attended to their duty, reported :

Whole number of ballots thrown is	30
Necessary for a choice,	16
James M. Lincoln has	29
Theodore M. Bradbury has	1

The report was accepted and JAMES M. LINCOLN was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WING of Kennebec,

Messrs. Wing, Davis and Plaisted, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Messenger.

Which Committee, having attended to their duty, reported :

Whole number of ballots thrown is	29
Necessary to a choice,	15
Oren Currier has	29

The report was accepted, and OREN CURRIER was declared duly elected Messenger of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SARGENT of Hancock,

Messrs. Sargent, Twitchell and Berry of Kennebec, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Assistant Messenger.

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

Whole number of votes is	30
Necessary to a choice,	16

Nelson S. Allan has

30

The report was accepted, and NELSON S. ALLAN was declared to be duly elected Assistant Messenger of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

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. SETH SCAMMAN as President, and JOSEPH B. HALL ESQ., as Secretary.

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

On motion of Mr. BURPEE,

That Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate is duly organized by the choice of Hon. SETH SCAMMAN as President, and JOSEPH B. HALL, ESQ., as Secretary.

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

On motion of Mr. WING,

Ordered, That the Rules and Orders of the Senate of 1857 be adopted as the Rules and Orders of this Senate, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Ordered, That the Senate hold one session per day, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M., until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to make up the pay of the old Messenger, George Humphrey, to, and including, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

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

A communication was received from ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., Secretary of State, transmitting the returns of votes for Senators for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

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. Woodbury of Oxford, Jones of York, Hobart of Washington, McClusky of Aroostook, Connor of Somerset, Stinchfield of Penobscot, and Goddard of Cumberland, were appointed said Committee.

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Mr. MILLIKEN of Camden, 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 JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Esq., of Waterville, Speaker, and GEORGE W. WILCOX, Esq., of Dixmont, Clerk.

Mr. HOBART presented a Memorial of Thomas Nickerson, and four others, legal voters of the Eighth Senatorial District, against the right of John McClusky, to hold a seat in the Senate from that District, and setting forth that Parker P. Burleigh, having received a majority of the legal votes cast for an eligible candidate, is entitled to a seat from the Eighth District. Which was referred to the Committee on Senatorial Votes.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, as follows, viz. :

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I have the honor, herewith, to lay before the Legislature the returns of votes made to this office for Governor for the current political year.

Very respectfully, your ob't servant,

ALDEN JACKSON, *Secretary of State*.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

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. Lothrop of Somerset, Hoyt of Franklin, Berry of

Waldo, Thomas of Cumberland, Fletcher of Kennebec, Hobart of Washington, Plaisted of Penobscot, 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. Hobbs of Waterford, Hagar of Richmond, Lane of Poland, Buxton of Warren, Bowen of Portland, Woodbury of Houlton, Parker of Dedham, Porter of Lowell, Chick of Madrid, Pike of Calais, Kimball of Athens, Rowell of Hallowell, Conant of Appleton, Loring of Guilford, and Swett of York.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee to which was referred the returns of Senatorial votes for the current political year, reported that they have examined the returns and there appears to be no vacancies at the Senate board, and ask further time to perfect their report in detail.

The report was accepted.

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 the Messenger and the Assistant Messenger, one copy of the Thrice-Weekly Kennebec Journal, and one copy of the Thrice-Weekly Age.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

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. FLETCHER,

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.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to prepare and report Rules and Orders for the government of the Senate for the present session.

And Messrs. Jones of York, Chapman of Lincoln, and McGilvery of Waldo, were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Mr. WING,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to procure the printing

of seventy-five diagrams of the Senate Chamber, on card paper, for the use of the members of the Senate.

Mr. JONES of York, presented the following :

Ordered, The House concurring 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 :

Which was laid on the table on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

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 1858 ; and Messrs. Wasson of Hancock, Burbank of Cumberland, and Hobbs of Waldo, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently this order came back with the Committee joined on the part of the House, as follows :

Messrs. Johnson of Augusta, Moore of Limerick, Boody of Brunswick, Banks of Biddeford, and Davis of Fairfield.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State for Governor for the current political year, reported, as follows :

That the whole number of ballots cast is	97,668
Necessary to a choice,	48,535
Lot M. Morrill has	54,473
Manasseh H. Smith has	42,940
George F. Patten,	180
Edward Kent,	8
Joseph Patten,	1
Noah Smith, jr.,	2
George F. Talbot,	1
Ezekiel Holmes,	6
David Bronson,	3
Manasseh H. Smit,	1
Freeman H. Morse,	3
Thomas H. Talbot,	5
Joseph T. Noyes,	1
George Patten,	1
Isaac Reed,	1
Stephen Rich,	1
Edward Fox,	1
Eliphalet Greeley,	1
Mark Shepherd,	1
Seward Merrill,	5
Joshua S. Green,	2
Asa Coombs,	1
Kendrick Wade,	2
Noah Smith,	1

A. P. Morrill,	3
Abram Sanborn,	1
Henry Jordan,	1
Freeman F. Morse,	1
Robert Thompson,	1
George F. Hilliard,	1
Capt. Patten,	1
George Evans,	1
G. W. Patten,	1
E. P. Baldwin,	1
Wm. P. Preble,	1
Neal Dow,	7
Scattering,	6

Your Committee further report, that returns from Farmington, Kingfield, Lexington, Mayfield, Harrington, Brookline, Trenton, and Fryeburg Academy Grant, do not appear to have been sealed. The number of votes returned from said towns, was six hundred and fifty-three for Lot M. Morrill, five hundred and ninety-three for Manasseh H. Smith, included in the foregoing count. The names of Lot M. Morrill and Manasseh H. Smith were entered in the return from Milton plantation, but no votes inserted.

The report was read and accepted.

And Hon. LOT M. MORRILL was declared duly elected Governor of Maine for the current political year.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Ordered, That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be chosen to wait upon the Hon. Lot M. Morrill and inform him that he has been elected by the people Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year; and Messrs. Chapman of Lincoln, Hamlin of Penobscot, and Dane of York, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. CHAPMAN reported that the Committee had attended to the duty assigned to them, and report that the Governor elect is pleased to say, that he will accept the office; and further, that he will attend upon the Legislature at any time they may

assign, to take the oaths of office required by the Constitution to qualify him for the duties of the office.

This order came up with the Committee on the part of the House joined as follows, viz :

Messrs. Johnson of Augusta, Davis of Buxton, Pike of Topsfield, Arnold of Skowhegan, Buck of Oldtown, Tillson of Rockland, and Spooner of New Portland.

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

MR. PRESIDENT: I am charged with a message from the House of Representatives, proposing to the Senate a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Hall of Representatives, this day, at eleven o'clock and ten minutes, for the purpose of administering to the Hon. Lot M. Morrill, Governor elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Senate concurred. And on motion of Mr. BURPEE,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House informing that body of the concurrence of the Senate with its proposition for a Convention of both branches at the time and place and for the purposes indicated.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. McCLUSKY asked to be excused from further service as a member of the Select Committee on Senatorial votes. The Senate granted his request, and Mr. CARLETON was appointed in his stead.

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. BURBANK of Cumberland, that Senator was charged with a message to the Hon. Lot M. Morrill, Governor elect, informing him that a Convention of both branches of the Legislature is now in waiting, ready to administer to him the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Subsequently, Mr. BURBANK reported to the Convention that he had delivered the message with which he had been charged, and that the Governor elect was pleased to return for answer that he would attend forthwith upon the Convention for the purpose indicated.

Thereupon the Hon. Lot M. Morrill, Governor elect, attended by the present Governor and Executive Council, together with the Heads of Departments, and preceded by the Sheriff of Kennebec, came in, and in presence of both branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., 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 to Hon. Lot M. Morrill, and that he is duly elected, and he having in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge the duties of that office, I therefore declare and make known to all persons in this State who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as all good citizens thereof, that LOT M. MORRILL 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 of the House of Representatives :

We have assembled, in obedience to the will of the people, intrusted

with high responsibilities and duties. Acknowledging our moral accountability to the Supreme Ruler of the universe, and conscious that in His hands are the destinies of nations, may we fervently hope to be guided by His wisdom, that we may perform our duties aright, and thereby promote the general welfare.

The state is necessarily involved in the general financial embarrassment under which the nation is suffering. Although happily free from any great national calamity, and blessed with all the elements of prosperity, a general and wide spread derangement prevails, producing a revolution in all the departments of business and enterprise throughout the country—a revolution which not only prostrates the most accredited houses and moneyed institutions, but, in its comprehensive sweep, has touched the springs of labor, paralyzed the activities of ordinary pursuits, and leaving thousands of our fellow men dependent upon their labor, without employment and the means of support, and presenting the anomalous spectacle of want and distress in a nation blessed with unexampled general prosperity, and wholly free from any great public calamity.

With no desire to exaggerate the public distress, and with no purpose of an extended discussion of the causes which have been productive of the present condition of affairs, it is important that these causes should be rightly apprehended and noted, to enable us to draw from them the practical duties of the present and the future.

The crisis in which the country is involved is not altogether unlooked for or unnatural. Panics and revulsions have occurred in the commercial world, with nearly each successive generation, during the last two hundred years. There have been repeated days of adversity, and men have not considered. The law of compensation seems not to apply here, as elsewhere. The oft recurring disasters in commerce, embarrassments in trade, distress in business, have not served to inculcate that measure of wisdom essential to a renovation of the pernicious business systems which prevail, and necessary to prevent a recurrence of similar periods of panic and revulsion.

A variety of causes have undoubtedly contributed to the present embarrassed condition in the monetary and business affairs of the country. A general statement, embracing many of them, is that which attributes it, in a great measure, to over action in all the departments of business and enterprise, and extravagance of expenditure, in both public and private affairs. The incentives to this public and private excess are numerous and strong, general and special.

The American mind acts perpetually under an intense sentiment of nationality. If our example may be said to inspire the democracy of other nations with the loftiest ideas in respect to the mission of "the model republic," it is equally true that our own people share in the inspiration. Its physical nature and position, and its advancement in all the elements of natural power and greatness, are equally inspiring; its territory already embracing one-tenth of the habitable globe; from thirteen feeble colonies having increased to thirty-one independent state sovereignties, and still forming in rapid succession; its agriculture rewarding the husbandman with marvellous abundance; its commerce having already placed it in the first rank of commercial nations; its railroads intersecting the country at all points, and involving the outlay of hundreds of millions of dollars; its manufactures and mechanic arts having reached the point of successful competition with the oldest nations; these serve perpetually to stimulate the people, and to beget in them a spirit of restless enterprise and of extreme activity.

This overpowering national impulse finds its gratification, also, in corresponding private and social *displays*—in elegant mansions, costly furniture, splendid equipage, and, divested of high aims, takes on the more questionable character of indulgence in mere trappings; and thus the habits of domestic and social life become changed from those of simplicity to those of extravagance. Considering the general tendency to excess, the absence of all positive restraints or checks, the wonder is, not that derangement and embarrassment happen to the individual and the community, but that they do not come with greater frequency. The nation needs the restraints of the check, not the incentives of the spur, to its aspirations and endeavors.

To what extent the currency of the country has contributed to the present condition of affairs, there is every variety and shade of opinion. The banks, practically, under our system, furnish the almost exclusive currency for the people.

Not to discuss the merits of a system which so universally prevails, and with which this state is connected through its own banking institutions, and which renders any attempt at radical change at once difficult, if not impracticable—this much at least should be considered, whether there are not defects in it which the public security demand should be provided for.

One important objection to a paper currency is supposed to exist in its liability to sudden expansions and contractions, to the prejudice of

the business of the community, and affecting the value of the property and productions of the country, by affecting the measure of value, by the enlargement of it to-day, and the diminution of it to-morrow. Perfect uniformity in any currency is unattainable, yet that which approaches nearest a specie currency is most likely to be uniform. As the circulation of the banks throughout the country is now small, and the influx of specie large, the present may be regarded as a favorable opportunity for some prospective measure designed to retain specie in more general circulation. This object might be obtained, and the circulation of the precious metals among the people in ordinary business provided for, by prohibiting the circulation of small bills. Whether this method is not practicable, especially in concert with other states in New England, I submit to your careful consideration.

The belief is general, that the banking system in this country is not as perfect as it ought to be, and as the interests of the people require. The generally conceded fact that these institutions, by their alternate expansions and contractions, have contributed to the present financial derangement, together with their inability to meet their own promises to pay, when the crisis came on, is conclusive evidence both of radical defect in the system, and of its injurious character. Bank notes are a mere contrivance to effect some of the purposes of money; their value consists in their promises to pay a certain amount of money, and that the persons among whom they circulate, believe these promises will be kept. The character of the bank, like that of the merchant, will depend upon its positive ability to perform its promises. It does not necessarily follow that no issue ought to be made beyond the reserve of specie retained in hand. The very purpose of the bank is to make other descriptions of property serve, to a certain extent, the purpose of specie. But what should be demanded of the banks, and they should be put upon such footing as to require it, is, that while the banker may be permitted so to manage as to have the least practicable amount of specie lying idle, with largest practicable circulation, he should be held, upon his peril, to keep within his capacity of turning his effects into specie so rapidly as to meet any possible demands from the bills. Any system which does not absolutely require this much, and any practice of the banks which puts it beyond their power to perform this much, is deemed to be wholly wrong and unsafe. There should be no contingency where this rule should be relaxed. As much is implied in the duties of the bank to the public, and as much is

demanding by the safety of the public. A suspension of specie payments by the banks, is either a violent implication upon the system, or upon its management.

The multiplicity of banks in the state is an evil, and a spirit of rivalry among banks is promotive of evil. The legitimate purpose of banking is to facilitate the business of the community. Banks should be located with strict reference to actual business wants. Where such wants are fully met by one bank another should not be created. Experience has shown that competition between small banks leads to the encouragement of a class of paper not contemplated by the laws.

It is not understood that the temporary inability of our banks to make specie payments, results from any want of ultimate ability to discharge all their liabilities. Nor is there just apprehension of their soundness and the security of the public as connected with them. On the contrary, they have maintained their credit with commendable promptitude during the prevalence of severest revulsion.

Your judgment is invited to the consideration of the question whether any measures are necessary to prevent a recurrence of bank suspensions, and to provide against the effects upon the country consequent thereon.

Whatever checks or restraints you may think proper to throw around the system to protect the community against injurious influences, from that quarter, for the future, if it be true that, to a great extent, the present prostrate condition of the business of the country, and the apparent scarcity of money, is attributable to extravagance of investment and individual extravagance—investment which has made no adequate return, and extravagance beyond the income—then it is obvious that the remedy the case admits of and requires, for permanent relief, is retrenchment and economy of investment and economy of expenditure, in all departments, public and private, individual and personal—an economy which shall criticise the fitness of the smallest item of outlay, and force within the narrowest limits both public and private disbursements. Embarrassment has not come because the sources of wealth are not abundant, both in the bounties of nature and the creative art of our people, but simply because we have not accumulated by frugality.

It is not too much to add, that the economy of living, a real virtue, is too little understood and practiced by all classes among us; and that we are not, in our habits and tastes, sufficiently American, but in these

defer to foreign customs, and unwisely and unpatriotically prefer the imported fabric and production to those of American skill and labor.

The public laws having undergone a thorough consolidation under the observation of the last legislature, and thereby superseding any supposed necessity for general legislation at present, and the probability of small demand for special legislation from general prostration of business, would seem to authorize the hope that, with a determination formed at the outset and acted upon persistently, the needful business of the session may be transacted in less time than is usual. Over-legislation is an evil; frequent changes and amendments of the laws are impolitic and unwise; next to certainty, the stability of the laws is of the utmost importance. It is only when so regarded that a presumptive knowledge of the laws is not an absurdity.

In the furtherance of these views, and in the practice of that state economy which is especially due, at this time, towards the people we represent, let us carefully refrain from all measures not clearly demanded, and let whatever is required be dispatched with that promptitude which shall exhibit a spirit of generous devotion to the public weal.

With states, as with individuals, uninterrupted prosperity is not to be expected; yet it is believed that the retrospect of the brief history of our state, affords most gratifying evidence of public prosperity, and holds out to the future cheering prospects of coming advancement in all the essential elements of a great commonwealth.

With the increase of our population and the progress of settlements, under the encouragement of a liberal policy adopted by the legislature, manufactures have sprung up in the state, and have become a successful and permanent branch of the business of our people.

The enterprise of our people, keeping pace with the general movements which have prevailed throughout the country for improvements in the means of intercommunication, has led to the construction of lines of railway, which, while they afford facilities for the frequent intercourse of our people, and serve to develop the natural resources of the state, and stimulate to increased activity its enterprise and industry, have put us in direct and easy communication with the most remote parts of the country, and afford also facilities for the most extended internal and external commerce of the state by their extension into Canada, and connection with the railways of that country.

Incited by the natural advantages of our extended sea coast, affording

safe and commodious harbors, our citizens have, with characteristic energy, engaged in commerce, navigation and the fisheries. Maine furnishes annually more of the tonnage which constitutes the splendid fleet of the merchant marine of the nation, than any one of her sister states—is second to one only of these states in the amount of her tonnage employed in the coastwise trade, and to one only in the extent of her fisheries. While her agriculture and mechanic interests have greatly increased, and the moral, social and intellectual condition of the people have received corresponding attention.

It is believed the natural capabilities of the state are favorable to the highest advancement in all the elements of a prosperous commonwealth. Its advantages for commerce, through its extended sea coast, capacious and safe harbors, are unrivalled. Its inexhaustible water falls, afford a cheap and constant power sufficient for all the needful machinery of the nation. Its forests afford lucrative employment for a numerous class of her citizens, and furnish a large item for exportation, and will continue to be an unfailing source of wealth not easily over-estimated in its importance to the labor and enterprise of the state.

It has also vast agricultural resources. If its soil is not equal in fertility to the valley of the Mississippi, it is, in great part, superior to most of the New England states in this respect, and it is believed that the faithful husbandman has here never failed of his due reward.

Upon an intelligent review of its physical position, capabilities and natural advantages, there is no reason for repining that it has not blander skies and more fertile soil.

Its unrivalled advantages for commerce and navigation, manufactures and mechanic arts, more than counterbalance any supposed disparity in these respects. If in the future, the state loiters in the rear of her sister states, in that grand march of progress and advancement, which the nation is making to the highest achievement, physical and moral, rest assured the fault is our own.

A state regarded as a permanent habitation for man, and as a theatre also for the development of his moral and intellectual powers, is not to be determined wholly, or in chief, by the fertility of the soil. The advantages of commerce, manufactures and the mechanic arts are of vast importance to the general prosperity and elevation of a people. These remarks are suggested by the apprehension of a growing disposition among our people to undervalue their privileges and advantages, and to abandon them for what are regarded fairer prospects elsewhere. Not to institute invidious comparisons between any portions of our

widely extended and greatly diversified country, the assertion may be ventured, that amid the rush and agitation of elements, harmonious and inharmonious, the infinite commingling of alien and native, and the countervailing forces under and by which American society is driven forward, particularly at those points where the ceaseless tide of foreign emigration flows, nowhere can a home be found where the blessings of health, comfort and competence, and privileges, social, moral and intellectual, abound more than here. Above all, our people should cherish a sentiment for "New England homes," based upon an intelligent appreciation of the privileges and peculiarities in which we differ, as well as the great privileges of citizenship possessed in common with the nation.

The importance and necessity of agriculture to a state, is universally conceded. It is, and must ever continue to be, the great leading interest of our people. While manufactures, commerce and the mechanic arts have their importance as branches of public industry, agriculture lies at the foundation of all. Unlike those countries where the land is held by a few proprietors, and is principally occupied in large tracts by tenants, who cultivate it by labor, having no interest in the soil, here the land is owned by those who till it on their own account, in comparatively small farms, and who, drawing their support from sources independent of the fluctuations of trade, and the favors of government, constitute at once a reliable and important portion of the community.

The progress of agriculture in this state has not kept pace with the skill and improvements displayed in other departments of industry; a variety of causes have contributed to the general apathy upon the subject not necessary here to notice. A more hopeful sentiment is beginning to prevail. Societies under the patronage of the state, have been formed for the promotion of general agriculture, and its bounty has been granted to these societies, and it is believed that they are exerting a salutary influence. A state board of agriculture has also been organized under the act of 1856. Its existence is too brief, and its field of operations and observation too limited, to determine what may be the extent of its future usefulness.

Much good may be anticipated from its annual investigation of subjects of agriculture, horticulture and kindred subjects, and from the publication of the results of these investigations for the general information of the agriculturists of the state. Much useful and important information may be furnished through the report of the secretary of the board, whose duty it is to publish a detailed report "of the doings

of the board, together with a digest of the several agricultural and horticultural societies, and of such statistics as he may be able to collect, with such recommendations and suggestions as the interests of agriculture may require." This report will be laid before you.

Intimately connected with this subject having the most important bearing upon the growth and prosperity of the state, is the settlement of our territory with intelligent and industrious citizens. The Aroostook county, by far the most fertile of our lands, makes slow and imperfect progress in settlements for want of facilities for transportation and intercommunication. If any method can be devised by which an object so desirable can be promoted, it would be for the highest interest of the state, at once, to embrace it. It has ever been regarded an object of the deepest solicitude, and the legislature has from time to time appropriated means for the construction of roads for this purpose. These are necessarily imperfect, and compared with modern modes of transportation, unsatisfactory.

I invite your careful consideration of this whole subject, in a spirit of enlightened liberality, and cannot too urgently press it upon your attention.

The constitution declares that "a general diffusion of the advantages of education is essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people;" and it enjoins upon the legislature the duty of requiring of the several towns and cities suitable provision for the support of public schools, and also requires the endowment of colleges and academies. Herein is the recognition of the maxim that a republican government must rest on the intelligence of the people.

Education, intellectual and moral culture for all, was ordained as the means for the establishment and support of civil and religious liberty. Coeval with our political forms of government, was the establishment of a system of common schools. Sedulously provided for as the first care of the state, watched over with paternal solicitude and sustained by an unbounded munificence, it has come down to us. It lies at the basis of the state's deepest concerns, as common to all, and as the broad foundation of all other institutions of learning; and while it may claim your first attention, it should not be forgotten that the genius of our government is equally the fostering parent of the college and the academy, into which, from the common school, those who are prompted by an innate ambition to excel in the higher walks of education, may go, and there qualify themselves for successful competition for the highest prizes of the state.

The times will not admit of reduction in the general standard of intelligence among the people. We are indebted to the intelligence, high culture and strong virtue of the original settlers, for our institutions. To maintain the splendid superstructure of civil and religious liberty, which has been built upon the foundations laid by those who originally came here with motives of the highest social, political and moral character, against the sinister influences which have succeeded, as well as the general demoralization of the nation, popular education should be amply provided for, and a high standard of intelligence secured. Notwithstanding the severity of the times and the necessity of the practice of a rigid economy in public and private expenditures, I deem it worthy your consideration whether the interests of the common schools do not demand the establishment of a school for the qualification of teachers. It is quite apparent, from the legislation of the past few years, that the people of the state, in the bestowal of its bounties, have a partiality for those schools.

If this sentiment should continue, it will be found necessary to provide for a supply of teachers, which heretofore has been sent out from the academies. For information as to the actual condition and wants of the system of common schools, you are referred to the report of the superintendent, which will be laid before you.

Of the operation of the land office, a detailed statement will be found in the report of the land agent; and I am not aware that any new legislation for material changes in the present system will be called for.

Your early attention is invited to the affairs of the prison at Thomaston. Its crowded condition renders some alteration or extension in its internal arrangement necessary to accommodate the present inmates, not to anticipate further commitments. The main prison has one hundred and eight cells. There are now one hundred and thirteen inmates, a portion of whom occupy apartments designed and required for the sick. Some alteration of the work shops is required also, to enable the warden to employ the men to advantage. To meet these necessities, an appropriation will be required.

The reports from the trustees and superintendent of the insane asylum and reform school, will inform you as to their condition, management, and necessities. They exist upon the bounties of the state, and make constant appeals to its enlightened liberality for support. Too high an estimate cannot be placed upon our charitable and reformatory institutions. I commend them to the especial care of the legislature.

The state has still unsettled claims upon the general government, for balance of interest upon advances made on the protection of the north eastern territory ; for expenses of commissioner to ascertain the rights of settlers in the late disputed territory entitled to indemnity under the treaty of Washington, for value of land set off to settlers under that treaty. You may learn the nature and extent of these claims from the report of the agent at Washington, engaged in presenting the same, which will be laid before you. Any special action on this subject is referred to your judgment.

The constitution of the United States contemplates an organized, armed and disciplined militia, in the several states, to be officered and trained by their authority, according to the discipline prescribed by congress.

The state constitution declares that "no person of the age of eighteen, and under the age of forty-five, excepting quakers and shakers, justices of the supreme judicial court, ministers of the gospel, and officers of the militia, who have been honorably discharged, shall be exempt from the performance of military duty, unless he shall pay an equivalent to be fixed by law."

The duty providing for "a well regulated militia," is imposed upon the state by the constitution and laws of the United States ; recognizing this obligation, the state constitution exacts military service, or an equivalent, of a certain description of its citizens.

It does not seem to be contemplated that the whole class of persons upon whom military service is thus imposed, will, in time of peace, be required to perform active duty, but may be exempt therefrom by payment of an equivalent. Such are the habits of our people and the position of the state, that a small force only seems required to be organized for active duty. The militia should rest upon the constitutional basis, and not depend upon the bounty of the state.

That description of persons upon whom military service is imposed by the constitution, would cheerfully pay such slight equivalent, to be exempted from active duty, as the legislature should deem necessary to defray the expenses of such volunteer soldiery as would be required for active service. With this view, I recommend that all persons contemplated by the constitution as subjects of military service, be enrolled in the manner now provided for by law, but subjected to no active duty ; and that the uniform militia now authorized for active duty, be reduced to at least three thousand men, with suitable provisions for rations while on duty.

The frequent complaints of the system of attachment on *mesne process*, and the sentiment more or less prevalent for some provision for the equitable distribution of estates of insolvent debtors, would seem to call for some consideration of the subject by the legislature. The matter is submitted to your judgment.

For a statement of the financial condition of the state, you are referred to the report of the treasurer. It is not understood to be at all flattering. An approximate estimate of expenditures and receipts for the current year, will show the annual income of the state to be insufficient to meet its current expenditures, and will leave a deficit at the end of the year of some sixty thousand dollars.

An increase of state tax upon the present valuation would not seem to be desirable or equitable. How then shall the treasury be relieved? It may be found practicable in one of two ways, or in both, namely, by transferring a portion of the demands upon it to other quarters, or by reducing the expenditures. The costs of criminal prosecutions are an annual drain upon the treasury of between thirty-five thousand and forty thousand dollars, and it may be worthy of consideration whether these expenses might not, with propriety and economy, be defrayed by the several counties in which they originated, both as a present relief and as a permanent requirement. With a view to further relief, I commend to your close examination the items of anticipated disbursements, and the enforcement of a rigid economy in every department of expenditure, suggesting especially that the item of legislative expenses may, and ought to be greatly diminished; and herein may your session have the special merit of being an industrious and short one, and thus alleviate the public burdens.

The people of the state view with deep solicitude the subject of the traffic in intoxicating drinks. The prevalence of intemperance consequent upon the nearly unrestricted traffic, is just cause for public alarm. The sentiment is nearly universal as to the common danger from this source, and the demand for some adequate remedy is equally universal. The sentiment as to the best methods of relief is not equally concordant, and from this want of harmony there is reason to apprehend that the cause of temperance, which all right minded citizens desire to promote, may suffer harm.

It is contended that in this great reform, reliance must be placed in efforts strictly moral, and that all legislative penalties are unwise and injurious—that men cannot be reformed of their habits by penal enactments. There may be more or less truth in this position; its fallacy,

however, consists in assigning to the legislature a province essentially foreign to it. The legislature assumes to deal with the *traffic*, as it is supposed to effect injuriously the well being of the state, and does not address itself to the moral sense of the individual as to what is right or wrong in moral conduct merely. The legislator takes cognizance of the prevalence of a traffic which afflicts the state with crime, pauperism and disorder, and according to his observation is injurious to the public morals, health and general prosperity, and for these reasons we seek to suppress it.

Upon this, as upon other subjects, there may be intemperate legislation, which will react against the salutary objects sought to be promoted; but upon this, as upon all other important subjects, there may be found, it is to be hoped, a common principle or basis upon which intelligent and well disposed men may unite for the promotion of the common object.

With the lights of experience and a sense of the magnitude of the evil, and with a general feeling among the people that this whole subject is pre-eminently a moral question, the times, it is believed, are favorable to calm deliberation and united effort, with the common purpose of enacting the most efficient and expedient law possible—the most efficient because the most expedient.

That the evil falls within the power of the legislature, and that the exercise of its power is expedient, is sustained by the legislation of this country from its earliest settlement. The right of this exercise of the legislative power over the subject conceded, it only remains, as a practical question, to determine the extent of the power, and how far it is expedient to exercise it. All will agree that it is expedient to exercise so much conceded, or ascertained power, as may be required to accomplish the object.

Happily the extent of the conservative power of the state, on this and kindred subjects, has been clearly defined and settled by the judiciary in this country, both federal and state.

The present chief justice of the supreme court of the United States, in pronouncing the opinion of the court in a case involving this right of the state, says: "Every state may regulate its internal traffic according to its judgment and upon its views of the interests and well being of its citizens. If any state deems the retail and traffic in ardent spirits injurious to its citizens, and calculated to produce idleness, vice and debauchery, I see nothing in the constitution of the United States to prevent it from regulating and restraining the traffic, and prohibiting it

altogether, if it think proper. The acknowledged police power of the state extends often to the destruction of property. Every thing prejudicial to the health and morals of the community may be removed. If the foreign article be injurious to the health and morals of the country, a state may, in the exercise of that great and conservative police power, which lies at the foundation of its prosperity, prohibit the sale of it."

The decisions of our own state court are equally comprehensive and explicit. The late chief justice employs this language : "The state, by its legislative enactments, acting prospectively, may determine that articles injurious to public health and morals, shall not constitute property within its jurisdiction. It may come to the conclusion that spirituous liquors, when used as a beverage, are productive of a great variety of ills and evils to the people, both in their individual and in their associate relations ; and the least use of them for such a purpose is injurious, and suited to produce, by a greater use, serious injury to the comfort, morals and health ; that the common use of them for such a purpose operates to diminish the productiveness of labor, to injure the health, to impose upon the people additional and unnecessary burdens, to produce waste of time and of property, to introduce disorder and disobedience to law, to disturb the peace, and to multiply crimes of every grade. *Such conclusion would be justified by the experience and history of man.* If a legislature should declare that no person should acquire any property in them, for such a purpose, there would be no occasion for complaint that it had violated any provision of the constitution."

The same doctrine prevails in Massachusetts : "The legislature may declare the possession of certain articles of property, *either absolutely*, or in particular places and under particular circumstances, to be unlawful, *because* they would be injurious, dangerous or obnoxious, and may provide for the seizure and confiscation, or destruction thereof, by due process of law."

The state, then, it will be perceived, has plenary power over the traffic in intoxicating drinks, and "may regulate, restrain, or prohibit it altogether"—"may declare that the least use of intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, is injurious," that "such conclusions would be justified by the experience and history of man," that "no person should acquire any property in them for a beverage," and that "it may provide for their confiscation and destruction."

Thus, with great perspicuity, has the judicial mind of the country, federal and state, determined the province and the prerogatives of the

legislature, in relation to this important subject ; and our own state court has, in the language above quoted, with equal clearness indicated a formula, within the scope of which it may be expedient to exercise the power "to prohibit the traffic in ardent spirits as a beverage," and "to provide for the confiscation and destruction thereof by due process of law."

The expediency of this exercise of power is, in my judgment, equally clear upon principle. If it be assumed that the traffic in intoxicating drinks for a beverage be injurious, then it necessarily follows that such traffic cannot, with propriety, be permitted—cannot be licensed or tolerated—but the enacting power must forbid it altogether. And this rule is as imperative in legislation as in morals—prohibition is the only intelligent action in the case of a conceded wrong.

The annals of legislation in this country upon this subject may also be appealed to, in proof of the correctness of this position, as a practical question. The license system has proved wholly inadequate every where. Under it, the sale and consumption of intoxicating liquors have greatly increased. Our type of intemperance, both as to quantity and quality of liquors used, is severer than is known elsewhere. Experience proves how futile are all attempts to subject to authority, and wisely control, a practice which claims to act by permission. The utmost vigilance over licensed houses has always been in vain—all efforts to prevent abuse of authority to no purpose.

Under the present law, the traffic in intoxicating drinks for a beverage, is becoming quite general in all the cities and towns. It is fraught with ills innumerable to the state—with beggary and crime. It may well be considered whether, for such use, it should not be declared contraband.

While experience and history clearly indicate the duty of the state to prohibit the traffic for a beverage, it is not equally clear that those liquors have not important uses in medicine and the arts—if, indeed, the converse be not true, and therefore it would seem their sale for such purposes should be provided for to such extent, and under such restrictions and regulations as the public interests and safety require. I commend the whole subject to your especial attention.

In a popular form of government, where the efficiency of the laws will depend upon the unanimity of the people in their support, particularly in that class of enactments which intimately effect the social habits of the community, it is highly important they should have the popular sanction. With the hope, also, that some common ground may be

found upon which all well wishers to public sobriety may unite, and thus place the question, by a decided expression of the people in their primary assemblies, above the reach of mere partizan aims, I commend to your consideration, whether it be not wise to submit to them, for approval, in such manner as shall most likely elicit a general expression, any law you may enact upon the subject.

Such is our plan of government that each state has a deep stake in whatever affects the general welfare. By it the several states are made to move around the general government as a common centre, and to receive from it their national character, while each moves within its own sphere, and is left perfectly free to the pursuits and policy peculiar to its interests; and hence the people of the several states must ever view, with deepest solicitude, the acts of the national government bearing upon this two-fold relation.

While it is conceded that no more general power can be exercised than has been expressly delegated, experience proves that the most important results depend upon the interpretation of this power, and that out of this interpretation have sprung diverse policies, giving rise to, and keeping alive, political parties, in the several states and nation.

It is in this manner, also, that constitutional governments, by false interpretation, become distorted, perverted, and at length revolutionized, the constitution itself remaining unchanged.

The nation has entered upon an epoch of such interpretation of its constitution and theory of government. Its immediate effect is seen in the dissolution and re-construction of political parties, while the remote consequences are shadowed forth in the new government policy, new sentiments and opinions which are inculcated upon the subject of negro slavery.

At the period of the formation of the government, the character of negro slavery and the traffic in slaves had been accurately estimated and determined by the civilized nations of the earth, in regard to which there was no difference of sentiment or opinion among the mass of the people of this country, its statesmen, philosophers and philanthropists.

It was held to exist in derogation of the natural rights of the slave—that it was an unmitigated evil—that it was the duty and interest of the nation to discountenance and inhibit the traffic, and restrict slavery to the localities where it existed by force of the local law. The colonies had denounced the mother country for its participation in its establishment, and for neglect of duty in its refusal to co-operate with them for

its abolition. At the period of the revolution, and during the confederation of the states, the detestation in which slavery was held by the people is expressed in their literature, laws, jurisprudence, resolutions of their legislatures and primary assemblies, and the acts of the congress. When the constitution was formed, as a nation, the American people had adopted and published to the world, as the fundamental principles of that liberty they sought to establish through the forms of government, political maxims wholly opposed to all forms of slavery. They had proclaimed their hostility to the slave trade and slavery itself—they had provided against its spread into any portion of the territories, and contemplated its final extinction. The nation began its career by the recognition of the inalienable rights of man as self-evident political truths, as forming the basis of all just governments, and as containing the principles of political morality and immutable rectitude.

The constitution of the United States was based upon and recognized the same principles and theory of government which had been before asserted; and the constitution and the declaration of independence are parts of one consistent whole—and that work was consummated by the former which had been begun by the latter.

The government, under the constitution, was conducted upon these principles, and the sentiments and policy theretofore existing, still prevailed—slavery in the territories was prohibited—the slave trade was denounced as piracy and interdicted, and the congress, in repeated instances, interposed to prevent the extension of slavery into free territory.

The judiciary of the country, both federal and state, was in harmony with the legislation and policy of the nation, and uniformly held that slavery was against national right, and existed only by force of positive law, was necessarily local in its character, and that the master lost all right of control over, or interest in, the slave, when once voluntarily carried beyond the local jurisdiction.

By the force of these sentiments and opinions, acting upon the public judgment and conscience, slavery receded from seven of the thirteen original states, and struggled for a precarious existence in a portion of the remaining states. A new government policy is now demanded, founded upon new interpretations of the constitution in regard to negro slavery. The paternal policy of the nation is denounced as unjust and illiberal, unconstitutional and illegal.

The statesmanship of the early days of the republic took cognizance

of the fact that two races of men were here, the subjects of government and civilization—that one was the dominant race, whose was the duty of governing and guiding ; and it did not hesitate to declare those principles of personal freedom which are equally the rights of all, and sought wisely to guide the destinies of both in the light of these principles.

The statesmanship of to-day ignores these self-evident truths—sees the two races confront each other upon the same soil, but holds that one has no rights that the other is bound to respect—asserts a principle which gives him no right to govern but the accident of present power, and thus seeks to bind up the destinies of both with the degradation of the black race.

The difference in the two systems is radical and infinite. The latter, it is needless to say, is repugnant to our theory of government. It is too absurd for argument and too offensive for discussion.

The first systematic attempt to reduce the new dogmas to practice, through the administration of the government and federal legislation, was made in the repeal of the Missouri restriction.

The object of this repeal is now declared by one of its supporters to have been “to put the slavery question upon some common ground where a party could be rallied strong enough to administer the government justly upon other than purely sectional ideas—to remove the ban under which the domestic institutions of the south had been placed by federal legislation”—and “although not all the south was entitled to, it was a great advance upon the old order of things, because it removed an unjust and odious discrimination against her domestic institutions from the statute book, a moral triumph which was of vast importance to the south and to the institution of slavery itself.”

The object and import of that measure, thus declared, have, by subsequent events, become obvious to all. It was the beginning of attempts to revolutionize the federal legislation and policy of the country upon the subject of slavery—to remove the interdiction under which slavery had been placed by that legislation, and by positive negation of power in congress, remove all obstacles to expansion and open the way for the novel idea, recently set up, that “the compromises of the constitution” include the recognition of slavery as an institution of the states, entitled to protection, and guarantee of property in slaves as an eminent trait of nationality.

“Squatter sovereignty,” the pretext for repeal, is illustrated by civil war and disorder—the will of the people set at defiance by armed

bands of men alien to the territory—national strife, contest to determine whether liberty or slavery shall possess the country once pledged to free labor, and fashion the institutions which are about to spring up there, in which slavery and the national administration rule the hour against freedom and free men—slavery established in Kansas, the people struggling and in arms to resist it, and at last the fundamental principles of self-government, popular sovereignty itself, denied, and the national administration engaged in efforts to force upon the state a constitution against the known will of the people.

A portion of the federal judges, in harmony with the general design, utter the dicta that “the constitution of the United States recognizes property in slaves, and pledges the federal government to protect it, and that congress has no right to prohibit the slaveholder from taking his slaves into the territories.”

The president of the United States unofficially declares and assumes that slavery exists in Kansas under the constitution—that this point has at last been settled by the highest tribunal known to our laws, and that it “is mysterious that it ever could have been seriously doubted.”

Thus, in quick and rapid succession, a revolution is attempted in the legislative, judicial and executive departments of the government, and would now be complete and thorough, but for the extra judicial and extra official quality of the acts. It remains for the people of the free states to determine whether this important change in the constitution and theory of the government shall be consummated—whether by novel and forced constructions the constitution shall be made to guarantee property in slaves in the states and territories, the character of slavery changed from a local to a national institution, and thus brought in contact with free labor and free men.

No patriot in the land is without his regrets at the sectional strife stirred up by these aggressions, and no patriot but must feel that great evils are struggling for perpetuity in the nation, and that their influences, unchecked, will determine the character of the coming ages of the republic; and no patriot but that must feel a stern purpose within him to resist them.

The nation had witnessed the expansion of slavery in the south with comparative composure, as it was maintained that the impulse which pervaded the slave states for new fields for slave labor, would vent itself in the low latitudes; that slavery would recede from the northern slave states, and leave the free states to quiet self-development, in the

free states and territories, their system of free labor relieved from the contamination of slave labor. Not so. With each new accession they become more arrogant and exacting—instead of obedience to the laws of climate, within which it was thought to move, and subject to which it was asserted it must hold its empire on this continent, experience proves that the law of its life is violence—that it forges its fetters with equal facility in Kansas or the Carolinas—mocks free labor as illegitimate in a republican government, and asserts itself the normal condition of labor—pushes its aggressions over broken compromises into territories pledged to free labor, amid civil war—demanding not only the right of expansion into all the territories, but the constitutional recognition and guarantee as property in the nation.

The free states can never yield to these demands ; they are incompatible with the essential element of their prosperity, free labor. They are repugnant to their settled opinions and sentiments. The free states hold to the right of every one of its laborers to his wages, of every innocent man to his person ; and they will suffer no contamination from contact with slavery forced upon them by distorted views of the constitution. They are not at issue with the slave states, because slavery is one of their institutions, but because they seek to make it an institution of the nation. When by offensive repeal, by forced interpretation, by violence, they attempt to force upon the free states, what they know to be regarded as an enormous wrong, and fatal to their industry, it should excite no surprise that all such attempts are met with stern and solemn remonstrance and determined resistance.

Slavery agitation rages not from the north, but from the south. The repose of the country was not disturbed by attempts from the north to subvert slavery in the slave states or invade its rights. If there be antagonism of opinion between the free and slave states, it has been produced by no movement of the former. It has been brought about by an obvious and conceded change of sentiments and opinions, purposes and designs, by the latter ; by which they force themselves into collision with the well known and long cherished sentiments and opinions of the free states, their interests and prosperity. If there be peril to our common country, it springs not now from any movements, nor from any want of appreciation of the value of the Union, from this quarter. Whoever has regrets that a sense of the sacredness of the Union and of the greatness of its blessings is faintly apprehended, will need to revert to events that are taking place in other quarters, and sentiments entertained elsewhere.

While the people of Maine will cultivate a spirit of kindness and forbearance towards every section of the common country, and will ever cherish sentiments of devotion to the Union, they will not fail to utter their solemn and earnest protest against the assumptions of the constitutional guarantee of property in slaves, and the indefeasible rights of slavery in the territories; and will remonstrate against the subversion of the powers of the national government to purposes of slavery extension and slavery perpetuation, and will resist, to the full extent of their constitutional powers, all attempts to force the domestic institution of the slave states into contact with free labor and free communities.

In conclusion, I pledge you my best efforts in the performance of the duties devolved upon me. I have entire confidence that your labors will be characterized by harmony, prudence and wisdom, and hope that the business of the session will result in the promotion of the interest and welfare of our beloved state.

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

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it adjourn to meet this afternoon at two o'clock.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish one copy each of the laws and resolves of 1857, to the members of the Senate.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Woodman of Bucksport, as follows :

MR. PRESIDENT: I am charged with a message from the House of Representatives proposing to the Senate a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall at fifteen minutes past two o'clock this afternoon, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, and seven Executive Councilors for the current political year.

The Senate concurred; of which concurrence the Secretary informed the House by message.

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to procure the printing of 3,000 copies of the Governor's message for the use of the Senate.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. HOYT, this vote was reconsidered, and the order was laid on the table.

Mr. WING introduced the following :

Ordered, That the session of the Senate on Mondays, be at two o'clock P. M. until otherwise ordered ; which was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Mr. THOMAS presented the following :

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts and settle the same.

Tabled on motion of Mr. THOMAS.

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. RING of the Senate,

Messrs. Ring, and Berry of Kennebec, of the Senate, Miller of Portland, Ingalls of Bridgton, and Brown of Wilton, of the House, were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of State.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported :

That the whole number of ballots is	159
Necessary for a choice,	80
Noah Smith, jr., has	125
Caleb R. Ayer has	28
Isaac Reed has	3
Alden Jackson has	1
Blank,	2

The report was accepted, and Hon. NOAH SMITH, jr., was declared duly elected Secretary of State for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD of the Senate,

Messrs. Goddard and Sargent of the Senate, and Messrs. Kimball of Bethel, Rice of Hampden, and Clark of Wells, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for an Attorney General.

Having attended to their duty the Committee reported, that the

Whole number of ballots is	166
Necessary for a choice,	84
Nathan D. Appleton has	136
George Evans has	30

and the name of James W. Webster, for Adjutant General, was also found on one ballot, but not counted as a vote.

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 Hobart of the Senate, and Messrs. Kimball of Rumford, Snow of Atkinson, Shaw of Industry, McGlauffin of Charlotte, and Sanborn of Parsonsfield, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Adjutant General.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that

The whole number of ballots is	169
Necessary for a choice,	85
James W. Webster has	139
Darius Alden has	30

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

On motion of Mr. JONES of the Senate,

Messrs. Jones and Connor of the Senate, and Messrs. Hall of Gorham, Chick of Madrid, Pierce of Kittery, Jones of Bristol, and Clement of Palmyra, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for seven Executive Councilors, to advise with the Governor in the Executive Department of the Government for the current political year.

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

The whole number of ballots thrown is	168
Necessary for a choice,	85
Benjamin Freeman has	136
George Pierce has	136
William M. Reed has	136
Dennis L. Milliken has	136
William Merriam has	136
Aaron A. Wing has	135
James S. Hall has	136
Israel Chadbourne has	32
Theophilus W. Stanley has	32
William Buxton has	32
Jeremiah Foster has	32
Moses R. Ludwig has	32
Francis G. Butler has	32
Samuel S. Heagan has	32
T. W. Stanley,	1

The report was accepted, and Benjamin Freeman, George Pierce, William M. Reed, Dennis L. Milliken, William Merriam, Aaron A. Wing, and James S. Hall, were declared duly elected Councilors to advise with the Governor in the Executive Department for the current political year.

And the Convention thereupon dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. RING,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate notify Noah Smith, Jr., 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. JONES,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify Nathan D. Appleton that he has been duly elected Attorney General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify Benjamin Freeman of Bethel, George Pierce of Harrison, William M. Reed of Bath, Dennis L. Milliken of Waterville, William Mer-

riam of Camden, Aaron A. Wing of Bangor, and James S. Hall of Calais, that they have been duly elected Councilors to advise the Governor in the Executive part of government for the current political year, and request their immediate attendance.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify James W. Webster of his election as Adjutant General for the current political year.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. HOYT, the order introduced yesterday by Mr. BERRY, directing the Secretary to procure the printing of 3,000 copies of the Governor's message for the use of the Senate, was taken from the table, and on motion of the same Senator, "3,000" was stricken out and "1,000" inserted instead; and it was also further amended by striking out the word "message" and inserting instead the word "address," so that the order shall read as follows:

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to procure the printing of 1,000 copies of the Governor's address for the use of the Senate.

And as amended, the order was passed.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee, consisting of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to receive proposals for doing the printing and binding of the State, and to enter into a contract with some person or persons for its performance, subject to approval and ratification by the Legislature.

And Messrs. Jones, Goddard and Burpee were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Subsequently this order came up with the Committee joined on the part of the House, as follows, viz: Messrs. Morrison of Farmington, Milliken of Camden, Deane of Portland, Hale of Norridgewock, Pattee of Fort Fairfield, and Hagar of Richmond.

Mr. SARGENT presented the following, viz:

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to prepare a list of the members of the Senate, arranged agreeably with the number of their seats, designating their places of residence 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 Legislature, and that two 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 was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Communications were received from Benjamin Freeman, George Pierce, William M. Reed, Dennis L. Milliken, Aaron A. Wing and James S. Hall, Councilors elect, signifying their acceptance of the trust—which were severally read and sent down.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Wilcox, its Clerk, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Hall of Representatives, this day, at fifteen minutes before twelve o'clock, for the purpose of qualifying the Executive Councilors, or such of them as have signified their acceptance.

The Senate concurred, of which concurrence the Secretary informed the House by message.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish one copy of Greenleaf's Map of Maine for the use of the Senate.

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

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS 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 assembled 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 message was conveyed by the Secretary, who subsequently reported that he had waited upon the Councilors elect, and had delivered the message with which he had been charged, and they were pleased to say that they would attend forthwith upon the Convention for the purposes of being qualified.

Thereupon, William M. Reed, Benjamin Freeman, George Pierce, Dennis L. Milliken, Aaron A. Wing and James S. Hall, 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. HOBART,

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, Benjamin Freeman, George Pierce, Dennis L. Milliken, Aaron A. Wing, and James S. Hall, as Executive Councilors for the current year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Senatorial votes, made the following Report :

STATE OF MAINE.

JANUARY 9, 1858.

The Committee of the Senate to which were referred the returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations for Senators for the current political year, have had the same under consideration, and Report :

That in the First Senatorial District—

The whole number of ballots is	10,737
Necessary for a choice,	5,369
Nathan Dane has	5,549
Seth Scamman has	5,511
Samuel W. Jones has	5,536
John Kezar has	5,117
Mark F. Goodwin has	5,134
Thomas K. Lane has	5,123
Philip Eastman has	37
Mark Dennett has	37
Samuel M. Bradbury has	37
And all other persons,	12

Consequently, Nathan Dane, Seth Scamman and Samuel W. Jones having received a majority of all the votes given in for Senators in the First Senatorial District, are declared duly elected Senators for the current political year.

In the Second Senatorial District—

The whole number of ballots is	14,507
Necessary for a choice,	7,254
William W. Thomas has	8,017
Eleazer Burbank has	8,007
John P. Davis has	8,012
Charles W. Goddard has	7,982
Joseph Howard has	6,476
Calvin Record has	6,317
Sylvanus C. Blanchard has	6,461.
Frederick Nutting has	6,449
Calvin C. Record has	164
All other persons have	14

Consequently, William W. Thomas, Eleazer Burbank, John P. Davis and Charles W. Goddard having received a majority of all the votes given for Senators in the Second Senatorial District, are declared duly elected Senators for the current political year.

Your Committee find the whole number of votes (2,263) erroneously returned from the town of Bridgton, instead of the whole number of ballots, which was 566, and have corrected accordingly.

Your Committee have counted one given for W. W. Thomas, and one for W. Thomas, for William W. Thomas.

In the Third Senatorial District—

The whole number of ballots is	11,753
Necessary for a choice,	5,877
Nathaniel A. Burpee has	6,628
Aaron J. West has	6,600
Hiram Chapman has	6,553
Jason M. Carleton has	6,498
George Barron has	4,964
Albert C. Neal has	5,102
Cyrus Cotter has	5,118

Henry Spaulding has	5,111
All other persons have	66

Consequently, Aaron J. West, Nathaniel A. Burpee, Hiram Chapman and Jason M. Carleton having received a majority of all the votes given for Senators in the Third Senatorial District, are declared duly elected Senators for the current political year.

Your Committee counted one hundred and sixty-four votes given for N. A. Burpee for Nathaniel A. Burpee.

In the Fourth Senatorial District—

The whole number of ballots is	9,402
Necessary for a choice,	4,702
John Berry, Jr., has	5,489
Alfred Fletcher has	5,536
Charles A. Wing has	5,529
Solomon W. Bates has	3,279
Edward Gray has	3,310
Asa Gile has	3,146
All other persons have	231

Consequently, John Berry, Jr., Alfred Fletcher and Charles A. Wing having received a majority of all the votes given for Senators in the Fourth Senatorial District, are declared duly elected Senators for the current political year.

One hundred and forty-nine votes cast for C. A. Wing were counted by your Committee for Charles A. Wing.

Your Committee notice the name of Asa Gile was sometimes spelled G-y-l-e and G-u-i-l-d, and supposing one and the same person was intended, have counted the votes accordingly.

In the Fifth Senatorial District—

The whole number of ballots is	7,100
Necessary for a choice,	3,551
Henry McGilvery has	3,972
Samuel S. Berry has	3,988
Isaac Hobbs has	3,970
Elias Milliken has	2,300
Edward Cushing has	3,054
David Boody has	2,309

Charles Gorden has	721
Hale Parkhurst has	719
All other persons have	150

Consequently, Henry McGilvery, Samuel S. Berry and Isaac Hobbs having received a majority of all the votes given for Senators in the Fifth Senatorial District, are declared duly elected Senators for the current political year.

Your Committee notice in several towns in this District the whole number of votes have been returned for the whole number of ballots, and have corrected them accordingly.

Your Committee further report, that 218 votes given in the town of Searsport and returned for Stillman S. Berry, were given for Samuel S. Berry, and counted them accordingly.

In the Sixth Senatorial District—

The whole number of ballots is	9,845
Necessary for a choice,	2,423
Wyer G. Sargent has	2,750
Samuel Wasson has	2,750
Daniel Roberson has	2,101
George B. Somes has	2,087
Ransom Sherry has	1

Consequently, Wyer G. Sargent and Samuel Wasson having received a majority of all the votes given for Senators in the Sixth Senatorial District, are declared duly elected Senators for the current political year.

In the Seventh Senatorial District—

The whole number of ballots is	5,816
Necessary for a choice,	2,909
Charles L. Ring has	2,933
George W. Dyer has	2,845
Daniel K. Hobart has	2,919
Joseph Crandon has	2,895
All other persons have	9

Consequently, Charles L. Ring and Daniel K. Hobart, having received a majority of all the votes given for Senators in the Seventh Senatorial District, are declared duly elected Senators for the current political year.

In the Ninth Senatorial District—

The whole number of ballots is	10,699
Necessary for a choice,	5,350
William Plaisted, Jr., has	5,982
Elijah L. Hamlin has	6,003
Jacob W. Stinchfield has	6,050
Amos M. Roberts has	4,183
Stephen D. Jennings has	4,162
Orpealyer Pearson has	4,152
All other persons have	412

Consequently, William Plaisted, Jr., Elijah L. Hamlin and Jacob W. Stinchfield having received a majority of all the votes given for Senators in the Ninth Senatorial District, are declared duly elected Senators for the current political year.

In the Tenth Senatorial District—

The whole number of ballots is	2,682
Necessary for a choice,	1,343
Charles P. Chandler has	1,577
William Oakes has	1,045
Andrew Wiggin has	57
Stephen Darling has	1
J. D. Brown has	1
J. Varney has	1

Consequently, Charles P. Chandler having received a majority of all the votes given for Senators in the Tenth Senatorial District, is declared duly elected Senator for the current political year.

In the Eleventh Senatorial District—

The whole number of ballots is	6,734
Necessary to a choice,	3,368
William Connor has	3,767
Sullivan Lothrop has	3,753
Cleophas Boyd has	2,963
William K. Lancey has	2893
Joel Smith has	1
Gideon Wells has	1
Charles A. Young has	3
Alfred Fletcher,	3

John Berry, Jr.,	3
William Laney,	68
Joseph A. Nichols,	1
Jabez D. Hill,	1
William Lothrop,	12

Consequently, William Connor and Sullivan Lothrop having received a majority of all the votes given for Senators in the Eleventh Senatorial District, are declared duly elected Senators for the current political year.

In the Twelfth Senatorial District—

The whole number of ballots is	3,710
Necessary for a choice,	1,856
Joseph G. Hoyt has	2,118
Harrison Storer has	1,580
Joseph Hoyt has	12

Consequently, Joseph G. Hoyt having received a majority of all the votes given for Senator in the Twelfth Senatorial District, is declared duly elected Senator for the current political year.

In the Thirteenth Senatorial District—

The whole number of ballots is	8,563
Necessary for a choice,	4,282
Enoch W. Woodbury has	4,723
Almon Twitchell has	4,728
O'Neil W. Robinson, Jr., has	3,327
Jonas Green has	3,841
O'Neil W. Robinson has	504

Consequently, Enoch W. Woodbury and Almon Twitchell having received a majority of all the votes given for Senators in the Thirteenth Senatorial District, are declared duly elected Senators for the current political year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. W. WOODBURY, *Chairman.*

Which was read and accepted.

Mr. HAMLIN of Penobscot, announced the death of Hon. CHARLES P. CHANDLER, Senator elect from the Tenth Senatorial District, in a brief and appropriate address, as follows :

MR. PRESIDENT: I would take this occasion to announce through you to the Senate, the death of the Hon. Charles Parsons Chandler, member elect to this board from the county of Piscataquis, who died at his residence in Foxcroft, in November last, at the age of 56 years.

On the day of his decease, he was apparently in good health, and engaged in his usual business; and on the evening of the same day, while sitting in his chair, at his own fireside, he suddenly expired, without a struggle or a groan, and almost without the notice of his family by which he was surrounded.

As he has no colleague upon this floor, as one of the Senators from the adjoining county of Penobscot, and which formerly embraced within its limits the constituency of the deceased, I have thought it not improper to me to make this announcement, and to pay some slight tribute of respect to the character of our lamented friend.

He was born in the town of New Gloucester, in this State, and more than thirty years ago he located himself in the valley of the Piscataquis, where for several years he taught an Academy. He soon opened a law office in the town of Foxcroft, where he continued to practice to the time of his decease.

Owing to the misfortune of being afflicted with deafness, soon after commencing the practice of law, his sphere of usefulness was seriously impaired; but his efforts for success and usefulness continued without abatement.

He was repeatedly honored with the confidence of the citizens of his town and county in being elected to offices of honor and trust, the duties of which he discharged with fidelity and to the acceptance of his constituents. He has been a member of both branches of the Legislature.

I was personally acquainted with him for more than twenty years, and knew his worth, and had the privilege of counting him as one of my friends. In some respects, I feel that I cannot speak too highly of him.

He was not a great man, in the common acceptance of the term, nor did he possess any particular shining quality; but he was a good man, and possessed many sterling traits of character—industrious, faithful, capable and highly exemplary in his moral deportment.

He was an honest man, fearless in the discharge of his duty, and never disappointing any just confidence reposed in him.

He was a christian man, exhibiting in himself, both by precept and practice, the example of our divine teacher in doing good and in promoting the welfare and happiness of all around him.

He was a social man, and although sorely burdened with his infirmity of deafness, he was ever wont to look upon the sunny side of things, and to be genial and cheerful. He carried about with him an atmosphere of gladness and mirth, which he diffused upon all who fell within his circle.

He was a man of peace, and the community in which he lived can bear united testimony, that his voice and action were always for peace; that he sought to allay litigation, and to soothe, rather than excite the angry passions of his clients.

He was transparent in his life, carrying as it were his heart in his hand, so that all its pulsations could be seen. He had nothing to conceal, and in him there was no guile, and I have yet to learn that among the large circle of his acquaintance he left behind him a single enemy.

He has gone to his last and final account, and has left a void in his family circle which no one living can fill. We shall see him no more in this life. We shall not again be permitted to grasp his hand in friendship, or look upon his smiling countenance. He sleeps securely in his narrow home on the banks of the Piscataquis and amidst the people whom he loved so well, and places which have known him shall know him no more forever.

And when the last message shall come to remove us to the eternal world, may each of us be as well prepared to meet it as he was, and may it be vouchsafed to us, to leave behind us as high and affectionate regard for our memories as he has done, in the minds of all who knew him.

Mr. WASSON then offered the following:

Resolved, That the Senate of Maine have with the deepest feelings of sorrow and regret, received intelligence of the death of Hon. Charles P. Chandler, Senator elect from the Tenth Senatorial District.

Resolved, That the members of the Senate most willingly bear testimony to the spirit of urbanity and kindness, energy and perseverance, which distinguished him in all his social and official relations.

Resolved, That these resolves be entered upon the Journal of the Senate, and a copy signed by the President and Secretary be forwarded to Mrs. Chandler, the widow of the deceased.

Mr. WASSON of Hancock, said :

Mr. PRESIDENT: The announcement of the death of Mr. Chandler should forcibly remind us that

“Pale Death, with equal foot, strikes wide the door,
Of royal halls and hovels of the poor.”

It should deeply imprint upon our minds that, however exalted our station, or responsible our position—though we may wear the wreaths of political triumph, or bestride the highest wave of popular favor—*naught* of these can ward off the sure, unerring, fatal arrow of death.

He to whom we now pay our last tributes of respect, was called by his fellows to repair to the Capitol with ourselves; to him were delegated important trusts; but it has pleased the Governor of the Universe to summon him to another scene of action. His labors here are finished; there begun.

My acquaintance with the deceased was short. We met one year ago as strangers. I first learned his worth in the Committee room,

“Where his social converse was itself a feast.”

Affable, courteous, unassuming in his every day deportment—a safe and correct adviser—an industrious and faithful legislator—*we parted as friends*. His death is a loss, not only to his family, but alike to his constituents—the Senate—the State; but

“Thee to deplore, were grief misspent indeed,
It were to weep that goodness has its meed;
That there is bliss prepared in yonder sky,
And glory for the virtuous when they die.”

The resolutions were then unanimously adopted by rising.

On motion of Mr. JONES, that Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives announcing to that body the death of Hon. CHARLES P. CHANDLER, Senator elect from the Tenth Senatorial District.

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

Mr. CHAPMAN of Lincoln, then rose and said, that as a further mark of esteem to the late Hon. C. P. Chandler, he moved that the Senate do now adjourn to eleven o'clock A. M. on Monday.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the returns of votes cast for Senator in the Tenth Senatorial District for the current political year, be referred to the Committee on Senatorial Votes, and that the Committee be directed to inquire if there is a vacancy existing in said district, occasioned by the death of the Hon. Charles P. Chandler, Senator elect from that district, and if so, to report to the Senate who are the constitutional candidates to fill such vacancy.

A communication was received from the Treasurer of State transmitting the annual statement and account of the receipts and expenditures of the State for the last year.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD, the following order, viz :

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts and settle the same,

Was taken from the table and passed; and Messrs. Thomas of Cumberland, Dane of York, and Hobart of Washington, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came up with Messrs. Pike of Calais, Miller of Portland, Ingalls of Bridgton, Strickland of Bangor, Libbey of Molunkus, Banks of Biddeford, and Porter of Lowell, joined on the part of the House.

A communication was received from NOAH SMITH, Jr., Esq., signifying his acceptance of the office of Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to inform the Governor and Council, that Hon. NOAH SMITH, Jr. has been elected Secretary of State for the current political year, and that he has duly accepted that office.

A communication was received from WILLIAM MERRIAM, Councilor elect, accepting that office, and the same was read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "an act to provide for the equitable distribution of the estates of insolvent debtors," with the accompanying papers, referred to this Legislature, be taken from the files and referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join; and that so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the same subject, and to attachments on *mesne process*, be referred to the same Committee.

Read and passed, and Messrs. Chapman of Lincoln, McGilvery and Davis were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently this order came up with Messrs. Gilbert of Bath, Bowen of Portland, Woodbury of Houlton, Buck of Oldtown, Knapp of East Livermore, Weeks of Vassalborough, and Comstock of Lubec, joined on the part of the House.

A communication was received from JAMES W. WEBSTER, Adjutant General elect, signifying his acceptance of that office.

Read and sent down.

The President announced the following Standing Committees of the Senate :

On Bills in Second Reading.

Messrs. Jones,
Carleton,
Woodbury,
Hobart,
Burpee,
Davis,
Berry of Kennebec,
Lothrop,
Plaisted,
Hoyt,
Berry of Waldo,
Sargent.

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Burbank,
Twitchell,
West,
Hobbs,
Stinchfield,
Connor,
Wasson,
Ring,
McClusky,
McGilvery,
Wing,
Dane.

On motion of Mr. MCGILVERY,

Ordered, That there be appointed a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to examine the papers and files of the last Legislature, referred to the present, and report what disposition ought to be made of the same. And Messrs. McGilvery, Sargent and Hoyt, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came back, passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Woodman of Bucksport, Chadbourne of Standish, Porter of Sebago, Flye of Newcastle, Clement of Palmyra, Milliken of Camden, and Clark of Wells, joined on the part of the House.

A message was received from the House, by George W. Wilcox its Clerk, asking the concurrence of the Senate in the proposition of the House for a joint Convention this day, at half-past twelve o'clock, for the purpose of qualifying William Merriam, Councilor elect.

The Senate concurred, of which concurrence the Secretary informed the House by message.

Mr. SARGENT presented the following :

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, one copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary; and that the Mes-

senger be directed to cause to be engraved on the outside of the Dictionary, in gilt letters, the following words :

SENATE CHAMBER.

Leave me here, till next session.

Laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. JONES.

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. BURPEE,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify the Hon. William Merriam, Councilor elect, that the two houses are now in Convention assembled, 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.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had waited upon the Councilor elect, and had delivered the message with which he had been charged, and that the Councilor was pleased to say, that he would attend forthwith upon the Convention for the purpose indicated.

Thereupon, William Merriam, Councilor elect, came in and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

He then withdrew and the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. HOBART,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, by the Secretary of the Senate, informing him of the election and qualification of William Merriam, as one of the Councilors for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Senatorial Votes, made the following report :

It having been announced to the Senate by the Senator from Penobscot, (Hon. Mr. HAMLIN,) that the Hon. CHARLES P. CHANDLER, Senator elect from the tenth Senatorial District, died at his residence in Foxcroft in November last. On motion of the Senator from York, (Hon. Mr. JONES,) the returns from the tenth Senatorial District were recommitted to your Committee to enquire if there is a vacancy in said district, and if so report who are the Constitutional candidates to fill the vacancy aforesaid. Your Committee have attended to that duty and report, that there is a vacancy in the tenth Senatorial District, occasioned by the death of the Hon. Charles P. Chandler, and that William Oakes and Andrew Wiggin are the Constitutional candidates from which to fill said vacancy.

This report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that body that a vacancy of Senator has occurred in the tenth Senatorial District, by the death of the Hon. Charles P. Chandler, and that William Oakes and Andrew Wiggin are the Constitutional candidates to fill said vacancy, and proposing a Convention of the two houses, in the hall of the House of Representatives to-morrow, at eleven o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of filling said vacancy.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Wilcox its clerk, informing the Senate that the House concurs in the above proposition.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Mr. WASSON presented the following :

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee of five on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be raised, to whom so much of the Governor's Address shall be referred, as relates to regulating the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Tabled on motion of Mr. BURBANK.

The hour assigned for the Convention to fill the vacancy in the tenth Senatorial District having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of Representatives, where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON of the Senate,

Messrs. Carleton and Hobbs of the Senate, and Messrs. Lane of Poland, Chick of Madrid, Smith of Litchfield, Wing of Searsmont, and Rideout of Cumberland, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Senator to fill the vacancy existing in the tenth Senatorial District, occasioned by the death of Hon. CHARLES P. CHANDLER.

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

Whole number of votes thrown is	158
Necessary to a choice,	80
Andrew Wiggin had	115
William Oakes had	43

The report was accepted and ANDREW WIGGIN was declared duly elected Senator from the tenth Senatorial District.

The Convention thereupon dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify the Hon. ANDREW WIGGIN, that he has this day been elected Senator, to fill the vacancy existing in the tenth Senatorial District, occasioned by the death of the Hon. Charles P. Chandler, and request his immediate attendance at the Senate board.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, as follows, viz :

To the President of the Senate and

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I have the honor herewith to lay before the Legislature, a return of the Superintending School Committee of the town of Oldtown, agreeably to the provisions of a resolve entitled a "resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians," approved March 4, 1856.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

NOAH SMITH, JR., *Secretary of State.*

The report was read, and on motion of Mr. WEST, was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on State printing be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the heads of the various departments to make contracts for printing in their several departments;

That the Joint Select Committee on printing and binding be directed to examine and report what retrenchment may be had in the matter of printing and binding; the printing of what reports, journals, pamphlets, &c., may without detriment to the public interest be dispensed with, and whether in other cases, their contents may not be materially condensed—were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Joint Select Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts, made the following report:

That they have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer, and find his accounts properly vouched, and the statement of receipts and disbursements of the treasury department, as exhibited in his report, to be correct, and a balance in the treasury Jan. 1, 1858, of \$48,423.30 as per his report.

Which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Rules and Orders of the Senate, reported the Rules and Orders of the Senate of 1857, without amendment.

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee to prepare Joint Rules and Orders, reported the Joint Rules and Orders of 1857, without amendment.

The report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, as follows :

To the President of the Senate and

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

In conformity to the provisions of chapter 49, section 21, of the revised statutes, I have the honor herewith to lay before the Legislature, such returns of Insurance Companies as have been received at this office prior to this date.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

NOAH SMITH, JR.,

Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the returns were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure the printing of 250 copies of the Rules and Orders, reported by the committees, together with the usual documents and statistical information accompanying the same, for the use of the Senate.

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

On the Judiciary.

Messrs. Goddard,

Chapman,

Fletcher, *of the Senate ;*

Messrs. Woodman of Bucksport,

Gilbert of Bath,

French of Damariscotta,

Buxton of Warren,

Prentiss of Bangor,

Pike of Calais,

Tapley of Saco, *of the House.*

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Messrs. Ring,

Davis,

Burpee, *of the Senate ;*

Messrs. Kingsbury of Kennebunk,

Miller of Portland,

Wing of Searsmont,

Kimball of Bethel,

Conant of Appleton,

Marcy of Eden,

Libbey of Molunkus, *of the House.*

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On Education.

Messrs. Hoyt,

Wasson,

Twitchell, *of the Senate ;*

Messrs. Boody of Brunswick,

Morrison of Farmington,

Davis of Fairfield,

Deane of Portland,

Hobbs of Waterford,

Moore of Limerick,

Snow of Atkinson, *of the House.*

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On Banks and Banking.

Messrs. Dane,

Thomas,

Connor, *of the Senate ;*

Messrs. Marshall of Belfast,

Bowen of Portland,

Hagar of Richmond,

Banks of Biddeford,

Clark of Pittston,

Tillson of Rockland,

Pierce of Kittery, *of the House.*

On Division of Counties.

- Messrs. Hobbs,
Stinchfield,
Wing, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Milliken of Camden,
Jones of Bristol,
Sanborn of Parsonsfield,
Quint of Bowdoinham,
Sally of Madison,
Bailey of Auburn,
Nutting of Parkman, *of the House.*
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On State Lands and State Roads.

- Messrs. Hamlin,
Wasson,
Berry of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Strickland of Bangor,
Woodbury of Houlton,
Moor of Ellsworth,
Boody of Brunswick,
Merrill of Williamsburgh,
Parsons of Eustis Plantation,
Spooner of New Portland, *of the House.*
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On the Militia.

- Messrs. Wing,
Berry of Waldo,
Goddard, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Tillson of Rockland,
Hall of N. Berwick,
Prentiss of Bangor,
Burbank of Lewiston,
Leighton of Steuben,
Mayberry of Casco,
Tibbetts of Lovell, *of the House.*

On Military Pensions.

Messrs. Twitchell,
Burbank,
McClusky, *of the Senate* ;

Messrs. Knapp of East Livermore,
Kingsbury of Waldo,
Bean of Brownfield,
Sawyer of Baldwin,
Palmer of Albion,
Walsh of Thomaston,
Swett of York, *of the House.*

On Incorporation of Towns.

Messrs. Wasson,
Plaisted,
Wiggin, *of the Senate* ;

Messrs. Pattee of Fort Fairfield,
Whitney of Raymond,
Wasson of Brooksville,
Ranney of Winn,
McGlaulin of Charlotte,
Waterhouse of Lyman,
Andrews of No. 2 Pleasant Ridge, *of the House.*

On Division of Towns.

Messrs. Chapman,
Woodbury,
Sargent, *of the Senate* ;

Messrs. Hobbs of Waterford,
Davis of Buxton,
Case of Readfield,
Parker of Dedham,
Coffin of Shapleigh,
Foss of Leeds,
Smith of Otisfield, *of the House.*

On the Insane Hospital.

Messrs. Burbank,
Jones,
Wiggin, *of the Senate* ;

Messrs. Sweat of Limington,
Rowell of Hallowell,
Bunker of Corinna,
Roak of Durham,
York of Jackson,
Libbey of Machiasport,
Rideout of Cumberland, *of the House.*

On the State Reform School.

Messrs. Jones,
West,
McGilvery, *of the Senate* ;

Messrs. French of Damariscotta,
Brackett of Westbrook,
Drummond of Winslow,
Kimball of Rumford,
Blaisdell of Frankfort,
Burbank of Lewiston,
Porter of Lowell, *of the House.*

On Indian Affairs.

Messrs. Hobart,
Hobbs,
Stinchfield, *of the Senate* ;

Messrs. Buck of Oldtown,
Hersey of Pembroke,
Wheeler of Greenfield,
Smith of Litchfield,
Mitchell of Washington,
Fuller of Freedom,
Skillin of North Yarmouth, *of the House.*

On Agriculture.

Messrs. Lothrop,
Berry of Kennebec,
Woodbury, *of the Senate* ;

Messrs. Hall of Gorham,
Field of Danville,
Goodale of Orrington,
Skinner of St. Albans,
Longfellow of Whitefield,
Dunn of Milton Plantation,
Bachelder of Kenduskeag, *of the House.*

On Fisheries.

Messrs. Sargent,
McGilvery,
Hamlin, *of the Senate* ;

Messrs. Fisher of Boothbay,
Gilkey of Islesborough,
Comstock of Lubec,
Percy of Woolwich,
Trussell of St. George,
Babbidge of Deer Isle,
Barton of Windsor, *of the House.*

On Manufactures.

Messrs. West,
Dane,
Wing, *of the Senate* ;

Messrs. Banks of Biddeford,
Hale of Norridgewock,
Weeks of Vassalborough,
Sargent of Brookline,
Balch of Waldoborough,
Stockbridge of Freeport,
Merrithew of Searsport, *of the House.*

On Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

- Messrs. Thomas,
Fletcher,
Hoyt, *of the Senate*,
- Messrs. Bicknell of Augusta,
Pike of Calais,
Strickland of Bangor,
Clark of Wells,
Mayo of Orono,
Arnold of Skowhegan,
Chick of Madrid, *of the House*.
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On Interior Waters.

- Messrs. Connor,
Stinchfield,
Carleton, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Kimball of Athens,
Lane of Poland,
Rogers of Stetson,
Cowell of Lebanon,
Ingalls of Bridgton,
Sherman of Sidney,
Brown of Wilton, *of the House*.
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On Accounts.

- Messrs. Burpee,
Hobart,
Jones, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Flye of Newcastle,
Porter of Sebago,
Pratt of Oxford,
Pike of Topsfield,
Clement of Palmyra,
Hill of Sullivan,
Palmer of Exeter, *of the House*.

On Claims.

Messrs. Woodbury,
Lothrop,
West, *of the Senate*;

Messrs. Loring of Guilford,
Stanley of Dixfield,
Perkins of Kennebunkport,
Parkes of Clifton,
Pike of Eastport,
Wadlin of Northport,
Shaw of Industry, *of the House.*

On the State Prison.

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,
Burpee,
Ring, *of the Senate*;

Messrs. Moor of Ellsworth,
Rice of Hampden,
Holt of Turner,
Estes of Woodstock,
Davis of Buxton,
Chadbourne of Standish,
Oliver of Georgetown, *of the House.*

On Public Buildings.

Messrs. Berry of Waldo,
McClusky,
Plaisted, *of the Senate*;

Messrs. Hanson of Gardiner,
Rackliffe of Wesley,
Plummer of Lisbon,
Chadbourne of Dixmont,
Keene of Columbia,
Cunningham of Edgecomb,
Kingsbury of Bradford, *of the House.*

On the Library.

Messrs. Davis,
 Carleton,
 Twitchell, *of the Senate;*

Messrs. Johnson of Augusta,
 Deane of Portland,
 Buckman of Yarmouth,
 Shaw of Troy,
 Judkins of No. 7, R. 3,
 Maddocks of Hermon,
 Parkes of South Berwick, *of the House.*

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Wilcox, its Clerk, proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature, in the Representatives' Hall, this day at eleven and a half o'clock for the purpose of electing a Treasurer and Land Agent for the State of Maine, for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The Senate concurred, of which concurrence the Secretary informed the House by message.

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. CHAPMAN of the Senate,

Messrs. Chapman and Twitchell of the Senate, and French of Damariscotta, Drummond of Winslow, Walch of Thomaston, Prentiss of Bangor, and Swett of York, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Treasurer of State, for the current political year.

Which Committee having attended to their duty, reported as follows :

Whole number of ballots thrown is	158
Necessary to a choice,	80

Benjamin D. Peck has	130
Isaac Reed, "	28

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

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, of the Senate,
Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Wasson of the Senate, and Messrs. Johnson of Augusta, Flye of Newcastle, Ingalls of Bridgton, Hobbs of Waterford, and Moor of Ellsworth, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Land Agent.

Having attended to their duty, the Committee reported that the

Whole number of ballots is	166
Necessary to a choice,	84
Noah Barker had	136
James Walker had	30

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

The Convention thereupon dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify BENJAMIN D. PECK of his election to the office of Treasurer of State, for the current political year. Also to notify NOAH BARKER of his election as Land Agent, for the current political year.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, presented the petition of S. H. Parsons and 33 others of West Gardiner, to be set off from said town and annexed to the city of Gardiner.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BARTLETT of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the propriety of repealing section 5, chapter 59, of the Revised Statutes; said provision requiring publication of marriage intentions.

That the same Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of passing an act directing the Assessors of Jackson and Eustis plantations, to settle with the former treasurers of Jackson plantation, and to distribute any money in their hands, between the two plantations, in the proportion of the number of scholars in each plantation.

That the Committee on the Insane Hospital be instructed to consider the expediency of amending section 13 of chapter 143, of the Revised Statutes, providing partially for the support of paupers, so that the entire support of such persons shall be charged to the State.

That the papers in the case of Josiah P. Bean who applies for remuneration for injuries sustained in the service of the State, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Claims, were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter 82, section 83, of the Revised Statutes, was referred to the Judiciary Committee, in concurrence.

Petition of Edward Fox and others, for increase of salary of Recorder of the Municipal Court of the city of Portland;

Petition of Selectmen of Sebec, that their acts as Assessors may be made valid;

Were severally referred to the Judiciary Committee, in concurrence.

Petition of C. F. A. Johnson and 22 others of Bridgewater plantation, for an act of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of the Stockholders of the City Bank, Bath, for a reduction of their capital stock, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac M. Bragg, for a dam on east branch of Mattawamkeag, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of Rufus Dwinel, for extension of time to cut timber on half of township number 4, range 4, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of the Faculty of the Medical College for aid in the erection of a Medical College;

Petition of S. W. Chase of Passadumkeag;

- " Allen Rogers and others;
- " E. C. Hyde, E. Wells and others of Freeport;
- " Alden Blossom of Boothbay;
- " J. S. Tobey and others;
- " M. Hawkes and others of Belfast;
- " G. W. Turner of Turner;
- " J. H. Rich and others of Bucksport;
- " Hollis Monroe of Belfast;
- " Dr. A. P. Snow and others of Winthrop;
- " John Ricker and others of Orono;
- " George W. Ricker and others of Bowdoinham;
- " Thomas F. Barton and others of Jefferson;
- " T. G. Stockbridge and others of Bath;
- " Gilman Davis and others;

Severally in aid of the same, were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Cabot Manufacturing Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in 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. TWITCHELL,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the educational interest of the State, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WING, by leave, introduced bill, an act "entitled an act to enlarge the powers of School District No. 4, in Winthrop," which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLETCHER, by leave, introduced bill, "an act additional to chapter 82, of the Revised Statutes," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR presented the petition of Cyrus F. Bryant, to be set off from the town of Fairfield and annexed to the town of Bloomfield, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Reports of the Trustees and Superintendent of the State Reform School, together with such portion of the Governor's Address as relates to the same subject, be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the Reform School.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Nathan Dane Appleton, accepting the office of Attorney General, which was read and sent down.

Mr. CARLETON asked to be excused from serving as Chairman of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

His request was granted, and Mr. WASSON was appointed in his stead.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the settlement of our public lands, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOBART,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Banks and the Currency, be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLETCHER asked to be excused from serving on the Judiciary Committee. His request was granted.

Mr. WASSON presented claims of treasurer of Franklin, for bounty on Bears, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WING,

Ordered, That that portion of the Governor's Address which relates to the subject of Agriculture, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Mr. HAMLIN announced the attendance of ANDREW WIGGIN, Senator elect from the tenth Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified. Mr. Hamlin was directed by the President to conduct Mr. Wiggin, 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. Wiggin appeared and took his seat at the Senate board.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Maine Convention of Universalists;"

Bill, "an act to incorporate the City of Bath;"

Bill, "an act for the relief of poor debtors, additional to the 113th chapter of the Revised Statutes;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Orders from the House.

That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Maine Insane Hospital, be referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital, was referred, in concurrence.

That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Militia, be referred to the Committee on the Militia, was referred to said Committee.

That the Committee on Education be instructed to enquire into the expediency of re-enacting the law of 1855, requiring the Superintending School Committees of the several cities and towns of this State to apportion ten cents of the sixty cents required to be raised

by the second section of chapter 154 of the laws of 1854, among the districts in their several towns, cities and plantations in such manner as will in their judgment give the smaller districts a more equal opportunity of enjoying the benefits of Common School Education with the larger districts.

That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Education, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Severally referred to the Committee on Education.

That the Committee on the Reform School be instructed to enquire whether any, and if so, what reductions may be made in the expenses of said institution, without impairing the usefulness thereof. Also, to enquire into the expediency of changing the expense of supporting the inmates of the school upon the several towns and cities, in which they resided at the period of their commitment; and report by bill or otherwise.

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

Severally referred to the Committee on the State Reform School.

That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to costs of criminal prosecutions, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire and report what amendment, if any, is necessary to section 18, chapter 66 of second revision of Revised Statutes, relating to "claims not prosecuted" against insolvent estates.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to examine into the propriety of enacting a law to prevent litigation between towns in regard to the settlement of paupers, as set forth in the bill submitted, entitled "an act to prevent difficulty between towns in regard to paupers."

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the State lands and to the settlement of Aroostook County, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be requested to enquire into the expediency of authorizing by law the

sale of the State's interests in all the townships purchased by the State in 1853, on which limited permits for cutting the timber was granted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to individuals prior to said purchase in 1853.

That the Land Agent be directed to make monthly settlements with the Treasurer, and to pay over all money received by him to the Treasurer, at the end of each month.

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

That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Banks, be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Agriculture, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

That a Committee of three be appointed on the part of this House, with such as the Senate may join, to enquire whether the State now has any special agent or commissioner at Washington, under pay from the State to prosecute any claims against the general government. If so, who, on what conditions, for what objects, and its necessity; and report at their earliest convenience; with Messrs. Buck of Oldtown, Roak of Durham, Sweat of Limington, appointed on the part of the House, was read and passed, in concurrence, and Messrs. Carleton of Lincoln, and Connor of Somerset, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Petition of the Directors of the Union Bank, for reduction of capital stock, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Hersey Fletcher & Co. and others, for change in Inspection Laws, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of the inhabitants of Elliotsville, for repeal of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Learoyd Hill and others, for an act to protect the owners of grass land on the banks of Union river, from damages on

account of logs being left thereon, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of C. Crockett of Abbott, Piscataquis county, asking for remuneration for money paid and services rendered in the Aroostook expedition, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of M. J. Talbot and 14 others, for an alteration in the Constitution, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Trustees of Oak Grove Academy, for aid ;
 “ William Merriam and others of Camden ;
 “ James Hartford and others of Brownville ;
 “ Edward Kent and others of Bangor ;
 “ Benjamin Rea and others of Brooksville ; severally
 for aid for the East Maine Conference Seminary, were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of David Wing and 43 others of Farmingdale, to be re-annexed to the city of Gardiner ;

Petition of John L. Copeland and others, to be set off from South Thomaston to Thomaston ;

Petition of Anthony Brackett, to be set off from Gorham to Standish ;

Petition of Benaiah Dow, to be set off from Paris to Woodstock ;

Petition of J. Deveraux, to be set off from Cornish to Parsonsfield ;

Petition of Thomas M. Gray and others of Chelsea, to be set off from Chelsea to Pittston ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Claim of the treasurer of Cutler ;

“ “ “ Newry ;

“ “ “ Letter B, Oxford county ;

“ “ “ Hodgdon ;

“ “ “ Concord ;

“ “ “ Shirley ;

Claim of the treasurer of	Cherryfield ;
" "	Madrid ;
" "	Chester ;
" "	Enfield ;
" "	Northfield ;
" "	Elliottsville ;
" "	Milo ;
" "	Ellsworth ;
" "	Amity ;
" "	Brighton ;
" "	Aurora ;
" "	Lexington ;
" "	Andover ;
" "	Maxfield ;
" "	Bowerbank ;
" "	Farmington ;
" "	Surry ;
" "	Ripley ;
" "	Moscow ;
" "	Milford ;
" "	Alexander ;
" "	Gouldsborough ;
" "	Dover ;
" "	Cambridge ;
" "	East Machias ;
" "	Otis ;
" "	Dead River ;
" "	Haynesville ;
" "	Rangely ;
" "	Belfast Academy Grant ;
" "	Marion ;
" "	New Limerick ;
" "	Stow ;
" "	Garland ;
" "	Bancroft ;
" "	Sebec ;
" "	Mattawamkeag ;

Claim of the treasurer of	Detroit ;
“ “ “	Byron ;
“ “ “	Charleston ;
“ “ “	Woodstock ;
“ “ “	Amherst ;
“ “ “	Weston ;
“ “ “	Embsden ;
“ “ “	Lowell ;
“ “ “	Parkman ;
“ “ “	Charlotte ;
“ “ “	Wesley ;
“ “ “	Topsfield ;
“ “ “	Mason ;
“ “ “	La Grange ;
“ “ “	Brownville ;
“ “ “	Lincoln ;
“ “ “	Cooper ;
“ “ “	Orneville ;
“ “ “	No. 7, Hancock county ;
“ “ “	Guilford ;
“ “ “	Houlton ;
“ “ “	Bradford ;

Severally for bounties paid on Wild Animals, were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred bill, “an act incorporating the Cabot Manufacturing Company,” reported that the bill ought to pass.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Joint Select Committee to examine the files and papers of the last Legislature, reported the following order :

Ordered, That the papers relating to the unfinished business of the last Legislature, referred to the present Legislature, be placed

in the hands of the Secretary of the Senate, by him to be delivered to the appropriate Committees to which the subject matter refers.

The report was accepted, and the order was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, by leave, introduced "resolve in favor of the town of West Gardiner," which was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. SARGENT,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the State Prison, be referred to the Committee on the State Prison.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, the following order, viz :

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee of seven, on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be raised, to whom so much of the Governor's Address shall be referred, as relates to regulating the traffic in intoxicating liquors, was taken from the table, passed, and Messrs. Thomas, Wasson, Hamlin, Fletcher, Hobart, Lothrop and West, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came up with Messrs. Gilbert of Bath, Boody of Brunswick, Tapley of Saco, Foss of Leeds, Hanson of Gardiner, Milliken of Camden, Estes of Woodstock, Moor of Ellsworth, Shaw of Industry, Rackliffe of Wesley, Flye of Newcastle, Davis of Fairfield, Mayo of Orono, Merrill of Williamsburg and Libbey of Molunkus, joined on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

The order directing the Secretary to procure the printing of List of Members, introduced in Senate January ninth, was taken from the table and passed.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

The vote of yesterday excusing Mr. Fletcher from serving on the Committee on the Judiciary, was reconsidered.

Petition of John K. Killa, for remuneration for expenses incurred

by him in attending upon a Member of the House, while sick in 1849, came from the House referred to the Committee on Claims. On motion of Mr. JONES, this petition was laid on the table.

Mr. THOMAS presented the petition of the Directors of the Portland Marine Railway, for repeal of the act incorporating them, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BUTTERFIELD of Hallowell.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of giving any person who digs, makes, or hauls slates, by virtue of a contract with the owner thereof, a lien thereon, to take precedence of all other claims, and to continue thereon thirty days after payment becomes due.

That the same Committee be instructed to enquire into the propriety of repealing the present laws relating to marriage, so far as they require a publication of the intention of marriage, and of passing a statute similar to the law approved April 23, 1852.

That the same Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending section 10, chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, as to make its provisions apply to all persons assuming to act as attornies.

That the same Committee be instructed to enquire into the legality and expediency of taxing rights granted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to cut lumber upon lands in the State, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the same Committee consider and report the expediency of altering and amending the 51st section of the 113th chapter of the Revised Statutes, relating to support of debtors in prison, so as to make it the duty of any jailor prior to the actual imprisonment of every debtor on mesne process, or execution, or who shall surrender himself to save the condition of any bond given on execution, that money be paid in advance or security be furnished the jailor, either by the debtor or the creditor, his agent or attorney, for the support of any such debtor while so imprisoned. And also what amendments are necessary in the 24th and 26th sections in chapter 24, same statutes, relating to paupers, their settlement and support, as that cities and towns and other incorporated places shall not be

chargeable for the support of such debtors while thus imprisoned, though having a legal settlement therein.

That the same Committee be directed to enquire into the expediency of so amending section 11, chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes, that Selectmen and Assessors of towns shall hold their office for the term and in the manner directed for Superintending School Committees.

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of allowing parties two peremptory challenges of jurors in the trial of civil actions.

That the same Committee be directed to enquire whether further legislation is necessary, if any, to enable executors and administrators to assign mortgages of real estate.

That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to enquire what further instructions, if any, are necessary to be given to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, that they may use their influence to prevent the repeal of the law granting bounty to vessels engaged in the cod fisheries ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was directed an order relating to the repeal of section 5, chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, relating to publication of intentions of marriage, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill, "an act for the support of paupers in unincorporated towns ;"

Bill, "an act to amend the 4th section of the 103d chapter of the Revised Statutes, entitled estates in dower and by courtesy and actions of dower ;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the stockholders of West Hampden High School, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

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

Petition of Cyrus Kendrick, jr., and others of Litchfield ;

Petition of N. R. Boutelle and others of Waterville ;

Petition of M. R. Ludwig and others of Thomaston ;

Petition of A. H. Burbank and others of Yarmouth;

Petition of J. B. Bradley and others of Fryeburg;

Petition of P. Simonton and others of Searsport;

Petition of D. R. Kennedy and others of Wiscasset;

Petition of A. Bolan and others of New Sharon;

Severally for aid to the Medical School of Maine. Severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel M. Crockett and others of Hamlin's grant, to be annexed to Bethel;

Petition of Abram Waterhouse, to be set off from Orono to Oldtown;

Petition of Stockbridge P. Graves, to be set off from Bowdoin to Bowdoinham.

Were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. in concurrence.

Claim of C. P. Hunton for services as coroner;

Claim of Treasurer of Winn, for bounty on Wild Animals;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of A. M. Tolman and others of plantation No. 7, for an act of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Sewall Lake, for conveyance of land from the State, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah P. Bean, for compensation for injuries received while in the service of the State, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Hanscom, for addition to pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of Frederick Spofford and 134 others of Bucksport;

Petition of James S. Dixon and others of Woolwich;

Petition of George G. Winslow and others of Dennysville;

Severally for aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary, were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. RING,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the Militia, be referred to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of defining the jurisdiction of towns, and county commissioners over roads, the proscriptive right to which has been acquired by use for twenty or more years—and of allowing towns the right to establish gates across any town or private way, when but one end of such way is connected with any public road, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending section 142 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, as to require the publication of lists of non-resident taxes to be published in some paper in the county where the land lies, instead of the State paper.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE presented the petition of Findley Wallace and others of Rockland, in aid of East Maine Conference Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Also, account of the Proprietors of the Eastern Argus, for printing, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of David Wing and others, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature;

Also, same report on petition of Thomas M. Gray and others;

Also, same report on petition of John L. Copeland and others;

Which were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported resolve in favor, of the town of West Gardiner, with an

amendment striking out the second and third lines of the caption. Report accepted. Amendment adopted. Resolve read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. JONES.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

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

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. MOORE of Hallowell.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of enacting a law making proprietors of lands in unincorporated townships, through which county roads are located, liable for damages incurred by travelers, the same as cities and towns are liable, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the same Committee, be instructed to consider if any alterations and amendments are necessary to be made in chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes in relation to hawkers and pedlars; and if they deem amendments necessary to protect the citizens of this State in their rights, to report accordingly by bill or otherwise. *

That the same Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing additional penalties by law, for certain trespasses on personal property.

That the same Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so revising the 1st section of chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes, as to oblige by penalty each town to make suitable provision for the mental and physical necessities of all vagrant children within their respective limits, and to oblige them to avail themselves of such provision.

That the same Committee be instructed to enquire what further legislation is necessary to give married women the right to testify in suits in which their husbands are interested, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the same Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, that a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony, shall operate as a release of both parties.

That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be directed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, that towns after limiting the road districts, so as to correspond with the several school

districts, may authorize the legal voters thereof to choose the highway surveyors for said districts, and to report by bill or otherwise;

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel T. Plummer and others of Bradford, in aid of petition of Benjamin Chadbourne, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of W. F. Farrington and others, for an act of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Joshua Hooper and others, in aid of the East Maine Conference Seminary, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Claims of the treasurer of Mariaville;

Claims of the treasurer of Albany;

Claims of the treasurer of Trenton;

For bounty on Wild Animals, were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Jonathan Dev-
ereux;

Also, on petition of Benaiah Dow;

Also, on petition of Thomas M. Gray;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of Thomas M. Gray, and on the petition of David Wing and others, came from the House, severally recommitted with instructions to report order of notice to be published in the papers of Hallowell, and Gardiner. The Senate refused to concur and insisted on their former votes accepting said reports.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WIGGIN, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Ellitsville,

reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature thereon, was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Reform School be directed to visit said school, at some time during the present session of the Legislature, and enquire into its management and discipline, and thoroughly investigate the management and condition of its finances, and report to the Legislature; and for the purpose of prosecuting such investigation, said Committee shall have power to send for persons and papers.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WIGGIN presented the petition of the Overseers of the Poor of Blanchard, for aid in the support of two paupers in the Insane Hospital, which was referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Resolve in favor of the town of West Gardiner, was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill, "an act to incorporate the Cabot Manufacturing Company," which was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY, the following Order, to wit:

That the House concurring, 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—was taken from the table, and amended by striking out the word "tenth" and inserting "fifteenth;" and further amended by adding the words, "and that this order be published three weeks successively in the weekly and thrice-weekly Journal and Age, public newspapers published in Augusta,"—and as amended the order was passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the justice and expediency of permitting persons charged with crime to be sworn and testify upon their trial.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature on the petition of C. F. A. Johnson and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. HOBART presented the petition of William H. Hemenway and others, for an alteration in the Constitution, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, the petition of S. H. Talbot and 13 others of East Machias, for an insolvent law, which was referred to the Joint Select Committee on Insolvent Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire and report whether the present forms of civil and criminal process admit of simplification and improvement, and to report such modifications thereof and of the proceedings in court as they may deem expedient and necessary.

That the same Committee be directed to enquire and report whether the present laws on bail in criminal cases are sufficient;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Also, that the Chaplains of the Legislature have the same privileges in regard to the Library as members of this Legislature, which was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Petition of A. K. Hall and others of Orrington;

Petition of John Lamson and others of Lubec;

Petition of Warren Small and others of Lubec;

Petition of Acton Swett and others of Northfield;

Petition of C. W. Porter and others of Machias;

Severally in aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary, were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of John Davis and 83 others, for re-annexation of Barker farm to the town of Chelsea;

Petition of Thomas J. Haines and others, to be set off from Levant to Kenduskeag;

Remonstrance of John Davis and 84 others, against petition of T. M. Gray and others, were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph B. Hall and others of Presque Isle, for an act of incorporation;

Petition of Joseph Blake and others of Letter G, to be incorporated with Letter F;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Justus Gray, for a donation of land in consideration of building mill, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Paul Cyr and 250 others, for a division of the county of Aroostook, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Coffin and 36 others, for a law to prevent the destruction of deer, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Jarvis & Co., for an insolvent law, was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Thomas M. Gray ;

Also, same report on petition of David Wing and others, severally came back from the House, that branch refusing to concur with the Senate, accepting the reports, and insisting on its former vote, re-committing the same. The Senate further insisted on its former vote accepting these reports, proposed a Conference, and appointed Messrs. Chapman, Wiggin and Plaisted, Conferees on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish one copy each of the Thrice-weekly Age and Journal, to the Chaplains of the Senate, during the session.

Mr. SARGENT presented the petition of Moses Rose and seven others, to be incorporated as the Trustees of Presque Isle Academy, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also, the petition of Assessors and others of Franklin, to legalize

certain assessments, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

A Message was received from the Governor, by Noah Smith, jr , Esq., Secretary of State, as follows :

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith lay before you for your consideration, a communication from his excellency the governor general of Canada, together with resolutions adopted by the legislative council and legislative assembly of Canada, conveying the thanks of the authorities of that government for donation of books and documents of this state ; also certain resolutions adopted by the legislature of the state of Connecticut in relation to slavery.

LOT M. MORRILL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
January 19, 1858. }

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

The resolves of the Legislature of Connecticut, relating to Slavery, were laid on the table.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of so amending that part of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes as relates to the collection of taxes in incorporated places on lands of non-resident owners. That after due notice given to said owners of the amount in which they are assessed (by publishing said assessment in a newspaper printed in the county or otherwise,) the non-resident proprietors shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as far as practicable as resident proprietors.

That the same Committee be directed to enquire into the expediency of so amending section 13, chapter 22, of the Revised Statutes, that all occupants or owners of adjoining lands lying common or unimproved, shall build and maintain one-half of all partition fences adjoining all such lands lying common or unimproved as is provided in the same section for building and maintaining fences adjoining lands enclosed by both parties.

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads enquire into the expediency of setting apart certain townships for settlement.

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Order directing the Committee on the State Reform School, to visit that institution, passed in the Senate, on the 18th, came back from the House amended, by striking out the words "during the present session of the Legislature," and inserting instead thereof the words "within two weeks from this date." Senate receded from its former vote, adopted the amendment, and as amended the order passed in concurrence.

Petition of Directors of the Veazie Bank;

Petition of Directors of Mercantile Bank, severally for a recharter, were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of W. S. Gilman & Co., for aid.

Petition of Moses Rose and 32 others, for an appropriation to build a bridge across the Presque Isle stream;

Were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Andrew Crowell and others of Brewer;

Petition of J. C. Bradbury and others of Oldtown;

Petition of Emerson Googing of Mt. Desert;

Petition of Ezra Martin and others of Frankfort;

Petition of George Parcher and others of Ellsworth;

Severally for aid to Medical School;

Petition of Abner Stetson and 122 others of East Machias, for aid to East Maine Conference Seminary;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of J. B. Marrow and others, for an act of incorporation to be called the Oxford, Androscoggin Valley and Franklin Agricultural Society, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of Stephen Young and 127 others, for a division of the town of Pittston;

Petition of Isaac Lemont and seven others, to be set off from Brunswick to Bath;

Petition of John Greeley and seven others, to be set off from Mt. Vernon to Readfield;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Willard Walker and 282 others of Bath, for a repeal of the law authorizing the disclosures of debtors under arrest on execution without bond;

Petition of Samuel Smiley and 59 others of Winslow, for a law to prohibit the exhibition of traveling circuses;

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Account of Thomas J. Sherman, coroner, for expenses of holding

an inquest, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Reports of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of Thomas M. Gray;

Also, on the petition of David Wing and others, came from the House, that branch having adhered to its former votes recommitting the same. The Senate receded from its former vote and concurred with the House in recommitting the reports.

Order from the House.

That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the subject of Slavery, be referred to a Joint Committee on Federal Relations, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Mr. THOMAS presented the petition of Woodbury Davis, for payment of arrears of salary, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. WING presented bill, an act to enable the town of Winthrop to pay the Rev. David Thurston for writing and publishing a history thereof, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DAVIS presented bill, an act to amend section 27 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HOYT presented bill, an act to incorporate the Farmington Falls Debating Club and Library Association, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. THOMAS presented the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary for aid, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. WOODBURY presented petition of William H. Parsons and others, for an act of incorporation of Trustees of South Bridgton High School.

Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented petition of John Glidden and others, for permission to extend a wharf.

Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Mr. WASSON presented the petition of citizens of Franklin, in aid of East Maine Conference Seminary.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. WING presented bill, an act respecting School District number four in Winthrop.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

And these papers severally referred as above were

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to Slavery, be referred to a Joint Special Committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join; and Messrs. Goddard, Woodbury and Hobart were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came up with Messrs. Hanson of Gardiner, Prentiss of Bangor, Marshall of Belfast, Porter of Lowell, Kingsbury of Kennebunk, Pratt of Oxford, and Skillin of North Yarmouth, joined on the part of the House.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Joseph Blake and others, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature;

Also, same report on the petition of inhabitants of number seven, range three, which were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be and hereby are instructed to inquire whether it be expedient to amend the twenty-second section of the seventy-seventh chapter of the Revised Statutes, by inserting in the last paragraph, after the word "Thanksgiving," the words, "or Christmas day."

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation, (if any,) is necessary in relation to the examination of parties as witnesses in processes arising under chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes, respecting bastard children and their maintenance.

That the same Committee be and hereby are instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to protect the rights of towns through which ways may be laid by joint boards of county commissioners acting for two or more counties, and whether in such cases, an appeal from the action from such joint boards, ought not to be allowed for towns and other parties interested, to the Supreme Judicial Court in the county in which the appealing town is, or other parties reside, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 6th section of the 91st chapter of the Revised Statutes of 1857, so that instead of reading, "a person who furnishes labor or materials for a vessel building," it may read, "for the building of any vessel." Also to inquire into the expediency of extending the time of enforcement of lien on vessels, and report by bill or otherwise.

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Peter Walker and others of Chesuncook, for a grant of land to aid them in building mills;

Petition of Israel Davis, that the Land Agent may be autho-

rized to convey to him certain lots of land in township number eleven, range one;

Petition of C. F. A. Johnson and 34 others, for the survey and location of a road from Bridgewater to number eleven, range five, Aroostook county.

Severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Wm. Lowder and others, for a more convenient pass-way through the bridge at Bangor for vessels;

Petition of Amos M. Roberts and 100 others of Bangor, that the Legislature will compel the Penobscot & Kennebec and Somerset & Kennebec Railroads to connect their trains at Kendall's Mills;

Petition of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, for authority to extend a branch line to the Androscoggin and Kennebec Railroad near Danville Junction;

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

Petition of David Godfrey and others of Lubec, asking for right to extend their fish weir into tide waters;

Petition of Wm. Fisher and others of Arrowsic, for the protection of fish in Sewall's pond;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Maine Bank :

Petition of the Directors of the Eastern Bank, Bangor, severally for reduction of capital stock ;

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of John Covill and others of Pittston, for an act to incorporate the Naumkeag Fishing Company in the town of Pittston, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of John T. Gilman and others, for an act of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Winslow, for repayment of twenty dollars which was paid by him in accordance with the provisions of the laws of

inspection, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Martha J. Bowker, for divorce, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Peter S. Folsom, for pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Incorporation of Towns, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of Joseph B. Hall and others, was accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of Cyrus F. Bryant, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature, came from the House recommitted.

Tabled on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of John Davis, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature;

Also, same report on the petition of Isaac Lemont and others;

Also, same report on petition of Abraham Waterhouse;

Which were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of William F. Farrington and others, reported bill, "an act to incorporate the Preachers' Aid Society of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

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

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of S. H. Parsons and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature;

Also, same report on the petition of Stephen Young;

Also, same report on the petition of Thomas M. Gray and others;

Also, same report on the petition of David Wing and others;

Which were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY presented bill, an act authorizing the county commissioners of Oxford county to reassess certain taxes, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented the petition of Samuel Averill, 2d, for leave to build a wharf in Newcastle, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, January 22, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering section 16 of chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots, as more clearly to define the rights of parties under its provisions.

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire whether in the recent revision of the statutes, any change has been made in the law relative to opening roads in unincorporated places, and whether sections 30 and 33 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes require amendment in that respect.

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of passing an act enabling plantations to raise highway money by a two-thirds vote of the electors present at their annual meetings.

That the same Committee be requested to inquire into the expediency of altering or amending section 22, chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, so that overseers of the poor of towns may better understand their duty with regard to persons falling into distress in adjoining unincorporated places.

That the same Committee be directed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary with regard to the use of check lists in the election of city, town and plantation officers, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the members of the Board of Agriculture, during their present session, be admitted to the privilege of the State Library, on the same condition as members of the Legislature.

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, respecting parishes and religious societies;"

Bill, "an act to abolish imprisonment for debt;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to encourage the settlement of the public lands of the State," was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Ansel Powers and 8 others of Bowdoinham, to be set off from Bowdoinham to Richmond, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of John Ruggles and 17 others, of Lincoln bar, for change of time of holding May term of Supreme Judicial Court, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Greenfield and township No. 1, in Hancock county, to be set off to the county of Penobscot, was referred to the Committee on the Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Cookson and others, for aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel A. Gilman and others, for a dam on the east branch of Mattawamkeag river, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of H. Sibberman in relation to settlement on the public lands of the State, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of William Soule and 87 others of Phillips;

Petition of Mary E. Chase and 146 ladies of Phillips; severally for a prohibitory liquor law.

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Liquor Law, in concurrence.

Account of Josiah Merrow, for services, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Joel Bean and others, against a portion of Letter G being incorporated with Presque Isle;

Statement of A. Rackliffe and 17 others of Presque Isle, relating

to incorporation, were severally referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of Daniel M. Crockett and others ;

Also, same report on the petition of Thomas J. Haines and others ;

Also, same report on the petition of John Greely and others ;

Also same report on the petition of Stockbridge P. Graves ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee, on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill, "an act to amend chapter 82, section 83, of the Revised Statutes, authorizing executors, administrators and heirs to testify in certain cases," that the same ought to pass, was accepted, in concurrence, and the bill was once read and recommitted, in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, to which was referred bill, "an act relating to the city of Bath," that the same in a new draft ought to pass, was accepted, in concurrence, and the bill once read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. JONES from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill "an act to incorporate the Preachers' Aid Society of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church," which was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Averill, 2d, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature ;

Also, same report on the petition of John Glidden and others ;

Which were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Division of Counties, to which was referred the petition of Paul Cyr and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication was received from NOAH BARKER, Esq., Land Agent elect, signifying his acceptance of that office, which was read and sent down.

Resolve in favor of the town of West Gardiner, was reported by Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, January 23, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

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

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire whether any legislation is necessary to render intelligible the 9th section of the 7th chapter of the Revised Statutes, which was intended to define the Northern Aroostook Registry District.

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 6, section 6, of the Revised Statutes, that widows whose real and personal estate does not exceed five hundred dollars, shall be exempt from taxation.

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or so modifying the existing laws of the State, "providing for the appointment of County Commissioners and prescribing their powers and duties," as to render the system less expensive and oppressive, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, so that persons moving into this State from any other State, shall gain a legal settlement as provided in chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1853 of New Hampshire, or chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes of Massachusetts.

That the same Committee be and hereby are directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 107 of the Revised Statutes, that provision may be made for the taking of depositions, either by the government or party accused, to be used in criminal causes, on like terms, for like reasons, in the same manner, as are now provided in said chapter for taking depositions to be used in civil causes.

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the expense of the judiciary system of this State.

That the Committee on Agriculture be and are hereby directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 30, section 5, of

the Revised Statutes, so as to increase the bounty on bears and wolves.

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law as that no funds shall be furnished by the State to agricultural societies for any purpose, except for the improvement in stock-raising, in agriculture, and in the mechanic arts.

That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be directed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to protect the people of this State from irresponsible foreign insurance companies, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing one or more Normal Schools, for the training of teachers in this State, the expense of establishing and maintaining said schools to be defrayed out of the proceeds of the State tax on banks, and to report by bill or otherwise;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

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

Petition of Rufus Dwinal, for a law to prevent banks from taking more than six per cent. interest, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Prospect to annex Stockton to Prospect;

Petition of Albion Staples and 77 others of Stockton, to annex Stockton to Prospect;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Levi Whitman and others for alteration of the laws relating to County Commissioners, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Isaac M. Bragg, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, ordering notice

returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Paul Cyr and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to liens on slates;

Also, same report on an order relating to liabilities of owners of lands in unincorporated townships, for damages on roads in such townships;

Also, report of the same Committee, on an order relating to the expediency of taxing rights to cut timber on State lands ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Accounts, on the petition of Daniel Winslow, asking to be discharged from further consideration thereof, and recommend its reference to the Committee on Claims, was accepted in concurrence.

“Resolve in relation to printing certain documents,” passed to be engrossed in the House, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

A communication was received from Lewis D. Moore, Esq., Deputy Secretary of State, transmitting such returns of cashiers of banks and clerks of corporations, comprising the “names of stockholders, their residence, and the amount of stock owned by each,” as have been returned to the office of Secretary of State prior to this date.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire whether section 143 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, should be amended so as to dispense with recording the treasurer's deed of land sold for taxes, before the forfeiture thereof; and whether section 149 of the same chapter should be amended by adding to the form for the return of sales, a column for the description of the property sold, and to report by bill or otherwise.

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the propriety of amending chapter 6, section 41, of the Revised Statutes, so as to make the section conform to the old law upon the subject of the section, and also to inquire into the expediency of amending the law relative to the duty of County Commissioners in giving notice when called upon to lay out roads in unincorporated places.

That the same Committee be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing a salary for members and officers of the Legislature, instead of per diem pay, as a measure tending to shorten legislative sessions, and lessen the incidental expenses of the same.

That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending an act, entitled "an act for the preservation of fish in St Croix river," so as to make the same more effective, and also to allow fish to be taken in weirs below the ledge, without restriction as to time.

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Doane and others;

Petition of S. F. Harrison and others;

Petition of William Marsh and others; severally in aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Limestone plantation, for the passage of an act to raise taxes;

Petition of Ann F. Greely and others, that the right of suffrage may be exercised by women;

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of John N. Trueworthy and others, for incorporation of Presque Isle, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants on the St. John river, in relation to settling lands, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Andrew P. Cousins and others, for an insolvent law, was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law, in concurrence.

Account of C. H. Hall, coroner, for holding an inquest;

Claim of the town of Robbinston, for bounty on bears;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

“Resolve providing for the publication and distribution of the School Laws,” was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Bill, “an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Augusta Free Bridge Company,” was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill, “an act to incorporate the Portland School for Medical Instruction,” reported in the House from the Committee on Education, was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to transmit the returns of cashiers of banks and clerks of corporations, to the office of Secretary of State, that the same may be kept on file in his office.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was

referred bill, "an act respecting school district No. 4 in Winthrop," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred bill "an act to enlarge the powers of school district No. 4, in Winthrop, reported that the same ought to pass.

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

On motion of Mr. THOMAS,

Ordered, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law for the preservation of government buoys and other aids to navigation in this State, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to take from the files in his office, the account of James Walker in his settlement with the Governor and Council as Land Agent of the State, and lay the same, together with all the accompanying papers before the Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to printing certain documents, reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, by Mr. WOODBURY, without amendment, was read the second time, and amended as by paper marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, upon the petition of Cyrus F. Bryant, was taken from the table, and recommitted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCLUSKY,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads take into consideration what appropriations are necessary to build

and repair roads in the neighborhood of State lands in the county of Aroostook.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Moses L. Appleton and others, in aid of the petition of Amos M. Roberts and others, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Mr. McCLUSKY presented the petition of Joseph B. Hall and 87 others, for appropriation to survey a railroad route from Lincoln to the Aroostook river, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR presented the petition of Ira Fish and 52 others, for an appropriation to survey a railroad route from Mattawamkeag to the Aroostook river, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act relating to the city of Bath," reported by Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill, "an act to incorporate the Preachers' Aid Society of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church," which was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BARTLETT of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering or amending chapter 24th of the Revised Statutes, that settlements subjecting towns to pay for the support of persons on account of their poverty or distress, may be limited to three years instead of five.

That the same Committee be and hereby are instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, that provision may be made for operatives in manufacturing establishments to have a lien upon manufactured articles upon which they have worked, and power to enforce the same, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 7, chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, limiting the number of active militia in this State, by striking out the word "four" before "thousand," and inserting instead thereof, the word "two."

That the Committee on the State Prison be directed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law whereby all persons who are now, or shall be sentenced to a term of years in the State Prison, shall have stricken from their term of servitude, two days for each month that they shall so conduct themselves as to meet the approbation of the Warden and Prison Inspector, and report by bill or otherwise.

Were severally read, and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Hiram Norton and others, to be set off from Orono and annexed to Bangor;

Remonstrance of J. B. Chase and 108 others, against the petition of Hiram Norton and others;

Remonstrance of George E. Hodges and 10 others, against the petition of Ansel Powers and others ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Benaiah Pratt and others of Presque Isle, for an appropriation to open the State road from Presque Isle to Van Buren ;

Petition of C. C. Proctor and 40 others, for an appropriation for a bridge across the north branch of the Dead river ;

Petition of Asa Smith and 13 others, for aid to build a railroad from Milford to the valley of the Aroostook ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Winslow Hunt and others of Pittston, for aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary ;

Petition of Ezekiel Prescott and 17 others, to have the doings of districts Nos. 1, 7 and 10 in Montville and Liberty made valid ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Amzi Doe and others of Aroostook county, in relation to pauper tax, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Moses Lincoln and others of Perry, in relation to the herring fisheries in Cobscook Bay, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of John Lamson, for pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of Sanford Noble and others, to refund certain moneys by him paid to the State ;

Claim of M. W. Burnham and others, for services and expenses in taking care of a State pauper ;

Were severally referred to the Committee, on Claims, in concurrence.

Claim of Treasurer of Plantation Letter B ;

Claim of Treasurer of Monticello ;

Claim of Treasurer of Livermore ;

Claim of Treasurer of Bethel ;

Claim of Treasurer of Lincoln plantation ; severally for bounty on wild animals ;

Account of Masters, Smith & Co. ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Luke Brown and others of Bridgton ;

Petition of George F. Patten and others of Bath ;

Petition of George W. Pickering and others of Bangor ; severally for an insolvent law ;

Remonstrance of Nathaniel Johnson of Bangor, against an insolvent law ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act concerning the commencement of suits against certain officers" ;

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 50 of the Public Laws of 1857" ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

"Resolve in relation to printing certain documents," came back from the House, that branch having nonconcluded with the Senate in adopting amendment A, and further amended as per sheet annexed marked B, and as thus amended, passed to be engrossed. The Senate receded from its former vote, and concurred with the House in rejecting amendment A, and adopted the amendment on sheet marked B, and as thus amended, the resolve passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy in Falmouth," approved April 15, 1857, passed to be engrossed in the House, was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

A message from the Governor came up from the House, as follows :

To the House of Representatives :

In compliance with the request contained in your order of this date,

I herewith transmit the report of the agent at Washington in relation to the claims of this state upon the general government.

LOT M. MORRILL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
January 25, 1858. }

The papers accompanying this message came from the House referred to the Joint Special Committee on Claims at Washington, and were thus referred, in concurrence.

The following communication from the Treasurer of State, came up from the House :

TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
Augusta, January 27, 1858 }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—A proposition has been made to me for the adjustment of certain notes now in this office, given by parties in the eastern portion of the State for timber sold by the Land Agent of Maine from lands belonging to the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Before taking any steps in the premises, I desire further instruction from the Legislature.

I have the honor to be, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BENJ. D. PECK,

Treasurer of State.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Portland School for Medical Instruction," reported from the Committee on bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to enlarge the powers of School District No. 4 in Winthrop;

Bill, "an act respecting School District No. 4 in Winthrop, reported by the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was

referred the petition of Waterville College, from the last Legislature, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred bill, "an act to incorporate the Farmington Falls Debating Club and Library Association," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which which was referred bill, "an act to enable the town of Winthrop to pay the Rev. David Thurston for writing and publishing the history of said town," reported that the same in a new draft ought to pass.

These reports were severally accepted, the bills severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of S. Robinson and 95 others, for survey of railroad route from Mattawamkeag to some point on the Aroostook river, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WIGGIN presented the petition of Oliver Eveleth and 170 others, for an appropriation to build a road from Greenville to Chesuncook Lake;

Also, the petition of Joshua Folsom and 17 others, for the same, were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that members of the Legislature shall not be subject to be trustee for any amount due from them for board during the session thereof.

That the same Committee be instructed to consider the expediency of amending chapter 116, section 13, of the Revised Statutes, in regard to fees of witnesses as to allow each witness one dollar and fifty cents per day instead of one dollar and twenty-five cents, as now fixed by law.

That the Committee on the State Prison be authorized to visit that institution on or before the fifteenth day of February next, for the purpose of examining into the affairs of said prison, and make report thereon during this session of the Legislature.

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Willard T. Brown and 49 others of Newcastle;

Petition of John W. Coffin and others of Cherryfield;

Petition of Oliver Nash and others of Addison;

Petition of E. B. Stackpole and others of Kenduskeag;

Petition of Henry Bailey and others of Columbia;

Severally for insolvent law, were severally referred to the Committee having that subject under consideration, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of town of Columbia;

Claim of the Treasurer of town of Springfield;

Claim of the Treasurer of No. 7;

Claim of the Treasurer of town of Kingsbery;

Claim of the Treasurer of town of Sangerville;

Severally for bounty on wild animals, were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Seth Norcross, making certain charges against the County Attorney of Franklin;

Petition of Assessors, Treasurer and Collector of Brownfield, to make valid their doings in relation to non-resident proprietors of said town for the years 1855 and 1856;

Were severally referred to the Committee, on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Richard Libbey and 43 others;

Petition of Benjamin W. Fish and 35 others;

Severally for aid to build a railroad from Milford to some point in the valley of the Aroostook, were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of James Carney, jr. and 60 others, in aid of the petition of Ansel Powers and others;

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of John Brown and others of Milbridge, for a grant to build a wharf to tide waters;

Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of M. J. Talbot and 21 others of East Machias, for aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary;

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of inhabitants of Medford, for aid to build a bridge across the Piscataquis river;

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Moses L. Wilder and others, for restrictions on seines, weirs and nets for taking herring in the bay of Pembroke and Perry;

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of A. J. W. Stevens and others, for incorporation of West Piscataquis Agricultural Society;

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

“Resolve authorizing a renewal of a portion of the State debt,” reported in the House from the Committee on Finance;

Bill, “an act to incorporate the Trustees of the South Bridgton High School,” reported in the House from the Committee on Education on the petition of William H. Powers;

Were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for the second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Solomon Coy and others, from the last Legislature, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Education on petition of Limington Academy, from the last Legislature, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of J. S. Holmes and others, from the last Legislature, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, that "resolve in favor of Limerick Academy," from the last Legislature, that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the term of office of Selectmen and Assessors, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, that bill, "an act to prevent litigation between towns," ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of M. J. Talbot and others ;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel Smiley ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Communication was received from BENJAMIN D. PECK, Esq., Treasurer elect, transmitting his official bond, which was referred to the Joint Select Committee on Treasurer's Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on the petition of John N. Trueworthy, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred bill, "an act to incorporate the West Hampden High School," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of the Selectmen of Prospect, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Hiram Norton and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WIGGIN, the rules of the Senate were suspended, and the vote accepting the report of the Committee on the Incorporation of Towns on the petition of inhabitants of Elliottsville, was reconsidered, and on motion of Mr. WASSON, the report was recommitted to the same Committee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of William Woodbury and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill, "an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Oxford county to reassess certain taxes," reported that the same in new draft ought to pass.

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

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on the petition of inhabitants of Elliottsville, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from ALDEN JACKSON, Esq., late Secretary of State, transmitting his Annual Report on the State Library, which was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State :

To the President of the Senate and

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

In compliance with an order of the 26th instant, I have the honor herewith to lay before the Legislature the account of James Walker, late Land Agent, together with the accompanying papers, as presented in his final settlement with the Governor and Council of January 6, 1857.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

NOAH SMITH, JR.,

Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

Ordered, That the papers in relation to the accounts of James Walker, late Land Agent, laid before the Legislature by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Land Office, and there kept until the adjournment of the Legislature, and then to be returned by the Land Agent to the Secretary of State's office.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WING,

Ordered, That the report of the Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition of 1855, be taken from the files and referred back to said Commissioner for the purpose of revising and condensing the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP moved to reconsider the vote passing in concurrence the order authorizing the Committee on State Prison to visit that institution, and that motion was laid on the table on motion of Mr. HOBART.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Farmington Falls Debating Club and Library Association," reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Bill, "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy in Falmouth," approved April 15, 1857, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to enable the town of Winthrop to pay the Rev. David Thurston for writing and publishing the history thereof," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Treasurer's Account, to which was referred the Treasurer's bond, reported that they have examined the same, and find it correctly drawn and sureties sufficient.

The report was accepted, and the bond approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON presented the petition of Ira Fish and 100 others, asking for a survey of a railroad route from Milford to some point in the valley of the Aroostook, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT presented the petition of David Herrick and others of Sedgwick, for an insolvent law, which was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY presented the petition of Jabez Dorman and others of Aroostook county, for an appropriation for a survey of railroad route from Mattawamkeag, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON presented the petition of William Somerby and others of Hancock county, for an agricultural society, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, January 29, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

In the absence of the President, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. RING,

Messrs. Ring, Hoyt and Hobart, were appointed a Committee to receive, assort and count the votes for President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

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

Whole number of votes,	17
Necessary to a choice,	9
Enoch W. Woodbury has	14
Elijah L. Hamlin has	1
C. L. Ring has	1
Samuel Wasson has	1

The report was accepted, and Hon. ENOCH W. WOODBURY was declared duly elected President *pro tempore* of the Senate.

Mr. Woodbury having been conducted to the Chair by Mr. Hobart, signified his acceptance in the following address :

SENATORS:—Accept my thanks for this unexpected expression of your confidence. Knowing my own inexperience, and inability to discharge the duties incumbent upon me, I would not presume to enter upon them, were it not for the known courtesy and urbanity which has always characterized your conduct toward the presiding officer. But trusting to your aid and assistance, I accept the trust, and will at once enter upon the duties which your partiality has assigned me.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BUTTERFIELD of Hallowell.

On motion of Mr. HOBART,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives by the Secretary, informing that body of the election of Hon. ENOCH W. WOODBURY as President *pro tem.* of the Senate, in the absence of the President.

On motion of Mr. HOYT, the Secretary was charged with a similar message to the Governor and Council.

Which messages were conveyed by the Secretary.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their efforts to procure a distribution of a portion of the public lands belonging to the United States, among the several States for educational purposes;

Was passed in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Smith and 110 others of Hampden;

Petition of James Merrill and 17 others of Whitefield;

Petition of Richard Huston and 124 others of Bristol;

Severally for an insolvent law, severally referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Petition of Caleb Edwards and Oliver Small, to be set off from Poland to Otisfield;

Petition of Edward Scribner and others, to be set off from Poland to Casco;

Remonstrance of Josiah Merrow and 145 others of Bowdoinham, against the petition of Ansel Powers and others;

Severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of the town of Searsport, for a special law to enable said town to call in and pay certain town orders;

Petition of J. L. Rogers and 20 others, to increase officers' fees for service of civil processes to the same rate as in criminal processes, and to allow fees for travel the same as are allowed witnesses for attendance at Court;

Petition of J. L. Rogers and 21 others, for the repeal of that portion of chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes which allows debtors arrested on execution to disclose without bond;

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of J. S. Munroe and 62 others of Abbot, for charter of West Piscataquis Agricultural Society;

Petition of John P. Shaw and 27 others, for the same;

Severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of O. O. Brown and 15 others, for additional legislation in respect to the inspection of lime at the kiln;

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of John Pomroy and 35 others, for aid to repair the bridge across the Mattawamkeag in Bancroft;

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to make valid the doings of the town officers of the town of Sebec," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was committed an order relating to authorizing legal voters in highway districts to choose their surveyors, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Ansel Powers and others;

Also, same report on the petition of Cyrus F. Bryant;

Also, same report on petition of Alvin Staples and others;

Were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the Fourth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools of the State of Maine for the year 1857.

Also, the reports of the Warden and Inspectors of the Maine State Prison of the year ending December 31, 1857.

Mr. WASSON presented the petition of J. B. Wooster of Hancock, in relation to taxable property, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Joint Select Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts be directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the charter of the Maine State Seminary, as to pay them ten thousand dollars in money, instead of the scrip provided for in their charter;

Was passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee be appointed, consisting of seven on the part of the Senate and such as the House may join, to take into consideration the expediency of providing for an amendment to the Constitution, so that the annual election for Governor and other State officers shall be on the first Tuesday of November, instead of the Second Monday of September.

Subsequently, this order came up with Messrs. Woodbury of Houlton, Knapp of East Livermore, Whitney of Raymond, Parsons of Eustis Plantation, Babbidge of Deer Isle, Clark of Pittston, Cunningham of Edgecomb, Bean of Brownfield, Palmer of Exeter, Nutting of Parkman, Oliver of Georgetown, Sally of Madison, Kingsbury of Waldo, Hersey of Pembroke, and Crowell of Lebanon, joined on the part of the House.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Division of Counties, to which was referred the petition of inhabitants of Greenfield and township No. 1, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

Ordered, That the report of the Warden and Inspectors of the Maine State Prison, be referred to the Committee on State Prison.

Sent down for concurrence.

Paper from the House.

Petition of S. S. Starbird and others, for an act of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the South Bridgton High School";

Bill, "an act authorizing the Commissioners of Oxford county to reassess certain taxes";

"Resolve authorizing a renewal of a portion of the State debt"; reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, were read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill, "an act additional to chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes," reported that the same in a new draft ought to pass.

Report was accepted, the bill read once, and on motion of Mr. BURPEE, laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire if any further legislation is necessary to secure to persons a lien on all materials or labor furnished for or on account of any vessel building or undergoing repairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the papers on file relating to the petition of Josiah P. Bean from the last Legislature, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Bill, "an act relating to the city of Bath ;"

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Portland School for Medical Instruction ;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Also, "resolve in relation to printing certain documents ;"

Which was finally passed in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. MOORE of Hallowell.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that any school district may raise money for the support of its schools, in addition to what it receives from the town; and also to inquire and report by bill or otherwise whether any legislation is necessary or practical to secure a system of graded schools in the large towns of this State.

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law what books shall be used in our common schools that there may be a uniform system throughout the State. Also, inquire into the expediency of enacting a general law, whereby towns may have the power to grade their schools, and in such towns where there is an academy located, the said towns may have the power to appropriate a portion of their school money to defray the expense of educating a portion of their scholars at said academy.

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of renewing the appropriations made by the last Legislature for the promotion of schools in Van Buren, Madawaska, and Hancock plantations; and also, inquire whether further legislation is necessary respecting schools in the County of Aroostook.

That the Judiciary Committee examine the laws, (if any,) relative to owners of buildings when used for public assemblies, and report what further security, (if any,) in such matters is necessary, and if expedient, report a bill providing, that when the life of any person in the exercise of care and diligence is lost, or any bodily injuries are done to such persons by reason of the insufficiency of such building, or any other cause attributable to the neglect or carelessness of its owner, (whether such owner be an individual or corporation, a servant or agent in the care of his or their business,) the person

injured, or in case of his or her death, the representative of such person, shall have adequate remedy by due course of law.

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending sections 13, 14 and 15, of chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, so that the expenses of attending commitment of persons to houses of correction, and their support and employment therein, when such prisoners are not able to pay such expenses, shall be borne in the same manner as the expenses of persons convicted before the Supreme Court for an offense punishable by imprisonment or fine, as provided in section 16 of this chapter, instead of being charged upon the town where such prisoners may belong, thus making them paupers.

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 13 of chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, relating to houses of correction, so that the overseers of the poor of the town where the prisoner was found when arrested, may be called upon for his support;

Were severally passed in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Tarbox and 20 others of Westport;

Petition of William Fisher and others;

Petition of David P. Thompson and 16 others;

Petition of Putnam Simonton and others;

Severally for aid for East Maine Conference Seminary;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of John Powers and 15 others;

Petition of G. B. Jenks and 18 others;

Severally for a railroad from Milford to Aroostook county;

Petition of Henry W. Lyon and 21 others;

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

Remonstrance of the inhabitants of Richmond against the petition of Ansel Powers and others;

Remonstrance of people of West Gardiner, against the petition of certain citizens of West Gardiner to be set off to Gardiner.

Were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of M. C. Dow and 1,932 others, women of Maine;

Petition of Julia A. Haskell and others of Steuben ;

Severally for a prohibitory liquor law ;

Were severally referred to the Committee having that subject under consideration.

Petition of the Selectmen and Town Clerk of Brunswick, for a city charter for the village district of said town, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Petition of Eliphalet Greely and 140 others, for an insolvent law, was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Petition of David Abbott of Camden, for the passage of an act to allow him to extend his wharf, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Were severally referred as above in concurrence.

Bill, "an act regulating the admissibility of depositions," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

"Resolve to procure a statue of Major General Henry Knox," was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was committed an order relating to trespasses on personal property, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, that bill, "an act for the support of paupers in unincorporated towns," ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, that bill, "an act to amend chapter 103, section 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fees of commissioners to assign dower," ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee to which was referred bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Charity Funds of the Maine Convention of Universalists," asking to be discharged from further consideration thereof, and recommending its reference to the Committee on Education ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to inquire into the expediency of limiting the amount of bills in circulation of the several banks in this State, so that it shall

in no case, at any time, exceed ninety per cent. of the capital stock paid, not including stock owned by the bank, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of Moses L. Wilder and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature;

Also, same report on the petition of Moses Lincoln and others;

Also, same report on the petition of Ebenezer Brown and others;

Which were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of William Fisher and others, reported bill, "an act to prevent the destruction of alewives in Sewall's pond and its outlets."

The report was accepted, and the bill once read, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Mr. HOBART presented the petition of H. C. Hall and others of Jonesborough, for an insolvent law, which was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of John Gardner and others, for deed of land in township No. 8, range 5, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Noah Smith, jr., Esq., Secretary of State, transmitting an abstract of the returns and a list of the names of such Inspectors of Fish, as were in commission the past year, who have made returns; also, a list of those who have not made returns, which was read, and the document laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Mr. WIGGIN presented the petition of Paul S. Merrill and 26 others, for an appropriation for a road from Greenville to Chesuncook lake;

Also, the petition of Joseph B. Packard and 37 others, for an appropriation for a road from Kingsbery to Shirley;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House.

That a Joint Special Committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to examine the unrepealed acts and parts of acts named on pages 752, 753, and 754 of the Revised Statutes, (but not contained in the volume,) and report to this Legislature such as are now in force; with Messrs. Hall of Gorham, Wasson of Brooksville, Longfellow of Whitefield, Tibbetts of Lovell, and Bunker of Corinna, appointed on the part of the House, was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Wasson, Carleton and Jones, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills,

“An act to incorporate the Trustees of the South Bridgton High School;”

“An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy in Falmouth, approved April 15, 1857;

Which were severally passed to be enacted 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. HOBART,

Ordered, That the Senate meet on Mondays, at 11 o'clock, A. M., until otherwise ordered.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. TAPPAN of Augusta.

Petition of Bradford Cummings and others, in relation to unincorporated places supporting their own paupers ;

Petition of John Rand and 45 others, of the Cumberland Bar, for the repeal or modification of section 18 of chapter 82 of Revised Statutes ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of the Directors of the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge Company, for increase of tolls ;

Petition of Daniel Winslow and 7 others, to be incorporated by the name of the Portland Hydraulic Company ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of School District No. 5, in Atkinson, to authorize collection of tax ;

Petition of F. L. Carney and 38 others, of Newcastle, in aid of East Maine Conference Seminary ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Abigail Nickerson and 34 others of Swanville ;

Petitions of S. W. Miller and 43 others of Swanville ;

Severally for a prohibitory Liquor Law ;

Were severally referred to the Committee having that subject under consideration.

Petition of John B. Trafton and others, in favor of incorporation of Letter D, range 1, was referred to Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Petition of Philander Fletcher and others, for increase of bounty on wolves and bears, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Elbridge Knight and others, that the public lands of

Letter D may be set apart as a permanent School Fund, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Claims from the treasurer of Eddington, for bounty were referred to the Committee on Accounts.

And the above were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to an act relating to review of actions," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw on petition of the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties, ordering notice on petition of inhabitants of Greenfield and township No. 1, came from the House amended, as by annexed sheet marked A. The Senate receded and adopted the amendment, and accepted the report as amended, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of Josiah P. Bean, granting leave to withdraw, came from the House recommit-
ted. The Senate concurred in its recommitment.

Report of Select Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, to which was referred an order relating to altering the charter of the Maine State Seminary, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Maine State Seminary," was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of beef and pork," reported in the House from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WEST, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Claim of the Treasurer of Greenbush, for bounty, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Ephraim Francis and others of Enfield;

Petition of Augustus Bunker and others of Lowell;

Petition of P. T. Whitney and others of Orono ;
Severally for aid in building a railroad from Milford to the Aroostook ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Mr. WIGGIN presented the petition of Silas W. Turner and 110 others ;

Also, the petition of John F. Pike and others ;

Severally for aid to build a road from Kingsbery Mills to Shirley Corner ;

Which were referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McGILVERY presented the petition of D. A. Fairbanks, for pay while acting as a member of the Agricultural Board, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES presented the petition of Rufus W. Brackett and 56 others of Acton, in aid of the Trustees of Lebanon Academy, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Paper from the House.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of David Godfrey and others of Lubec, ordering notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature, was accepted, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the propriety of permitting libellants to testify in cases of divorce.

That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of paying Enoch Hoyt, who was elected a member of the State Board of Agriculture and not allowed to take his seat.

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of James L. Child and 50 others of Augusta, for an insolvent law, was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Petition of the Selectmen of Milo, for amendment to chapter 155' section 8 of the Acts and Resolves of 1848, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of W. P. Spofford and others, that the Legislature will compel the Penobscot & Kennebec and the Somerset & Kennebec railroads to connect their trains at Kendall's Mills, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of A. R. Knapp and 46 others, for protection of fish in Howard pond, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Anna Hinds of Madison, for a donation of land or money, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of A. H. Pendleton and 154 others, ladies of Livermore Falls, for a prohibitory liquor law, was referred to the Committee on the Liquor Law.

Petition of Daniel Neal and 21 others of No. 9, range 3, Washington county, to be incorporated into a town by the name of Jackson Brook, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Claim of the Treasurer of the town of Greenville, for bounty on bears, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act concerning mortgages of personal property," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of John A. Poor and others, with bill, "an act to incorporate the State of Maine Company," was accepted in concurrence. The bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 50 of the Public Laws of 1857, relating to salaries of Judges of Municipal and Police Courts," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Reform School be directed to inquire into the propriety of requiring the several cities, towns and plantations furnishing inmates to the Reform School to pay a portion of the expense of such inmates; also, to inquire what reduction, if any, may be made in the salaries of officers or other expenditure of that institution; and further to inquire whether the word "retrenchment," has any practical demonstration, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McGILVERY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Liquor Law, be and are hereby requested to report at as early a day as possible.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING presented the petition of Robert Mowe, jr. and others of Eastport, for an insolvent law, which was referred to the Committee having that subject under consideration.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBART presented the petition of S. G. Pike and others

of Calais, for an insolvent law, which was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented the petition of Joshua Frye and others of Damariscotta, for an insolvent law, which was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented the petition of Austin Mero and 60 others ;

Also of Nathaniel Bryant and 119 others ;

Also of Thomas Lowell and 33 others ;

Severally for alteration of law in relation to mill dams ;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented the petition of Stephen Whitehouse and 3 others, to have a part of their farm set off from Jefferson to Newcastle, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McCLUSKY presented the petition of Romeo Michaud, for reimbursement of money paid for land, and for a deed of six lots more, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the claim of the Treasurer of Patten, for bounty on wild animals, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAMLIN presented the claim of the County Commissioners of Penobscot county, for reimbursement of expenses incurred on account of J. H. Stedman, a prisoner, who died in jail, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the West Hampden High School," reported by 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. JONES,

The petition of John K. Killa was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported bill, "an act to enlarge the powers of School District No. 4 in Winthrop, as truly and strictly engrossed, which was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WEST.

Mr. FLETCHER presented the petition of E. Chenery and others, for aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order in relation to amending section 18 of chapter 66, of the Revised Statutes, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to consider the expediency of so amending the 6th section of the 6th chapter of the Revised Statutes that the polls of seamen may be exempted from taxation.

That the same Committee be and hereby are instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the Constitution that the Legislature shall meet once in two years instead of annually, as now provided, and that all State officers be chosen for that time, and to report by bill or otherwise.

That the petition of Henry Upton and the accompanying papers be taken from the files of the Legislature and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Were severally passed, in concurrence.

Petition of K. N. Meservey and 22 others, in aid of East Maine Conference Seminary;

Remonstrance of Isaac Benner and 14 others, against the petition of Ezekiel Prescott and others;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Edmund Smith and others, for an extension of time in which to put in operation the Lowell Bank, at Lewiston;

Petition of John W. Perry and others of Brunswick, to be incorporated under the name of the Brunswick Saving Bank;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Daniel Cameron and 249 others of Southport;

Petition of Thomas Boyd and 369 others of Boothbay;

Severally for a prohibitory liquor law;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Liquor Law.

Petition of Joseph Badger and 168 others of Brunswick, in aid

of the petition of the Selectmen of Brunswick, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Remonstrance of E. A. Davis and 61 others of Lubec, against the petition of David Godfrey, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Charles Lowell and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, that bill, "an act to amend the 27th section of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relative to amending the pauper law so as to require a term of three years instead of five to fix a pauper settlement, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order to amend section 1, chapter 21, of the Revised Statutes, relative to vagrant children, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order to amend chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, so as to give operatives in manufactories a lien on the articles on which they have worked, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, presented the petition of Kennebec Log Driving Company for a charter for a boom at Brown's Island, in Kennebec river, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act amending chapter 50 of the Public Laws of 1857, relating to salaries of Judges of Municipal and Police Courts," reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, the House amendment A was adopted, and bill laid on the table, on motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the State of Maine Company, report-

ed by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to make valid the doings of the town officers of the town of Sebec," reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Bill, "an act to enlarge the powers of School District No. 4, in Winthrop," was taken from the table, and passed to be enacted 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. HOBART,

The motion to reconsider the vote passing the order directing the State Prison Committee to visit that institution, was taken from the table, and the motion to reconsider was withdrawn by leave.

Papers from the House.

Petition of Asa Hamilton and others, for incorporation by the name of the Proprietors of Middle Landing Bridge;

Remonstrance of Solomon Coy and others, against petition of Asa Hamilton and others;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of L. Gott and others, to be set off from the town of Orland and annexed to the town of Ellsworth;

Petition of Perley Haynes and others, to be set off from the town of Dedham to Ellsworth;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of John Plaisted and 111 others of Gardiner, that a railroad connection may be enforced at Kendall's Mills, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges;

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire whether sections 5 and 6 of chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes give any bounty on bears and wolves killed in any unincorporated place, and to report such amendments as they think necessary.

That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to report a resolve providing for the payment of Messengers of the Board of Agriculture at their late session.

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of T. C. S. Berry and 20 others of Smyrna;

Petition of H. Chadbourne and 13 others;

Petition of Patrick Farmer and 65 others;

Severally for aid for a railroad from Milford to the Aroostook;

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

Petition of Cornelius Turner and 38 others, of Wiscasset, in aid of the East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petition of Joseph Merrill and others, in aid of the Maine Medical School;

Severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Henry Upton, for pension on account of services rendered the State;

Petition of Selectmen and 102 citizens of Washington, that the pension of Spencer G. Bowes may be increased;

Severally referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Petition of President and Directors of the City Bank at Biddeford, for an increase of capital;

Petition of Pejepscot Bank, for reduction of their capital stock;

Severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of N. McClure and others, for bounties on iron, slate, sugar, and molasses, made in this State, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Claim of Treasurer of Kingfield, for bounty, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Remonstrance of B. F. Osgood and 18 others, against the incorporation of township No. 7 Range 3, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Resolutions of Citizens' Temperance Association of Augusta, against the enactment of a law which shall sanction the establishment of distilleries, were referred to the Committee on the Liquor Law.

Request of James Cooper and 14 others, to have their names taken from the petition for the incorporation of No. 7 Range, 3.

Referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Report of the Bank Commissioners of the State of Maine.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of John Brown and others, ordering notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Judiciary Committee, on an order relating to fees of witnesses, with bill, "an act relating to fees of witnesses," indefinitely postponed in the House, was accepted in concurrence. The bill was once read, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to the duties of Overseers of the Poor, with bill, "an act to repeal section 22 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, relating to paupers," was accepted in concurrence. The bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Accounts, to which was referred the account of Masters, Smith & Co., asking to be discharged from

further consideration of the same, and recommending its reference to the Committee on Claims.

Accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, submitting "resolve for the repair of the bridge over and near the Forks of Mattawamkeag river," with statement of facts, was accepted in concurrence. The resolve once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Petition of David C. Elliot, for divorce, came from the House referred to a Joint Special Committee, with Messrs. Burbank of Lewiston, Bucknam of Yarmouth, Buxton of Warren, Bicknell of Augusta, Sweat of Limington, Stanley of Dixfield, and Sargent of Brookline, appointed on the part of the House. Referred in concurrence, and Messrs. Burbank, Jones and Twitchell, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Petition of E. F. Beal and 27 others, of Norway, in aid of the petition of Henry Upton.

Referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

A Message was received from the Governor, by Noah Smith, jr., Esq., Secretary of State, as follows :

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

The record of the trial, conviction, and sentence of George Knight, for the murder of his wife, has been certified to me by the clerk of the judiciary courts, for the county of Androscoggin, by which it appears that on the tenth of March last, he was, upon trial, convicted of a capital offence, and that on the twenty-second of September last, he was sentenced "to be hanged," and "for that purpose that he be conveyed to the state prison, situate in Thomaston, in the county of Lincoln, and that he be there put in solitary confinement, and to hard labor, until the sentence of death shall be inflicted upon him."

The execution of this sentence is prohibited by the statute "within one year from the day such sentence of death was passed."

As the year contemplated by the statute for confinement in the state prison will expire during my official term, when it will devolve on me, in the discharge of official duties, to give a construction to the law under which he was tried, has been sentenced, and is now held in

prison, and apprehensive that a diversity of opinion exists in the state, as to the duty of the executive herein, it has seemed to me proper to invite the consideration of the legislature to the subject.

A general belief prevails that it is not imperative upon the governor to order an execution, that he would not voluntarily do so, and that, therefore, capital punishment is practically abolished; while it is justly inferable, from the record certified to me by its order, that the court contemplate an execution of its sentence in this case.

Every consideration requires that, in a matter of so much moment, there should not only be no ambiguity in the law and nothing left to executive discretion, but that the penalty which the law awards should be in accordance with the public expectation.

Until 1837, the penalty in capital cases was death, without qualification, and the sentence only waited the order for execution. The legislature of that year provided by law for the imprisonment in the state prison of persons under sentence of death, "until such punishment of death shall be inflicted;" and further "that no person so sentenced and imprisoned shall be executed within one year from the day of such sentence."

This act was the result of general and systematic efforts, for years, through the press, and by petitions to the legislature, for the abolition of capital punishment, and which ceased only with the passage of the act, those favoring it claiming that the object was practically accomplished, as by it, it was no longer the imperative duty of the executive to order an execution.

The first capital case occurred after the passage of this law in 1844, in which the extreme sentence of the law was never inflicted.

Another occurred in 1848. In his annual message of that year, the executive invited the attention of the legislature to the subject of "the punishment of convicts for capital offences," and added that "the impression has become a very general one upon the public mind, that capital punishment is practically abolished. The view taken of the law is that the law is not imperative upon the executive to order an execution; and that no executive would voluntarily, of his own will, deprive a fellow being of his life."

And again, in his annual message, in 1849, the governor called the attention of the legislature to the subject, and referring to his message the year previous: "I alluded to the general impression upon the public mind, that capital punishment was practically abolished by making the duty of ordering an execution a mere discretionary one; and to

the impropriety of enforcing the death penalty while such an impression existed."

Since 1849, there have been several convictions for capital offences, and there are now confined in the state prison at least five persons under sentence of death, several of them there for years. The fact that the penalty of death has not been inflicted in these cases or in any case, since the passage of the law above referred to, is notorious, and no general complaint is known to exist that the laws have failed to be executed by my predecessors. From all which it is justly inferable, that neither the people nor prior legislatures expected, or desired, the enforcement of the death penalty ; but on the contrary, have adopted, or at least acquiesced, in the general impression above supposed to exist.

It is believed that sound policy will dictate that the law should be so explicit in its requirements as to leave no room for conflict between the popular construction and that of those whose duty it is to execute it.

The sentence contemplated by the law, and that considered by the court, is that the convict be "put into solitary confinement, and to hard labor, until the sentence of death be inflicted upon him." It may well be doubted whether the practice of allowing this class of convicts to associate with other prisoners, is at all allowable, and whether justice to this latter class, as well as public safety, do not forbid it.

Whatever may be regarded as the authentic construction of this statute, the popular one it received at its passage, and that acquiesced in by the people and subsequent legislatures, as well as by my predecessors, I cannot doubt, is, that it is not imperative on the executive to order an execution of the sentence of the court in capital cases ; all which I must regard in the nature of precedents, tending to furnish a rule for the guidance of the executive ; and taking this view of the matter, have thought it suitable to bring the subject distinctly before the legislature for its consideration.

LOT M. MORRILL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
February 1, 1858. }

The Message was laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of Daniel Winslow and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD offered the following order :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to report at as early a day as convenient, whether or not, in their opinion, the Legislature have jurisdiction in cases of divorce, which was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. JONES.

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 this State, for a joint survey of line between Maine and New Hampshire, and of re-marking the same, and of establishing suitable monuments thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of Edward Scribner and others ;

Also, same report on the petition of Stephen Whitehouse and others ;

Also, report granting leave to withdraw on the petition of S. H. Parsons and others ;

Were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Printing, reported in part, that they have entered into a contract with Messrs. Stevens & Sayward of Augusta, to do the public printing, which report, on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, was laid on the table.

Mr. JONES presented "resolve in favor of Joseph B. Hall, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of beef and pork," was taken from the table, and read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, presented the petition of Robert Thompson and 73 others of Gardiner, for an insolvent law, which was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the Bank Commissioners Report.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire if any change of the law is necessary or expedient in relation to the location of school houses as especially to apply to cities and villages, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the petition of S. L. Boulter and others, with the accompanying papers, be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Hacker and 22 others of Portland;

Petition of E. G. Flanders and 10 others of Sangerville;

Petition of C. R. Black and 28 others of Ellsworth;

Petition of Paul Hussey and 86 others of Vassalborough;

Petition of R. F. Kinsell and 21 others of Oldtown;

Petition of Calvin Collins and 109 others of Appleton;

Severally for a law to tax church edifices and the salaries of clergymen the same as other property and incomes;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Sally Mayberry, for change of Probate laws respecting wife's dower;

Petition of L. N. Burr and others of the town of Mercer, for an act authorizing towns to pay for the ringing of church bells;

Petition of Addison Martin and 151 others, praying for an alteration of the Constitution so that the Legislature shall meet biennially instead of annually;

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Certificate of Lewey Bewwit as Representative of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

Certificate of qualifications of Peol Sockis;

Petition of Penobscot Indians for grant for support of schools :
Petition of Penobscot Indians for support of Governor and Lieutenant Governor ;

Remonstrance of Penobscot Indians against change of treaty ;
Severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petition of Aretas Chapin and 42 others of Monson, for charter of an Agricultural Society to be called the West Piscataquis Agricultural Society.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Sumner Whitney and others of Presque Isle, for an appropriation to change location of State road in Letter G, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Joseph W. Dyer and others, to be incorporated under the name of "Portland and New York Steamship Company."

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Henry Williams, Agent of Augusta Water Power Company, for a law authorizing said Company to collect tolls on logs passed through the locks of said Company.

Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of S. D. Sprague and 7 others, for an act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Meadow pond in Islesborough.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Charles Farley and 42 others of Portland, for an insolvent law.

Referred to the Committee on an Insolvent Law.

Which were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Bill, "an additional act to preserve the harbor of Portland."

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of L. Gott and others ;

Also, same report on petition of Caleb Edwards and others ;

Also, same report on petition of Perley and Brigham Haynes ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of David Talbot, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to trustee process, with bill, "an act relating to trustee process, additional to chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes," was accepted, in concurrence; the bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and amended as by sheet A, and as amended being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill passed to be engrossed, as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Burbank, Burpee, Carleton, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Fletcher, Goddard, Hobart, McClusky, Ring, Scamman, Thomas, Wiggin, Wing, Woodbury—16.

NAYS.—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Berry of Waldo, Davis, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, McGilvery, Stinchfield, Twitchell—9.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on an order to amend section 10, chapter 122 of Revised Statutes, with bill, "an act to amend section 10 of chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, relating to offences against public justice," was accepted in concurrence—The bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Claim of the Treasurer of Charleston, for bounty, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOBART,

Ordered, That the Governor and Council be requested to furnish the Committee on Indian Affairs such accounts of agents, and other papers relating to Indian matters as they may call for.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of H. Waugh and 235 others, for the incorporation of a new town, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented the remonstrance of Greenleaf Wing and 211 others, against the petition of Thomas J. Haines and others, which was referred it to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Division of Counties, re-reported order of notice returnable thereon to the present Legislature on the petition of John Bird and others ;

Also, same report on petition of Isaac Reed and others ;

Were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WIGGIN presented the petition of H. G. O. Barrows and 87 others, for a law to prevent the killing of moose and deer in this State, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented the petition of Joseph B. Packard and 24 others of Blanchard and vicinity, for an agricultural society, to be called the West Piscataquis Agricultural and Horticultural Society, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented the remonstrance of Nathaniel Bryant, against the petition of John Glidden and others, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on the petition of the Directors of the Kennebec Log Driving Company ;

Also, same report on the petition of John Covil and others, for an act to incorporate the Naumkeag Fishing Company in the town of Pittston ;

Which were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Senate concurring, the hour of nine o'clock in the morning be fixed as the time of meeting of the Legislature, on Saturdays, until otherwise ordered.

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the

petition of Bradford Cummings and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD, reported from the Judiciary Committee, to which was referred an order defining the Northern Aroostook Registry District, bill, "an act to define intelligibly the Northern Registry District of Aroostook County," was accepted. The bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. RING presented the petition of Mrs. A. M. Hopkins and 780 ladies of Ellsworth, Trenton, Hancock, &c., for the enactment of a law to suppress the evils of intemperance, which was referred to the Committee on the Prohibitory Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes," was taken from the table. Mr. CARLETON proposed amendment as per sheet marked A; and on motion of Mr. GODDARD, the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Amzi Doe and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CARLETON presented bill, "an act to amend chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills, entitled

"An act to incorporate the State of Maine Company;"

"An act to make valid the doings of the town officers of the town of Sebec;"

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire whether section 15, chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes, requires the State Treasurer to pay compound interest on money received from the public lots which the State is required to keep until the township is settled and organized, and to report such amendment as they deem advisable.

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that cities and towns shall in all cases pay interest on their State and county taxes, when not paid within thirty days from the time specified in the assessors warrant for collecting and paying the same, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that the reports of judicial decisions shall be prepared and published by the Supreme Judicial Court.

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing that the proportion of money to be divided by towns among the several districts, shall hereafter be apportioned and paid out on the basis of attendance by pupils in such districts, during the preceding year.

That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges are requested to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Board of Railroad Commissioners, and report by bill or otherwise.

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of the Trustees of the Methodist Society in Portland for change of name, and liberty to hold real estate to the value of sixty thousand dollars;

Petition of William White and 118 others, for an alteration in the Constitution;

Petition of Alfred McCorrison and 23 others, for same;

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Geo. W. Smith in relation to land and mills on the St. John river ;

Petition of Asa Smith and 17 others, for aid to rebuild the sunken bridge on the Military road ;

Petition of W. H. Winslow and 60 others of Houlton ;

Petition of C. J. Fay and 31 others of Winn ;

Petition of S. G. Ward and 80 others of Linneus ;

Severally for the survey and location of a railroad from Milford to the Aroostook ;

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

Claims of the Treasurer of Orland, for bounty ;

Account of M. L. Appleton as Bank Commissioner ;

Account of Joseph Dane, jr., as Bank Commissioner ;

Severally referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Petition of Jeremiah Page and others of Charleston, for an insolvent law, was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Petition of Joel Bean, for remuneration for loss of an ox while building State road.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Abijah Crosby and others, for a fishway through the Kennebec dam.

Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of Sarah W. Leach and 29 others ;

Petition of Clara C. Plummer and 32 others ;

Severally for a prohibitory liquor law ;

Severally referred to the Committee on Liquor Law.

Petition of Benjamin Brookins for divorce.

Referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the petition of David C. Elliot.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to salaries of members and officers of the Legislature, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to deposition in criminal cases, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Daniel Neal and others;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to exempting certain property of widows from taxation, with bill, "an act exempting the real and personal property of widows from taxation in certain cases;"

Were severally read and accepted, in concurrence. And the bill was once read, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred the petition of Martha J. Bowker, for divorce, that the same be referred to the Select Committee on the petition of David C. Elliot, came from the House recommitted, with instructions as per sheet marked A. The Senate non-concurred with the House, accepted the report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WIGGIN presented the petition of Amasa Gooding and others, for a railroad from Milford to the Aroostook, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD presented the petition of Nathan Reynolds and others, for an act of incorporation, which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS presented the petition of Edwin Fernald and others, Proprietors of Maine Wharf, for an act of incorporation, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of Trustees of Lebanon Academy, from last Legislature, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY presented the account of A. D. White, Sheriff of Oxford county, for distributing tax warrants, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Greenleaf Wing and others, came back from the House referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. The Senate concurred in its reference.

On motion of Mr. FLETCHER,

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 50 of the Public Laws of 1857, relating to the salaries of Judges of Municipal and Police Courts," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to define intelligibly the Northern Registry District of Aroostook," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

Bill, "an act to prevent the destruction of alewives in Sewall's pond and its outlets," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet annexed marked A, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend section 10 of chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, relating to offenses against public justice," (reported by Mr. HOBART, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading,) was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. JONES.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Daniel Winslow, reported "resolve in favor of Daniel Winslow," with a statement of facts.

The report was accepted. Resolve was read, and Monday, assigned for its second reading.

Petition of Stephen L. Goodale, for payment of arrearage due him for service as Secretary of the Board of Agriculture in 1856, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Mr. McCLUSKY presented the petition of William Dickey and others, for a new County called Madawaska, to be taken from

Aroostook, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

The report of the Committee on Public Printing, with contract of Messrs. Stevens & Sayward, was taken from the table, and accepted, and the contract approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

Ordered, That the Message of Governor Morrill, recently laid before the Legislature, relating to a modification of the laws respecting capital punishment, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURBANK, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

"An act to enable the town of Winthrop to pay the Rev. David Thurston for writing and publishing the history of said town;"

"An act authorizing the County Commissioners of the county of Oxford to reassess certain taxes;"

"An act respecting school district No. 4 in Winthrop;"

"An act to amend chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of beef and pork;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

"Resolve authorizing a renewal of a portion of the State debt," was finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of E. Fox and others, reported bill, "an act to increase the salary of the Recorder of the Municipal Court of the city of Portland."

Report accepted. Bill was read, and Monday assigned for second reading.

Mr. CARLETON, by leave, presented bill, "an act in relation to conveyances of real estate," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve for the repair of the bridge over and near the forks of Mattawamkeag river," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal section 22 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, relating to paupers, was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of changing provisions of section 17, chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes, relating to executions against Sheriffs;

Was read and passed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 609 of the Private and Special Laws of 1856, entitled an act to incorporate the Biddeford Fire Insurance Company.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of B. L. Hodgdon and others of Levant, for an insolvent law.

Referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Petition of D. Page and 16 others, in favor of a railroad from Milford to Aroostook;

Petition of S. Stevens and others, for an appropriation to repair bridge at the mouth of Fish river;

Petition of John McClusky, relative to conveyance of land;

Petition of John L. Turner, to set apart certain public lots for sale and settlement;

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

Petition of D. W. Pillsbury and 28 others, for incorporation of "State of Maine Improvement Company," for the purpose of developing the resources of the State.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Calvin Hamlin and 38 others, for a law to prevent the destruction of pickerel in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Account of Treasurer of Springfield, for bounty on bears ;
Account of Treasurer of Alton, for same ;
Severally referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Claim of B. W. Farrar, Sheriff of Washington county.
Referred to the Committee on Claims.
Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Jeremiah Hacker and others ;

Report of the Committee on State Printing, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to authorizing Heads of Departments to contract for printing ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to change the names of certain persons," reported in the House from the Committee on Change of Names, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to authorize the Assessors of Eustis and Jackson plantations to settle with former Treasurers," (reported in the House from the Committee on Judiciary,) was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to increase the salary of the Recorder of the Municipal Court of the city of Portland ;

Resolve in favor of Daniel Winslow ;

Severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to exempt the real and personal estate of widows from taxation." Read a second time, amendment of the House marked "B" was rejected, and the bill being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill laid on the table, on motion of Mr. GODDARD.

Mr. CONNOR presented petition of J. T. Merrill and 27 others, for law to protect pickerel in Jackson pond.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented petition of John N. Knowlton and others, for a railroad from Milford to Areostook.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

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.

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

On motion of Mr. JONES, bill, "an act to amend section 10 of chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, relating to offences against public justice," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Sanford Noble and others, made a report, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that it be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Report accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BARTLETT of Augusta.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on Printing be instructed to report any proposals received by them to this House before accepting the same.

Which was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Petition of J. B. Chase and 55 others of Orono, for a law to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Referred to the Committee on a Liquor Law.

Petition of Asa Smith and 12 others, for aid to repair the Mattawamkeag bridge.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of George Guptill and 60 others of Gouldsborough, for a law to prevent the destruction of menhaden in the rivers and harbors of this State.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of James W. North and others, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund under chapter 379 of the Special Laws of 1850, asking for further powers.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Lewey Bewwit, for a school house at Pleasant Point and at Lewey Island.

Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Remonstrance of Nathaniel Wilson and 40 others of Orono, against the petition of Abraham Waterhouse, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Bill, an act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine State Seminary," approved March 16, 1855, reported in the House from the Committee on Education, was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HOBART presented the petition of Otis W. Means and 25 others of Machiasport, for an insolvent law, which was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

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 petitioners have leave to withdraw, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBBS presented the remonstrance of F. J. Piper and 45 others, against the petition of David Talbot, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD presented the claim of Robert Martin, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY by leave presented bill, "an act additional to chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CARLETON by leave introduced bill, "an act to amend chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported without amendment,

Bill, "an act to change the names of certain persons ;"

Bill, "an act to authorize the assessors of Eustis and Jackson plantations to settle with former treasurers ;"

Which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Also, "resolve in favor of Henry Upton," which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAMLIN presented the petition of G. L. Boynton and others, for an amendment of the city charter of the city of Bangor, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented the petition of James Webster, in aid of the petition of Isaac M. Bragg, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Josiah P. Bean, reported "resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean," which was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the claim of B. W. Farrar, Sheriff of Washington County, made a report asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending its reference to the Committee on Accounts, which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Bill, "an act to exempt the real and personal estate of widows from taxation," was taken from the table and refused a passage by the yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Burpee, Carleton, Chapman, Dane, Fletcher, Goddard, Hobart, Hoyt, Plaisted, Wiggin—11.

NAYS.—Messrs. Berry of Waldo, Burbank, Connor, Davis, Hamlin, Hobbs, Jones, McClusky, Ring, Scamman, Stinchfield, Thomas, Twitchell, West, Wing, Woodbury—16.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Maine Universalist Missionary Society," was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of J. W. K. Norwood and others of Camden, that the Selectmen of said town may be authorized to sell certain lands for the benefit of its public schools, which was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, presented the petition of Noah Woods and 226 others and 174 ladies of Gardiner, for the establishment of a prohibitory law and against the establishment of distilleries in the State, which was referred to the Committee on Liquor Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WIGGIN presented the petition of Henry Wyman and others, for an appropriation to build a road from Kingsbery to Shirley Corner, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

"An act to amend chapter 50 of the Public Laws of 1857, relating to the salaries of Judges of Municipal and Police Courts ;"

"An act to incorporate the West Hampden High School ;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Also, "resolve for the repair of the bridge over and near the Forks of Mattawamkeag river," which was finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolve having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Order from the House.

That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the Constitution of this State, so that the Governor and Senators shall be elected by a plurality vote, and in case of vacancies occurring in the Senate by death or otherwise, they shall be filled by the people in the same manner that members of the House of Representatives now are.

Read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Christian Bornheimer and others ;

Petition of Cyrus Robbins and others of Union ;

Petition of John R. Studley and others of Friendship ;

Petition of Jason Davis and others of Union ;

Petition of Enos Maddox and others of Washington ;

Petition of Joseph Irish and others of Union ;

Petition of N. D. Payson and others of Union ;

Petition of Charles Gilpatrick and others of Washington ;

Petition of Alexander K. Bond and others of Jefferson ;

Severally that Waldoborough may be made shire town of Lincoln County, and remonstrating against Rockland being made half shire town of said County.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Petition of James S. Rowe and 66 others of Penobscot Bar, in aid of petition of Cumberland Bar, for a repeal of Statute requiring specifications of defence ;

Petition of Willard P. White and others of Orland, that the town may be authorized to pay further compensation to said White for building a bridge.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of inhabitants of Levant, to be set off to Kenduskeag ;

Petition of inhabitants of Glenburn, to be set off to Levant ;

Petition of Henry A. Small and 50 others of Stoneham, for a division of that town.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of R. L. Robinson, that provision for the sale of malt liquors may be made in the liquor law ;

Resolutions of citizens' Temperance Association of Orland.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Law.

Remonstrance of C. S. Pennell and 292 others of Brunswick, against the incorporation of the Village District of said town as a city.

Referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Petition of W. P. Lancaster and 59 others of Topsham, for bounty on crows.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Davis R. Stockwell, to be indemnified for the non-conveyance by the Land Agent of certain Lands.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State roads.

Claim of the Treasurer of Gilead, for bounty.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Bills entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Mount Hope Cemetery Corporation ;"

"An act to amend section 11th of chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes ;"

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL presented the petitions of W. B. Weed and 196 others, and of O. E. Lane and 294 others, ladies of Deer Isle, for a law the more effectually to suppress the traffic in intoxicating drinks, which was referred to the Committee on Liquor Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred an order relating to the distribution of school money, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURBANK, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, to which was referred an order relating to amending section 13, chapter 143 of the Revised Statutes, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CARLETON presented the petition of Ephraim Alley and others, to make valid the doings of School Districts Nos. 6 and 3 in Dresden, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment,

"Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean," which was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN.

Bill, "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trustees of Maine State Seminary," approved March 16, 1855, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of Henry J. Knowles and others, for a railroad from Milford to Aroostook, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petitions of William White and others, and Alfred McCarrison and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

Ordered, That the Messenger of the Senate be directed to place in the hands of the Secretary of State, fifty copies of the Rules and Orders of the Senate, for the use of the Senate of 1859.

Paper from the House.

Bill, "an act in relation to Trustees of Railroads," which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of Moses Rose and others, reported bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of Presque Isle Academy."

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

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of beef and pork," passed to be enacted in the Senate, came up from the House, that branch having reconsidered their votes whereby they passed the bill to be enacted, and also to be engrossed, and recommitted the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. The Senate receded and concurred.

Mr. HOYT presented the petition of E. D. Prescott and others, to be incorporated into a company for the purpose of removing obstructions and running logs and lumber upon the head waters of the Sandy river, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of the legal voters of South Thomaston, against the petition of J. L. Copeland and others, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN,

The report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Hiram Norton and others, was recommitted to the Committee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BUTTERFIELD of Hallowell.

Order from the House.

The Senate concurring, that there be delivered to the Trustees of the Maine State Agricultural Society, 500 copies of their memorial, for the adoption of measures to promote the sale and settlement of the public lands of the State, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of John Gardiner and others, for incorporation of Maine Granite Company ;

Petition of George W. Spratt and others, for change of law relative to assessment of taxes on unincorporated townships, for roads ;

Petition of the inhabitants of Falmouth, that persons residing one year in any one town shall gain a settlement therein.

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Wingate Bradbury, for an abatement on a note given for stumpage ;

Petition of H. Chadbourne and 20 others of Molunkus, for an appropriation to rebuild a bridge ;

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

Petition of George R. Davis and others of Portland ;

Petition of Mark H. Dunnell and others ;

Severally for an insolvent law, severally referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Petition of Moses Mason and others of Bethel, for an act to incorporate the Pine Hill Cemetery.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Directors of the Gardiner Bank, for reduction of capital stock.

Referred to the Comité on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Eunice T. Barker and 20 others, ladies of Mariaville, for a prohibitory liquor law.

Referred to the Committee on the Liquor Law.

Severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of L. N. Burr and others ;

Report of the Committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Ezekiel Prescott ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to the location of school houses, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred an order relating to the payment of Enoch Hoyt, as a member of the Board of Agriculture, that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims ;

Report of the Committee on Accounts, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the accounts of Joseph Dane, Jr. and M. L. Appleton, and recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Claims ;

Were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of incorporated plantations,” passed to be engrossed in the House, was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, “an act exempting the real and personal estate of widows from taxation in certain cases,” came up from the House that branch having insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, proposing a conference, with Messrs. Woodman of Bucksport, Boody of Brunswick, and Rowell of Hallowell, appointed conferees on the part of the House. The Senate adhered to their former vote refusing the bill a passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred petition of Henry Williams, ordering notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature, was read and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented the petition of 94 citizens of Noble-

borough, for an insolvent law, which was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

The rules were suspended and the vote of the Senate accepting the report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Edward Scribner and others, was reconsidered, the report amended by striking out the word "ten" and inserting the word "eight," and by striking out the word "twenty-two" and inserting "twenty-four," and as amended the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CARLETON presented the petition of Phineas P. Jones and 161 others, for a law in relation to mill dams.

Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of the inhabitants of Glenburn, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature;

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Addison Martin and 151 others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Abraham Waterhouse, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on the petition of the selectmen of Brunswick, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature;

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of James W. North and others, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature;

Severally accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of Presque Isle Academy," reported by Mr. JONES, without amendment, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of William R. Ayer and 105 others, for a railroad from Milford to the Aroostook, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON presented the petitions of David Silsbury, and of A. P. Scammon, severally for an insolvent law, which was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Louis Cormier and others of No. 18, range 3, for a law to protect the settlers on said township, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John L. Copeland and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill, "an act to amend chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes," reported that the same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of H. Waugh and others, ordering notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Nathan Reynolds and others, reported bill, "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Works Company."

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

The following report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Seth Norcross, preferring certain charges against Oliver L. Currier, Esq., County Attorney of Franklin, came up from the House :

REPORT,

That they caused the petitioner to be notified that a preliminary hearing would be had on the 2d instant, at which time the petitioner and Oliver L. Currier, the Attorney referred to, appeared before them.

The petition, in substance, alleges that in April, 1855, an indictment was found, in the S. J. Court for said County, against one Mantur, for perjury in a poor debtor's disclosure, Currier being then County Attorney, upon which a warrant was issued and placed in Currier's hands; that Mantur was never arrested, but that Mr. Currier, in consideration of the payment of certain demands then in his hands for collection by said Mantur, corruptly agreed not to prosecute said indictment, and never has.

Upon Mr. Norcross being called upon by the Committee to substantiate these charges, he asked for delay in order to procure testimony. Believing that Mr. Currier was entitled to a specification of the charges and how they were to be proved, the Committee required Mr. Norcross to state, under oath, the names of the witnesses, what he expected to prove by each of them, and the grounds of that expectation, which was done by him. Certain facts stated in his affidavit by Mr. Norcross, such as the finding of the indictment, &c., were admitted, and it became necessary to summon but two witnesses, Henry E. Dyer and Luther Curtis, both intelligent and respectable citizens of said County, who on the 5th instant, appeared before the Committee, (the petitioner and Mr. Currier, with their counsel, being present,) and having been duly sworn, were then interrogated by the petitioner and his counsel and by the Committee, and both emphatically denied any knowledge whatever of the facts alleged in the petition. It did appear by the papers and testimony in the case, that an indictment was found, as alleged in the petition; that it was for perjury by Mantur when disclosing upon a poor debtor's bond; that Mr. Currier had no form before him when he drew the indictment, and had not time during the session of the Grand Jury to draw it with sufficient care; that he subsequently satisfied himself, and was so informed by able counsel, that the indictment was fatally defective; that he did not, on that account, and that alone, prosecute the indictment, and his course, in that respect, the Committee heartily approve; that Mantur did pay the debt upon which he had disclosed, and costs, not to quiet the prosecution, but because his bond was sued, he could not avoid payment; that said indictment is still pending, and that Mantur left the State before a second indictment could be procured.

The foregoing is a brief statement of the matter as developed before the Committee, and they not only exonerate Mr. Currier from all official wrong-doing, but deem it their duty to say that they perceive nothing

in all his conduct in this transaction worthy the slightest censure, or at all inconsistent with the high and honorable character for integrity which he has, in an eminent degree, so long sustained. While the Committee sympathize with Mr. Currier for that distress which such an assault must produce in a sensitive mind, they cannot conclude this report without expressing their regret, to use the mildest term, that the petitioner, who had no other interest in this matter than that common to other citizens of Franklin county, should have permitted his personal animosity against a worthy man to induce him to make such an attack, without, apparently, taking the slightest pains to satisfy himself whether the charges, of which he did not profess to have any personal knowledge, had any reliable basis.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THEO. C. WOODMAN, *for the Committee.*

Which was read and accepted in concurrence.

A message was received from the House by Mr. WILCOX, its Clerk, announcing to the Senate that that branch has received and entered upon its Journal a message from the Governor, that he has approved bill, "an act to amend chapter 50, of the public laws of 1857, relating to the salaries of municipal and police judges."

Approved February 10, 1858.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. MOORE of Hallowell.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be and hereby are instructed to inquire into the expediency of an alteration of the law relating to the rights of sureties of coroners, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the Committee on Fisheries be and hereby are instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th and 51st sections of the 40th chapter of the Revised Statutes, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be directed to inquire if any further legislation relating to the Sagadahoc Ferry, between Bath and Woolwich, is necessary, to protect the lives and property of passengers, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the petition of Paul Peavey, for additional compensation for building a bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in township No. 6, referred from the last Legislature, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Seabury and others of Parkman, for aid for a road from Greenville to Chesuncook lake ;

Petition of William M. Scott and others, for a railroad from Milford to the Aroostook ;

Petition of Alfred W. Johnson of Belfast, for an act enabling him to redeem from the State one undivided half of township No. 15, range 9 ;

Petition of A. J. W. Stevens and others of Parkman, for aid for a road from Greenville to Chesuncook lake ;

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

Petition of David Genthner and others of Nobleborough ;

Petition of Alden Winchenbach and others of Friendship;

Petition of Lyman H. Winslow and others of Nobleborough;

Severally that Waldoborough may be made shire town of Lincoln county, and remonstrating against Rockland being made a half shire, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Petition of Arno Wiswell and others, to be incorporated as the Ellsworth Gas Light Company;

Petition of Ephraim Maxham and others, for an Insurance Company;

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of J. J. Perry and 25 others, for additional law relating to the inspection of lime;

Petition of Samuel Gibson and 14 others, for incorporation of the Masters, Wardens and Members of Vassalborough Lodge;

Severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of G. B. Page and 138 others of Houlton;

Petition of J. C. Carpenter and 40 others;

Severally for a division of Aroostook county, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Petition of Trustees of Foxcroft Academy, for aid;

Petition of Abraham Plummer and others, for aid to East Maine Conference Seminary;

Severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Mark Shepard and others of Sullivan;

Petition of John Mower and others of Vassalborough;

Severally for an insolvent law, severally referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Petition of Julia S. West and 207 others, ladies of Franklin, for a prohibitory liquor law.

Referred to the Committee on Liquor Law.

Remonstrance of Reuben McFadden and another, against the petition of Ansel Powers and others.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Account of William Bennett, for balance of salary as Warden of Maine State Prison.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on divers petitions relating to a Standard Gas Meter, that legislation is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of William Lowder, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Henry A. Small and others, ordering notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of the inhabitants of Levant to be set off to Kenduskeag, ordering notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature;

Severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 77, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Supreme Judicial Court," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine Universalist Missionary Society," reported in the House from the Committee on Education;

Were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill, "an act to prevent the destruction of fish in Jackson pond, in the town of Concord," reported in the House from the Committee on Fisheries, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill, "an additional act to preserve the harbor of Portland," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve in relation to the distribution of United States public lands," reported in the House from the Committee on Education, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Communication was received from Lewis D. Moore, Esq., Deputy Secretary of State, transmitting abstract of semi-annual returns of banks.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of John Attean and others, Penobscot Indians, for a road and ferry-boat;

Also, petition of the Selectmen of Lincoln, in aid of the same ;
Severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of E. D. Prescott, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Hiram Norton, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on the Reform School, made a lengthy report accompanied with bill, "an act additional to chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Reform School," and "resolve in favor of the Reform School," which were laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. THOMAS presented, by leave, bill, "an act additional to an act to establish the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation," which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McCLUSKY presented the petition of Henrie Dionne, agent of school No. 9, Madawaska plantation and 26 others, for aid for said school, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented the petition of William Dickey and others, for a grant of land at Fort Kent for the erection of a church and parsonage thereon, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON presented the account of Treasurer of Eastbrook, for bounty on wild animals, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McCLUSKY presented the petition of Rev. Henrie Dionne and 537 others, for the repeal of that part of the act incorporating Hancock plantation, in the county of Aroostook, which was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the claims of Joseph Dane, Jr. and Moses L. Appleton, for services as Bank Commissioners, reported "resolve in favor of Joseph Dane, Jr. and Moses L. Appleton, which was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The same Senator from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of J. K. Killsa, reported "resolve in favor of J. K. Killsa, which was once read, and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Benjamin Chadbourne, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Joint Select Committee on Public Printing, to which was referred an order relating to public printing, made a report recommending that the Legislature duly take into consideration the propriety and necessity of printing the Journals of the House and Senate, and also recommending that the Legislature should not order the printing of any reports and bills, excepting such as the public interest absolutely requires, and to enable the members properly to discharge their legislative duties.

Accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of incorporated plantations," reported by Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Works Company," reported by Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second

Reading, without amendment, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill, "an act in relation to conveyances of real estate," reported that the bill ought not to pass, and was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of George K. Jewett and others, to be incorporated into a company by the name of the Aroostook Railroad Company.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis and Lewy Bewwit," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills, entitled

Bill, "an act to change the names of certain persons."

Bill, "an act to authorize the Assessors of Eustis and Jackson plantations to settle with former Treasurers."

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be and hereby are instructed to inquire into the expediency of an amendment of the 77th chapter of the Revised Statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court sitting as a court of law, and report by bill or otherwise.

Also, to inquire whether there is need of any alteration of the law relating to the filing of offers of default in pending actions.

That the same Committee be directed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary to secure the payment of fines and costs in criminal cases, into the treasury of the State.

Severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Ambrose Davis and others of Washington;

Petition of Samuel Stone and others of Union;

Petition of John Brown and 126 others;

Petitions of Amos M. Lash and 45 others;

Severally that Waldoborough may be made the shire town of Lincoln county, and remonstrating against Rockland being made a half shire of said county, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Claim of the Treasurer of Burlington;

Claim of the Treasurer of Waltham;

Severally for bounty on wild animals, severally referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Petition of County Commissioners of Piscataquis, for use of jail in Penobscot and Somerset for five years;

Petition of Charles H. Thompson and 31 others, for an alteration in the law in regard to the settlement of boundaries;

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Charles Pool of Bath, for appointment as agent of the State, in England, for inducing emigrants to settle in Maine;

Petition of B. W. Chandler and 15 others, for an appropriation to repair road in township B, range 2, west from the east line of the State;

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

Petition of Samuel B. Hunter and others, for an insolvent law.

Referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Petition of Caroline Ricker and 125 others, ladies, for a prohibitory liquor law.

Referred to the Committee on a Liquor Law.

Petition of Walter Foss and others of Leeds, to be incorporated into a Steam Mill and Manufacturing Company.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Stephen Gould and others, for additional laws in relation to the inspection of lime.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Elkanah Spear and others, to be incorporated into a Religious Society.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Arthur L. Grant, for pension.

Referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Petition of the Mayor of Bath, for an appropriation to grade and fence the enclosure of the King Monument.

Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Joseph W. Dyer and others, ordering notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Edwin Fernald and others, ordering notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to buoys and other aids to navigation in the State, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the taxation of seamen, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act relating to witnesses on trials of indictments," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of John Ruggles and others, with bill, "an act to change the time of holding the May term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Lincoln," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill, "an act to amend section 18, chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvent estates," ought to pass.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the publication of intentions of marriage, with bill, "an act to amend chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization" ought to pass.

Report was accepted, in concurrence; bill once read, and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

Petition of the Selectmen of Eastbrook;

Petition of the town of Scarborough;

Severally for a reduction of their State tax, were severally referred to the Joint Select Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of G. K. Jewett and others, ordering notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature, was accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Reform School, to which was referred bill, "an act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School," referred from the last Legislature, reported that the same ought not to pass, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAMLIN, by leave, introduced bill, "an act to incorporate

the proprietors of Wildwood Cemtery Corporation," which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McCLUSKY presented the petition of Edward Guy, for aid to erect carding machinery at Fort Kent;

Also, petition of Rev. Henry Dionne and others, in aid of petition of Edward Guy;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve to procure a statue of Major General Henry Knox," reported in the House from the Committee on Education, came up from that branch indefinitely postponed.

The resolve was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. GODDARD.

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Dane, Jr., and Moses L. Appleton," reported by Mr. JONES 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 incorporate the Maine Universalist Missionary Society;

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes," relating to the Supreme Judicial Court;"

Bill, "an additional act to preserve the harbor of Portland;

Severally reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, presented the petition of E. B. Hinkley and 59 others, for services as members of State of Maine Engine Company, in Thomaston, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Reform School, to which was referred an order relating to the reduction of expenses of that

institution, reported to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred an order relating to appropriations for schools in Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren, reported "resolve in favor of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren."

The report was accepted. Resolve once read, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Joint Select Committee on the Insolvent Law, to which was referred bill, "an act to provide for the equitable distribution of the estates of insolvent debtors," also so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the same subject, reported bill, "an act for the relief of insolvent debtors."

The report was accepted; the bill was laid on the table and 1,000 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of John Jewett and others, ordering notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature, amended by inserting the words "Northern Home Journal of Gardiner," and as amended the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR presented petition of the Directors of Skowhegan Bank, for change of location, which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government," came from the House passed to be engrossed, which was read once, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, presented the petition of Samuel Guild and another, for leave to sell a school house, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills,

"An act to amend section 10 of chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, relating to offences against public justice;"

"An act to increase the salary of the Recorder of the Municipal Court in the city of Portland;"

"An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine State Seminary," approved March 16, 1855;

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis and Lewy Bewwit, was finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolve having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Judiciary Committee examine and report the propriety and justice of altering section 30, chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, (relating to the time when a lien on real estate is created by attachment on mesne process,) so that such attachment shall create a lien only from the time when the attested copy of attachment is received and filed in the office of Register of Deeds.

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation in regard to actions of review.

That the Committee on Agriculture be and hereby are directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing sections 35, 36 and 37 of chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes.

That the Committee on State Prison be directed to examine and report upon the accounts of the State with William Bennett, late Warden of the State Prison; also to report whether a settlement has been made between said Bennett and the State since his removal from the wardenship, in 1855 and 1857, and that the Committee be authorized to send for persons and papers, for that purpose.

Severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Claims of city of Calais;

Claims of the Treasurer of Clifton;

Claims of the Treasurer of Greenfield;

Severally for bounty on wild animals.

Accounts of the city of Bangor;

Severally referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Petition of John Parent and others, for a grant of land to aid in the erection of a mill on Letter G, Range 1;

Petition of D. F. Adams, for survey of a road from Letter H, west to the Fish river road;

Petition of Richard Libbey and another, relating to land purchased of Land Agent in 1856;

Petition of Joel Knights, in reference to conveyance of land;

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

Petition of Mrs. R. W. Atwell and 190 others of Orono, for a law to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors in the State;

Resolutions of inhabitants of Calais, relative to a liquor law;

Severally referred to the Committee on Liquor Law.

Petition of the Directors of Long Reach Bank of Bath, for extension of payment of last half of stock, and for reduction of stock.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of Charles Simmons and 60 others, for a law regulating circuses.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Isaac P. Tibbetts and 53 others, for alteration of the law regulating the catching of salmon, shad and alewives in Kennebec river;

Petition of Cherryfield Boom Company, for extension of charter;

Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Resolves of the city of Rockland, in relation to making Rockland shire town.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Petition of Cyrus Dunn and others of Peru, for re-enactment of law of 1840, in relation to the inspection of hops;

Petition of J. G. Blaine and others, for authority to construct a line of telegraph between Augusta and Skowhegan;

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Petition of Bangor, Oldtown and Milford railroad, for extension of charter.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Joel Bean and 24 others of Letter G, for an act of incorporation.

Referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Petition of Ephraim Otis and 200 others, for change in the boundary line between the towns of York, Kittery and Elliot.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of William Butler and others, for an appropriation to build a bridge over Flagstaff stream.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of Peter S. Folsom, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Elbridge Knights and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Printing, that they have entered into a contract with John H. Hartford and E. H. W. Smith of Augusta, to do the binding and stitching for the State for the present political year.

The report was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. GODDARD.

Bill, "an act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Biddeford," reported in the House from the Committee on Banks and Banking;

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of beef and pork," reported in a new draft, in the House, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance;

Bill, "an act concerning the commencement of suits against certain offences," reported in a new draft, in the House, from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of Presque Isle Academy," came up from the House amended as per sheet marked A, substituting a new draft. The Senate insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that in the absence of the Speaker, EZRA B. FRENCH, Esq., of Damariscotta, has been elected Speaker *pro tem*.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented the petition of Erastus F. Weeks and others of Jefferson;

Also, the petition of E. S. Weeks and 23 others of Jefferson;

Severally that Patricktown may be incorporated, which were severally referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST presented the petition of Albion J. Potter and 92 others of Bath for an increase of fees allowed officers for travel and serving precepts in civil processes, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING presented the petition of George Woods and 70 others of Yarmouth, for a Normal School, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, "resolve in favor of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren plantations, which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred bill, "an act in addition to an act to establish the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation," reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature. The report was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. DAVIS.

Bill, "an act to amend section 18, of chapter 66, of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvent estates," was read a second time. Mr. CARLETON moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, pending which the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. JONES.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns,

to which was referred petition of Joel Bean and others, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature.

Accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in relation to the distribution of a portion of the United States public lands," came from the House, that branch having reconsidered their vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and amended as per sheet annexed marked A. The Senate receded from their vote passing the resolve to be engrossed. An amendment of the House was rejected. Mr. WOODBURY proposed amendments as per sheet B, and on motion of Mr. JONES the resolve was re-committed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MCGILVERY, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

Bill, an "act to prevent the destruction of alewives in Sewall's pond or its outlets,"

Which was passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making changes in the present Statutes relating to the collection of executions against towns.

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of repealing section 38, chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes.

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending the third section of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the survey of wood and bark.

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah Bruce and others of Patricktown ;

Petition of James Fossett and others of Bristol ;

Petition of Samuel Little and others of Bremen ;

Severally that Waldoborough may be made shire town of Lincoln county, and remonstrating against Rockland being half shire town of said county ;

Petition of Eliphalet Pettingill and others of township No. 2, Hancock county, to be set off to Penobscot county ;

Petition of S. G. Ward and 56 others of Aroostook county, for division of said county ;

Severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Petition of Leonard C. Cook and 20 others of York, to be set off from York to the towns of Elliot and Kittery ;

Petition of Samuel Libbey and 52 others, to have that part of Orono situated on Marsh Island incorporated into a separate town

Severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of S. A. Morse and others of Machias Log Driving Company, for amendment of act of incorporation ;

Petition of B. S. Cilley and 65 others, for a law to prevent the destruction of fish in Silver pond ;

Severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of G. W. Pickering and others, for relief of part of their taxes on township No. 6, range 4, in Aroostook county ;

Petition of Phillis Russell, for a deed of lot number 38, township No. 4, Indian purchase ;

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

Petition of H. Boynton and others, for an act to incorporate a Fire Insurance Company in the town of Detroit ;

Petition of Levi L. Lowell and others, for act of incorporation of Union Gas Company ;

Severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of H. P. Blood and 37 others, for aid for the East Maine Conference Seminary ;

Petition of O. R. Wilson and 57 others of Eastport, for the same ;

Severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Mary Prentiss and 85 others, women of Oxford county, for a prohibitory liquor law.

Referred to the Committee on the Liquor Law.

Petition of A. S. Hill and others, for a repeal of the present pauper law.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Robert P. Chase of Frankfort, for compensation for injuries received while in service of the State.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Achorn Lime Rock Company, for change in charter.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Remonstrance of Henry A. Harriman and others, against the petition of Ebenezer Brown and others.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on an order relating to the expediency of re-enacting the law of 1855, requiring the Superintending School Committees of towns to apportion ten cents of the sixty cents among the small districts, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the rights of married women to testify in suits where their husbands are interested, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to allowing plantations to raise highway money, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Maine Convention of Universalists," reported in the House from Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill, "an act to set off Cyrus F. Bryant together with certain real estate, from the town of Fairfield, and annex the same to the town of Bloomfield," reported in the House from the Committee on Division of Towns;

Were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve providing for the distribution of the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools," came from the House passed to be engrossed, and the same was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act relating to suits against Sheriff's and other officers," reported by the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of beef and pork," reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization," was read a second time,

amendment B, D and E of the House were rejected; amendment C was adopted, and the bill laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Bill, "an act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank at Biddeford," reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of John K. Killsa," reported without amendment, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, was read a second time, and indefinitely postponed by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Berry of Waldo, Burbank, Burpee, Carleton, Chapman, Connor, Davis, Goddard, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, McClusky, McGilvery, Scamman, Thomas, Twitchell—16.

NAYS.—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Lothrop, Plaisted, Ring, Stinchfield, Wasson, West, Wing, Woodbury—9.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to take from the files the petition of Darius Forbes, Thomas Mabery and others, corporators of the Maine State Agricultural Society, praying for compensation for services in organizing said society, and place the same before the Committee on Agriculture;

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS presented the remonstrance of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, against the petition of F. O. J. Smith, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD presented the petition of George W. Gage and 113 others, teachers in Cumberland county, in favor of a Normal School, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON presented the petition of John West and 110

others of Franklin, for an insolvent law, which was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL presented the petitions of Osgood E. Fuller and 58 others, teachers in Oxford county, for a Normal School, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance ordering notice on bill, "an act in addition to an act to establish the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation," was taken from the table, amended by striking out the word "five" and inserting instead the word "ten," and also striking out the words "twenty-fourth of February," and inserting instead the words "tenth of March next," and as amended the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act for the preservation of certain useful birds," was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act for the suppression of certain common nuisances," was referred to the Committee for the suppression of the sale of Intoxicating Drinks, in concurrence.

Petition of Freeman Grover and 21 others, for a Mutual Marine Insurance Company. Referred in the House to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

Petitions of David Brown and others, for aid of the State for injuries sustained by the wife of said Brown at the South Kennebec Agricultural Fair at Gardiner in September, 1857;

Petition of Levi E. Marble and others;

Petition of Charles E. White and 12 others of Topsham;

Severally for an increase of fees for travel and service in civil processes;

Petition of Charles E. White and 16 others of Topsham;

Petition of Elias H. Witham and 19 others of Richmond;

For a repeal of so much of the 113th chapter of the Revised Statutes as permits debtors arrested on execution to disclose before giving bond;

Petition of David Bronson and 14 others, members of the Sagadahoc Bar, for a repeal of so much of section 18, chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes as relates to specifications of defence;

Severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of Augustus Ballard and 52 others of Farmingdale;

Remonstrance of Abram Rich and 82 others of Farmingdale;

Remonstrance of Nathaniel Kimball of Gardiner;

Severally against the petition of David Wing and others;

Severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of William J. Robinson and others, for aid to East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petition of John Elliot and others of Auburn;

Petition of W. F. Moody and others of Kennebunkport;

Petition of Daniel F. Noyes and others of Norway;

Petition of N. C. Harris and others of Danville and Auburn;

Petition of Warren Brown and others of Kennebunkport;

Petition of W. H. Wood and others of Franklin county;
Severally in favor of a Normal School;
Severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill, "an act granting cities and towns the privilege of forming themselves into Mutual Fire Insurance Companies."

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of Joel Foss and 48 others, for a division of Aroostook county.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Petition of Almira A. Kimball and others, in aid of the petition of the Achorn Lime Rock Company.

Remonstrance of Edmund Bowker and others, against the petition of Martha J. Bowker.

Referred to the Committee to which was referred the petition of David C. Elliot.

Bill, "an act in addition to the acts incorporating the city of Portland," respecting the election of subordinate city officers.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of John P. Blood and 48 others, for alteration of the law respecting moose and deer.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to elections," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill, "an act to prevent the destruction of trout in Howard's pond and its tributary waters, in the town of Hanover," reported in the House from the Committee on Fisheries;

Were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill, "an act relating to trustee process, additional to chapter 86 of Revised Statutes," came from the House that branch having non-concurred with the Senate in adopting amendment A, and adhered to its former vote refusing the bill a passage to be engrossed.

The Senate adhered to its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

Petition of the Directors of Richmond Bank, to reduce capital, came up from the House referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Petition of Andrew Sturtevant and 105 others of Fayette, for a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, came up from the House referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," (reported without amendment from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading,) was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN.

Mr. CARLETON by leave, introduced bill, "an act to incorporate the Southport Mutual Fishing Insurance Company, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred an order relating to increase of bounty on bears and wolves, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

Accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred an order to amend the law relating to Agricultural Societies, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

The report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Philander Fletcher and others, for increase of bounty on wolves and bears;

Also same report on petition of D. A. Fairbanks for pay as member of the Board of Agriculture.

The reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Special Committee on Senatorial votes, to which was referred the memorial of Thomas Nickerson and from others, against the right of John McClusky to a seat in the Senate, made a report, submitting a majority and also a minority report of said Committee, which were laid on the table and 2,000 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Prohibitory Liquor Law, to which was referred the petition of Maria Cornelia, D. Dow and others, reported bill "an act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors."

The report and bill accompanying were laid on the table, and 2,000 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to amending section 3, chapter 41, of the Revised Statutes, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator from the same Committee, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Samuel Guild and another.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was recommitted "resolve in relation to the distribution of a portion of the public lands belonging to the United States to the several States for educational purposes," reported the same in a new draft.

The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of Isaac P. Tibbetts and others, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Charity Funds of the Maine Convention of Universalists;"

"An act to set off Cyrus F. Bryant, together with certain real estate, from the town of Fairfield and annex the same to the town of Bloomfield;"

"Resolve providing for the distribution of the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools;"

Were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of William R. Hersey and others, in aid of sundry petitions for a railroad from Milford to the Aroostook, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAMLIN presented the remonstrance of William H. Mills and 25 others, of Bangor, against the annexation of any portion of Orono to Bangor, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS presented the petition of Sumner Burnham and 24 others, of Harrison, for a law requiring conditional notes, usually known as "Holmes' notes," to be recorded same as mortgages of personal property, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT presented resolves of the Citizens' Temperance Society of Orland, which was referred to the Committee on the Liquor Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS presented the petition of Samuel Walker, Jr. and 76 others, for a law to prohibit the taking of trout and pickerel from the waters of Sebago lake, Long pond, Brandy pond, Crooked river and their tributaries, by nets, seines, spears, traps and boxes, certain months of the year.

Mr. DAVIS presented the following :

Ordered, The House concurring, that the rules be suspended so as to reconsider a vote whereby an order of January 18, 1858, passed, referring all petitions for private legislation to the next Legislature presented after the 15th day of February, 1858. On the question of the passage of this order, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was rejected by the following vote, it requiring a two-thirds vote to suspend the rule :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Berry of Waldo, Burpee, Carleton, Davis, Goddard, Hobbs, McClusky, McGilvery, Ring, Sargent, Twitchell, Wasson, West, Wing—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Burbank, Chapman, Connor, Hamlin, Jones, Lothrop, Plaisted, Scamman, Stinchfield, Thomas, Woodbury—11.

Petition of O. G. Cook and others of Portland ;

Petition of S. Myrick and others of Portland ;

Petition of Charles H. Adams and 133 others of Portland ;

Severally in aid of the petition of Daniel Winslow and others ;

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

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of beef and pork, was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN by leave, introduced bill, "an act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Mariners' Bank," which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

The vote passing to be engrossed bill, "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Works Company," was reconsidered, the bill laid on the table, on motion of the same Senator.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills, entitled

"An act to change the time of holding the May Term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Lincoln ;"

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of Presque Isle Academy ;"

“An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine Universalist Missionary Society;”

“An act additional to chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Supreme Judicial Court;”

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Order from the House.

That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire what amendments, if any, are necessary to be made to chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, and report by bill, or otherwise.

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of B. D. Metcalf and 42 others of Damariscotta;

Petition of M. L. Whitten and 38 others, of Etna;

Petition of E. G. Carpenter and 24 others of Newcastle;

Severally for the establishment of a State Normal School,

Were severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of John West and 110 others of Franklin, for an insolvent law, was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Petition of William Willis and others of Portland, in aid of the memorial of the State Agricultural Society, for the settlement and sale of the public lands.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Charles W. Lowell and 88 others, in aid of the petition of B. S. Cilley and others.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of the State Agricultural Society, for the adoption of measures for the settlement and sale of the public lands.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to roads acquired by use, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Accounts, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the accounts of the city of Bangor for

support of State paupers at Maine Insane Hospital, and recommending its reference to the Governor and Council;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend sections 50 and 54 of chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Banks and Banking," came from the House recommitted to the Committee on Banks and Banking. The Senate concurred.

"Resolve in favor of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren," came from the House, that branch having refused to concur with the Senate in passing the same to be engrossed, and recommitted the same to the Committee on Education. The Senate concurred.

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Dane, Jr., and Moses L. Appleton," came from the House, that branch having reconsidered its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and recommitted the same to the Committee on Claims, with instructions to consider the same and report thereon. The Senate insisted on its former vote and propose a conference, and Messrs. Woodbury, Carleton and Burbank were appointed conferees on the part of this board.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently this resolve came back the House having insisted on its former vote, and Messrs. Pike of Calais, Johnson of Augusta, Woodman of Bucksport, appointed conferees on the part of that body.

Report of the Judiciary Committee on the petition of G. L. Boynton and others, for alteration of the city charter of Bangor, with bill, "an act to amend the city charter of Bangor, so that aldermen and councilmen shall not hold subordinate offices," was accepted in concurrence. The bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of S. D. Sprague and others, for the protection of fish in Meadows pond, with bill, "an act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Meadows pond or its tributary waters, in the town of Islesborough,"

Was accepted in concurrence. The bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve in favor of L. T. Boothby and Charles Turner," re-

ported in the House from the Committee on the Agriculture, on an order relative to the payment of messengers of the Board of Agriculture at its late session, was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

“Resolve in favor of Samuel Clark,” reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of John Gardiner and others, that the Land Agent deed to said Clark lot of land in Range 5, No. 8, was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

“Resolve in favor of Sanford Noble,” reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of said Noble, that he might be paid for lands to which he was entitled under the Treaty of Washington, was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Remonstrance of Robert Hanley and 240 others, against the petition of Stephen Young and others.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of H. Clay Smith and 4 others, to be incorporated as the Plumbago Mining Company, came up from the House referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. The Senate non-concurred and referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on Accounts be and hereby are directed to ascertain the number of Clerks and all other persons at present employed in and about the Capitol at the expense of the State not chosen by the Legislature, for what purposes, and at what salaries, whether any reduction can be made in the same so as to reduce the expenditures, and report to this House on or before the first day of March next.

The order was read and amended on motion of Mr. GODDARD, by inserting after the word “expenditures,” the words as follows :

Also to ascertain the number of clerks and other persons employed about the Capitol at the expense of the State, not chosen by the people, or by the Legislature, during the year 1856, for what pur-

poses and at what salaries, and whether any "money was drawn from the treasury except in consequence of appropriations made by law" during that year, and if so how much and for what purposes, and whether any legislation is required to prevent the recurrence of the evil in future.

And as amended the order was passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred bill, "an act to incorporate the Southport Mutual Fishing Insurance Company," reported bill, "an act to incorporate the Southport Mutual Fishing Insurance Company."

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

The same Senator from the same Committee, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of David Talbot.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Stephen Young and others, that town of Pittston may be divided, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also, same report on petition of John Davis and others.

Report accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Ephraim Otis and others, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature;

Also, same report on the petition of Godfrey Lydick;

Which were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred bill, "an act to incorporate the pro-

prietors of Wildwood Cemtery Corporation," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill 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 John Greely and others, reported bill, "an act to set off certain territory from Mount Vernon to Readfield."

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

Mr. JONES by leave, introduced bill, "an act to divide the Congregational Parish in the town of Sanford, in the county of York," which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

The report of the Committee on State Printing, submitting contract of Messrs. Hartford and Smith for binding was taken from the table, accepted and the contract approved in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to elections," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in relation to the distribution of a portion of the public lands belonging to the United States," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to prevent the destruction of trout in Howard's pond and its tributary waters, in the town of Hanover," was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the First Universalist Church in Rockland," reported in the House from the Committee on Education, was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Works Company," was taken from the table, and amended as by annexed sheet marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of A. M. Tolman and others, reported bill, "an act to incorporate the town of Prentiss."

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

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

"Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, by leave introduced bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of West Gardiner Academy," which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency and justness of so altering and amending section 92, chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, that all actions in breach of promise of marriage shall be commenced within two years next after the cause of action shall have accrued and not afterwards.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act to define intelligibly the Northern Registry District of Aroostook county;"

"An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank at Biddeford;"

"An act additional to an act to preserve the harbor of Portland;"

"An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Jackson pond, so called, in the town of Concord;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of incorporated plantations;"

Finally passed, in concurrence. And these bills and resolve having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Petition of Robert Robinson and 73 others of Waldoborough;

Petition of William Bradford and 49 others of Friendship;

Petition of Samuel S. Hinds and 32 others of Bristol;

Petition of Samuel Kalloch and 63 others of Warren;

Petition of Reuben Orff and others of North Waldoborough;

Petition of Nathaniel Tobey and others of North Waldoborough;

Severally that Waldoborough may be made shire town of Lincoln county, and remonstrating against Rockland being half shire town of Lincoln county;

Petition of J. Wakefield and others of Rockland, that Rockland may be made half shire town of Lincoln county;

Severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Petition of James Erskine and 46 others, for aid to East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petition of T. F. Hovey and 30 others of Vienna;

Petition of J. W. Smith and 72 others of New Sharon;

Petition of Nathaniel Wilson and others of Orono;

Severally for the establishment of a State Normal School, severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of William Baker and 29 others, for alteration in law regulating mills.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of Christopher Cushing and 21 others of Bath, against the petition of Isaac P. Tibbetts and others.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

The order directing the Committee on Accounts to ascertain the number of Clerks and other persons employed about the Capitol, came from the House with the amendment A further amended, as per sheet annexed marked B.

The Senate refused to concur in the amendment, and insist on their former vote giving the order a passage.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of N. McClure and others;

Report of the same Committee, that bill, "an act to amend chapter 609 of the Private and Special Laws of 1856, entitled an act to incorporate the Biddeford Fire Insurance Company," ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that bill, "an act granting cities and towns the privilege of forming themselves into Mutual Fire Insurance Companies," ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature on petition of Erastus F. Weeks and others, that Patricktown may be incorporated;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. HAMLIN, from the Committee of the Delegation from Penobscot county, to which was referred the petition of the Judge of Probate for the county of Penobscot for an increase of salary, reported bill, "an act to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate for Penobscot county."

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

Mr. HOYT offered the following:

That on and after Tuesday next, the 23d instant, the sessions of the Senate shall commence at 9 o'clock A. M. until otherwise ordered, which was laid on the table on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Ephraim Otis and others, came up from the House recommitted, with instructions to report order of notice in certain papers.

The Senate concurred.

Bills, "an act to incorporate the First Universalist Church in Rockland;"

"An act to amend the city charter of Bangor;"

"An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Meadow pond or its tributary waters in the town of Islesborough;"

"Resolve in favor of Samuel Clark;"

"Resolve in favor of L. T. Boothby and Charles Turner;"

"Resolve in favor of Sanford Noble;"

Severally reported from the Committee on bills in Second Reading, without amendment, were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills, "an act to incorporate the Southport Mutual Fishing Insurance Company;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Prentiss;"

"An act to incorporate the proprietors of Wildwood Cemetery;"

Severally reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred bill, "an act in relation to Trustees of Railroads," reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, bill laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. BURBANK, from the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the petition of David C. Elliot of Rumford, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Also, same report on the petition of Benjamin Brookings of Jefferson;

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Robert Martin, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred from the last Legislature the resolves for an amendment of the Constitution relating to removals from office by impeachment and address, reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. HAMLIN, from the Penobscot Delegation, to which was referred bill, "an act to provide for transcribing conveyances recorded in Lincoln and Hancock, of land lying in Penobscot county, from the last Legislature, reported that the bill ought not to pass;

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was

referred an order relating to the expediency of paying Enoch Hoyt, who was elected a member of the Board of Agriculture, from Aroostook, and not allowed a seat, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAMLIN, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the report of the Land Agent, submitted a report and accompanying bill, "an act to establish the office of Auditor of Accounts," which were laid on the table and 1,000 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was recommitted the petition of Ephraim Otis and others, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY, bill, "an act relating to marriage and its solemnization," was taken from the table, and refused a passage to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to set off certain territory from Mount Vernon and annex it to Readfield," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and pending the passage of the bill to be engrossed, the Senate

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering section 88 of chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, that when any tumult or riot shall occur, that the Selectmen of the town, or Mayor and Aldermen of the city where such disturbance shall take place, may notify the commanding officer of any military company, who shall be at liberty to call out his company to suppress such violence without an order from the Commander-in-Chief.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 91, section 1, of the Revised Statutes, by striking out the word "thirty," before "dollars" in the second line, and substituting the word "five," and report by bill or otherwise.

That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before the Committee on Accounts the claims of the Treasurer of Orland, for bounty on wild animals, for the year A. D. 1856;

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of B. A. Watson and others of Gorham, for a change of the law relating to the location of school houses;

Remonstrance of Samuel M. Bradbury and others of Limington, against the establishment of State Normal School.

Severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of S. B. Harriman and 13 others, to be set off from Glenburn to the town of Kenduskeag;

Remonstrance of George Stetson and others, against the petition of H. Waugh and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Petition of A. K. P. Lunt and 18 others of Islandport, for a repeal of their act of incorporation.

Referred in the House to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. The Senate non-concurred, and referred the same to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of B. Shaw and others, in aid of petition of Henry Boynton and others.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Petition of the inhabitants of Orland, for the control of the fisheries in Eastern river.

Referred to the Legislature of 1859.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act for the preservation of trout and pickerel in Sebago lake, Long pond, Brandy pond, and Crooked river and its tributary waters.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Bill, "an act concerning exemptions of parties and witnesses from arrest and imprisonment."

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, granting leave to withdraw on petition of George Guphill and others ;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the inhabitants of Medford ;

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John Lamson ;

Also, report of the same Committee on petition of Arthur L. Grant, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of William Dickey and others, for grant of land at Fort Kent ;

Report of the Committee on Accounts, referring to the next Legislature claims of the city of Calais for bounty ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to altering section 16, chapter 91, of the Revised Statutes ;

Report of the same Committee, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature on petition of Ephraim Alley, 2d, and others;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Nathaniel Hanscom, came from the House recommitted.

The Senate concurred.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice on the petition of Ephraim Otis and others, came from the House recommitted with instructions as per sheet annexed marked A.

The Senate concurred.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Works Company," came from the House, that branch having refused to adopt the amendment A, and insisted on their former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

The Senate insisted on its former vote, and propose a Committee of Conference. Messrs. West, McClusky and Sargent were appointed Conferees on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Parker P. Burleigh," passed to be engrossed in the House, was read once, and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Ellsworth Gas Light Company," reported in the House from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, was once read, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was recommitted petition of Ephraim Otis and others, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature;

Also reported leave to withdraw on petition of David Wing and others;

Were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to set off certain territory from Mount Vernon and annex it to Readfield," being under consideration at the time of ad-

jourment yesterday, was further considered, and on motion of Mr. CARLETON was laid on the table, and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

The vote whereby the Senate refused to pass to be engrossed bill, "an act relating to marriage and its solemnization," was reconsidered, the bill laid on the table, on motion of Mr. GODDARD, and Thursday next assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. WASSON presented the petition of Calvin Berry and 47 others of Hancock, for an insolvent law, which was referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec presented the petition of John H. Kimball and others of Brunswick, in aid of petition of Kennebec Log Driving Company;

Also, the petition of William Sargent and others of Gardiner, in aid of same;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported reference to the next Legislature on petition of Romeo Michaud.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Davis R. Stockwell, to be indemnified for the non-conveyance of certain lands, reported "resolve in favor of Davis R. Stockwell."

The report was accepted, the resolve was once read, and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relative to the examination of witnesses respecting bastard children and their maintenance.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate of the county of Penobscot," 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.

Mr. MCGILVERY, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of Calvin Hamlin and others, reported bill, "an act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the China and Little pond;"

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of C. F. A. Johnson, reported bill "an act to incorporate the town of Bridgewater.

The reports were severally accepted, the bills were read once, and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

Bill, "an act relating to the Harbor Commissioners of Portland Harbor, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. FLETCHER laid on the table the petition of Julia A. Crocker and 110 others, for a liquor law.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on Slavery, reported "resolves relating to Kansas."

The report was accepted. Resolves laid on the table and 1,000 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

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

"An act to set off Cyrus F. Bryant together with certain real estate from the town of Fairfield and annex the same to the town of Bloomfield;

"An act additional to chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to elections;

"An act to amend chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of beef and pork;"

"An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Meadow pond or tributary waters, in the town of Islesborough;"

"An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Howard's pond and its tributary waters in the town of Hanover;"

“An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Maine Convention of Universalists;”

Were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence.

“Resolve providing for the distribution of the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools;”

“Resolve in favor of Daniel Winslow;”

“Resolve in favor of Henry Upton;”

“Resolve in favor of Samuel Clark;”

Were finally passed in concurrence, and these bills and resolves signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The following order, viz :

That the joint order of this Legislature providing that all petitions asking for private legislation should be referred to the next Legislature, the Senate concurring, be and hereby is rescinded, came up from the House, and pending its passage the Senate

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BARTLETT of Augusta.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the propriety of so amending sections 19 and 20 of chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, as to allow a Justice of the Peace, who by reason of age, infirmity, or any other good and sufficient cause, may wish so to do, as to deposit the papers pertaining to his office with the Clerk of the Courts, in the same manner as is provided in case of death or removal from the State.

Also to inquire into the propriety of amending section 21 of the same chapter, by striking out the word "two" in the second line, and inserting "six."

Read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of O. J. Conant and others;

Petition of Edward Ulmer and others;

Petition of Calvin Hall and others;

Petition of L. C. Pease and others;

Petition of S. G. Dennis and others;

Petition of E. W. Pendleton and others;

Severally of Rockland, severally that Rockland may be made a half shire town of Lincoln county;

Petition of James Spear, Jr., and others of Thomaston;

Petition of George W. Kennedy and others of Waldoborough;

Petition of Archibald Robinson and others of Jefferson;

Petition of William H. Little and others of Bremen;

Severally that Waldoborough may be made shire town of Lincoln county, and remonstrating against Rockland being made a half shire town, severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties;

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Richard Libbey and another;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of Thomas J. Haines and others, granting leave to withdraw;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Mount Hope Cemetery Corporation," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Vassalborough Lodge," reported in the House from the Committee on Manufactures;

Bill, "an act relating to the sale of land warrants by executors and administrators," reported in the House, in a new draft, from the Committee on the Judiciary;

"Resolve in relation to the settlement of the public lands," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill, "an act to abolish imprisonment for debt," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. DANE, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petition of the President and Directors of the Veazie Bank, reported bill, "an act to renew and extend the charter of the Veazie Bank."

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

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before the Senate the number of townships, their description or designation, together with the number of inhabitants in each, as required by "an act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements," approved April 15, 1857;

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill, "an act additional to incorporate the city of Port-

land," reported that the bill ought to pass, which report was accepted, bill once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in China and Little ponds," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Ellsworth Gas Light Company," reported from the same Committee, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the town of Bridgewater," was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WASSON.

Mr. RING presented the petition of Selectmen of Milbridge for right to purchase a bridge of the Millbridge Company.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also, petition of Samuel A. Lawrence of Lubec, for privilege of extending his fish weir.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the order rescinding the joint order referring all petitions for private legislation presented after February 15th, to the next Legislature, having had the same under consideration when the Senate adjourned on Saturday.

The order was passed in concurrence.

Mr. JONES presented the petition of Increase S. Kimball and others, for a division of the Congregational Parish in Sanford.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Freeman Grover and 22 others, for a Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of the President and Directors of Richmond Bank.

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Petition of A. B. Robinson and 5 others, for a act of incorporation for an agricultural school.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Samuel Walker, Jr., and 76 others, for a law in relation to trout and pickerel.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Were severally taken from the table and referred as above, in concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT presented the petition of William H. Sargent and others, for law to protect the inhabitants of Long Island against trespass, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

“An act to amend the charter of Bangor, so that Aldermen and Councilmen shall not hold subordinate offices;”

“An act to incorporate the First Universalist Church in Rockland;”

Were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence;

“Resolve in favor of Sanford Noble;”

“Resolve in favor of L. T. Boothby and Charles Turner;”

Were finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Order from the House.

That the delegation in the House of Representatives representing the towns in Sagadahoc county, with such as the Senate may join, be and hereby are constituted a Joint Select Committee to inquire into the expediency of an increase of the salary of the Judge of Probate for said county, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Which was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. West, Burpee and Chapman were joined on the part of the Senate.

Petition of William S. Cochran and 143 others, to make Waldo-borough the shire town of Lincoln county.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Petition of Samuel Kelley and others, citizens of Calais, for a law to suppress the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Referred to the Committee on Prohibitory Law.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Petition of Enoch Haskell, Jr. and others, for a law relating to taxation of church edifices ;

Petition of Jeremiah Hall and 103 others, for the same ;

Came from the House, that branch having ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. The Senate concurred.

Petition of A. K. P. Lunt and 18 others, of Islandport, for a repeal of charter, came from the House, that branch having insisted on its former vote referring the petition to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, and appointed conferees, with Messrs. Johnson of Augusta, Wasson of Brooksville, and Sargent of Brookline, appointed conferees on the part of the House. The Senate receded from its former vote and concurred in referring the petition.

Mr. JONES, by leave, introduced "resolve in favor of the Com-

mittee on Reform School," which was once read and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the remonstrance of Ira Wadleigh and others of Oldtown, against an insolvent law, which was ordered to be filed with other papers in the hands of the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Vassalborough Lodge;"

Bill, "an act to incorporate Mount Hope Cemetery Corporation;"

Bill, "an act relating to the sale of land warrants by executors and administrators;"

Severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to renew and extend the charter of the Veazie Bank, Bangor;"

Bill, "an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Portland;"

Severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Bill, "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented the petition of Stockholders of Mariners' Bank, for leave to surrender their charter, which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Parker P. Burleigh," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Davis R. Stockwell," reported from the

Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McCLUSKY presented the petition of E. H. Hayden and others, for aid to build a road from Shepard Boody's mill, on No. 9, Range 6, to the Aroostook road, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented the remonstrance of Arnold Blaney and others; of John Madigan and others; and of John Glidden and others; severally against an alteration of the law in relation to mill dams, which were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WASSON, bill "an act to incorporate the town of Bridgewater," was taken from the table, and amended as per sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in relation to the settlement of the public lands," was read a second time, and recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the expediency of amending section 13, chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House.

Remonstrance of E. F. Crane and 172 others of Kenduskeag;

Remonstrance of Moses Parsons and others of Glenburn;

Remonstrance of Nathaniel Smith and others of Kenduskeag;

Remonstrance of S. B. Harriman and 12 others of Glenburn;

Severally against the petition of H. Waugh and others;

Remonstrance of Stanton Ellis and 25 others of Stockton ;
Remonstrance of S. J. Roberts and 190 others of Stockton ;

Severally against the annexation of Stockton to Prospect, were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of William Singer and others of Thomaston, that Rockland may be made half shire town of Lincoln county, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD, "resolves relating to Kansas and slavery," were taken from the table, and to-morrow assigned for their further consideration.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of Daniel Billings and others, for the adoption of measures to promote the sale of the public lands, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Andrew Sturtevant and 105 others of Fayette, for a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS, bill, "an act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was taken from the table, and recommitted to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES, the report of the Committee on State Reform School, with bill, "an act additional to chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Reform School," and "resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School," were taken from the table.

The report was accepted, bill and resolve read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills, entitled

"An act relating to the Harbor Commissioners of Portland Harbor ;"

“An act to incorporate the Southport Mutual Fishing Insurance Company;”

“An act to incorporate the Lewiston Works Company;”

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BUTTERFIELD of Hallowell.

Petition of William M. Stacy and 55 others;

Petition of George W. Merrill and 27 others;

Petition of Walter Brown and 53 others;

Petition of Josiah Towle and 27 others—all of Bangor;

Severally in aid of the Aroostook railroad, severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of Elihu Hoxie and 56 others;

Petition of C. B. Nason and 19 others;

Petition of Caleb Holyoke and 16 others—all of Brewer;

Petition of A. B. Sutton and 57 others of Stillwater;

Severally for the adoption of measures for the sale and settlement of the public lands, severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Samuel Pratt and others of Oldtown, for an insolvent law.

Referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Petition of William H. Shailer and 13 others, for the establishment of a State Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of Jonathan Hall and others;

Petition of G. A. Harlow and others;

Severally for re-enactment of hop law of 1840, severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of the Register of Probate of York county, for increase of salary.

Referred to a Committee of York County Delegation.

Remonstrance of James M. Bangs, against the petition of Samuel A. Lawrence.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of Martha J. Bowker, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of Increase S. Kimball and others, reported bill, "an act to divide the Congregational Parish in the town of Sanford, in the county of York."

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

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of G. D. Wakefield and others, reported bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of West Gardiner Academy."

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

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, in a new draft, "resolve in relation to the settlement of the public lands."

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

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred an order relative to the repeal of the bounty laws on cod fisheries, reported "resolves relative to bounty on cod fisheries."

The report was accepted, the resolves laid on the table on motion of Mr. GODDARD, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. MCGILVER, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Walker, Jr., and others, reported bill, "an act for the preservation of trout and pickerel in the waters of the Sebago lake, Brandy pond, Long pond and Crooked river, and their tributary streams, in the county of Cumberland.

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

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns,

reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Greenlief Wing and others ;

Also, same report on the petition of James J. Firman and others ;

Also, same report on the petition of Hiram Norton and others ;

Also, same report on the petition of H. Waugh and others ;

Which were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of J. B. Wooster and others ;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to amending chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, that mortgages of personal property to the amount of five dollars should be recorded ;

Also, same report on an order relating to amending the Constitution as to provide for biennial sessions of the Legislature ;

Which were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported, without amendment, "resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Reform School," which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PLAISTED presented the petition of Benjamin Shaw and 88 others of Newport, in relation to the settlement of the public lands, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented the petition of R. B. Fuller and others of Wilton, in aid of the memorial of the State Agricultural Society, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WIGGIN presented the petition of the Selectmen of Blanchard, for an abatement of their State tax, which was referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented the petition of Joseph Meservey and 33 others, for a law to prevent the taking of fish in Moosehead lake, which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the "resolves relating to Kansas and slavery," which were passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State :

To the President of the Senate

and Speaker of the House of Representatives :

I have the honor to inform you that no returns have been made to this office as contemplated by the 4th section of "an act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements," approved April 15, 1857, and therefore I am unable to give you the information asked for in your order of the 22d instant.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

NOAH SMITH, JR.,

Secretary of State.

Read and sent down.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred the petition of William Somerby and others, reported bill, "an act to incorporate the Hancock Agricultural Society."

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

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of William H. Sargent and others, reported bill, "an act for the preservation of the inhabitants of Long Island from trespass."

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

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Henry Williams, Agent of the Augusta

Water Power Company, reported bill, "an act to amend the charter of the Augusta Water Power Company."

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

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Cherryfield Boom Company, reported bill, "an act to amend the charter of the Cherryfield Boom Company."

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

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of William Baker and others, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, presented the petition of Richard D. Starr and 23 others, in aid of the petition of E. B. Hinkley and others, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of James H. Eaton and others, for a railroad from Milford to the Aroostook, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill, "an act to set off certain territory from Mount Vernon and annex it to Readfield."

The bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. CONNOR, 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;"

"An act to incorporate the Ellsworth Gas Light Company;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

“Resolve in relation to the distribution of a portion of the public lands belonging to the United States.”

Finally passed, in concurrence. And these bills and resolve having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. MOORE of Hallowell.

Orders from the House.

That the Judiciary Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of adding to section 10, chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, the following words: "Any convict who has been liberated by the sheriff upon giving his note as aforesaid, or in any other way, except by payment of the fine or costs, and shall be committed to jail again for default of paying a fine or costs for which he was or shall be sentenced for an offence committed within six months after the offence for which he was previously committed and liberated, shall not be liberated as is provided in section 10, till after the expiration of ninety days from the time of his committal.

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the practice of lawyers and pettifoggers in the Supreme Judicial Court and courts holden by Justices of the Peace, who have collected money for their clients and converted it to their own use, or neglected or refused to pay it on demand. Also, when they shall be paid a fee and requested to commence a civil or criminal suit, and afterwards receive a sum of money of the defendant without the written consent of the plaintiff, and proceed no further with the suit and retain that sum of money;

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Woodbury Storer and others of Portland;

Petition of Stephen M. Pratt and others of New Vineyard;

Petition of John R. Pearl and 48 others of Dedham;

Petition of Oliver Dow and others of Buxton;

Severally in aid of the memorial of the State Agricultural Society, severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of Cony Foster and others of Orono;

Petition of Nathaniel Wilson and 75 others of Orono;

Severally in aid of the Aroostook Railroad, severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Petition of J. S. Chandler and others of New Sharon, for a charter for an Academy.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of School District No. 5 in Manchester.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Abby B. Dutton and 20 others, ladies of Steuben, for a prohibitory liquor law, ordered to be filed with the papers of the Committee on Liquor Law.

Claim of the Treasurer of Bingham, for bounty.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to altering the Constitution, relating to the election of Governor and Senators ;

Report of the same Committee, that bill, "an act concerning exemption of parties and witnesses from arrest and imprisonment," ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Seward Merrill ;

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Wm. P. Lancaster and others ;

Report of the Committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of B. A. Watson and others ;

Severally accepted, in concurrence.

"Resolve providing for the payment of Roll of Accounts No. 38," reported in the House from the Committee on Accounts, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to make valid the doings of the First Congregational Parish of Monmouth," passed to be engrossed in the House, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean," came from the House

passed it to be engrossed. The Senate insisted on its former vote postponing indefinitely the resolve.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to provide for a State Normal School," reported in the House from the Committee on Education, was once read, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, and Thursday next assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of Winslow Staples and 146 others, for the adoption of measures to secure the sale and settlement of the public lands, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McCLUSKY presented the petition of E. G. Buxton and 194 others of Yarmouth, in favor of the memorial of the State Agricultural Society, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Alvin Staples and others;

Also, same report on the petition of Selectmen of Prospect;

Which were severally accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN presented the remonstrance of M. C. Jones and others; of Daniel Jones and others; of A. H. Clark and others; of William Sproul and others; severally against an alteration in the law relating to mill dams, which were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to protect the inhabitants of Long Island against the depredations of hunters;"

Bill, "an act for the preservation of trout and pickerel in the waters of Sebago lake, Brandy pond, Long pond and Crooked river and their tributary streams in the county of Cumberland;"

Bill, "an act to extend the charter of the Cherryfield Boom Company;"

Bill, "an act to divide the Congregational Parish in the town of Sanford, in the county of York;"

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Hancock Agricultural Society;"

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of West Gardiner Academy;"

Were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported bill, "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company."

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

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill, "an act to amend chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization."

Mr. GODDARD presented amendment as per sheet marked H, which was adopted by yeas and nays, as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Burbank, Burpee, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Fletcher, Goddard, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, McClusky, Plaisted, Ring, Sargent, Scamman, Stinchfield, Thomas, Twitchell, Wasson, West, Wiggin—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Carleton, Woodbury—2.

The bill being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended, as follows, viz:

YEAS—Messrs. Burbank, Burpee, Chapman, Connor, Goddard, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, McClusky, Plaisted, Sargent, Scamman, Thomas, Twitchell, West, Wiggin—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Berry of Waldo, Carleton, Dane, Fletcher, Stinchfield, Wasson, Woodbury—8.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported bill, "an act to incorporate the Portland and New York Steamship Company."

The report was accepted. The bill laid on the table, on motion

of Mr. WOODBURY, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill, "an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison," reported in the House from the Committee on State Prison, was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Petition of Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad Company, for right to extend track to tide waters, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill, "an act to set off certain territory from Mount Vernon and annex the same to Readfield," was taken from the table and to-morrow at 11 o'clock, assigned for its consideration.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

Petition of Alden Blossom and 20 others of Boothbay;
Petition of Lewis Gilbert and 16 others of Greene;
Petition of Amos H. Ellis and 15 others of Searsport;
Petition of Jerome B. Keene and 46 others of Bremen;
Petition of B. Atkinson and 24 others of Pembroke;
Petition of Wm. H. Pillsbury and 99 others of Bucksport;
Petition of B. P. Young and 17 others of Levant;
Petition of Lyman S. Strickland and 14 others of Houlton;
Petition of O. J. Fernald and 21 others of Thomaston;
Petition of O. W. Jordan and 16 others of Thomaston;
Petition of J. A. D. Blake and 33 others of Carmel;
Petition of F. C. Rand and 49 others of Canaan;
Severally for the establishment of a State Normal School.
Severally referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of William Wetherbee and 45 others of Castine;
Petition of F. Harvey and others of Kenduskeag;
Petition of Harvey S. Wilson and others of Bradford;
Petition of Aaron Haynes and others of Passadumkeag;
Petition of Joseph Whitney and others of Lowell;
Petition of J. R. Sawyer and 46 others of Levant;
Petition of Nathaniel Blake and 65 others of Aroostook;
Petition of James S. Bedlow and others of Bangor;
Petition of J. O. Tilton and others of Kenduskeag;
Petition of Nathaniel Groton and others of Portland;
Severally in aid of the memorial of the State Agricultural Society.
Petition of David Collins and others, for aid in building road from
Vaughan and Collins' Mills to boundary line;
Severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State
Roads.

Petition of T. H. Marshall and others, for an act of incorporation for manufacturing gas in Belfast.

Referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Ansel Powers and others;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Walter Foss and others, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and recommending that it be referred to the Committee on Manufactures;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis," reported in the House from Committee on the Judiciary, was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield," reported in the House from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, came up from that branch re-committed.

The Senate concurred.

Order from the House.

That the report of the Committee and accompanying papers in relation to the removing of the capitol, be taken from the files of the last Legislature and referred to a Joint Special Committee of one from each county on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, with Messrs. Snow of Atkinson, Pattee of Fort Fairfield, Parks of South Berwick, Case of Readfield, Chadbourne of Dixmont, Hill of Sullivan, Brown of Wilton, Shaw of Troy, Percy of Woolwich, Leighton of Steuben, Dunn of Milton, Bailey of Auburn, Smith of Otisfield, Balch of Waldoborough, and Andrews of Pleasant Ridge, appointed on the part of the House; was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Woodbury, Lothrop and Ring, appointed on the part of the Senate.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Sumner Burnham;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred bill, "an act accepting the surrender of charter of Mariners'

Bank," reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking;

Which reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator from the same Committee, reported bill, "an act to change the name of the Methodist Society in Portland."

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

Mr. DANE, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petition of the Directors and Stockholders of the Skowhegan Bank, reported bill, "an act to authorize a change in the location of the Skowhegan Bank."

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

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Eastern Bank, reported bill, "an act to reduce the capital stock of Eastern Bank, Bangor."

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

Mr. WEST presented the petition of Alfred G. Lithgow and others, in aid of petition of Ephraim Alley, 2d, and others, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to make valid the doings of the First Congregational Parish of Monmouth,"

"Resolve providing for the payment of Roll of Accounts No. 38;"

Reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison," was

read a second time, amendment A of the House adopted, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Levi Whitman and others, reported bill "an act to establish salaries for county commissioners."

The report was accepted, the bill laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill, "an act to set off certain territory from Mount Vernon and annex the same to Readfield." The bill was amended as by annexed sheet marked A, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the propriety of so changing the proceedings of trials in capital cases as to have the court in such cases held by one judge.

Was read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD,

"Resolve in relation to the settlement of the public lands," was taken from the table, read a second time. Mr. FLETCHER proposed amendment marked A; Mr. CARLETON proposed amendment marked C; Mr. CHAPMAN proposed amendment marked B. The resolve and amendments laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, and Tuesday next assigned for their further consideration.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

"An act to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate of the county of Penobscot;"

"An act relating to the sale of land warrants by executors and administrators;"

"An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the China and Little ponds;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed

by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to amending sections 19 and 20 of chapter 83, of the Revised Statutes, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Nathaniel Coffin and others, reported reference of the same to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SARGENT,

“Resolves relative to bounty on cod fisheries,” was taken from the table, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed by yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry of Waldo, Burpee, Carleton, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Fletcher, Goddard, Hamlin, Hobart, Hobbs, Jones, Lothrop, McClusky, Plaisted, Ring, Sargent, Scamman, Thomas, Wasson, Wiggin, Woodbury—23.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of the County Commissioners of Cumberland county, that certain tracts of unincorporated land in said county may be annexed to the adjoining towns, was referred to Special Committee of the Cumberland Delegation, in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY asked to be excused from further service on the Committee on Claims, and pending the question of granting his request the Senate

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Petition of John M. Wilson and others of Letter B, Oxford county:

Petition of Geo. W. Chamberlain and others of Carmel;

Petition of Solomon Dunning and others of Charleston;

Petition of H. W. Danforth and others of Lagrange;

Petition of R. W. Patten and others of Bangor;

Severally in aid of the memorial of the State Agricultural Society;

Petition of D. A. Jenks and 50 others, for aid to build a road from Katahdin Iron Works to Chesuncook.

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

Petition of Ebenezer Edwards, to set off a piece of land from Poland to Otisfield.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Remonstrance of Harvey Preble and 29 others;

Remonstrance of Abraham Jewell and 40 others of Phippsburg;

Severally against the petition of Isaac P. Tibbetts;

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of James W. Cox and others of Robbinston, for an insolvent law.

Referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Remonstrance of citizens of Bucksport, against provision in the liquor law which allows the manufacture of intoxicating drinks.

Ordered to be filed with the report of the Committee on Liquor Law.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Bangor Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Were severally disposed of as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Stockbridge P. Graves,

Was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to set off certain territory from the town of Chelsea and annex the same to the town of Pittston," reported in the House from the Committee on Division of Towns, and indefinitely postponed in that branch, was read once, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, made a minority report granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas M. Gray and others,

Which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to costs in criminal prosecutions, came from the House recommitted, with instructions to report a bill, which was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. JONES.

Bill, "an act for the preservation of certain useful birds," reported in the House from the Committee on Agriculture, was once read, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to empower the collector of Atkinson for the year 1856, to close collection of school district tax for District No. 5, in Atkinson, same year," reported in the House from the Committee on Education, was once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting statement of the Treasurer of the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad, of net profits of said road for twelve years, was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the request of Mr. WOODBURY to be excused from further service as a member of the Committee, on Claims. After some discussion the Senator's request was not granted.

Mr. CHAPMAN asked to be excused from further service on the Committee on Division of Towns. The request was not granted.

Bill, "an act to change the name of the Methodist Society in Portland;"

Bill, "an act to change the location of the Skowhegan Bank;"

Bill, "an act to reduce the capital stock of the Eastern Bank, Bangor;"

Severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN,

Bill, "an act to establish the office of Auditor of Accounts," was taken from the table, and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Bill, "an act additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of George K. Jewett and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Aroostook Railroad Company;"

Mr. HAMLIN, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the memorial of the State Agricultural Society, reported bill, "an act to aid the Aroostook Railroad Company, increase the value and promote the sale and settlement of the public lands;"

Also, "resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution respecting a loan of the credit of the State and the amount of its indebtedment."

These reports were severally accepted, and 350 copies of the bills and resolves ordered to be printed in connection, for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. HOBART, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the communication of the Treasurer of the State, reported resolve, viz:

"Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians;"

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred a resolve in favor of Parker P. Burleigh, reported the same in a new draft.

Reports severally accepted, and the resolves severally once read, and Monday next, at eleven o'clock, assigned for their second reading.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of G. W. Pickering, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of H. G. O. Barrows and others, made a report asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Joel Bean, made a report that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Mr. HOBART, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Selectmen of Lincoln and others, made a report that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order in relation to the support of poor debtors in prison, made a report thereon that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

These reports were severally accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, the following:

"An act to incorporate the Mount Hope Cemetery Corporation;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Prentiss;"

"An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Vassalborough Lodge;"

Which were passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be and hereby are instructed to inquire into the expediency of an amendment of the 65th section of the 86th chapter of the Revised Statutes, so as to provide that in trustee process the amount for which the trustee is holden need not be expressed in the judgment.

That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary to define more distinctly the duties of Receivers of Banks.

Petition of Joel Wellington and 62 others of Monticello;

Petition of M. Currier and 17 others of E. Orrington;

Petition of D. L. Campbell and others of Monroe;

Petition of Daniel Nickerson and 40 others of Orrington;

Petition of Dan Pineo and 27 others of Topsfield;

Petition of Josiah Crosby and others of Dexter;

Severally in aid of the memorial of the State Agricultural Society.

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

Petition of James Cutts and others, for incorporation of Somerset and Franklin Agricultural Society.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Abraham Richardson and others, for insolvent law.

Referred to the Committee on Insolvent Law.

Bill, "an act relating to the laying out of streets and ways in the city of Portland.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Petition of H. Clay Smith, for an act of incorporation under the name of the Plumbago Mining Company, came up from the House that branch having insisted on its former vote referring the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. The Senate receded and concurred.

Bill, "an act to restrain the evils of licensed billiard rooms," (indefinitely postponed in the House,) was read and to-morrow assigned for second reading.

Bill, "an act relating to executions against Sheriffs," (reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary,) was read, and to-morrow assigned for second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature on petition of John W. Veazie ;

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Edward Guy and others ;

Report of same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Israel Davis ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Charles E. White and others ;

Report of the Committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Anna Hinds ;

Report of same Committee, on petition of M. W. Burnham, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to amendment of section 10, chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes ;

Report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on order relative to sureties of Coroners ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Nathaniel Coffin, came back from the House recommitted. The Senate receded and concurred.

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Dane, Jr., and Moses L. Appleton," came back from the House that branch having adhered to their for-

mer vote recommitting the resolve to the Committee on Claims. Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WEST.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Division of Counties, to which was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Greenfield and townships No. 1 and 2, in Hancock county, reported bill, "an act to set off the town of Greenfield and townships number 1 and 2, in the county of Hancock, and annex the same to the county of Penobscot."

Report accepted, the bill read, and to-morrow assigned.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of a committee of the town of Searsport, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Land Agent be directed to transmit to the Legislature the amount paid or contracted to be paid to the State for the sale of public lands, for each year inclusive, from 1827 to 1858; provided such amount can be ascertained from the books in his office.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBART, from the Special Committee on Senatorial Votes, submitted a minority report, signed by himself, which was laid upon the table and 2,000 copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be directed to inquire into the expediency of directing the Land Agent to collect the amount due the State for stumpage secured by bonds deposited in the Land Office. And if upon investigation it shall appear that said bonds in whole or in part are worthless, of recommending that such worthless papers be cancelled.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Accounts, to which was

referred an order relating to the number of Clerks in and about the Capitol, made a report, asking for further time to perfect their report in full.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

The report of the Committee on Senatorial Votes, on the Eighth Senatorial District election case, was taken from the table, and Thursday next, at 11 o'clock, assigned for the further consideration of the same.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to transmit to the Legislature the amount of appropriations made to each county in the State for building roads and bridges, and for educational purposes, for each year inclusive from 1827 to 1858.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Secretary, JAMES M. LINCOLN be declared Secretary *pro tempore*.

The oaths of office were administered to Mr. Lincoln by Lewis D. Moore, Esq., authorized by *dedimus potestatem*, and he entered upon his official duties.

On motion of Mr. HOBART,

That Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council informing the Executive Department, that in the absence of the Secretary of the Senate, James M. Lincoln has been elected Secretary *pro tem*.

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

On motion of Mr. BURPEE,

That Senator was charged with a message to the House informing that body, that in the absence of the Secretary of the Senate, James M. Lincoln, has been elected Secretary *pro tem*.

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

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Burbank of Lewiston, informing the Senate that in the absence of the Speaker, the House had elected WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, of Augusta, as Speaker *pro tempore*.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be and hereby are directed to inquire into the legality and expediency of taxing all such townships and tracts, the fee of which has passed from the State since 1850.

Also, all such townships and tracts as have been permitted by

Massachusetts for an unlimited time, that the same may be embraced in the tax list for the present year, 1858, and report by bill or otherwise.

That the Committee on Manufactures be directed to inquire if any change in the law is necessary or expedient in relation to the mode of packing and marking paper manufactured in this State, and report by bill or otherwise.

Were read and passed, in concurrence.

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. Porter of Lowell, Plummer of Lisbon, Porter of Sebago, Fisher of Boothbay, and Coffin of Shapleigh, appointed on the part of the House; was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Jones, Hobart and Berry of Waldo, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

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 inquire and report at early convenience, if a great saving to the State, may not be accomplished by abolishing the Boards of Trustees of Insane Hospital, State Reform School, Inspectors of State Prison, and institute the Governor and Council to be a Board in their stead.

Also, if an Auditor for the State could be appointed without increasing our State officers, or State expenses, by reason thereof; with Messrs. Buck of Oldtown, Sawyer of Baldwin, Shearman of Sidney, Moore of Limerick, and Perkins of Kennebunkport, appointed on the part of the House, was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Chapman, Sargent and Goddard, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Petition of Charles G. Porter and others, in aid of the memorial of the State Agricultural Society;

Petition of Wm. P. Lamson and others, for aid to build a road from Katahdin Iron Works to Chesuncook lake;

Were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, that the petition of H. G. O. Cass and others, be referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter six of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes;"

Bill, "an act to make valid the proceedings of the town of Franklin;"

Severally reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill, "an act to set off a part of the town of Jefferson and annex the same to the town of Newcastle," (reported in the House from the Committee on Division of Towns;)

"Resolve in favor of Stephen L. Goodale," (reported in the House from the Committee on Agriculture;

Were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. LOTHROP by leave laid on the table, bill, "an act relating to evidence in courts," and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING presented the petition of John L. Bowman and others of Eastport, for Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON presented the petition of John S. Patten and others, in aid of the memorial of the State Agricultural Society, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of A. W. Huntress and 57 others, for the State to adopt measures to secure the sale and settlement of the public lands.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in relation to the settlement of the public lands," was

taken from the table and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of State be directed to furnish the Senate with the items which make up the sum of \$2,242 32 paid for furniture and repairs as charged on page four of his report. Also, the items of 1856 for the same purpose.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to restrain the evils of licensed billiard rooms," was read a second time, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend the charter of the Augusta Water Power Company," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Alexander Johnston and others, for an act of incorporation for a new bank to be located at Wiscasset, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Paper from the House.

"Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Allen."

Referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

Ordered, That the messenger of the Senate deposit with the messenger of the House, 600 copies of the majority report, and 600 copies of the minority reports of the Committee on Senatorial Votes, in the contested senatorial seat, to be distributed among the members of the House.

Read and passed.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill, "an act to set off the town of Greenfield and Townships No. 1 and 2, in the county of Hancock, and annex the same to the county of Penobscot."

Read a second time, and on motion of Mr. WASSON was re-committed to Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act relating to executions against Sheriff's," reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills, entitled

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Portland;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Bridgewater;"

"An act to extend the charter of the Cherryfield Boom Company;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

"Resolve providing for the payment of Roll of Accounts No. 38,"

Finally passed, in concurrence. And these bills and resolve having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary *pro tem.* transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript,

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Petition of the Mayor of Portland, for the passage of an act authorizing said city to hold real estate to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars additional to the sum now authorized by law.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Remonstrance of R. D. Brown and 150 others of Bowdoinham ;
Remonstrance of Thomas M. Ratcliff and 14 others of Georgetown ;

Remonstrance of James P. Scott and 58 others of Georgetown ;
Remonstrance of Samuel G. Williams and 33 others of Georgetown ;

Severally against the petition of Isaac P. Tibbetts and others.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Remonstrance of the government of the city of Portland, against the petition of Daniel Winslow and others.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Communication from the Governor :

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

A vacancy exists in the office of major general of the fourth division of the militia of this state, occasioned by the resignation of major general William S. Cochran. The duty devolves on you to fill the vacancy.

LOT M. MORRILL.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
March 2, 1858. }

Read and placed on file.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. ROAK, informing the Senate, that in the absence of the Clerk of the House, CHARLES A. MILLER has been elected Clerk *pro tem*.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD,

Ordered, That the Senate meet at 9 o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec presented the remonstrance of Moses Call, Jr., and others;

Also, the remonstrance of Joel Stilphen and others;

Severally against the petition of Ephraim Alley, 2d, and others;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of Asa Smith and others, for the State to adopt measures to secure the sale and settlement of the public lands, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Abijah Crosby and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of G. W. K. Norwood and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of Edward Kent and others, reported "resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary."

The report was accepted. The resolve was once read, and Friday next, at 11 o'clock, assigned for its second reading.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of John Glidden and others, reported bill, "an act to authorize the extension of Bryant's Wharf in Newcastle;"

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Averill, 2d, and others, reported bill,

"an act to authorize Samuel Averill, 2d, to build a wharf in Newcastle."

The reports were severally accepted, the bills severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the "resolve in relation to the settlement of the public lands." Amendments A and B, proposed at a previous session were rejected. Amendment C, previously proposed was adopted. Resolve further amended as per sheet marked D, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the account of Masters, Smith & Co., reported "resolve in favor of Masters, Smith & Co."

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

Petition of Samuel Bruce and 49 others, in aid of petition of E. F. Weeks and others, for incorporation of Patricktown plantation.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to make valid the proceedings of the town of Franklin;"

Bill, "an act entitled an act to amend chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes;"

Bill, "an act to empower the Collector of Atkinson, for the year 1856, to close collection of school district tax for District No. 5, in Atkinson, same year;

Were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Parker P. Burleigh," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act for the preservation of certain useful birds," reported by the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time; House amendment A rejected;

House amendments B and C adopted ; and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on State Prison, to whom was referred an order directing examination into the accounts of William Bennett, late warden of the State Prison, submitted a report in reference thereto, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Stephen L. Goodale," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. LOTHROP.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

The vote whereby bill "an act to amend the charter of the Augusta Water Power Company" was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered. Mr. BERRY proposed amendment A. The bill and amendment were laid on the table on motion of Mr. CARLETON, and Wednesday next assigned for their further consideration.

Bill, "an act to set off a part of the town of Jefferson and annex the same to the town of Newcastle," reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

On motion of Mr. WING,

Ordered, That the Senate on Friday next, at 12 o'clock, proceed to the election of a Major General for the Fourth Division, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of General William S. Cochran.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Bill, "an act to establish salaries for County Commissioners," was taken from the table, and on motion of the same Senator, the bill was committed to a Committee of one from each county on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join to fill the blanks therein: and Messrs. Goddard, McClusky, Burbank, Hoyt,

Sargent, Wing, Burpee, Twitchell, Plaisted, Wiggin, West, Connor, McGilvery, Ring, and Dane, on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently this order came back with Messrs. Holt of Turner, Pattee of Fort Fairfield, Sawyer of Baldwin, Chick of Madrid, Moor of Ellsworth, Weeks of Vassalborough, Cunningham of Edgecomb, Bean of Brownfield, Porter of Lowell, Nutting of Parkman, Quint of Bowdoinham, Hale of Norridgewock, Wing of Searsmont, Rackliff of Wesley, Tapley of Saco, joined on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Reform School," and "resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School," were taken from the table, and pending their consideration, the Senate

Adjourned.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST ;

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be and hereby are instructed to inquire into the necessity and expediency of codifying and publishing the Private and Special Laws of this State from 1821 to and including the Private and Special Laws of the present Legislature.

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing and empowering the several towns in this State to establish High and Graded Schools, and report by bill or otherwise.

Severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Land Agent be directed to employ Mark Barker, or some other suitable man, to examine the townships of land belonging to this State, and if he finds any one trespassing on any of said lands, to take their teams, remove them from said land and scale all the timber which has been cut without permit from the Land Agent, making his return to the Land Agent, and that he be directed to treat the trespassers, if any may be found, as the law of the State may direct.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Rufus Dwinel, for the State to refund money taken for stumpage from his land by mistake;

Petition of John C. Willard and 58 others;

Petition of James Chase and 19 others;

Petition of T. S. Pullen and 11 others;

Petition of Cyrus Hill and 56 others;

Petition of C. H. B. Woodbury and 31 others;

Petition of Charles A. Everett and 71 others ;

Petition of William P. Lamson and 75 others ;

Severally of Piscataquis county, in aid of the petition of Charles A. Everett and others.

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

Petition of Bion Bradbury and others, for change in law so as to allow one judge to try capital cases.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Judiciary Committee on an order relating to hawkers and pedlers, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to lawyers and pettifoggers, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of John Covill and others, for an act of incorporation, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend section 16, chapter 91, of the Revised Statutes, relating to lien claims," reported in the House, from the Committee on the Judiciary ;

Bill, "an act additional to an act to authorize the town of Milo to erect and maintain a toll bridge for a limited time, approved August 8, 1848," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary ;

"Resolve in favor of John Attean and John Neptune," reported in the House from Committee on Indian Affairs ;

"Resolve in favor of John Parent," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads ;

Bill, "an act to enable school districts to raise money for the support of schools," reported in the House from the Committee on Education ;

"Resolve in favor of Wingate Bradbury," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads:

Were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill, "an act to provide for a State Valuation," was referred to the Joint Select Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, in concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred bill, "an act to incorporate the Proprietors of Maine Wharf in Portland," reported that the same ought to pass;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred bill, "an act repealing an act to incorporate the Portland Marine Railway," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred sundry petitions for additional laws relating to the inspection of lime, reported bill, "an act additional to chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of lime;

The reports were severally accepted, the bills severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of Walter Haynes and others, for the adoption of measures to secure the settlement of the public lands, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "an act additional to chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Reform School," and "resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School." The bill was amended on motion of Mr. CONNOR, as per sheet A, and the bill laid on the table on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary relating to criminal prosecutions, was taken from the table; amendment A from the House concurred in, and further amended as per sheet B, and as amended the report was recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCLUSKY,

Ordered, That the State Treasurer be required to report forthwith to this Legislature, the sum remaining in the treasury of that fund commonly denominated the "surplus revenue" belonging to and to which the inhabitants of the Madawaska plantations are entitled, with the amount of annual interest due thereon since the year 1837.

Passed, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads to which was referred the petition of George W. Smith, reported "resolve in relation to township L, range 2."

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

On motion of Mr. BURBANK,

Bill "an act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors," was taken from the table and to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M., assigned for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN,

Bill, "an act to establish the office of Auditor of Accounts," was taken from the table, and amended on motion of Mr. HAMLIN, by filling blanks at A, B, C, respectively with the words "five thousand dollars," "one thousand," and "two hundred and fifty," and as amended the bill passed to be engrossed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Burbank, Burpee, Carleton, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Fletcher, Goddard, Hamlin, Hobart, Jones, McClusky, McGilvery, Plaisted, Ring, Sargent, Scamman, Thomas, Twitchell, Wasson, West, Wing—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry of Waldo, Davis, Hoyt, Lothrop, Stinchfield, Wiggin, Woodbury—7.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be and hereby are instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 48 of 113 chapter of the Revised Statutes, by striking out the last

part of the section relating to the evidence to be introduced in trials on poor debtor's bonds.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WING, from the Committee on the Militia, reported bill, "an act additional to chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Militia."

Read and laid upon the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Petition of Anson P. Bowles and 64 others of Patricktown to be incorporated into a town, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of David Godfrey and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of James Cutts and others;

Also, same report on the petition of D. A. Fairbanks;

Also, same report on the petition of A. J. W. Stevens and others;

Which reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred so much of the Land Agent's Report, relating to the sale of certain lots of land in Aroostook county, reported "resolve authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in the county of Aroostook."

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

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred the petition of Darius Forbes and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

“ An act to incorporate the proprietors of Wildwood Cemetery ;”

“ An act additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis ;”

“ An act to renew and extend the charter of the Veazie Bank ;”

“ An act to incorporate the Hancock Agricultural Society ;”

“ An act for the protection of the inhabitants of Long Island against depredation of hunters ;”

“ An act additional to an act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company ;”

Which were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary *pro tem.* transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The report of the Committee on Senatorial Votes was taken from the table, and pending its consideration the Senate

Adjourned.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST :

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Remonstrance of Ebenezer McIntire and others;

Remonstrance of Asahel Goodwin and 160 others;

Remonstrance of John Barrell and 58 others;

Remonstrance of Francis Plaisted and 107 others;

Severally against the division of the town of York;

Remonstrance of town of Bethel, against annexing Hamlin's Grant to Bethel;

Remonstrance of Hiram Day and others, for same;

Severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Remonstrance of Charles A. Clark and others, against the petition of J. P. Tibbetts and others.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Henry McGuire and others, in aid of the memorial of State Agricultural Society.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on Accounts be directed to inquire whether anything has been received, and how much each year, since 1854, for the grass grown on the State lands connected with the Capitol buildings, and report the same to the Legislature as soon as may be;

The Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committees be directed to report finally on all business referred to them, on or before the 15th instant.

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of H. Boynton and others, to be incorporated as a Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on

the petition of H. Clay Smith and others, to be incorporated as the Plumbago Mining Company;

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of J. B. Marrow and others, to be incorporated as an Agricultural Society;

Report of the Committee on Finance, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of George D. Bacon and others, for reduction of State valuation;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, that legislation is inexpedient on petition of Leroyd Hill and others;

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns on the petition of Daniel Neal and others, to be incorporated into a town, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Moses L. Wilder and others, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of same Committee, on the petition of Moses Lincoln and others, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to the support of poor debtor's in prison, came back from the House recommitted. Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

"Resolve in favor of Davis R. Stockwell," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. On motion of Mr. WOODBURY, laid upon the table.

Bill, "an act for the preservation of certain useful birds," came back from the House, that branch having insisted on its amendment A. The Senate receded, amended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes," reported in the House from the Committee on Military Pensions, was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. HOBART,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay before

the Committee on Accounts the bill of Thomas J. Sherman, Coroner in Washington county.

Passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill, "an act additional to chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies," that the same with amendments ought to pass, was accepted, in concurrence; the bill once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to amend section 16, chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to lien on buildings," reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

"Resolve in relation to township L, range 2," reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WASSON.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of Ebenezer Brown and others, reported legislation thereon inexpedient;

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the account of William Bennett, reported that the same be not allowed;

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of W. S. Gilman & Co., reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, to which was referred the petition of the town of Scarborough, for a reduction of their State valuation, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of Blanchard, for an abatement of State tax, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of H. G. O. Cass and inhabitants of Bowerbank, for an

abatement of State valuation, reported legislation thereon inexpedient;

The above reports were severally accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in the county of Aroostook;”

“Resolve in favor of Masters, Smith & Co. ;”

“An act repealing the act incorporating the Portland Marine Railway, approved February 6, 1826;”

“An act to incorporate the Proprietors of Maine Wharf in Portland;”

“An act to authorize the extension of Jack’s Point Wharf in Newcastle;”

“An act additional to chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of lime;”

“An act to authorize Samuel Averill, 2d, to build a wharf in Newcastle;”

“Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians;”

“Resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary;”

Severally reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of John Parent,” reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The following bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, viz :

“An act to change the name of the Methodist Society in Portland;”

“An act to divide the Congregational Parish in the town of Sanford;”

“An act to make valid the proceedings of the town of Franklin;”

“An act to empower the Collector of Atkinson, for A. D. 1856, to close collection of school district tax for District No. 5, in Atkinson, same year;”

"An act to change the location of the Skowhegan Bank;"

Were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

"Resolve in relation to the settlement of the public lands;"

"Resolves relative to bounty on cod fisheries;"

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Reform School;"

Were severally finally passed in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary *pro tem.* transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred bill, "an act to incorporate the East-port Mutual Fire Insurance Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. WIGGIN, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of inhabitants of Ellitsville, reported bill, "an act to repeal the act incorporating the town of Ellitsville."

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

"Resolve in favor of Wingate Bradbury," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read the second time, and recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

"An act to enable school districts to raise money for the support of schools therein," reported from the Committee on bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and refused a passage, in concurrence.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Senatorial Votes, and the hour assigned for the election of a Major General for the Fourth Division of the Militia of the State, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Gen. William S. Cochran, having arrived, on motion of Mr. WING, the report was laid on the table.

Messrs. Wing, Goddard and McClusky, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes, which Committee having attended to the duty assigned them, reported as follows, viz :

That the whole number of ballots is	30
Necessary to a choice,	16
William H. Titcomb has	29
Charles W. Goddard "	1

The report was accepted, and WILLIAM H. TITCOMB was declared duly elected, on the part of the Senate, Major General to fill the vacancy existing in the Fourth Division of the Militia of Maine.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

The Secretary was directed inform the House that the Senate has elected on its part William H. Titcomb to fill the vacancy existing in the Fourth Division of the Militia of Maine.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of empowering aldermen of cities and selectmen of towns, to require the owners or proprietors of public inns and hotels to provide suitable and sufficient ladders and fire escapes from the different stories of their inns and public houses, whenever in the judgment of the aldermen or selectmen it may be necessary.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McCLUSKY presented the petition of David T. Adams and others, in aid of the sale and settlement of the public lands, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS presented the remonstrance of A. T. Dole and 37 others of Portland, against the proposed loan of the State's credit in aid of the Aroostook Railroad Company, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the recommendations contained in the Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Was read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

The report of the Committee on Senatorial Votes was taken from the table, and pending its consideration the Senate

Adjourned.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary pro tem.*

A true transcript.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BARTLETT of Augusta.

Remonstrance of Uriah Reed and others of Woolwich;

Remonstrance of James F. Mustard and 53 others of Topsham;

Severally against petition of Isaac P. Tibbetts and others;

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Petition of Edward Kent and 31 others, of Penobscot bar, that one judge may be authorized to try capital cases.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of inhabitants of School District No. 15, in Parkman, to have doings of the same made valid.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Petition of T. B. Seabury and 50 others of Parkman, for the adoption of measures to secure the sale and settlement of the public lands.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

"Resolve in favor of John A. Cleaveland."

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Robert P. Chase, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 6 and 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the location and repair of roads in unincorporated places," reported in the House from Committee on the Judiciary, was read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to amend section 15, of chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes, relating to lands reserved for public uses," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill, "an act to provide for enforcing liens on vessels," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Woodland Cemetery Company," reported in the House from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance;

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Fayette Mutual Fire Insurance Company," reported in the House from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance;

Bill, "an act to repeal an act to incorporate the town of Islandport," reported in the House from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns,;

Bill, "an act to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield," reported in the House from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns;

Bill, "an act to incorporate the North Leeds Steam Mill and Manufacturing Company," reported in the House from the Committee on Manufactures;

"Resolve relating to taxes on Holbrook Island," reported in the House from the Committee, on Finance;

Were severally once read, and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of West Gardiner Academy," passed to be engrossed in the Senate came back from the House indefinitely postponed. The Senate insisted on its former vote, and Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Fletcher and Twitchell were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill subsequently came back, the House having concurred in appointing conferees, with Messrs. Boody of Brunswick, Davis of Fairfield, and Gilbert of Bath, appointed conferees on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN,

Bill, "an act to aid the Aroostook Railroad Company, increase the value and promote the sale and settlement of the public lands;"

Also, "resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution respecting a loan of the credit of the State and the amount of its indebtedness."

Were taken from the table, read a second time, and Wednesday next assigned for their further consideration.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of Charles W. Lowell and others, reported bill, "an act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Sebec pond and its tributaries ;"

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred bill, "an act relating to the laying out of streets and ways in the city of Portland," reported that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. HAMLIN, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of William Jameson and Samuel Gilman, reported "resolve in favor of William Jameson and others, and also of Samuel A. Gilman and others ;"

Mr. WING, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred an order relating to a change in the mode of marking and packing paper, reported bill, "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes ;"

Which reports were severally accepted. The bills severally read, and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Mr. STINCHFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Isaac M. Bragg, reported bill, "an act to incorporate the East Branch Mattawamkeag Dam Company."

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of the Directors of the Kennebec Log Driving Company, reported bill, "an act additional concerning the Kennebec Log Driving Company."

The report was accepted, the bill once read, and recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to amending section 65 of chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes ;

Mr. FLETCHER from the same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to the time when the lien created by attachment on mesne process shall begin ;

Also, same report from same Committee on an order relating to the expenses of persons committed to the house of correction;

Mr. McCLUSKY, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Webb, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Ephraim Otis and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported that said Committee have attended to all the business referred to them, and ask to be discharged from further service;

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Daniel M. Crockett and others;

The above reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to criminal prosecutions, came back from the House, that branch having insisted on its former vote and appointed conferees, with Messrs. Pike of Calais, Woodman of Bucksport, and Tapley of Saco, conferees on the part of the House.

The Senate insisted on its former vote, and Messrs. Chapman, Burbank and Sargent, were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

"Resolve in favor of John Attean and John Neptune," was read twice, the House amendment A rejected, and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies," was read twice and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Eastport Mutual Fire Insurance Company," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to repeal an act incorporating the town of Elliots-

ville," was read a second time and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. JONES.

Mr. GODDARD moved to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate indefinitely postponed the passing of bill, "an act additional to chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies," which motion was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Mr. TWITCHELL, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary, reported "resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary."

The report was accepted, the resolve once read, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act additional to an act to authorize the town of Milo to erect and maintain a toll bridge for a limited time, approved August 8, 1848;"

"Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes;"

Severally reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the reports of the Committee on Senatorial Votes, on the disputed election in the Eighth Senatorial District, and Tuesday next was assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. BERRY,

Bill, "an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison," was taken from the table. House amendment A adopted. The bill was further amended as by sheet B, and as amended the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

"An act to amend chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes," which was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CHENEY of Lewiston.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the propriety of passing laws to prevent trespass on timber lands of the State and of private individuals, and to report by bill or otherwise.

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to repair the road on the Indian township, in the county of Washington.

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of W. Crowell and 26 others, that Patricks town may be incorporated.

Referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Petition of S. E. Griffith and others, for an increase of officers' fees.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of Charles A. Everett and others, for aid to build a road from Katahdin Iron Works to Chesuncook lake.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Remonstrance of Luther Bradford and 167 others, against the repeal of the law regulating fisheries in the Kennebec river.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to repealing section 38, chapter 81, of the Revised Statutes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending section 13, of chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on

the petition of Charles H. Thompson and others, for alteration of law relating to boundaries;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of A. S. Hill and others, for change of pauper law;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Albion J. Potter and others, for increase of fees for service of precepts;

Report of the Committee on Education, on the petition of the Trustees of Foxcroft Academy, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of the Committee on Accounts, on an order relative to the amount of money received from the grass cut on the State lands adjoining the capitol buildings, giving the requisite information;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, that legislation is inexpedient on petition of town of Scarborough for reduction of their State valuation, accepted by the Senate, came back from the House, referred to the next Legislature. The Senate insisted on its former vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of A. T. Dole and others, referred by the Senate to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, came back from the House referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. The Senate receded from its former vote and concurred in the reference.

"Resolve in favor of Passamaquoddy Indians," reported in the House from the Committee on Indian Affairs;

"Resolve in favor of Hancock, Madawaska and Van Buren plantations," reported in the House from the Committee on Education;

"Resolve in relation to trespassers on the public lands," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill, "an act to amend chapter six of the Revised Statutes, relat-

ing to taxes," was taken from the table, and passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Reform School," was taken from the table, further amended as per sheets annexed marked B and C; and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

"Resolve providing for an appropriation for the Reform School," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Berry of Waldo, Burbank, Burpee, Chapman, Davis, Goddard, Hoyt, Jones, McClusky, Ring, Sargent, Scamman, Stinchfield, Twitchell, Wiggin, Woodbury—17.

NAY—Mr. Hobart—1.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Wilcox, its clerk, informing the Senate that the House had on the 6th inst. elected in concurrence with the Senate, William H. Titcomb, as Major General of the Fourth Division of the Militia of Maine.

Bill, "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine State Seminary," approved March 16, 1855," reported in the House from the Committee on Education, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve relating to taxes on Holbrook Island;"

"An act to incorporate the Fayette Mutual Fire Insurance Company;"

"An act to amend section 15th, of chapter 5th, of the Revised Statutes, relating to lands reserved for public uses;"

"An act to incorporate the Woodland Cemetery Company;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield;"

"An act to incorporate the North Leeds Steam Mill and Manufacturing Company;"

"An act to provide for enforcing liens on vessels;"

Severally reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of William Jameson and others, and of Samuel A. Gilman and others;”

Bill, “an act to amend chapters 6 and 18 of the Revised Statutes relating to the location and repair of roads in unincorporated places;”

Bill, “an act to amend section 23 of chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes;”

Bill, “an act to repeal an act to incorporate the town of Islandport;”

“Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary;”

Were severally read a second time, and severally laid on the table.

Bill, “an act relating to the laying out of streets and ways in the city of Portland;”

Bill, “an act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Sebec pond and its tributaries;”

Severally reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported in a new draft, bill, “an act to amend chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvent estates;”

The same Senator from the same Committee, reported bill, “an act additional to acts incorporating the city of Portland.”

The reports were accepted, the bills severally once read, and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel A. Lawrence;

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles Simmons and others;

Also, same report on the petition of Charles E. White and others;

Also, same report on the petition of Sally Mayberry;

Also, same report on the petition of G. W. Spratt and others;

Also, legislation inexpedient on an order relating to amending chapters 81 and 92 of the Revised Statutes ;

Also, same report on an order relative to enabling executors and administrators to assign mortgages of real estate ;

Also, same report on bill, an act to amend section 11, chapter 77, of the Revised Statutes ;

Which were severally accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill, "an act to set off certain inhabitants from the town of Jefferson and annex the same to the town of Newcastle," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

"Resolve in relation to Township L, Range 2," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

"Resolve to procure a statue of Maj. Gen. Henry Knox," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Mr. HOYT presented the petition of P. M. Stubbs and others ;

Also, of Daniel Howes and others ;

Severally in aid of the memorial of the State Agricultural Society ;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing a local Auditor of the accounts of the Indian Agents at Oldtown and Passamaquoddy, so that some one of said Indians may appear before said Auditor upon the settlement of said accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RING, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill, entitled

"An act for the preservation of certain useful birds ;"

Which was passed to be enacted in concurrence.

Also, "resolve in favor of John Parent;"

Which was finally passed.

And this bill and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire if any legislation is necessary to enable an assessment of its proportion of the county tax upon the town of Dayton, and report by bill or otherwise.

Was read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of W. R. Sawyer and others, of Milbridge, for leave to extend a wharf into tide waters.

Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Petition of F. J. Parker and 32 others, for the adoption of measures for the sale and settlement of the public lands.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to amendments of sections 5 and 6, chapter 30, of the Revised Statutes,

Was accepted in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to set off the town of Greenfield and Townships No. 1 and 2, in the county of Hancock, and annex the same to the county of Penobscot," reported in the House from the Committee on Division of Counties ;

Bill, "an act to enable the inhabitants of Orland to pay Willard P. White an additional sum for building a bridge," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary ;

Were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of A. J. W. Stevens and others, came back from the House, that branch having non-concurred in accepting the report, and recommitted the same with instructions to report a bill.

Laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of James Cutts and others, came up from the House recommitted with instructions to report a bill.

Laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

"Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean," came back from the House that branch having adhered to its former vote passing the same to be engrossed. The Senate adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the resolve.

Bill, "an act to authorize Eustis plantation to raise money to repair roads and bridges in said plantation."

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Farmington Falls Debating Club and Library Association," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the claim of the Treasurer of the town of Patten, for bounty on wild animals.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DANE, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petition of the Stockholders of Mariners' Bank for leave to surrender their charter, reported bill, "an act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Mariners' Bank;

The same Senator from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Directors of Long Reach Bank, for extension of time to pay last half of stock and for reduction of capital reported bill, "an act additional to an act incorporating the Long Reach Bank;"

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Edmund Smith and others, for extension of time to put in operation the Lowell Bank at Lewiston, reported bill, "an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lowell Bank;"

The reports were severally accepted, the bills severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

“Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;”

“Resolve in relation to trespasses upon the public lands;”

Severally reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, were read a second time, and severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren plantations,” was read a second time, and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the majority report of the Committee on Senatorial Votes.

The report was accepted by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry of Waldo, Burbank, Burpee, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Davis, Goddard, Hoyt, Sargent, Scamman, Stinchfield, Twitchell, Wasson, West, Woodbury—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Hobart, Jones, Thomas, Wiggin—4.

And accordingly Mr. McCLUSKY was declared Senator from the Eighth Senatorial District.

Remonstrance of Stephen Walker and 85 others of Brunswick,
Remonstrance of Samuel H. Foote and 34 others of Brunswick;
Remonstrance of Elijah C. Hatch and 27 others of Perkins;
Remonstrance of Carlton Houdlette and 28 others of Richmond;
Remonstrance of Charles Clapp, Jr., and 39 others of Bath;
Remonstrance of Sanford Rittal and 45 others of Lincoln county;
Severally against the alteration of the law relating to fisheries in the Kennebec river.

Severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of the town of Stoneham, for bounty on wild animals.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. B. D. Peck, Treasurer of State, transmitting the information required by an order of the Legislature, passed March 4, relating to the amount of “surplus revenue” belonging to Madawaska, remaining in the treasury;

Which was read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. THOMAS,

Bill, "an act to regulate and restrain the sale of intoxicating drinks," was taken from the table. The same Senator proposed amendments as per sheet A. Mr. WOODBURY proposed amendment as per sheet B. Mr. TWITCHELL proposed amendment as per sheet C.

The bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. THOMAS, and to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify the Governor and Council, that by the concurrent vote of the two branches of this Legislature, William H. Titcomb was elected Major General of the Fourth Division of the Militia of Maine, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William S. Cochran.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to make up the pay for milage and attendance of Parker P. Burleigh, to and including to-morrow.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. MOORE of Hallowell.

Orders from the House.

That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing further laws to prevent log stealing.

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be directed to take under consideration the propriety of the State selling stumpage on the public lands, and if stumpage is sold, at what price the State should sell the same, and report to the Legislature.

That an act to amend chapter 149 of the Public Laws of 1845, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of H. B. Emery and 37 others of Bradley;

Petition of Nelson Rowe and 43 others of Masardis;

Severally in reference to the sale and settlement of the public lands;

Remonstrance of David C. Magoun and 63 others of Bath;

Remonstrance of William Woodbury and 32 others of Portland;

Severally against loaning the credit of the State in aid of the Aroostook railroad;

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

Remonstrance of Silas Blake and 54 others of Harrison;

Remonstrance of Benjamin Walker and 69 others, of Bridgton;

Severally against any change of tolls on the Cumberland and Oxford Canal;

Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Remonstrance of William Spring and 48 others of Alexander, against the petition of Godfrey Lydick.

Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Paul Peavey;

Report of the Committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of E. B. Hinckley and others;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Columbus Crockett," reported in the House from the Committee on Claims, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Order from the House.

That the Senate be requested to return to the House, 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, on their files for the year 1857.

Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WEST.

Mr. HAMLIN asked leave to record his vote in favor of accepting the report of the Committee on Senatorial Votes.

Mr. PLAISTED, Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, Mr. WING and Mr. CARLETON, severally made a like request, which were severally granted.

And on motion of Mr. GODDARD, leave was granted to Mr. CARLETON and to Mr. HOBART to publish their remarks on the question.

Bill, "an act additional to acts incorporating the city of Portland," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvent estates," was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Bill, "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Maine State Seminary," was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, reported bill, "an act additional to chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes."

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Ephraim Alley, 2d, and others, reported bill, "an act to make valid the proceedings of School Districts No. 3 and 6, in Dresden;"

The reports were severally accepted, the bills severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, presented the remonstrance of R. H. Gardiner and 190 others, of Gardiner, against the petition of Directors of the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge Company, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS presented the remonstrance of A. W. H. Clapp and 60 others, of Portland, against the loaning of the credit of the State to any railroad or projected railroad, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS presented the remonstrance of Samuel F. Perley and 69 others, against the passage of a bill authorizing a change in the law establishing rates of toll and freight on Cumberland and Oxford Canal, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Committee on Education, reported that said Committee have passed upon all matters referred to them, and ask to be discharged from further service.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLETCHER from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of J. L. Rogers and others;

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of the Mayor of the city of Bath;
The reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

“Resolve in favor of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren plantations,” was taken from the table, amended as per sheet A, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill, “an act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating drinks.”

On motion of Mr. WEST,

The vote ordering consideration of the bill section by section was reconsidered.

Of the amendments on sheet A, offered by Mr. THOMAS, No. 1, 2, 3 and 5, were adopted. No. 4 and 6, were rejected.

Pending the adoption of amendment 7, same sheet, the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, and to-morrow morning assigned for its further consideration.

The Secretary transmitted the message with which he was charged yesterday, and informed the Governor and Council of the election of William H. Titcomb, as Major General of the Fourth Division of the Militia of Maine, in place of Major General William S. Cochran, resigned.

Mr. GODDARD moved to reconsider the vote passing to be engrossed “resolve in relation to trespasses upon public lands,” and that motion was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be and hereby are instructed to inquire into the expediency of a repeal or an alteration of the 33d section of the 49th chapter of the Revised Statutes, so that a Director in insurance companies may also be Secretary or Treasurer.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Merritt, for twenty dollars to be paid back to him, which was paid into the State Treasury in 1856, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of William Singer and 12 others, of Thomaston, for alteration of law in criminal cases, so as to make towns and cities liable for costs in cases originating in said towns.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of J. S. Huxford and 80 others of Brooks;

Petition of T. C. S. Berry and 38 others, of Smyrna;

Petition of Samuel Butman of Plymouth;

Severally in aid of the memorial of State Agricultural Society;

Remonstrance of James W. North and 40 others, against loaning the credit of the State in aid of the Aroostook Railroad Company;

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

Account of the city of Portland, against the State.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill "an act relating to evidence in courts," ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court;

Report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to amending chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, as to the collection of taxes;

Report of the Committee on Education, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to High and Graded schools;

Report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to school books;

Report of the same Committee, that "resolve in favor of Nathaniel Allen," ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee of the York County Delegation, on petition of Francis Bacon, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of John McClusky," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads:

"Resolve in favor of Justus Gray," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

"Resolve in favor of Wingate Bradbury," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

"Resolve for the conveyance of land to John Crosby and Alfred W. Johnson," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Bill, "an act to reduce the capital stock of the Pejepscot Bank," reported in the House from the Committee on Banks and Banking;

Bill, "an act to authorize a reduction in the capital stock of Richmond Bank," reported in the House from the Committee on Banks and Banking;

"Resolve in aid of building mills in Township No. 5, Range 13," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Bill, "an act to reduce the capital stock of the Union Bank," reported in the House from the Committee on Banks and Banking;

Bill, "an act to reduce the capital stock of the Maine Bank," reported in the House from the Committee on Banks and Banking;

"Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom," reported in the House from the Committee on Military Pensions;

Bill, "an act additional to an act incorporating the Waldo Mills Company;"

“Resolve in favor of the State Prison Committee;”

“Resolve in favor of the Medical School of Maine,” reported in the House from the Committee on Education;

Were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill, “an act relating to the laying out of streets and ways in the city of Portland,” passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House recommitted to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. The Senate receded from its former vote and recommitted the bill in concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of W. Crowell and others, reported bill, “an act to incorporate the town of Somerville;”

Mr. GODDARD, from the Select Committee, to which was referred bill, “an act to establish salaries for County Commissioners,” reported the same with the blanks filled.

The reports were severally accepted, the bills severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill, “an act to set off the town of Greenfield and Township Nos. 1 and 2 in the county of Hancock, and annex the same to the county of Penobscot;”

Bill, “an act to enable the inhabitants of Orland to pay Willard P. White an additional sum for building a bridge;”

Severally reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, “an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lowell Bank;”

Bill, “an act to make valid the proceedings of school districts No. 3 and 6 in Dresden;”

Bill, “an act to accept the surrender of the charter of the Mariners’ Bank;”

Severally reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to extend the time for paying in the capital stock of the Long Reach Bank and for a reduction," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Joint Select Committee on Insolvent Law, to which was recommitted bill, "an act for the relief of insolvent debtors," reported the bill in a new draft.

The report was accepted, bill was once read, and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

The motion of Mr. GODDARD to reconsider the vote passing to be engrossed "resolve in relation to trespasses upon the public lands," was taken from the table, and the vote was reconsidered. The resolve was amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Bill, "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Maine State Seminary," was taken from the table. Mr. JONES proposed amendment as per sheet annexed marked A, and the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HAMLIN.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire if any legislation is necessary to make sections 37, 43 and 50, of chapter 18, of the Revised Statutes, consistent with each other.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McCLUSKY,

Ordered, That the communication of the Treasurer, in answer to the order of the Legislature of the 4th instant, be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Education, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of funding the surplus revenue with the interest belonging to the Madawaska plantations, the annual interest of which is to be applied to education in said plantations.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of David Brown, with bill, "an act in relation to the South Kennebec Agricultural Society," and "resolve in favor of Arletta A. Brown," came up from the House recommitted, with instructions to report an order of notice on the officers of the South Kennebec Agricultural Society, returnable to-morrow afternoon. The Senate recommitted the report in concurrence.

Petition of Henry R. Bradbury and 18 others of Hollis, for abatement of tax, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following bills reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

"An act additional to chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of lime;"

"An act to amend section 15th, of chapter 5th, of the Revised Statutes, relating to lands reserved for public uses;"

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the Eastern Bank, Bangor;"

"An act to authorize the extension of Jack's Point Wharf, in Newcastle;"

"An act to set off a part of the town of Jefferson and annex the same to the town of Newcastle;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield;"

"An act to authorize Samuel Averill, 2d, to build a wharf in Newcastle;"

"An act to incorporate the North Leeds Steam Mill and Manufacturing Company;"

"An act relating to the discipline of the State Prison;"

"An act to incorporate the Fayette Mutual Fire Insurance Company;"

"An act to incorporate the Woodland Cemetery Company;"

"An act repealing an act to incorporate the Portland Marine Railway;"

“An act to incorporate the Proprietors of Maine Wharf in Portland;”

“An act to amend chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnization;”

“An act additional to an act to authorize the town of Milo to erect and maintain a toll bridge for a limited time, approved August 8, 1848;”

“An act to incorporate the East Branch Mattawamkeag Dam Company;”

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

“Resolves relating to taxes on Holbrook Island;”

“Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes;”

“Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians;”

“Resolve in favor of John Attean and John Neptune;”

“Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;”

Were finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill “an act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating drinks.”

Amendment 7 on sheet A, was withdrawn.

Amendment 8, 9 and 10 adopted.

The bill was further amended, on motion of Mr. GODDARD, as per sheet annexed marked D.

Mr. TWITCHELL proposed to further amend as per sheet E; pending the adoption of which the Senate

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Order from the House.

That the delegation from Sagadahoc county, in the House of Representatives, representing the towns therein, together with such as the Senate may join, be a Joint Select Committee to inquire into the expediency of an increase of the salary of the Register of Probate in said county, and report by bill or otherwise;

Was read and passed, in concurrence, and Messrs. West, Burpee and Chapman, joined on the part of the Senate.

Remonstrance of Edward Fox and 30 others, against loaning the credit of the State in aid of the Aroostook Railroad, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire, if any or what amendment is necessary to chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes.

Was read and passed in concurrence.

The order relating to referring the communication of the Treasurer of State, relating to the surplus revenue belonging to the Madawaska plantations, to the Committee on Education, came back from the House referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the members who composed the Joint Standing Committee on Education. The Senate receded from its former vote and concurred with the House in the reference.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Jonathan Deveraux, to be set off from Cornish and annexed to Parsonsfield;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Isaac Lemont and others to be set off from Brunswick and annexed to the city of Bath;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Henry A. Smith

and others for a division of the town of Stoneham, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of D. W. Pillsbury and others for an act of incorporation as a manufacturing company;

Report of the Committee on the Library, that they have disposed of all the subjects referred to them, and asking to be discharged from further service;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to authorize William R. Sawyer to extend a wharf into tide waters in Milbridge harbor," reported in the House from the Committee on Interior Waters;

Bill, "an act to make valid the doings of the town officers of the town of Brownville, reported in the House, from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill, "an act to authorize the sale of a school house in Augusta," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill, "an act amending an act for the preservation of fish in St. Croix river," reported in the House from the Committee on Fisheries;

Were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to ascertain and report to the Legislature, on or before Monday next, what reports, books, documents, pamphlets, and other papers, the Board of Agriculture and the Maine State Agricultural Society, are required and permitted by law to have printed at the expense of the State; together with the sum that will be required to pay for the printing for said board and society for the year 1857.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in relation to trespassers on the public lands," came back from the House, that branch having refused to concur with the Senate, and insisted on its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed. The Senate adhered to its former vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which

was referred on an order relating to further legislation on sections 37, 43 and 50, of chapter 18 of Revised Statutes, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. WING, from the Committee on the Militia, reported that said Committee have acted on all business referred to them, and ask to be discharged from further service;

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of Eastbrook, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred an order relating to the expediency of repealing sections 35, 36 and 37, of chapter 38, of Revised Statutes, reported legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of S. E. Griffith and others reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of J. L. Rogers and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Daniel Merritt, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petition of the Directors of Gardiner Bank, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Division of Counties, to which was referred the petition of Isaac Reed and others of Lincoln county, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported that said Committee have attended to all the duties assigned them, and ask to be discharged from further service;

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of the inhabitants of town of Falmouth, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Which reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns,

to which was referred the petition of J. B. Hall and others, to be incorporated into a town, reported bill, "an act to incorporate the town of Presque Isle.

The report was accepted. The bill read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the town of Somerville," reported by the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, was read a second time, amended as per sheet A annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to establish salaries for county commissioners," was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. GODDARD.

"Resolve in favor of the Medical School of Maine," was read a second time, and pending the adoption of the House amendment A, the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

"Resolve in favor of Columbus Crockett," was read a second time, and Monday next, assigned for its further consideration.

"Resolve in aid of Justus Gray," was read a second time, and Monday next assigned for its further consideration.

"Resolve in favor of John McClusky," was read a second time, and Monday next assigned for its further consideration.

Bill, "an act to reduce the capital stock of the Pejepscot Bank;"

Bill, "an act additional to an act incorporating the Waldo Mills Company;"

Bill, "an act to authorize a reduction in the capital stock of the Richmond Bank;"

Bill, "an act to reduce the capital stock of the Maine Bank;"

Bill, "an act to reduce the capital stock of the Union Bank;"

"Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom;"

"Resolve in favor of Wingate Bradbury;"

"Resolve for the conveyance of land to John Crosby and Alfred W. Johnson;"

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on State Prison;"

“Resolve in aid of building mills in township No. 5, range 13;”

Were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Division of Counties, to which was referred the petition of Paul Cyr, reported bill, “an act to establish the county of Madawaska;”

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Benaiah Dow, reported bill, “an act to set off certain territory from Paris to Woodstock;”

Mr. DANE, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petition of Alexander Johnston and others, reported bill, “an act to incorporate the Wawenock Bank;”

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of T. H. Marshall and others, reported bill, “an act to incorporate the Belfast Gas Light Company;”

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order requiring of inn keepers to provide suitable ladders and fire escapes to their respective houses, reported bill, “an act to provide for the greater security of travellers and lodgers at inns during fires;”

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Mark Trafton, Jr. and others, reported bill, “an act to authorize Limestone plantation to raise money to repair roads in said plantation;”

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred a “resolve in favor of Joseph B. Hall,” reported “resolve in favor of Joseph B. Hall and others;”

The reports were severally accepted. The bills and resolves severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Bill, “an act in relation to Trustees of Railroads,” was taken from the table. Mr. FLETCHER proposed an amendment as per sheet marked A, pending the adoption of which, the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order inquiring whether the present laws on bail in

criminal cases are sufficient, reported bill, "an act relating to bail in criminal cases."

The report was accepted, the bill once read, and laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. STINCHFIELD presented the petition of Nathaniel Blake, relating to a conveyance of land in township No. 13, range 6, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire if section 24, of chapter 3, of Revised Statutes, needs amendment as to the time of electing assessors and other subordinate officers of cities.

Was read and passed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes," was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes so that contracts may be enforced against married women.

Also, to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 18, so as to close proceedings at an earlier day in certain cases before county commissioners.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be directed to inquire if any amendment or alteration is necessary in section 25, chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in the county of Aroostook," was finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "an act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating drinks."

The bill was further amended as per sheet annexed marked E.

Pending the further consideration the Senate

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Petition of inhabitants of Searsport, for by-laws.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petition of S. K. Patridge and others of Whitefield, for alteration in the law relating to mill dams.

Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Claim of Treasurer of Stoneham, for bounty ;

Claim of J. C. Fletcher, for bounty ;

Severally referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Albert P. Gould and others of Thomaston, that Thomaston may be made half-shire town of Lincoln county.

Ordered to be filed with the reports and papers of the Committee on Division of Counties.

Were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of D. F. Adams ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Rufus Dwinel, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of C. F. A. Johnson and others ;

Report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the selling of stumpage on public lands ;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Charles A. Everett and others, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns on the petition of Joel Bean and others, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Also, same report on the petition of John W. Caldwell and others ;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, that bill, "an act in addition to an act to establish the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation," ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, referring the petition of Jonathan Hall and others to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of A. B. Robinson and others ;

Report of the Judiciary Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to permitting libelants to testify ;

Also, same report on an order relating to evidence on trials upon poor debtors' bonds ;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Oxford and Portland Central Railroad Company ;

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, that the petition of J. G. Blaine and others, be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Anthony Brackett ;

Report of the Cumberland Delegation, ordering notice returnable to the next Legislature on petition of the commissioners of Cumberland county ;

Report of the Committee on Accounts, that the account of the city of Portland, be referred to the Governor and Council ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to set off certain lands from Poland and annex the same to Otisfield," reported in the House from the Committee on Division of Towns, ;

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Brunswick Savings Institution," reported in the House from the Committee, on Banks and Banking ;

Bill, "an act to reduce the capital stock of the City Bank at Bath," reported in the House from the Committee on Banks and Banking ;

Were severally once read, and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

"Resolves relating to Kansas Affairs," were read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by the yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Berry of Waldo, Burbank, Burpee, Davis, Fletcher, Hamlin, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, McClusky,

Sargent, Scamman, Stinchfield, Thomas, Twitchell, Wasson, West, Wiggin, Wing, Woodbury—21.

Bill, "an act to set off certain territory from Mount Vernon and annex it to Readfield," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch having passed the bill to be engrossed. The Senate adhered to its former vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, that legislation is inexpedient on an order respecting protection from irresponsible foreign insurance companies, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WASSON.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison be directed to inquire into the expediency of having an investigation made into the system of labor and discipline in the Maine State Prison as compared with that in other States, with the view of determining whether the same may be placed upon a self-supporting basis, and not continue as heretofore a burden on the State treasury.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication from Lewis D. Moore, Esq., Deputy Secretary of State, with the abstract from the annual returns of the several Railroad Corporations, which were laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. SARGENT, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of Joseph Meservey and others, praying for a law to prevent the taking of fish in Moosehead lake, reported a bill, "an act to amend chapter 40, section 53 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking fish from Moosehead lake."

The report was accepted. The bill once read, and Monday next, at 9 o'clock, assigned for the second reading.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of S. A. Morse and others of Machias, praying for amendment of the act of incorporation of the Machias Log Driving Company, reported leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of E. D. Prescott, praying for an act of incorporation, reported bill, "an act to incorporate the Sandy River Boom and Log Driving Company."

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Edward Scribner and others, praying that a part of Poland may be annexed to Casco, reported bill, "an act to set off certain land from Poland and annex the same to Casco.

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

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad, praying for an extension of charter, reported bill, "an act additional to incorporate the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad Company;"

Mr. STINCHFIELD, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported "resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians;"

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of John Gardner and others, praying for the incorporation of the Maine Granite Company, reported bill, "an act to incorporate the Maine Granite Company;"

Mr. HOBART, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the petition of the Passamaquoddy Indians, reported "resolve in favor of Passamaquoddy Indians;"

Reports severally accepted. The bills severally once read, and Monday next, assigned for their second reading.

Mr. HOYT, from the Joint Special Committee on Education, to which was referred the order relative to the "surplus revenue" belonging to Madawaska plantation, together with the Treasurer's communication on the same subject, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the act relating to the laying out of

streets and ways in the city of Portland, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of S. L. Boulter and others, to incorporate Jackson Brook plantation into a town, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Also, asking to be discharged from further service.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, made a report asking to be discharged from further service ;

Mr. BERRY of Waldo, made a like report from the Committee on Public Buildings ;

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Godfrey Lydick, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

These reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Wawenock Bank ;"

Bill, "an act to set off certain territory from Paris to Woodstock ;"

"Resolve in favor of Joseph B. Hall and others ;"

Severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act amending an act for the preservation of fish in the St. Croix river ;"

Bill, "an act to authorize William R. Sawyer to extend a wharf into tide waters in Milbridge harbor ;"

Bill, "an act to make valid the doings of the town officers of the town of Brownfield ;"

"Bill, an act to authorize the sale of a school house in Augusta ;"

Severally read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Ordered, That after Monday next, (March 15,) the Senate hold two sessions each day, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. and at 2 1-2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

Bill, "an act in relation to Trustees of Railroads," was taken

from the table. The amendment proposed by Mr. FLETCHER marked A adopted, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to establish the county of Madawaska," was read a second time. Mr. JONES moved its indefinite postponement, and that motion was laid on the table on motion of Mr. BURPEE.

Petition of Robbinston Farmers' Club, for an act of Incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend section 24 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the election of assessors and subordinate officers of cities," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, was read, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a report on the printing ordered to be done by the State Agricultural Society, which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBART, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made a final report, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBART, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred an order relating to a local auditor of accounts of Indian affairs, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES presented the following:

Ordered. That the Committee on Accounts be directed to audit and allow the accounts for printing performed by the direction and for the Maine State Agricultural Society, for the year 1857.

Mr. LOTHROP proposed amendment A, pending the adoption of which, the order was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. JONES.

On motion of Mr. BURBANK,

That the amendments to the liquor bill adopted by the Senate, be printed for the use of the Legislature. Also, the sections affected by such amendments as amended.

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

“An act to enable the inhabitants of Orland to pay Willard P. White an additional sum for building a bridge;”

“An act to set off the town of Greenfield and Townships No. 1 and 2 in the county of Hancock, and annex the same to the county of Penobscot;”

“An act to provide for enforcing liens on vessels;”

“An act to incorporate the Eastport Mutual Fire Insurance Company;”

“An act to incorporate the Farmington Falls Debating Club and Library Association;”

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Masters, Smith & Co. ;”

“Resolve in favor of Parker P. Burleigh;”

Were severally finally passed in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill “an act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating drinks.” The bill was further amended as per sheets F, G, H, I, J, and K, and pending its further consideration the Senate

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill, "an act relating to witnesses on trials of indictments," ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that bill, "act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical and chemical purposes," referred from the last Legislature, ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of William Singer and others;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that legislation is inexpedient on order relating to further legislation relating to trespassers;

Report of the same Committee, referring to the next Legislature the petition of Joel Knight, for conveyance of land;

Report of the same Committee, referring to the next Legislature the petition of John F. Pike and others;

Also, same report on petition of Charles A. Everett and others;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Edward Stevens and others;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Isaac P. Tibbetts and others;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel Libbey and others;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, referring to the next Legislature the petition of William Sargent. Laid on the table on motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Asa Hamilton and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Final report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave

to withdraw on petition of Gardiner Bank, came up from the House recommitted. Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Bill, "an act to amend the 39th section of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes," reported in the House from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns;

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Bangor Mutual Fire Insurance Company," reported in the House from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance;

Bill, "an act to incorporate the St. Croix Gas Light Company," reported in the House from the same Committee;

Bill, "an act to authorize Eustis plantation to raise money for the repair of roads and bridges in said plantation," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Waterville Mutual Fire Insurance Company," reported in the House from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance;

Bill, "an act to change the names of certain persons," reported in the House from the Committee on Change of Names;

"Resolve in favor of John C. Cleaveland," reported in the House from Committee on Claims;

"Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital," reported in the House from the Committee on the Insane Hospital;

Were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill, "an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison," came back from the House amended as per sheet annexed marked C. The Senate laid it on the table.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The order introduced by him on Saturday relating to the accounts for printing for the Maine State Agricultural Society, was taken from the table. The amendment proposed by Mr. LOTHROP was adopted; and as amended the order was passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a final report asking to be discharged from further service.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

A communication of Noah Barker, Esq., Land Agent, was received, as follows :

LAND OFFICE, March 10, 1858.

Hon. SETH SCAMMAN, *President of the Senate* :

In compliance with an order of the Senate, under date of the 1st of March, instant, I herewith transmit to the Senate the following schedule, embracing "the amount paid or contracted to be paid to the State for the sale of public lands for each year inclusive, from 1827 to 1858," as shown by the annual report of the Land Agent in 1855, and from the books in this office.

I have the honor to be,

respectfully, your ob't serv't,

NOAH BARKER, *Land Agent*.

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

Mr. WEST, from the Committee on Manufactures, made a final report asking to be discharged from further service;

Which was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODBURY, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the claims of the treasurers of several towns for bounty upon wild animals, reported a "resolve in favor of treasurers of Bethel and others."

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

Bill, "an act additional to incorporate the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad Company," was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HAMLIN.

Bill, "an act to amend section 24 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the election of assessors and subordinate officers of cities."

Read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

"Resolve in favor of John McClusky," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills, entitled

"An act to incorporate the Maine Granite Company;"

"An act to provide for the greater security of travelers and lodgers at inns during fires;"

"An act to amend chapter 40, section 53 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of fish from Moosehead lake;"

"An act to set off certain lands from Poland and annex the same to Casco;"

"An act to authorize Limestone plantation to raise money to repair roads in said plantation;"

"An act to incorporate the Belfast Gas Light Company;"

"An act to incorporate the Sandy River Boom and Log Driving Company;"

"Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians;"

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;"

Severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay before the Senate the items of the expense of the Trustees of the Insane Hospital and State Reform School for the years 1856 and 1857.

Read and passed.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The vote passing to be engrossed "resolve in relation to Township L, Range 2," was reconsidered. The resolve was then amended by striking out the words "six thousand five hundred," and inserting instead "five thousand," and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, made a final report asking to be discharged from further service;

Which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order inquiring into the justice of allowing persons

charged with crime to testify upon their trial, reported bill "an act relating to witnesses and evidence."

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

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred an order inquiring into the expediency of providing by law that the report of judicial decisions shall be prepared and published by the Supreme Judicial Court, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator from the same Committee, reported that they have examined all matters before them, but are unable to report finally on a few orders and petitions where parties have been partially heard, and ask leave to be allowed until March 17th to report finally.

Report accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS presented bill, "an act making further provisions in equity."

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD presented bill, "an act in addition to an act to incorporate the Lewiston Institution for Savings."

Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Bill, "an act to establish salaries for county commissioners," was taken from the table. Same Senator proposed amendment as per sheet A, pending the adoption of which the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. JONES.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

"Resolve in favor of Columbus Crockett," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

"Resolve in favor of William Jameson and others, and of Samuel

A. Gilman and others," was taken from the table, read and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to authorize a reduction in the capital stock of Richmond Bank," being on its passage to be enacted, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Farmington Falls Debating Club and Library Association.;"

Bill, "an act additional to acts incorporating the city of Portland.;"

Bill, "an act additional to an act incorporating the Waldo Mills Company.;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Wingate Bradbury.;"

"Resolve for the conveyance of land to John Crosby and Alfred W. Johnson.;"

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on State Prison.;"

"Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom.;"

"Resolve in aid of building mills in township No. 5, range 13.;"

Which were finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill, "an act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating drinks."

The bill was amended as per sheet marked L. On motion of Mr. WOODBURY the rules were suspended and the vote refusing to adopt amendment as per sheet marked M was reconsidered and the same was adopted. Mr. GODDARD proposed an amendment, pending the adoption of which the Senate

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. SMITH of the House.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what amendment, if any, of section 20, chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes, is necessary, and report by bill or otherwise ;

Was read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Timothy Gibson and others, in relation to pension granted to William Poor, Jr.

Referred to Special Committee, consisting of former Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order for a survey of the line between Maine and New Hampshire, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Judiciary Committee, that bill "an act concerning the liabilities of owners of buildings used for public assemblies," ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on State Printing, that they have attended to all the business before them and ask to be discharged from further service ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to an act incorporating the Proprietors of the Gardiner and Pittston bridge," reported in the House from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges ;

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 123 of the Special Laws of 1857, relating to the Augusta Free Bridge Company," reported in the House from the same Committee ;

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, respecting the limitations of real actions," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary ;

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 136 the Revised Statutes,

for the collection and disposal of fines and costs in criminal cases," reported in the House from the same Committee;

Bill, "an act to authorize the town of Milbridge to purchase or hire a bridge," reported in the House from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges;

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the destruction of moose and deer," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

"Resolve relating to taxes of the towns of Hollis and Dayton," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians," reported in the House from the Committee on Indian Affairs;

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge across the north branch of Dead river in Franklin county," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

"Resolve for the repair of the Military road," reported in the House from the same Committee;

Were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve authorizing an examination of the mineral resources of Piscataquis county," came from the House recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, with instructions as per sheet A annexed. The Senate non-concurred, and indefinitely postponed the resolve.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act allowing the challenges of jurors in civil cases," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, was read once, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TWITCHELL,

The vote accepting the report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, referring to the next Legislature an order for a survey of the line between Maine and New Hampshire, was reconsidered. The report was amended giving leave to bring in a resolve, and as amended the report was accepted. The resolve was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act in relation to the South Kennebec Agricultural

Society," (passed to be engrossed in the House,) was read once, and Thursday next assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve in favor of Arletta A. Brown," reported in the House from Committee on the Judiciary, was once read, and Thursday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HAMLIN, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Rufus Dwinel and others, reported "resolve in favor of Rufus Dwinel, D. W. Bradley and Harrison Knowles."

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

On motion of Mr. THOMAS,

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Portland and New York Steamship Company," was taken from the table, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, from the Committee of Conference, on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing vote of the two branches of the Legislature on the report of the Judiciary Committee, relating to costs in criminal prosecutions, made a report recommending to the Senate to recede and concur with the House in recommitting the same with the instructions of the House.

The report was accepted. The Senate receded and concurred with the House in recommitting the report.

"Resolves relating to Kansas and slavery," reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed; the yeas and nays being ordered on their passage to be enacted, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Burbank, Burpee, Carleton, Chapman, Connor, Davis, Fletcher, Goddard, Hamlin, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, Scamman, Stinchfield, Thomas, Twitchell, Wasson, West, Wiggin, Wing, Woodbury—23.

NAYS—Mr. Hobart—1.

The bill was signed by the President and by the Secretary, and transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Bill, "an act relating to witnesses and evidence," was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Bangor Mutual Fire Insurance Company," was read a second time, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, relating to towns," was read a second time, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital;"

Bill, "an act to change the names of certain persons;"

"Bill, an act to incorporate the St. Croix Gas Light Company;"

"Bill, an act to incorporate the Waterville Mutual Fire Insurance Company;"

"Resolve in favor of John A. Cleaveland;"

Were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the treasurers of the towns of Bethel, Stoneham and Clifton; also, A. Spooner," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee on Reform School, reported that they had examined all matters referred to them, and ask to be discharged from further service.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURBANK,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn each day at half-past 12, P. M., until otherwise ordered; and that the afternoon sessions commence at half-past 2, and the morning sessions at half-past 9.

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Bill, "an act to repeal an act incorporating the town of Elliotsville," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CARLETON, by leave, introduced bill, "an act in relation to costs in civil cases," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator, by leave, introduced bill, "an act in relation to costs in criminal prosecutions before magistrates," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

Bill, "an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison," was taken from the table, the House amendment C adopted, and as amended, the bill passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Bill, "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Maine State Seminary," was taken from the table. Mr. JONES withdrew his amendment. Mr. CARLETON proposed amendment marked A, to which Mr. GODDARD proposed amendment marked B, when the bill was again laid on the table.

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

"An act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Lowell Bank;"

"An act to authorize the sale of a school house in Augusta;"

"An act to make valid the doings of the town officers of the town of Brownfield;"

"An act to authorize William R. Sawyer to extend a wharf into tide waters in Milbridge harbor;"

"An act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Mariners' Bank;"

“An act amending an act for the preservation of fish in St. Croix waters ;

Which were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill, “an act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating drinks.” The bill was further amended as per sheets annexed marked N and O, and being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was passed to be engrossed, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Berry of Waldo, Burbank, Burpee, Chapman, Connor, Goddard, Hamlin, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, Scamman, Thomas, Twitchell, Wasson, West, Woodbury—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Dane, Fletcher, Hobart, Stinchfield, Wiggin, Wing—7.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BEAN of Augusta.

Order from the House.

That the Judiciary Committee be requested to inquire into the expediency of altering section 13 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to costs of jury in laying out ways;

Was read and passed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Robbinston Farmers' Club," reported in the House from the Committee on Agriculture;

Bill, "an act relating to certain courts in the county of Lincoln," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve in favor of Columbus Crockett," came back from the House, that branch insisting on its former vote passing the same to be engrossed, and proposing a Committee of Conference, with Messrs. Loring of Guilford, Snow of Atkinson, and Bicknell of Augusta, Conferees on the part of the House.

The Senate adhered to its former vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," came from the House refused a passage to be engrossed. The Senate receded and concurred with the House in refusing the resolve a passage.

"Resolve in favor of East Maine Conference Seminary," came back from the House indefinitely postponed. The House amendment A was rejected, and the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the West Gardiner Academy," came from the House, that branch having adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the same.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee of Conference on the bill, made a report recommending that the Senate adhere to its former vote.

The report was accepted, and the Senate adhered.

"Resolve in relation to township L, range 2," came from the House, that branch having insisted on its former vote, and proposing a Committee of Conference, with Messrs. Pike of Calais, Spooner of New Portland, and Miller of Portland, appointed Conferees on the part of the House. The Senate insisted on its former vote, and appointed Conferees, as follows: Messrs. Hamlin, McClusky and Jones.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting an abstract of accounts of the Trustees of the Insane Hospital, for their services for 1856 and 1857, in compliance with an order of the 15th instant, which was read, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. JONES.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE,

The vote of yesterday, passing to be engrossed bill, "an act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating drinks," was reconsidered. On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebee, the bill was laid on the table and 350 copies thereof, as amended, ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. WING,

Bill, "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill, "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Maine State Seminary," was taken from the table, and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD,

Bill, "an act to amend chapters 6 and 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the location and repair of roads in unincorporated places," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CONNOR,

The report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Gardiner Bank, was taken from the table and recommitted, in concurrence.

Mr. HOYT, from the Select Committee appointed to consider the expediency of changing the Constitution so as to hold annual elections in November instead of September, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Bill, "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

"Resolve in favor of Justus Gray," was taken from the table and recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, for the collection of fines and costs in criminal cases," was read twice, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Bill, "an act relating to executions against Sheriffs," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills, entitled

"An act to amend chapter 123 of the Special Laws of 1857, relating to the Augusta Free Bridge Company;"

"An act to authorize Eustis plantation to raise money for the repair of roads and bridges in said plantation;"

"An act to amend chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, respecting the limitation of real actions;"

"An act to authorize the town of Milbridge to purchase or hire a bridge;"

"Resolve relating to taxes of the towns of Hollis and Dayton;"

"Resolve in favor of Passamaquoddy Indians;"

Were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LOTHROP,

"Resolve in favor of Stephen L. Goodale," was taken from the table, pending the consideration of which, the Senate

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of "Resolve in favor of S. L. Goodale," which was under consideration at the moment of adjournment this forenoon. Passed to be engrossed, in concurrence,

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill, "an act to authorize the reduction of the capital stock of the Richmond Bank," was taken from the table, passed to be enacted, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Bill, "an act additional to an act incorporating the proprietors of the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge," was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. BERRY.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the destruction of moose and deer;"

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Brunswick Savings Institution;"

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge across the north branch of Dead river, in the county of Franklin;"

"Resolve for the repair of the Military road;"

Bill, "an act to reduce the capital stock of the City Bank, Bath;"

Were severally read twice, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Rufus Dwinel, Daniel W. Bradley and Harrison Knowles," was read a second time, and refused a passage to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN,

Bill, "an act additional to incorporate the Bangor, Oldtown and

Milford Railroad Company," taken from the table, amended as per sheet A annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act to incorporate the Waterville Mutual Fire Insurance Company;"

"An act relating to the discipline of the State Prison;"

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the Union Bank;"

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the Maine Bank;"

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the Pejepscot Bank;"

"An act to amend section 24 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the election of assessors and subordinate officers of cities;"

"An act to change the names of certain persons;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of John McClusky;"

"Resolve in relation to trespassers upon the public lands;"

"Resolve in favor of John A. Cleaveland;"

"Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital;"

"Resolves relating to Kansas affairs;"

Which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Bill, "an act for the relief of insolvent estates," was taken from the table, and pending its consideration, the Senate

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Petition of David Brown and 156 others, for laws to diminish litigation and to reduce the expenses of the same. Referred to Joint Select Committee, in concurrence, consisting of Messrs. Rice of Hampden, French of Damariscotta, Tapley of Saco, Moore of Limerick, Banks of Biddeford, Knapp of East Livermore, Chadbourne of Standish, on the part of the House, with Messrs. Fletcher, Burbank and McGilvery, appointed on the part of the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the expediency of passing further laws to prevent log stealing;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the inhabitants of Searsport, for by-laws;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act regulating the taxation of costs, additional to chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes;"

Bill, "an act to increase the salaries of the Judge of Probate and Register of Probate of the county of Sagadahoc," reported in the House from the Sagadahoc delegation;

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, relative to demands on stockholders of corporations," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to banks and banking," reported in the House from the Committee on Banks and Banking;

Were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Belfast Gas Light Company," came back from the House amended as per sheet A annexed. The Senate adopted House amendment A, and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act in relation to Trustees of Railroads," came up from the House further amended as per sheet annexed marked B. The Senate adopted amendment B, in concurrence. On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, the vote adopting amendment A was reconsidered, and that amendment was further amended as per sheet C annexed, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve providing for surveying and marking the line of the State between Maine and New Hampshire," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Arletta A. Brown," was read a second time, and indefinitely postponed by the yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Berry of Waldo, Burpee, Connor, Davis, Fletcher, Hamlin, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, McGilvery, Scamman, Stinchfield, Thomas, Twitchell, Wasson, Wiggin, Wing, Woodbury—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Burbank, Carleton, Chapman, Goddard, West—5.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act in relation to the South Kennebec Agricultural Society," was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, reported that said Committee had acted on all matters before them, and ask to be discharged.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WING,

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Militia," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Robbinston Farmers' Club," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday indefi-

nately postponing "resolve in favor of East Maine Conference Seminary," and the motion was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WASSON.

Mr. WEST moved to reconsider the vote refusing passage to "resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," pending the consideration of which,

The Senate adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

The motion of that Senator pending at the adjournment this forenoon, was laid on the table.

Bill, "an act to set off certain lands from Poland and annex the same to Otisfield," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act relating to certain courts in the county of Lincoln," was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. BERRY of Waldo.

Mr. HAMLIN, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing vote between the two branches of the Legislature, on "resolve in relation to township L, range two," reported that the Senate recede from its former vote and pass the resolve by striking out "five hundred," so as to read "six thousand acres" instead of "six thousand five hundred acres."

The report was accepted, and the resolve amended as recommended by the Committee, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. THOMAS,

Bill "an act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating drinks," was taken from the table, and being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and motion of Mr. BURPEE, the bill was again laid on the table and to-morrow at 10 o'clock assigned for its further consideration.

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

“An act to incorporate the Maine Granite Company;”

“An act to authorize Limestone plantation to raise money to repair roads in said plantation;”

“An act to amend chapter 40, section 53, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of fish from Moosehead lake;”

“An act to incorporate the Wawenock Bank;”

“An act to incorporate the St. Croix Gas Light Company;”

“An act to amend chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, respecting the limitations of real actions;”

“An act to authorize Eustis plantation to raise money for the repair of roads and bridges in said plantation;”

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;”

“Resolve relating to taxes of the towns of Hollis and Dayton;”

“Resolve in favor of Stephen L. Goodale;”

“Resolve for the repair of the Military Road;”

Which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

The Senate reconsidered the vote passing to be engrossed bill, “an act in relation to Trustees of Railroads;” also reconsidered vote adopting the House amendment B, and rejected the same; and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CARLETON, by leave, introduced bill, “an act additional to chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes,” which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD, by leave, introduced bill, “an act additional to an act approved February 17th, 1858, altering the time for holding the May Term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Lincoln,” which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Accounts, to which was

referred an order relating to the accounts for printing for the Maine State Agricultural Society, reported that they had examined and allowed the same.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the expediency of reducing the expenses of the judiciary system of this State, reported reference of the same to the next Legislature;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to the modification or simplification of forms in civil or criminal process, reported reference of the same to the next Legislature.

The reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

Bill, "an act relating to certain courts in the county of Lincoln," was taken from the table, and amended as per sheet annexed marked B, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BARTLETT of Augusta.

Order from the House.

That the claims of the town of Charleston for bounty paid on wild animals, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill, "an act making further provisions in equity," ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to contracts of married women;

Were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend sections 50 and 54, of chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to banks and banking," reported in the House from the Committee on Banks and Banking;

Bill, "an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 15, in the town of Parkman," reported in the House from Committee on Education;

Bill, "an act to incorporate the City of Brunswick," reported in the House from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns;

Bill, "an act to amend the 40th chapter of the Revised Statutes, relating to fisheries," reported in the House from Committee on Fisheries;

"Resolve relating to the sale of the public lands," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill, "an act for the preservation of trout and pickerel in the waters of the Sebago lake, Brandy pond, Long pond, Crooked river and their tributary streams, in the county of Cumberland," came back from the House amended as per sheet A annexed, which was laid on the table.

"Resolve in favor of William Jameson and Samuel A. Gilman and others," came back from the House indefinitely postponed.

The Senate insists on its former vote, propose a conference, and appoint Messrs. Wasson, Hobbs and Davis, Conferees on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the resolve came back, with Messrs. Goodale of Orrington, Wasson of Brooksville, Parsons of Eustis plantation, appointed Conferees on the part of the House.

"Bill, an act to secure the safety and convenience of travelers on railroads," reported in the House from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, was read once, and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill, "an act to regulate and restrain the sale of intoxicating drinks," with title amended so that it reads, "an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops," was taken from the table. On motion of Mr. WOODBURY, the bill was amended by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting instead, printed bill No. 38, Senate Document, as previously amended, and as amended, passed to be engrossed, by the yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, Berry of Waldo, Burbank, Burpee, Chapman, Connor, Davis, Fletcher, Goddard, Hamlin, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, McGilvery, Plaisted, Scamman, Stinchfield, Thomas, Twitchell, Wasson, West, Wing, Woodbury—24.

NAYS—Mr. Wiggin—1.

"Bill, an act additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Banks and Banking," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act regulating the taxation of costs, additional to chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes," was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, by leave, introduced bill, "an act

additional to an act to incorporate the city of Gardiner," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LOTHROP moved to reconsider the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Accounts, relating to printing for the Maine State Agricultural Society, and that motion was laid on the table on motion of the same Senator.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill, "an act for the relief of insolvent debtors," and on motion of the same Senator, Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock M., was assigned for proceeding to vote on the question of its passage to be engrossed, when on motion of Mr. WOODBURY, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Bill, "an act to establish salaries for county commissioners," was taken from the table, and pending the adoption of the amendment to the amendment proposed by Mr. WOODBURY, the Senate

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill, "an act to establish salaries for county commissioners. The bill was amended as per sheets annexed marked A and B, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURBANK,

"Resolve in favor of the Medical School of Maine," was taken from the table. The House amendment A was rejected, and the resolve was refused a passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, respecting parishes and religious societies," was taken from the table, the Senate insisted on its former vote indefinitely postponing the

bill, and appointed Messrs. Jones, Burbank and Berry of Kennebec, Conferees on their part, the House having appointed Messrs. Boody of Brunswick, Johnson of Augusta, and Woodman of Bucksport, Conferees on their part.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Bangor Mutual Fire Insurance Company," came back from the House, that branch having insisted on its former vote, proposed a conference, with Messrs. Prentiss of Bangor, Miller of Portland, and Rice of Hampden, Conferees on the part of the House. The Senate insisted, and appointed Messrs. Stinchfield, Goddard and Wing, Conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Bill, "an act to establish the county of Madawaska," was taken from the table, and referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD introduced the following:

Ordered, That no bill or resolve not reported by an appropriate Committee shall be read a second time at this board, unless by special votes of the Senate;

Which was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WING.

Mr. WING, by leave, introduced "resolve in favor of A. T. Wheelock," which was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to increase the salaries of the Judge of Probate and and of the Register of Probate in the county of Sagadahoc;

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, relative to demands on stockholders of corporations;

Were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. WASSON, by leave, introduced bill, "an act to create and establish the office of Auditor in each of the several counties in this State," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act additional to chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the destruction of moose and deer;"

"An act to authorize the town of Milbridge to purchase or hire a bridge;"

"An act relating to executions against Sheriffs;"

"An act to make valid the doings of School Districts No. 3 and 6 in Dresden;"

"An act to incorporate the Brunswick Savings Institution;"

"An act to incorporate the Portland and New York Steamship Company;"

"An act relating to certain courts in the county of Lincoln;"

"An act to set off certain lands from Poland and annex the same to Otisfield;"

"An act to amend chapters 6 and 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the location and repair of roads in unincorporated places;"

"An act additional to chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to banks and banking;"

"An act to amend chapter 123 of the special laws of 1857, relating to the Augusta Free Bridge Company;"

"An act to incorporate the Sandy River Boom and Log Driving Company;"

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the City Bank at Bath;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted.

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge across the north branch of Dead river in the county of Franklin;"

"Resolve in favor of the treasurers of the towns of Bethel, Stoneham and Clifton. Also, of A. Spooner;"

Which were finally passed.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Bill, "an act to set off certain territory from Paris to Woodstock," being on its passage to be enacted, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON, the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to

poor debtors in prison, was taken from the table, and pending its consideration the Senate

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. FELCH of Hallowell.

Order from the House.

That the Land Agent be directed to insert in his next annual report, a schedule showing the amount paid out in each county for roads, bridges, schools, mills, or for any other improvement or purposes connected with the sale or settlement of the public lands. Also, the amount of lands granted by the State in aid of literary institutions in the several counties. Also, the amount received for lands, timber, grass, &c., from the territorial limits of each county, from 1820 to 1858, inclusive, so far as may be shown from the books in the Land Office;

Was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HAMLIN.

Orders from the House.

That the claim of the treasurer of the town of Houlton, for bounty paid on wild animals, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Claims;

That the claim of the treasurer of the town of Hanover, for bounty paid on wild animals, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Claims;

Were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of G. W. Pickering and others, for the incorporation of the Bangor Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the Conference on bill, "an act to incorporate the Bangor Mutual Fire Insurance Company," in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Josiah S. Jewett and 59 others of Gorham, against the enactment of the bill for the suppression of the liquor traffic, was ordered to be filed with the report and papers of the Liquor Law Committee, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Portland Hotel Company;"

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, re-

specting Directors of Mutual Insurance Companies," reported in the House from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance;

Bill, "an act to revive and extend the charter of the Mercantile Bank, Bangor," reported in the House from the Committee on Banks and Banking;

"Resolve in aid of repairing a road and building a bridge in township No. 2, in the second range, west of Kennebec river, in the county of Somerset;"

"Resolve for the repair of the bridge over Mattawamkeag river, in Township No. 1, Range 2, in the county of Aroostook;"

"Resolve for the repair of road in Letter B, R. 1;"

Severally reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, were severally once read, and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House indefinitely postponed. The Senate concurred.

"Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy," was once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, was read once, and Tuesday next assigned for its second reading.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Tapley of Saco, informing the Senate, that the House, in the absence of the Speaker, has made choice of WASHINGTON GILBERT, Esq., of Bath, as Speaker *pro tem*.

A message was received from the House, through its Clerk, requesting the Senate to return to that branch, a bill, entitled "an act to make valid the proceedings of school districts No. 3 and 6 in Dresden," if the same is in the possession of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The Secretary of the Senate was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, requesting them to return to the Senate, bill, "an act to make valid the proceedings of school districts No. 3 and 6 in Dresden," if in their possession, and if it has not been signed by the Governor.

Mr. WASSON, by leave, introduced "resolve to collect certain securities in the Land Office," which was once read, and Monday next, assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD,

Ordered, That the claims of the treasurer of the town of Chester, for bounty paid on wild animals, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STINCHFIELD, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing vote between the two branches on passing the bill, "an act to incorporate the Bangor Mutual Fire Insurance Company," reported recommending the adopting of amendment submitted marked A.

The report was accepted, bill amended, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend the 40th chapter of the Revised Statutes, relating to fisheries," was read a second time, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend sections 50 and 54 of chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to banks and banking," was read a second time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

Bill, "an act to make valid the doings of School District No. 15, in the town of Parkman," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the report of Albert T. Wheelock," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Judiciary Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relative to the support of poor debtors in prison, said report having come back from the House recommitted. The Senate adhered to its former vote accepting the report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Accounts, reported "Resolve for the payment of additional roll of accounts number 38."

The report was accepted, the resolve once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Bill, "an act establishing a State Normal School," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

The motion of Mr. WEST, to reconsider the vote refusing a passage to "resolve in favor of the Westbrook Seminary," was taken from the table, and by leave of the Senate, Mr. WEST withdrew his motion.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The report of the Committee on Agriculture on the petition of A. J. W. Stevens and others, was taken from the table and referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The report of the Committee on Agriculture on the petition of James Cutts and others, was taken from the table and referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Bill, "an act relating to the fees of witnesses," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Bill, "an act amending chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act to incorporate the Robbinston Farmers' Club;"

"An act to incorporate the Belfast Gas Light Company;"

"An act to set off certain land from Poland and annex the same to Casco;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to township L, range 2;"

Which was finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday morning at 9 1-2 o'clock.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill, "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Maine State Seminary," approved March 16, 1855, reported that the bill in a new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted. Bill once read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes," was taken from the table, and Mr. CARLETON proposed amendments as per sheet A annexed. The bill and amendment were recommitted to the Committee on Education, on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

The report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to protection from irresponsible foreign insurance companies, was taken from the table, and accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. BUTTERFIELD of Hallowell.

Claim of the Treasurer of Bloomfield, for bounty on silk.

Referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Treasurer of the town of Leeds.

Referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of T. Gibson, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to repeal an act incorporating the town of Elliottsville," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House amended as per sheet B annexed. The Senate receded from its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed; the amendment B was amended as per sheet C annexed, and as amended adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to incorporate the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad," came back from the House further amended as per sheet B annexed. The Senate receded from its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and concurred with the House in adopting amendment B, and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Reform School," came back from the House further amended as per sheets marked D and E. The bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. GODDARD, and to-morrow at 10 1-2 o'clock assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. WASSON by leave laid on the table, bill, "an act additional to an act to change Gorham Academy to a Female Seminary, ap-

proved August 20th, A. D. 1850," which was read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS by leave laid on the table, "resolve in favor of Oren Currier," which was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve to collect certain securities in the Land Office;"

"Resolve for the payment of Additional Roll of Accounts No. 38;"

Bill, "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Maine State Seminary, approved March 15, 1855;"

Were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Portland Hotel Company;"

Bill, "an act to revive and extend the charter of the Mercantile Bank, at Bangor;"

"Resolve in aid of repairing a road and building a bridge in township No. 2, in the 2d range west of the Kennebec river, in the county of Somerset;"

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, respecting Directors of Mutual Insurance Companies;"

Were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve for the repair of road in Letter B, R. 1," was read a second time, and amended as per sheet A annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve for the repair of the bridge over the Mattawamkeag river in township No. 1, range 2, in the county of Aroostook," was read a second time, and as amended refused a passage to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on State Prison, which was directed to visit that institution, made a report, submitting a "resolve for the enlargement of the State Prison;"

Also, "resolve in favor of the State Prison ;"

Also, "resolve providing for an investigation into the affairs of the State Prison."

The report was laid on the table and 350 copies of the same with the accompanying papers, ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Bill, "an act for the preservation of trout and pickerel in the waters of Sebago lake, Brandy pond, Long pond and Crooked river and their tributary streams in the county of Cumberland," was taken from the table, the House amendment A was adopted whereby the title of the bill was changed to "an act for the preservation of fish in certain waters," and as amended the bill passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Bill, "an act to repeal section 22 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, relating to paupers," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing vote between the two branches on bill, "an act additional to chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies," made a report recommending the passage of the bill in a new draft.

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

On motion of Mr. JONES,

The report of the Committee on Interior Waters, referring to the next Legislature the petition of William Sargent, was taken from the table and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. DAVIS proposed the following :

Ordered, The House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature adjourn *sine die*, on Friday the 26th instant, which was laid on the table.

Petition of the Selectmen of the town of Webster, to make valid

the records of said town for the years 1856, 1857 and 1858, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the City of Brunswick," was read a second time, House amendments A and B, were rejected, when on motion of Mr. JONES, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Bill "an act additional to chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes," was taken from the table, pending the consideration of which, the Senate

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill, "an act additional to chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes," which was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Bill, "an act relating to suits against sheriffs and certain other officers," was taken from the table, amendment A of the House was adopted. The bill was further amended as per sheet B, and as amended was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY,

Bill, "an act to amend the charter of the Augusta Water Power Company," was taken from the table and referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor by the Secretary of State, informing the Senate, that the act entitled "an act to make valid the proceedings of School Districts No. 3 and 6 in Dresden," although in his possession had been signed by him when its return was requested by the Senate, if the same had not been signed.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

The Secretary of the Senate was charged with a message to the

House of Representatives conveying to that branch the information in relation to the "act to make valid the proceedings of School Districts Nos. 3 and 6 in Dresden."

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, requesting him to return to this branch of the Legislature a bill entitled "an act to incorporate the Sandy River Boom and Log Driving Company," if the same has not been signed by him.

The message was communicated by the Secretary.

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

"An act to increase the salaries of the Judge of Probate and Register of Probate of the county of Sagadahoc;"

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank;"

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these bills having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Nathaniel Blake, reported reference of the same to the next Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CARLETON, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Nathaniel Bryant and others, reported bill, "an act additional to chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes in relation to mill dams."

Accepted. Bill once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

A message was received from the Governor by the Secretary of State, transmitting to the Senate, bill, "an act to incorporate the Sandy River Boom and Log Driving Company,"

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

The votes passing this bill to be enacted, also to be engrossed were

reconsidered. The bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. HOYT.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Bill, "an act to aid the Aroostook Railroad Company, increase the value and promote the sale and settlement of the public lands," was taken from the table, read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. WASSON, and to-morrow morning at 9 1-2 o'clock assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

Bill, "an act to amend sections 50 and 54 of chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to banks and banking," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Bill, "an act relating to witnesses and evidence," was taken from the table, and amended as per sheet A. Mr. CARLETON proposed an amendment B; pending the adoption of which the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN.

Bill, "an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops," came back from the House amended as per sheets annexed marked C, D and E. The Senate receded from its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendments of the House, and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

ATTEST :

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. MOORE of Hallowell.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Justus Gray, for conveyance of land, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of Sumner Whitney and others, for change of location of State Road in Letter G, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, relating to guardians," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill, "an act to amend section 11 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

"Resolve relating to the compensation of the Commissioner at Washington," reported in the House from the Joint Special Committee on Claims at Washington;

Were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Waldo,

The vote of yesterday passing to be engrossed "resolve for the payment of additional roll of accounts No. 38," was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN,

Bill, "an act to aid the Aroostook Railroad Company, increase the value and promote the sale and settlement of the public lands;"

Also, bill, "an act to incorporate the Aroostook Railroad Company;"

And "resolves providing for an amendment of the Constitution respecting the loan of the credit of the State and the amount of its indebtedness;"

Were taken from the table, read a second time, and the whole subject was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. HAMLIN.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Waldo,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House requesting that body to return to the Senate a "resolve providing for the payment of additional roll of accounts No. 38."

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently, the resolve was returned to the Senate, by Mr. Wilcox, Clerk of the House, and the resolve laid on the table on motion of Mr. BERRY of Waldo.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies;"

"Resolve in favor of Oren Currier;"

Were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, relating to mill dams," was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. JONES.

The hour having arrived assigned by the Senate to vote upon bill, "an act for the relief of insolvent debtors," its further consideration was assigned for this afternoon, on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN.

Bill, "an act for the safety and convenience of railroad passengers," was read a second time, and 12 o'clock to-morrow assigned for taking the vote thereon.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

The order relating to the final adjournment of the Legislature, was taken from the table. Mr. CARLETON proposed to amend by striking out "Friday, the 26th," and inserting instead, "Tuesday, the 30th," pending the consideration of which, the order was tabled on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

"Resolve for the repair of the bridge over the Mattawamkeag river in township No. 1, range 2, in the county of Aroostook," came up from the House, that branch having insisted on its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, with Messrs. Spooner of New

Portland, Woodbury of Houlton, and Libbey of Molunkus, appointed Conferees on the part of the House. On motion of Mr. JONES, the Senate insisted on its former vote, and appointed Messrs. Jones, Burpee and Wiggin, Conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HOYT,

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Sandy River Boom and Log Driving Company," was taken from the table, and amended as per sheet A annexed, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Reform School," was taken from the table, and pending its consideration, the Senate

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill, "an act additional to chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Reform School," which was before the Senate at the moment of adjournment this forenoon.

On the question of the adoption of amendment D of the House, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the amendment was adopted, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Burbank, Burpee, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Davis, Fletcher, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, McClusky, McGilvery, Sargent, Wasson, West, Wiggin, Wing, Woodbury—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Goddard, Hamlin, Plaisted, Scamman, Stinchfield, Thomas—6.

House amendment E also adopted. The bill as amended, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by the yeas and nays, as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Burbank, Burpee, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Davis, Fletcher, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, McClusky, McGilvery, Sargent, Wasson, West, Wiggin, Wing, Woodbury—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Goddard, Hamlin, Plaisted, Scamman, Stinchfield, Thomas—6.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

Bill, "an act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was taken from the table. The yeas and nays were ordered on the question of the passage of the bill to be engrossed, and was refused a passage by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Burbank, Chapman, Goddard, McGilvery, Sargent, Wasson—6.

NAYS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Burpee, Carleton, Connor, Dane, Davis, Fletcher, Hamlin, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, McClusky, Plaisted, Scamman, Stinchfield, Thomas, West, Wiggin, Wing, Woodbury—21.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

The report of the Committee on State Prison, was taken from the table, the report was accepted, and the "resolve for the enlargement of the State Prison," "resolve in favor of the State Prison," "resolve providing for an investigation into the affairs of the State Prison," were assigned for consideration to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the City of Brunswick," came back from the House, that branch having insisted on its former vote passing the bill, and proposing a conference, with Messrs. Boody of Brunswick, Johnson of Augusta, and Hagar of Richmond, appointed Conferees on the part of the House. The Senate insisted on its former vote, and appointed Messrs. Carleton, Goddard and West, Conferees on their part.

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

"An act to amend chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, relative to demand on stockholders of corporations ;"

"An act for the preservation of trout in certain waters ;"

"An act to make valid the doings of School District No. 15, in the town of Parkman ;"

"An act to amend the 40th chapter of the Revised Statutes, relating to fisheries ;"

"An act to incorporate the Portland Hotel Company ;"

"An act to amend chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, respecting directors of mutual insurance companies ;"

"An act additional to incorporate the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad Company ;"

"An act to provide for the greater security of travelers and lodgers at inns during fires ;"

"An act in relation to Trustees of Railroads ;"

"An act to revive and extend the charter of the Mercantile Bank, Bangor ;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Also, resolves, entitled

"Resolve in aid of repairing a road and building a bridge in township No. 2, in second range west of the Kennebec river, in the county of Somerset ;"

"Resolve providing for surveying and marking the State line between Maine and New Hampshire ;"

"Resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School ;"

Were finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN,

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Aroostook Railroad Company," was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,

The "resolves providing for an amendment of the Constitution respecting a loan of the credit of the State and the amount of its indebtedness," was taken from the table. The yeas and nays were ordered on their passage to be engrossed, and they were refused a passage by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Carleton, Connor, Goddard, Hamlin, McClusky, McGilvery, Plaisted, Sargent, Stinchfield, Wasson—10.

NAYS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Burbank, Burpee,

Chapman, Dane, Davis, Fletcher, Hoyt, Jones, Scamman, Thomas, West, Wiggin, Wing, Woodbury—16.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,

Bill, "an act to aid the Aroostook Railroad, increase the value and promote the sale and settlement of the public lands," was taken from the table. The yeas and nays were ordered on its passage to be engrossed, and the bill was refused a passage by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Carleton, Connor, Goddard, Hamlin, McClusky, McGilvery, Plaisted, Sargent, Stinchfield, Wasson—10.

NAYS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Burbank, Burpee, Chapman, Dane, Davis, Fletcher, Hoyt, Jones, Scamman, Thomas, West, Wiggin, Wing, Woodbury—16.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CARLETON moved to reconsider the vote referring to the next Legislature, bill, "an act to amend the charter of the Augusta Water Power Company," and that motion was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. WEBB of Augusta.

Report of the Committee of Waldo Delegation, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Judge of Probate of Waldo county for increase of salary;

Report of the Committee on Finance, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Z. H. Spinney and others, for abatement of valuation of Georgetown;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Flagstaff stream, in Somerset;"

"Resolve for the repair of the road on Indian township;"

"Resolve in favor of Phillis Russell;"

"Resolve for the repair of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook;"

"Resolve in aid of the heirs of Benjamin Lowell and Lydia Lowell;"

Severally reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Bill, "an act relating to fines and costs of criminal prosecutions," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

"Resolve in relation to settling accounts of Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians;"

Which were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill, "an act relating to Fish Wardens," was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend section 23, chapter 39, of the Revised Statutes, respecting the mode of packing and marking paper," came back from the House amended as per sheet marked A. The Senate

receded from its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted House amendment A, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was recommitted the petition of the Directors of the Gardiner Bank, reported bill, "an act to reduce the capital stock of the Gardiner Bank."

The report was accepted, the bill once read, 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 11 of the Revised Statutes," reported the same in a new draft.

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

Bill, "an act to change the names of certain persons," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act amending section 20, chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sheriffs," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported that the Committee have attended to all the business before them, and asking to be discharged.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Militia," came from the House refused a passage to be enacted. On the question of concurring with the House, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the Senate refused to nonconcur, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Burpee, Chapman, Goddard, Stinchfield—4.

NAYS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., Connor, Davis, Fletcher, Hamlin, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, McGilvery, Plaisted, Sargent, Scamman, Thomas, Wasson, West, Woodbury—16.

The bill was accordingly refused a passage to be enacted, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, relating to guardians," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Waldo,

"Resolve for the payment of additional roll of accounts No. 38," was taken from the table. The same Senator moved an amendment which was rejected, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

The order relating to final adjournment was taken from the table. The amendment proposed by Mr. CARLETON was rejected, and the order was withdrawn by its mover, Mr. DAVIS.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, The House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature adjourn *sine die*, on Monday, the 29th instant.

On motion of Mr. FLETCHER,

Bill, "an act to secure the safety and convenience of travelers on railroads," was taken from the table. Amendments A, B, C and E of the House were adopted, and as amended, being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and pending the further consideration of the subject, the Senate

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill, "an act to secure the safety and convenience of travelers on railroads," which was before the Senate at the moment of adjournment this forenoon. And the question being on referring the bill to the next Legislature, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the Senate refused so to refer by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Burbank, Chapman, Connor, Goddard, Hamlin, Plaisted, Thomas, Wing, Woodbury—9.

NAYS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., Burpee, Davis, Fletcher, Hoyt, Jones, McGilvery, Sargent, Scamman, Wasson, West—11.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

"Resolve providing for an investigation into the affairs of the State Prison," was taken from the table, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,

"Resolve for the enlargement of the State Prison," was taken from the table, read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN.

On motion of the same Senator,

"Resolve in favor of the State Prison," was taken from the table, read a second time, amended as per sheet A annexed, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Bill, "an act in relation to the South Kennebec Agricultural Society," was taken from the table, and amended as per sheets A, B and C annexed, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN.

Bill, "an act relating to the pay of Fish Wardens," was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve in favor of Rufus Dwinel, Daniel W. Bradley and Harrison Knowles," refused a passage in the Senate, came from the House passed to be engrossed, and was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Bill, "an act amending section 20 of chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Sheriffs," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

Bill, "an act additional to an act incorporating the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge Company," was taken from the table, amended as per sheets annexed marked A, B and C, and as amended, laid on the table on motion of Mr. BURPEE.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill, "an act regulating the taxation of costs, additional to chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

"Resolve relating to the compensation of the Commissioner at Washington," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend section 11 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to taxes," was read a second time, amended as per sheet A annexed, and as amended indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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 guardians;"

"An act to amend sections 50 and 54 of chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Banks and Banking;"

"An act to amend chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes;"

"An act to incorporate the town of Somerville;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Also, "resolve relating to the report of Albert T. Wheelock;"

"Resolve for the repair of road in Letter B, Range 1;"

Which were finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN, the following order was taken from the table:

Ordered, That the Land Agent be directed to insert in his next annual report, a schedule showing the amount paid out in each county for roads, bridges, schools, mills, or for any other information or purposes connected with the sale or settlement of the public lands. Also, the amount of lands granted by the State in aid of literary

institutions in the several counties. Also, the amount received for lands, timber, grass, &c., from the territorial limits of each county, from 1820 to 1858, inclusive, so far as may be shown from the books in the Land Office;

Which was passed, in concurrence.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. COLBY of Augusta.

Report of the Judiciary Committee, on bill, "an act in relation to costs in criminal prosecutions," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill, "an act additional to chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, requiring school district agents to give bonds," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that bill, "an act relating to suits in civil cases," ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that bill, "an act to incorporate the city of Gardiner," ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to alteration of section 13, chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes;

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Selectmen of Webster;

Report of the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of David Brown and others, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Fayette, was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Isaac Sturdevant, accompanied by bill, "an act to amend the charter of the Cumberland Marine Railway Company, and the act incorporating the Franklin Wharf Company," that the same be referred to the next Legislature, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Lewiston Institution for Savings," reported in the House from the Committee on Banks and Banking;

Bill, "an act relating to reviews," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

"Resolve relating to the valuation of Unity plantation;"

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, respecting unincorporated townships;"

Were severally read once, and this afternoon assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin York," was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to repeal an act entitled an act to make valid the proceedings of School Districts Nos. 3 and 6 in Dresden," was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to an act to change Gorham Academy to a Female Seminary," approved August 20th, 1850, came from the House amended as per sheet annexed marked A. The Senate receded from its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed. House amendment A adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to the publication of the Private and Special Laws of Maine," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act for the relief of insolvent debtors," came back from the House referred to the next Legislature, and was laid on the table on motion of Mr. GODDARD.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on final adjournment, that the Legislature may adjourn finally on Friday the 26th instant, was rejected, in concurrence.

"Resolve to transfer the location of Calais Academy Grant," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads," was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the town of Presque Isle," came from the House amended as per sheet A annexed. The Senate

rejected House amendment, and adhered to its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act relating to the pay of fish wardens;"

"Resolve in relation to settlement of accounts with Indians in this State;

"Resolve for the repair of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook;"

"Resolve in favor of Phillis Russell;"

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge over the Flagstaff stream, in the county of Somerset;"

"Resolve in favor of the heirs of Benjamin Lowell and Lydia Lowell;"

"Resolve for the repair of the road in Indian township;"

Severally read twice, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to reduce the capital stock of the Gardiner Bank," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes," was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Bill, "an act to amend section 23, chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes, respecting the mode of packing and marking paper," came back from the House, that branch insisting on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposing a Conference, with Messrs. Brackett of Westbrook, Johnson of Augusta, and Rice of Hampden, Conferees on their part. The Senate insisted, and appointed Messrs. Thomas, Hobbs and Connor, Conferees on its part.

On motion of Mr. CHAPMAN,

"Resolve in favor of Rufus Dwinel, Daniel W. Bradley, and Harrison Knowles," was taken from the table. The Senate receded from its former vote refusing the resolve a passage, and passed the same to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy," was read a second

time, amended as per sheet A annexed, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act relating to fines and costs of criminal prosecutions," was read a second time, House amendment A adopted, and as amended, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by the yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Burbank, Burpee, Chapman, Davis, Hamlin, Hobbs, Hoyt, Plaisted, Sargent, Scamman, Thomas, Wasson, Wing, Woodbury—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Connor, Goddard, Jones, Stinchfield, West, Wiggin—6.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to witnesses," was read a second time, amended as per sheets A and B, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act regulating the taxation of costs, additional to chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act relating to distribution of school money in Gardiner," was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WASSON, from the Committee of Conference on disagreeing vote between the two branches on the passage to be engrossed of the "resolve in favor of William Jameson and others, and Samuel A. Gilman and others," reported recommending that the Senate adhere to its former vote. And the Senate adhered.

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

Bill, "an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops;"

Which was passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Also, "resolve in favor of William Jameson and others; and Samuel A. Gilman and others;"

Which was finally passed, in concurrence.

And this bill and resolve having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE,

Bill, "an act additional to an act incorporating the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge Company," was taken from the table, and pending its consideration the Senate

Adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill under discussion at the moment of adjournment this forenoon. On motion of Mr. BURPEE, the vote accepting amendment A was reconsidered, and the amendment was rejected. And the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians;"

"Resolve relative to valuations of Unity plantation and town of Albion;"

Bill, "an act relating to the distribution of school money in Gardiner;"

Bill, "an act relating to reviews;"

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, respecting unincorporated townships;"

Bill, "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Lewiston Institution for Savings;"

Were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, by leave, laid on the table, bill, "an act to amend chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes." The bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1858, amounting to \$200,919.30, reported in the House from the Com-

mittee on Finance, which was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD, by leave, introduced bill, "an act establishing the time for holding the annual sessions of the Supreme Judicial Court as a court of law," which was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State;"

"Resolve in favor of Corinna Union Academy;"

"Resolve in favor of Francis Cook;"

Bill, "an act relating to the protest of bills of exchange;"

Bill, "an act additional to an act approved February 17, 1858, altering the time of holding the May Term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Lincoln," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;

"Resolve for the repair of Mattawamkeag bridge, in the county of Penobscot," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN,

The motion of Mr. CARLETON to reconsider the vote referring to the next Legislature bill, "an act to amend the charter of the Augusta Water Power Company," was taken from the table, and the vote reconsidered. Mr. HAMLIN proposed amendment A, which was adopted, and the bill as amended was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing vote between the two branches on the passage to be engrossed of bill, "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes, relating to packing and marking paper," reported recommending that the Senate recede and concur with the House in passing the bill as amended to be engrossed. The report was accepted, and the Senate adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the bill.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Waldo,

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet A annexed, and as amended, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes," was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Accounts, to which was referred the claim of the Treasurer of Eastbrook for bounty, reported reference of the same to the next Legislature. The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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 Monday, the 29th instant.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Bill, "an act to repeal an act to incorporate the town of Islandport," was taken from the table. Mr. WASSON proposed amendment A, which was adopted, and the bill, as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JONES,

Bill, "an act relating to bail in criminal cases," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Woodville, Pattagumpus and Nickatow," was read once, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

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

"An act to change the names of certain persons;"

"An act additional to chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Reform School;"

“An act amending section 20, of chapter 80, of the Revised Statutes, relating to sheriffs;”

“An act to repeal the act incorporating the town of Elliottsville;”

“An act to incorporate the Sandy River Boom and Log Driving Company;”

“An act additional to chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies;”

“An act to incorporate the Bangor Mutual Fire Insurance Company;”

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren plantations;”

“Resolve relating to the compensation of the Commissioner at Washington;”

“Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians;”

Which were finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. DAVIS offered the following:

That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be printed under his supervision and direction 350 copies of the Journal of the Senate for the present session; and that he cause three copies of the same to be distributed to each of the members of this Senate, one copy to each member of the present House of Representatives, one copy to each of the State Senators for 1859, and that the remaining copies be deposited in the State Library, which was laid on the table on motion of Mr. JONES.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DEXTER of Augusta.

Bill, "an act for the suppression of certain common nuisances," reported in the House from the Select Committee on the suppression of Drinking Houses and Tippling Shops; was read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes, relating to proceedings in court," came from the House amended as per sheet C annexed. The amendment was adopted and the bill indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Aroostook Railroad Company," came up from the House amended as per sheet annexed marked A. The Senate receded, adopted House amendment A, and passed the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act relating to the protests of bills of exchange;,"

"Resolve in favor of Francis Cook;,"

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin York;,"

"Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the Secretary of State;,"

Were severally read twice, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Corinna Union Academy," was read twice and laid on the table on motion of Mr. WASSON.

Mr. JONES, from the Committee of Conference on disagreeing vote between the two branches, on "resolve for the repair of the bridge over the Mattawamkeag river, in Township No. 1, Range 2, in the county of Aroostook;" reported recommending that the Senate recede from its vote adopting amendment A, and pass the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report was accepted. The Senate receded from its vote

adopting amendment A, and passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes," was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Mr. FLETCHER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to trying cases by one judge, reported bill, "an act to amend section 12, of chapter 134 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the trial of capital cases."

The report was accepted, the bill once read, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. GODDARD.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a minority report on the same subject, signed by C. W. Goddard, Hiram Chapman, B. F. Buxton, submitting bill, "an act to simplify proceedings in trials for murder."

The report was accepted, the bill once read, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. GODDARD.

Mr. WOODBURY, by leave, laid on the table "resolve in favor of Samuel Wasson," which was once read, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes," reported in the House from the Judiciary Committee, was once read, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

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.

Bill, "an act to establish forms of proceedings which may be used in prosecutions under an act entitled an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, approved March 25, 1858," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS, the following order was taken from the table:

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be printed

under his supervision and direction, 350 copies of the Journal of Senate for the present session; and that he cause three copies of the same to be distributed to each of the members of this Senate, one copy to each member of the present House of Representatives, one copy to each of the State Senators for 1859, and that the remaining copies be deposited in the State Library.

Which was read and passed.

“Resolve to transfer the location of Calais Academy grant,” passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of the State Prison,” came back from the House, that branch having amended Senate amendment as per sheet B annexed. The Senate receded, adopted amendment B, and as amended, passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill, “an act to secure the safety and convenience of travelers on railroads,” being on its passage to be enacted, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill was passed to be enacted by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., Burpee, Davis, Fletcher, Hoyt, Jones, Sargent, Scamman, Wasson, West, Wiggin—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Burbank, Chapman, Connor, Goddard, Hamlin, Plaisted, Stinchfield, Thomas, Wing, Woodbury—10.

And this bill, having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. THOMAS,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State cause to be printed in pamphlet form, 5000 copies, of an act entitled “an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops,” and cause the same to be sent to the clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations for distribution.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

“An act relating to reviews;”

“An act relating to fines and costs of criminal prosecutions;”

“An act additional to an act to incorporate the Lewiston Institution for Savings;

“ An act relating to the distribution of school money in Gardiner ;”

“ An act relating to the taxation of costs, additional to chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes ;”

“ An act additional to chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, respecting unincorporated townships ;”

“ An act in relation to the pay of fish wardens ;”

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

“ Resolve for the repair of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook ;”

“ Resolve in aid of building a bridge over the Flagstaff stream in the county of Somerset ;”

“ Resolve in favor of Rufus Dwinel, Daniel W. Bradley and Harrison Knowles ;”

“ Resolve in favor of Oren Currier ;”

“ Resolve for the repair of the road on Indian Township ;”

“ Resolve in favor of Phillis Russell ;”

“ Resolve for the payment of additional roll of accounts No. 38.”

“ Resolve relating to Unity plantation and the town of Albion ;”

“ Resolve in favor of Francis Cook ,”

“ Resolve in relation to settling accounts with Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians ;”

“ Resolve in aid of the heirs of Benjamin Lowell and Lydia Lowell ;”

“ Resolve in favor of Penobscot Indians ;”

Which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Bill “ an act relating to witnesses and evidence,” was taken from the table. Mr. CARLETON’S amendment B was rejected, the bill was further amended as per sheet C, and pending its further consideration,

The Senate adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill under consideration at the moment of adjournment this forenoon, and the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. JONES.

Bill, "an act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize certain cities and towns to grant aid in the construction and completion of the Kennebec and Portland Railroad," reported in the House from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, was read once, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, relating to divorces," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend sections 17 and 18 of chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes, relating to steam boilers;"

"Resolve in favor of Rufus Dwinel;"

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the salaries of public officers;"

Were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Order from the House.

That the Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill, entitled "an act to provide for a State valuation," are hereby discharged from further service in that matter.

Was read and passed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy," came back from the House, that branch having insisted on its former vote. The Senate adhered to its former vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

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.

Which was read, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

- On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

Ordered, That the Governor be requested to return a bill entitled "an act to revive the charter of the Mercantile Bank, Bangor," if the same has not been approved and signed by him.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently the bill was returned to the Senate by the Secretary of State, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

"Resolve in favor of East Maine Conference Seminary," was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and the question being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Burpee, Chapman, Fletcher, Hamlin, Hoyt, Jones, McClusky, Plaisted, Scamman, Wasson, West, Wing—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Burbank, Connor, Hobbs, Thomas, Wiggin, Woodbury—6.

Mr. Stinchfield was excused from voting at his own request.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

The motion to reconsider the vote indefinitely postponing "resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary," (appropriating land,) was taken from the table, and the Senate refused to reconsider.

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," was read a second time, the rules being suspended, and the question being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Burbank, Burpee, Chapman, Connor, Davis, Fletcher, Goddard, Hoyt, Jones, McClusky, Plaisted, Scamman, Thomas, Wasson, West—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Hamlin, Hobbs, Stinchfield, Wiggin, Wing, Woodbury—6.

Bill, "an act to create and establish the office of Auditor in each of the several counties in the State," reported in the House from

the Committee on the Judiciary, was read twice, the rules being suspended, House amendments A, B, C, D, adopted; also, House amendment 1 on sheet E; House amendments 2 and 3 on sheet E rejected. Amendment F amended as per sheet G annexed, and as amended, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of the several Colleges, Academies and Literary Institutions of this State,” was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Samuel Wasson,” was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, “an act for the suppression of certain common nuisances,” was read twice, House amendments A and B adopted, and the bill, as amended, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

Bill, “an act in relation to the South Kennebec Agricultural Society,” was taken from the table, and further amended as per sheet D annexed, and as amended, the bill was indefinitely postponed, by the yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., Connor, Davis, Fletcher, Hamlin, Hobbs, Hoyt, McClusky, Plaisted, Scamman, Wasson, Wiggin, Wing, Woodbury—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Burbank, Burpee, Chapman, Goddard, Jones, Stinchfield, Thomas, West—8.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, “an act additional to chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes,” was read twice, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STINCHFIELD,

“Resolve in favor of Corinna Union Academy,” was taken from the table. Mr. McCLUSKY proposed amendment A, and the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. WING.

Adjourned.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1858.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. ARMITAGE of Augusta.

Order from the House.

That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be directed, if practicable, in the recess of the Legislature, to provide the Hall of the House of Representatives with two fire places, provided the same shall not exceed fifty dollars in cost.

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to aid the Aroostook Railroad Company, increase the value, and promote the sale and settlement of the public lands," refused a passage to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch having referred the same to the next Legislature. The Senate adhered to its former vote refusing to pass the bill to be engrossed.

"Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution respecting a loan of the credit of the State and the amount of its indebtedness," refused a passage to be engrossed in the Senate, came from the House, that branch having referred the same to the next Legislature. The Senate adhered to its former vote refusing the resolves a passage.

"Resolve relating to county estimates," reported in the House from the Committee on County Estimates," was read twice, rules being suspended, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. WOODBURY.

Bill, "an act to abolish punishment by death," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee of Conference, on the

disagreeing vote between the two branches, on bill, "an act to incorporate the City of Brunswick," made a report recommending that the Senate recede from its former vote indefinitely postponing the bill, and adopt amendment F submitted.

The report was accepted. The Senate receded, adopted amendment F, and as amended, passed the bill to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Rufus Dwinel;"

"Resolve for the repair of the Mattawamkeag bridge, in the county of Penobscot;"

Bill, "an act to amend sections 17 and 18 of chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes, relating to steam boilers;"

Were severally read twice, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the salaries of public officers," was read a second time, amended as per sheets A and B annexed, and as amended, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve on the Pay Roll of the Senate," was twice read under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy," came back from the House, that branch having insisted on their former vote, proposed a conference, and appointed Messrs. Moore of Limerick, Tapley of Saco, and Johnson of Augusta, Conferees on the part of the House. The Senate refused to reconsider the vote whereby they adhered to their former vote.

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

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the Gardiner Bank;"

"An act additional to an act incorporating the proprietors of the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge;"

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Maine State Seminary, approved March 16th, 1855;"

“An act to repeal an act to incorporate the town of Islandport;”

“An act relating to protests of bills of exchange;”

“An act establishing the time for holding the annual sessions of the Supreme Judicial Court as a court of law;”

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Benjamin York;”

“Resolve to transfer the location of Calais Academy Grant;”

“Resolve providing for an investigation into the affairs of the State Prison;”

“Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the Secretary of State;”

“Resolve in favor of the State Prison;”

Which were finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Bill, “an act relating to witnesses and evidence,” was taken from the table. On motion of Mr. CARLETON, the vote adopting amendment C was reconsidered. The bill was further amended as per sheet D, and as thus amended Mr. WOODBURY moved its indefinite postponement. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the Senate refused to indefinitely postpone by a tie vote, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Carleton, Davis, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, McClusky Scamman, Wasson, Wiggin, Wing, Woodbury—11.

NAYS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Burpee, Chapman, Connor, Fletcher, Goddard, Hamlin, Plaisted, Stinchfield, West—11.

On the question of the passage of the bill to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and

The Senate adjourned to afternoon.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill, “an act relating to witnesses and evidence,” which was passed to be engrossed, by the yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Burpee, Chapman, Connor, Fletcher, Goddard, Hamlin, Plaisted, Stinchfield, West—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Carleton, Davis, Hobbs, Jones, Scamman, Wing, Wiggin, Woodbury—8.

Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Joseph B. Hall and others,” passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch having indefinitely postponed the same. The Senate insisted, proposed a conference, and appointed Messrs. Carleton, Burpee and Woodbury, Conferees on its part.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, “an act to amend section 12, of chapter 134, of the Revised Statutes, relative to the trial of capital cases,” was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve on the Pay Roll of the House,” was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be directed, during the recess of the Legislature, to furnish the Senate Chamber with a larger, more convenient and commodious Secretary’s desk, provided the expense thereof will not exceed \$40.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, “an act additional to chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to attachment of property,” was read once, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. CARLETON.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

Bill, “an act additional to chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, for the collection and disposal of fines and costs in criminal cases,” was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

Bill, “an act to simplify proceedings in trials for murder,” was taken from the table, read the second time, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WING,

Ordered, That the Senate meet on Monday morning next at 5 o'clock.

Bill, "an act additional to an act approved February 17, 1858, altering the time for holding the May Term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Lincoln," was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the treasurers of the towns of Bloomfield, Hanover and Chester," was read second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WOODBURY,

"Resolve relating to County Estimates," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet A annexed, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to procure a corrected map of the State," reported in the House from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and the Senate non-concurred with the House in indefinitely postponing the resolve, and passed the same to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to ascertain the will of the people concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors." Twice read, the rules being suspended, House amendment A adopted, and as amended, the bill passed to be engrossed.

Bill, "an act to create County Auditors," came back from the House, Senate amendment G rejected, and House amendment F amended by striking out "Androscoggin;" the Senate adhered to its amendment G, and passed the bill to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the salaries of public officers," was read once, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. GODDARD,

"Resolve for the enlargement of the State Prison," was taken from the table, read, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the salaries of public officers," came from the House, that Branch insisting on its former vote, and appointing Messrs. Boody of Brunswick, Johnson of Augusta, and Deane of Portland, Conferees. The Senate adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the bill.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act additional to chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxation;"

"An act additional to chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, relating to divorce;"

"An act to establish forms of proceedings which may be used in prosecutions under an act entitled an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops," approved March 25, 1858;

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Also, "resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary;"

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary;"

"Resolve to collect certain securities in the Land Office;"

"Resolve on the Pay Roll of the House;"

"Resolve in favor of Rufus Dwinel;"

"Resolve in favor of Samuel Wasson;"

"Resolve for the repair of Mattawamkeag bridge, in the county of Penobscot;"

"Resolve on the Pay Roll of the Senate;"

Which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Ordered, That no Senator shall be allowed to speak more than

five minutes at any one time; nor more than three minutes the second time, to the same bill.

Bill, "an act to limit the pay of the Trustees of the Insane Hospital and State Reform School, and certain officers connected therewith. Read twice, the rules being suspended, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it adjourn to 7 o'clock this evening.

Bill, "an act to amend section 12 of chapter 134 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the trial of capital cases," came from the House, that branch non-concurring and proposing a Committee of Conference, with Messrs. Pike of Calais, Woodman of Bucksport, and French of Damariscotta, appointed Conferees on the part of the House. The Senate adhered on its former vote indefinitely postponing the bill.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to procure a corrected map of the State," came back from the House, that branch adhering to its former vote indefinitely postponing the same. On the question to recede and concur with the House, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the vote stood as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Burpee, Chapman, Hobbs, Jones, West—5.

NAYS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., Carleton, Davis, Fletcher, Goddard, Hamlin, McClusky, Scamman, Wasson, Wiggin—10.

A quorum not voting, it could not be declared a vote, and the Senate

Adjourned to evening.

EVENING.

Met according to adjournment.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the resolve which was under discussion at the moment of adjournment this afternoon; and the resolve was laid on the table on motion of Mr. GODDARD.

Mr. GODDARD, by leave, laid on the table bill, "an act additional to chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, to secure the confinement of prisoners under sentence of death." The bill was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Secretary of State be instructed to procure the printing of the blank forms for warrants and returns necessary to be used to carry out the provisions of "an act to ascertain the will of the people concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors," and forward a sufficient number of copies of each to the clerks of the respective cities, towns and plantations in the State.

Was read and passed, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through Mr. Tapley of Saco, informing the Senate, that the House of Representatives, in the absence of the Speaker, had made choice of Theodore C. Woodman of Bucksport, as Speaker *pro tem*.

Bill, "an act relating to witnesses and evidence," came back from the House, that branch having indefinitely postponed the same. The Senate receded from its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and concurred with the House.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, for the collection and disposal of fines and costs in criminal cases," came back from the House, that branch insisting on its former vote, and proposing a conference, with Messrs. Tapley of Saco, Woodman of Bucksport, and Moore of Limerick, Conferees. The Senate adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the bill.

"Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes," came back from the House, that branch having indefinitely postponed the same. The Senate insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposed a conference, and ap-

pointed Messrs. Chapman, Burpee and Goddard, Conferees on its part.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Henrie Dionne," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to keep a book containing accounts of State against parties," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CHAPMAN, by leave, laid on the table "resolve in favor of Gridley J. F. Bryant," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "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. HAMLIN,

The "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to procure a corrected map of the State," was taken from the table. On the question to recede and concur with the House in indefinitely postponing the resolve, the yeas and nays having been ordered, the Senate refused to recede and concur, by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. S. S. Berry, Chapman, Hobbs, Jones, West, Wiggins—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Carleton, Connor, Davis, Fletcher, Goddard, Hamlin, Hoyt, McClusky, Plaisted, Scamman, Stinchfield, Wasson, Woodbury—13.

The Senate insisted on its former vote, and proposed a conference. Messrs. Hamlin, Connor and Wasson, were appointed Conferees.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Corinna Academy," came back from the House, that branch insisting on its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed. On the question to adhere, the yeas and nays were ordered, with the following result :

YEAS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Burpee, Carleton,

Chapman, Connor, Davis, Fletcher, Hobbs, Scamman, Stinchfield, Wasson, West, Wiggin, Woodbury—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Hamlin, McClusky, Plaisted—3.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to levy of executions against towns," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act relating to the depositions of parties," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. JONES, and June 1st assigned for its further consideration.

Bill, "an act to amend section 16 of chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to lien on claims," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed. in concurrence.

"Resolve for the enlargement of the State Prison," came back from the House, that branch having passed the same to be engrossed. The Senate receded from its former vote indefinitely postponing the resolve, amended as per sheets A and B annexed, and as amended, passed the resolve to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN,

"Resolve in favor of Davis R. Stockwell," was taken from the table. The Senate non-concurred with the House in recommitting the same to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to aid the Aroostook Railroad Company, increase the value and promote the sale and settlement of the public lands," also "resolves providing an amendment of the Constitution respecting a loan of the credit of the State and the amount of its indebtedness," came back from the House referred to the next Legislature. On the question to recede and concur, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill and resolve referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence, by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., Carleton, Connor, Goddard, Hamlin, Hoyt, McClusky, Plaisted, Stinchfield, Wasson—10.

NAYS—Messrs. S. S. Berry, Burpee, Chapman, Davis, Hobbs, Jones, Scamman, West, Wiggin—9.

On motion of Mr. WEST,

The vote whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed bill, "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government," was reconsidered. The bill was amended as per sheets A and B annexed, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the attachment of property," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, to secure the confinement of prisoners under sentence of death," came back from the House indefinitely postponed. The Senate insisted on its former vote, proposed a conference, and appointed Messrs. Goddard, Burpee and Connor, Conferees on its part.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

The vote whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed, bill, "an act for the suppression of certain common nuisances," was reconsidered. The bill was amended as per sheet A annexed, and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve for the enlargement of the State Prison," came back from the House, that branch having insisted on its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, as originally reported. The Senate receded from its former vote, and concurred.

"Resolve in favor of Joseph B. Hall and others," came back from the House that branch having adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the resolve. The Senate adhered to its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through Mr. Johnson of Augusta, informing the Senate that that

branch have acted upon all matters before them, and making inquiry, if further business is before the Senate.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that body that there are still many papers on the table of the Senate requiring action of this Legislature.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

Bill, "an act additional to chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes," was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill, "an act to establish the office of Auditor of Accounts," came back from the House, that branch having indefinitely postponed the same. The Senate receded and concurred.

Bill, "an act to provide for a State Valuation," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to rights of towns where ways are laid out by joint boards of County Commissioners, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill, "an act to amend the charter of the Augusta Water Power Company," came back from the House referred to the next Legislature. The Senate receded from its former vote indefinitely postponing the bill and concurred in the reference.

Bill, "an act to amend chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to filing specifications of defence," reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill, "an act in relation to the South Kennebec Agricultural Society," came back from the House that branch having adhered to its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed. The Senate adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the bill.

The order directing the Secretary of State to cause to be printed

pamphlet copies of bill, "an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops," to be sent to the Clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations for distribution, came back from the House refused a passage. The Senate receded from its former vote and concurred with the House.

"Resolve establishing a permanent seat of government," was read a second time, the rules being suspended. Mr. GODDARD moved that the resolve be referred to the next Legislature, and on that question the yeas and nays were ordered, and negatived by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Burpee, Connor, Davis, Jones, Scamman, Wiggin, Woodbury—7.

NAYS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Carleton, Chapman, Fletcher, Goddard, Hamlin, Hobbs, Hoyt, McClusky, Plaisted, Stinchfield, Wasson, West—14.

Mr. WOODBURY moved to refer the resolve to the Committee having that subject under consideration, and on that question the yeas and nays were ordered, and negatived by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Burpee, Carleton, Connor, Jones, Stinchfield, Wasson, Wiggin, Woodbury—8.

NAYS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Chapman, Fletcher, Goddard, Hamlin, Hobbs, Hoyt, McClusky, Plaisted, Scamman, West—12.

Mr. WEST moved to indefinitely postpone the resolve. On that question the yeas and nays were ordered, with the following result :

YEAS—Messrs. J. Berry, Jr., S. S. Berry, Burpee, Carleton, Chapman, Fletcher, Hobbs, Hoyt, West, Wiggin, Woodbury—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Connor, Davis, Goddard, Hamlin, McClusky, Plaisted, Scamman, Stinchfield, Wasson—9.

Bill, "an act for the suppression of certain common nuisances," came back from the House, that branch having adhered to its former vote passing the same to be engrossed as originally reported. The Senate receded and concurred.

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

"An act to incorporate the Aroostook Railroad Company;"

“An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1858, amounting to \$200,919.30;”

“An act to amend sections 17 and 18 of chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes, relating to steam boilers;”

“An act additional to an act approved February 17th, 1858, altering the time for holding the May Term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Lincoln;”

“An act relating to County Estimates;”

“An act for the suppression of certain common nuisances;”

Which were severally passed to be enacted.

“Resolve in favor of Gridley J. F. Bryant;”

“Resolve in favor of the Treasurers of the towns of Bloomfield, Hanover and Chester;”

“Resolve in favor of Henrie Dionne;”

“Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to keep a book containing accounts of State against parties;”

“Resolve for the enlargement of the State Prison;”

Which were severally finally passed.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1858.

Met according to adjournment, 5 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of Augusta.

"Resolve in favor of Theodore C. Woodman," was twice read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. WASSON by leave introduced "resolve for the better protection of the records in the Land Office," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. GODDARD, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to payment of interest by cities and towns on State and County taxes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator from the same Committee, made a final report, which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve locating and designating certain townships for sale and settlement," was read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Nelson Gilkey," was twice read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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

"An act to incorporate the City of Brunswick;"

"An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government;"

"An act to amend chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to levy of execution against towns;"

"An act additional to chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, relating to attachment of property;"

"An act to amend section 16, of chapter 91, of the Revised Statutes, relating to lien claims;"

"An act to create and establish the office of Auditor in the county of Cumberland;"

"An act to ascertain the will of the people concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors;"

Which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State;"

"Resolve for the better protection of the records in the Land Office;"

"Resolve in favor of Theodore C. Woodman;"

"Resolve locating and designating certain townships for settlement;"

"Resolve in favor of Nelson Gilkey;"

Which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Knapp of East Livermore, informing the Senate that the House had disposed of all business before it.

On motion of Mr. CARLETON,

The Secretary was charged with a message to the House, informing that body, that the Senate had disposed of all business before it.

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Kennebec,

Ordered, That a Committee of three, 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 all matters before them, are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, and Messrs. Berry of Kennebec, West and Wasson, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Subsequently the order was returned with Messrs. Rogers of Stetson, Fuller of Freedom, Hall of North Berwick, Keene of Columbia, Stockbridge of Freeport, Kingsbury of Bradford, and Waterhouse of Lyman, joined on the part of the House.

Subsequently Mr. BERRY of Kennebec, from the foregoing Committee reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and the Governor was pleased to say, that he would forthwith communicate through the Secretary of State.

A message was received from the Governor by Noah Smith, Jr., 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. CHAPMAN of Lincoln, rose in his place and said :

Mr. President :—By the favor of a generous people, I have from time to time been elected to a seat in the Legislature, until I am now the senior member (in office) at this Board, and therefore the privilege has been accorded to me of introducing the closing proceedings of this body.

The public labors of the session are now closed. The duties devolving upon us have demanded and received our undivided attention ; but now they are done, and we are about to separate, to meet no more under like circumstances. It is fitting that we devote a few moments to the expression of the feelings of our hearts and in manifesting those sympathies which are an honor to human nature.

Permit me to say to you, sir, for myself and in behalf of my fellow Senators, that your uniform kindness and indulgence deserves something more than a mere verbal expression of our individual thanks. We desire to place upon record a lasting proof of our appreciation of your fidelity, and the evidence of the relations of friendship which exists between yourself and the members of the Board.

Mr. Secretary : I ask leave of the Senate to lay a resolve upon your table, and move that the question of its passage be taken by rising :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to Hon. SETH SCAMMAN, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body, and for his uniform kindness and courtesy to every member.

The resolve was read by the Secretary.

Mr. WOODBURY rose and said :

Mr. Secretary :—The present is one of those occasions that bring to light the nobler feelings of our nature. The resolution offered by the

Senator from Lincoln, (Mr. Chapman,) reminds us that our official duties at this Board are drawing to a close. It becomes us, for a few moments, to review our past action, and to look forward to our future destiny. Our session, though somewhat protracted, has been emphatically a working one. Our deliberations have been marked with courtesy, and a degree of unanimity, with scarcely a parallel in the history of the legislation of the State. The various subjects presented for our consideration, have been carefully investigated and thoroughly discussed, and the laws we have enacted will generally commend themselves to the approbation of our constituents. While our debates have been at times exciting and earnest, they have not been characterized by vituperation and acrimony, which serve to estrange the feelings of one from the other; but while we have each maintained our individual opinions, with a degree of firmness and certainty due to ourselves as representatives of a high-minded and intelligent constituency, yet there has been none of that pertinacity and dogged obstinacy which too frequently characterizes the debates in deliberative bodies. Upon those occasions where Senators have differed from me, in relation to questions which have been before us for investigation and action, I most cheerfully accord to them an honesty of purpose and intention, well befitting their high position, and ask for myself the same consideration. If, in any action of mine, or in any words uttered in debate, I have wounded the feelings of any member of this Board, you may be assured that it was an error of the head and not of the heart; for in all my action while holding a seat at this Board, I have endeavored to manifest that spirit of urbanity and courtesy which is due from one member to another; and when I have felt called upon to differ from any of you, it has been a high sense of duty and moral obligation that has impelled me to do it; and I most cheerfully bear testimony to the conviction, that those who have differed from me have been governed by similar motives. Our aim and object have been to promote the best interests of our State in all its several departments.

The pleasant associations and the happy acquaintance we have formed, will furnish pleasant reminiscences for future days; and memory will love to dwell upon these scenes as among its cherished treasures.

But time admonishes me that I must draw these remarks to a close. Allow me to say, that with those of our number with whom I have been associated at this Board for the last two sessions, my estimation of their integrity and moral worth has but increased with this acquaint-

ance ; and to those with whom I had the privilege of making their first acquaintance at the commencement of the present session, I will add, I feel it an honor as well as a privilege to number them with my friends.

I will at this time and on this occasion, tender my heartfelt thanks to every member of this Board, for the courtesy and kindness which have uniformly marked his action towards me, while sitting at this Board or elsewhere, and for the marked confidence which all have reposed in me.

Mr. Secretary: Permit me to say, that I fully concur in the resolution which lies upon your table. It is but a just tribute to the courtesy and urbanity which has ever marked the action of our presiding officer. The tediousness of legislation has been much relieved by his uniform kindness and good humor, and very much facilitated by his thorough acquaintance with parliamentary tactics. And permit me to tender to you, Mr. President, my humble acknowledgments for the many courtesies I have received at your hands.

But the time has come, fellow-Senators, when we must separate—when these pleasing associations must give place to other and different duties. And may He who has preserved us hitherto, and kept us from falling by the shaft of the destroyer, return us safely to our friends and families. And may we all have that preparation for another and better existence, that when life's duties are done we may all meet in that upper temple, where there will be no more separation.

Mr. BURPEE of Lincoln, rose in his place and said :

Mr. Secretary,—At this time we are here assembled for the purpose of closing up the final business of this session of the Legislature. And I presume it is a moment of pleasure to us all, that we are so soon to return to our families and friends.

And as we are about to separate, perhaps never to meet again,—if ever,—not under the same circumstances. The thought that we are never thus to meet, crowds upon the mind emotions that make the moment which closes the official relations, one of touching and intense interest.

The acquaintance and associations that have originated in our mutual relationship at this Board, have been of such friendly character, that they have made an impression upon my mind, that will be cherished among the most grateful recollections of my life. The fact of our numbers being small, we all necessarily become acquainted with each other,

and friendships are formed between members, that time will not efface. If in the free discussions of exciting and important questions there have been collisions, I am persuaded the emotions excited, passed away with the moment, and I feel confident, none entertain feelings incompatible with friendship and good will.

When I took my seat at this Board, I found among my associates many for whom former acquaintance had established a high regard and respect. Of this number, the Hon. Senator that has so ably presided over this body is one. And for the ability and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties, I feel it is due (and I think I speak the sentiments of every Senator at this Board) for the unusual degree of harmony that has characterized our proceedings, and the courtesy of members towards each other during this session. And I would only add, that I most heartily concur in the sentiments expressed, and cheerfully join in the vote of thanks.

The resolve was then adopted unanimously, by rising.

Mr. SCAMMAN, the President of the Senate, responded as follows :

Senators,—Brought as we now are to the closing hour of the session, thoughts thick and fast crowd themselves into our minds. Sundering of daily associations and taking of friends by the hand, perhaps for the last time, touch the heart with sadness. But when we consider that the onerous and responsible duties of public station are to be exchanged for the more quiet and genial pursuits of private life, the heart rises above its sadness and is cheered on with hope.

The session though longer than was anticipated at its commencement, has nevertheless been a busy one. And it gives me great pleasure to bear public testimony to the promptness and fidelity with which you have considered and disposed of the various and important matters of public interest brought before you, as well as the frank, cordial kindness that has pervaded all your intercourse with each other around this Board.

Allow me to express to you individually and collectively my heartfelt gratitude for the numerous expressions of your confidence, for the friendly and generous assistance you have ever so readily awarded me, and especially the warm and tender terms which characterize the expression of your approbation of the manner in which I have discharged the arduous duties of the Chair.

We have been called upon officially to pay our last tribute of merited

respect to a brother Senator who has gone to his final rest, but who yet lives in the memory of every Senator acquainted with him, as the personification of virtue and true excellence. May his sudden exit remind us of our mortality and always teach us to bow with cheerful submission and obedience to the mandates of the great lawgiver. With personal regard to each, may you return with safety to your constituents and loved ones in peace. Farewell.

Mr. WING rose and said :

Mr. President,—I rise for the purpose of offering a resolution, which will, I trust, meet with a hearty response from every Senator of this Board.

The efficiency of every legislative body to accomplish the purposes for which it is assembled, depends much upon the competency and faithfulness of its officers.

I am sure that I express a sentiment common to every member present, when I say that the accomplished Secretary of the Senate and his worthy Assistant, have, during this session which is now about to be dissolved, by a faithful discharge of their duties,—by their uniformly obliging and courteous conduct, as well as by a constant exhibition of truly manly qualities, entitle themselves to the thanks of this Senate, and to the grateful remembrance of each individual member.

We would not be unmindful of them now, nor shall we forget them in the future.

And, Mr. President, as an expression on the part of the Senate, of the estimation in which we hold the gentlemen to whom I have alluded, I now move the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be and are hereby tendered to JOSEPH B. HALL and JAMES M. LINCOLN, Esqs., Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate, for the faithful and gentlemanly manner in which they have severally discharged the responsible duties we so unanimously entrusted to them.

The resolve passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. WASSON,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to OREN CURRIER, Messenger, and to NELSON S. ALLAN, Assistant Messenger, for the faithful and gentlemanly manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

On motion of Mr. FLETCHER,
The Senate adjourned without day.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.

TITLES OF ACTS

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1858.

PUBLIC LAWS.

An act to amend chapter fifty of the public laws of eighteen hundred fifty-seven relating to the salaries of judges of municipal and police courts.

to amend section ten, of chapter one hundred and twenty-two, of the revised statutes, relating to offences against public justice.

to change the time of holding the May term of the supreme judicial court, for the county of Lincoln.

additional to chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes, relating to the supreme judicial court.

to define intelligibly the northern registry district of Aroostook county.

to amend chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of beef and pork.

additional to chapter four of the revised statutes, relating to elections.

relating to the sale of land warrants by executors and administrators.

additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis.

to amend chapter six of the revised statutes, relating to taxes, for the preservation of certain useful birds.

additional to chapter thirty-nine of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of lime.

to amend section fifteenth of chapter fifth of the revised statutes, relating to lands reserved for public uses.

to amend chapter fifty-nine of the revised statutes, relating to marriage and its solemnizations.

An act to provide for enforcing liens on vessels.

relating to the discipline of the state prison.

to amend section twenty-four of chapter three of the revised statutes, relating to the election of assessors and subordinate officers of cities.

to amend chapter one hundred and five of the revised statutes respecting the limitation of real actions.

additional to chapter thirty of the revised statutes relating to the destruction of moose and deer.

to amend chapter forty, section fifty-three of the revised statutes relating to the taking of fish from Moosehead lake.

relating to executions against sheriffs.

relating to certain courts in the county of Lincoln.

to amend chapter six and eighteen of the revised statutes relating to the location and repair of roads in unincorporated places.

additional to chapter forty-seven of the revised statutes relating to banks and banking.

to amend chapter forty-six of the revised statutes relative to demands on stockholders of corporations.

to amend the fortieth chapter of the revised statutes relating to fisheries.

to amend chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes respecting directors of mutual insurance companies.

to provide for the greater security of travelers and lodgers at inns during fires.

additional to chapter sixty-seven of the revised statutes relating to guardians.

in relation to trustee of railroads.

to amend sections fifty and fifty-four of chapter forty-seven of the revised statutes relating to banks and banking.

amending chapter sixty-six of the revised statutes relating to insolvent estates.

for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops.

additional to chapter twelve of the revised statutes relating to parishes and religious societies.

amending section twenty of chapter eighty of the revised statutes relating to sheriffs.

to secure the safety and convenience of travelers on railroads.

additional to chapter one hundred forty-two of the revised statutes relating to the reform school.

An act in relation to the pay of fish wardens.

additional to chapter three of the revised statutes respecting unincorporated townships.

relating to reviews.

relating to fines and costs of criminal prosecutions.

regulating the taxation of costs, additional to chapter one hundred sixteen of the revised statutes.

establishing the time for holding the annual sessions of the supreme judicial court as a court of law.

relating to the protest of bills of exchange.

additional to chapter sixty of the revised statutes relating to divorce.

additional to chapter six of the revised statutes relative to taxes.

to amend sections seventeen and eighteen of chapter seventeen of the revised statutes relating to steam boilers.

to establish forms of proceedings which may be used in prosecutions under an act entitled "An act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops," approved March twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

additional to an act approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, altering the time for holding the May term of the supreme judicial court, for the county of Lincoln.

to ascertain the will of the people concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors.

additional to chapter eighty-one of the revised statutes relating to attachment of property.

to amend section sixteen of chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes relating to lien claims.

to amend chapter eighty-four of the revised statutes in relation to levy of executions against towns.

for the suppression of certain common nuisances.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

- An act to incorporate the Cabot Manufacturing Company.
to incorporate the Preachers' Aid Society of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
relating to the city of Bath.
to incorporate the Portland School for Medical Instruction.
to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy in Falmouth," approved April fifteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.
to incorporate the Trustees of the South Bridgton High School.
to enlarge the powers of school district number four in Winthrop.
to incorporate the State of Maine Company.
to make valid the doings of the town officers of the town of Sebec.
authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Oxford to reassess certain taxes.
to enable the town of Winthrop to pay the Rev. David Thurston for writing and publishing the history of said town.
respecting school district number four in Winthrop.
to incorporate the West Hampden High School.
to authorize the assessors of Eustis and Jackson plantations to settle with former treasurers.
to change the names of certain persons.
to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine State Seminary," approved March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.
to increase the salary of the recorder of the municipal court of the city of Portland.
to prevent the destruction of alewives in Sewall's pond or its outlets.
to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine Universalist Missionary Society.
to incorporate the Trustees of Presque Isle Academy.
to prevent the destruction of fish in Jackson pond, so called, in the town of Concord.
additional to an act to preserve the harbor of Portland.
to increase the capital stock of the City Bank at Biddeford.
to incorporate the Trustees of the Charity Fund of the Maine Convention of Universalists.

An act to set off Cyrus F. Bryant together with certain real estate from the town of Fairfield, and annex the same to the town of Bloomfield.

to prevent the destruction of trout in Howard's pond and its tributary waters in the town of Hanover.

to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Meadow pond or its tributary waters in the town of Isleborough.

to amend the city charter of Bangor, so the aldermen and council shall not hold subordinate offices.

to incorporate the first Universalist Church in Rockland.

to incorporate the Southport Mutual Fishing Insurance Company.

to incorporate the Lewiston Works Company.

relating to the harbor commissioners of Portland harbor.

to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

to incorporate the Ellsworth Gas Light Company.

to establish the salary of the judge of probate of the county of Penobscot.

to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the China and Little ponds.

to incorporate the master, wardens and members of Vassalborough Lodge.

to incorporate Mount Hope Cemetery Corporation.

to incorporate the town of Prentiss.

additional to an act to incorporate the city of Portland.

to extend the charter of the Cherryfield Boom Company.

to incorporate the town of Bridgewater.

to make valid the doings of the First Congregational Parish of Monmouth.

to renew and extend the charter of Veazie Bank.

for the protection of the inhabitants of Long Island against depredations of hunters.

to incorporate the Hancock Agricultural Society.

additional to an act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company.

to incorporate the Proprietors of Wildwood Cemetery.

to divide the Congregational Parish in the town of Sanford.

to authorize a change in the location of the Skowhegan Bank.

to make valid the doings of the town of Franklin.

An act to empower the collector of Atkinson for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, to close collection of school district tax for district number five in Atkinson, same year.

to change the name of the Methodist Society in Portland.

additional to an act to authorize the town of Milo to erect and maintain a toll bridge for a limited time, approved August eight, eighteen hundred forty-eight.

to incorporate the Fayette Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

to authorize the extension of Jack's Point Wharf in Newcastle.

to incorporate the Woodland Cemetery Company.

to incorporate the East Branch Mattawamkeag Dam Company.

repealing "An act to incorporate the Portland Marine Railway."

to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield.

to authorize Samuel Averill, second, to build a wharf in Newcastle.

to incorporate the Maine Wharf in Portland.

to set off a part of the town of Jefferson and annex the same to the town of Newcastle.

to incorporate the North Leeds Steam Mill and Manufacturing Company.

to reduce the capital stock of the Eastern Bank, Bangor.

to incorporate the Eastport Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Sebec pond and its tributaries.

to enable the inhabitants of Orland to pay Willard P. White an additional sum for building a bridge.

to set off the town of Greenfield and townships number one and two in the county of Hancock, and annex the same to the county of Penobscot.

to incorporate the Farmington Falls Debating Club and Library Association.

additional to acts incorporating the city of Portland.

additional to an act incorporating the Waldo Mills Company.

to authorize William R. Sawyer to extend a wharf into tide waters in Milbridge harbor.

to make valid the doings of the town officers of the town of Brownfield.

An act additional to an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Lowell Bank."

to authorize the sale of a school house in Augusta.

amending an act for the preseveration of fish in the St. Croix river.

accepting the surrender of the charter of the Mariners' Bank.

to incorporate the Waterville Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

to change the names of certain persons.

to authorize Limestone plantation to raise money to repair roads in said plantation.

to incorporate the Maine Granite Company.

to authorize the town of Milbridge to purchase or hire a bridge.

to authorize Eustis' plantation to raise money for the repairs of roads and bridges in said plantation.

to incorporate the Wawenock Bank.

to incorporate the St. Croix Gas Light Company.

to amend chapter one hundred twenty-three of the special laws of eighteen hundred fifty-seven, relating to the Augusta Free Bridge Company.

to incorporate the Brunswick Savings Institution.

to incorporate the Portland and New York Steamship Company.

to incorporate the Belfast Gas Light Company.

to set off certain lands from Poland and annex the same to Otisfield.

to incorporate the Robbinston Farmers' Club.

to set off certain land from Poland and annex the same to Casco.

to increase the salaries of the judge of probate and of the register of probate for the county of Sagadahoc.

to reduce the capital stock of the Maine Bank.

to reduce the capital stock of the Pejepscot Bank.

to authorize a reduction in the capital stock of the Richmond Bank.

to reduce the capital stock of the Union Bank.

to make valid the proceedings of school districts number three and six in Dresden.

additional to an act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank.

to reduce the capital stock of the City Bank at Bath.

An act to make valid the doings of school district number fifteen in the town of Parkman.

for the preservation of trout in certain waters.

additional to incorporate the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad Company.

to incorporate the Portland Hotel Company.

to incorporate the town of Somerville.

to incorporate the Sandy River Boom and Log Driving Company.

to incorporate the Bangor Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

to repeal the act incorporating the town of Elliottsville.

to change the names of certain persons.

additional to an act to incorporate the Lewiston Institution for Savings.

relating to the distribution of school money in Gardiner.

to reduce the capital stock of the Gardiner Bank.

to repeal "An act to incorporate the town of Islandport."

additional to an act incorporating the proprietors of the Gardiner and Pittston bridge.

additional to "an act to incorporate the Maine State Seminary," approved March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

for the assessment of a state tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, amounting to two hundred thousand, nine hundred nineteen dollars, thirty cents.

to incorporate the Aroostook Railroad Company.

to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

to incorporate the city of Brunswick.

to create and establish the office of auditor in the county of Cumberland.

TITLES OF RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1858.

Resolve in favor of the town of West Gardiner.

in relation to printing certain documents.

authorizing the renewal of a portion of the State debt.

for the repair of the bridge over and near the forks of Mattawamkeag river.

in favor of Peol Sockis and Lewy Bewwit.

in favor of incorporated plantations.

providing for the distribution of the annual report of the superintendent of common schools.

in favor of Henry Upton.

in favor of L. T. Boothby and Charles Turner.

in favor of Daniel Winslow.

in favor of Samuel Clark.

in favor of Sanford Noble.

in relation to the distribution of a portion of the public lands belonging to the United States.

providing for the payment of roll of accounts, No. 38.

Resolves relative to bounty on cod fisheries.

Resolve in favor of the committee on the state reform school.

in relation to the settlement of the public lands.

in favor of John Parent.

in favor of Spencer G. Bowes.

in favor of John Attean and John Neptune.

relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians.

relating to taxes on Holbrook island.

in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in the county of Aroostook.

Resolve in favor of Parker P. Burleigh.

in favor of Masters, Smith & Co.

for the conveyance of land to John Crosby and Alfred W. Johnson.

in aid of building mills in township number five, range thirteen.

in favor of Wingate Bradbury.

in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom.

in favor of the committee on state prison.

Resolves relating to Kansas and slavery.

Resolve in relation to trespassers upon the public lands.

Resolves relating to Kansas affairs.

Resolve in favor of John McClusky.

in favor of the insane hospital.

in favor of John A. Cleaveland.

in favor of Stephen L. Goodale.

for the repair of the military road.

in aid of building a bridge across the north branch of Dead river in the county of Franklin.

in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.

relating to taxes of the towns of Hollis and Dayton.

in relation to township L, range two.

in favor of the treasurer of the towns of Bethel, Stoneham, and Clifton, also of A. Spooner.

providing for an appropriation for the state reform school.

providing for surveying and marking the state line between Maine and New Hampshire.

in aid of repairing a road and building a bridge in township number two, in the second range, west of Kennebec river, in the county of Somerset.

relating to the report of Albert T. Wheelock.

for the repair of road in letter B. range one.

in favor of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren plantations.

to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians.

relating to the compensation of the commissioner at Washington.

in favor of Oren Currier.

for the payment of additional roll of accounts number thirty-eight.

for the repair of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook.

for the repair of road on Indian township.

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- in favor of Rufus Dwinel, Daniel W. Bradley and Harrison Knowles.
- in favor of Phillis Russell.
- in favor of William Jameson and others, and Samuel A. Gilman and others.
- relative to valuations of Unity plantation and town of Albion.
- in relation to settling accounts with Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians.
- in favor of the Penobscot Indians.
- in favor of Francis Cook.
- in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the secretary of state.
- in favor of the state prison.
- to transfer the location of Calais academy grant.
- in favor of Benjamin York.
- providing for an investigation into the affairs of the state prison.
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- in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary.
- to collect certain securities in the land office.
- in favor of Westbrook Seminary.
- for the repair of Mattawamkeag bridge in the county of Penobscot.
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