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IN SENATE, March 24, 1864.

ORDERED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and cause to be published under his supervision and direction, two hundred copies of the Journal of the Senate for the present session ; and cause three copies of the same to be distributed to each of the members of this Senate, and one copy to each of the State Senators for 1865, the Governor and Council, Heads of Departments and Collegiate Institutions, and deposit the remaining copies in the State Library.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

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AUGUSTA,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1864. }

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

<i>First District,</i>	YORK,	LUTHER SANBORN, ESREFF H. BANKS, ELISHA H. JEWETT.
<i>Second District,</i>	CUMBERLAND,	SAMUEL E. SPRING, JOHN H. PHILBRICK, DANIEL ELLIOT, LEVI CRAM.
<i>Third District,</i>	OXFORD,	RUFUS S. STEVENS. GEORGE B. BARROWS,
<i>Fourth District,</i>	ANDROSDOGGIN,	JEREMIAH DINGLEY, JR.
<i>Fifth District,</i>	FRANKLIN,	WILLIAM H. JOSSELYN.
<i>Sixth District,</i>	SAGADAHOC,	JOSIAH MERROW.
<i>Seventh District,</i>	KENNEBEC,	DENNIS L. MILLIKEN, JOSEPH A. SANBORN, JOSIAH TRUE.
<i>Eighth District,</i>	SOMERSET,	DAVID D. STEWART, JOHN S. TENNEY.
<i>Ninth District,</i>	PISCATAQUIS,	ELIAS J. HALE.
<i>Tenth District,</i>	PENOBSCOT,	CHARLES BEALE, AUGUSTUS D. MANSON, OSGOOD N. BRADBURY.

<i>Twelfth District,</i> KNOX,	JOHN B. WALKER.
<i>Thirteenth Dist.,</i> WALDO,	WILLIAM MCGILVERY,
	ELIAS MILLIKEN.
<i>Fourteenth Dist.,</i> HANCOCK,	JOHN MILLIKEN,
	THOMAS WARREN.
<i>Fifteenth Dist.,</i>	SAMUEL H. TALBOT.
<i>Sixteenth Dist.,</i> AROOSTOOK,	PARKER P. BURLEIGH.

The Senators elect were called to order by EZRA C. BRETT, Esq., Secretary of last year.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. MCKENZIE of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. SPRING of Cumberland,

That Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing them that a quorum of Senators elect is present 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. Spring subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and the Governor was pleased to say in reply, that he would attend forthwith 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 county, 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. MILLIKEN of Kennebec,

Messrs. Milliken of Kennebec, Talbot of Washington, and Sanborn of York, were appointed a Committee to receive, assort and count the votes for President of the Senate.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows:

Whole number of ballots is	27
Necessary for a choice,	14
George B. Barrows has	27

The report was accepted, and Hon. GEORGE B. BARROWS was

declared duly elected President of the Senate for the current political year.

Mr. Barrows was conducted to the Chair by Messrs. Stewart of Somerset, and Spring of Cumberland, and thereupon addressed the Senate as follows :

SENATORS:—The voice of the people, expressed so emphatically that it cannot be misunderstood, has called us together, and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, it becomes our duty to aid in making and establishing “all reasonable laws and regulations for the defence and benefit of the people of this State.” And while we shall not be unmindful of the interests of our beloved Commonwealth, local and material as they may be, but nevertheless important and commanding, there remain the weightier responsibilities and loftier duties which rest upon us as citizens of our great and immortal Republic.

The brave deeds of our brothers, who have so freely given their lives for their country, demand from us such utterances as shall express all the love and faith and courage and perseverance which burn in every breast.

I need not remind you that no honor attaches to the occupant of an honorable position, so long as opportunities are unimproved and duties are neglected; and however easily they may have been avoided in a less eventful day, nothing short of manhood can answer the requisitions of this year of our Lord.

Let the shadows which death has cast on the vacant seat before us, also admonish us to improve the moment which so rapidly bears us to the confines of another life.

Senators, I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me. From a former association with many of you, and a brief acquaintance with some others, I have learned that you are alike familiar with parliamentary law and the rules of polite life. I accept, therefore, with diminished reluctance a position whose duties cannot be arduous when each one can serve so admirably as a law unto himself.

In my endeavors to promote your welfare, I shall not rest satisfied until I know that I have given satisfaction to you all.

On motion of Mr. MERROW of Sagadahoc,

Messrs. Merrow of Sagadahoc, Cram of Cumberland, and Bur-

leigh of Aroostook, were appointed a Committee to receive, assort and count the votes for Secretary of the Senate.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows:

Whole number of ballots is	27
Necessary for a choice,	14
Ezra C. Brett has	27

The report was accepted, and EZRA C. BRETT, Esq., was declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate for the current political year.

Mr. Brett signified his acceptance of the office, and took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, before Hon. Josiah H. Drummond, authorized by *dedimus potestatem*, and entered upon the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Oxford,

Messrs. Stevens of Oxford, Banks of York, and Walker of Knox, were appointed a Committee to receive, assort and count the votes for Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	28
Necessary for a choice,	15
Thomas P. Cleaves has	28

The report was accepted, and THOMAS P. CLEAVES was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Hancock,

Messrs. Milliken of Hancock, Dingley of Androscoggin, and Joselyn of Franklin, were appointed a Committee to receive, assort and count the votes for Messenger.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	25
Necessary for a choice,	13
Increase Blake has	25

The report was accepted, and INCREASE BLAKE was declared duly elected Messenger of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Beale of Penobscot,

Messrs. Beale of Penobscot, Elliot of Cumberland, and True of

Kennebec, were appointed a Committee to receive, assort and count the votes for Assistant Messenger.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows :

Whole number of votes,	23
Necessary for a choice,	12
John S. Noyes has	23

The report was accepted, and JOHN S. NOYES was declared duly elected Assistant Messenger of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BANKS of York,

Ordered, That the Rules and Orders of 1863 be and continue to be the Rules and Orders of this Senate until further ordered.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT of Cumberland, 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. George B. Barrows as President, and Ezra C. Brett, Esq., as Secretary.

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

On motion of Mr. PHILBRICK of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the Messenger of the Senate be directed to distribute to each member of the Senate one copy of the Rules and Orders of 1863.

On motion of Mr. CRAM of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to procure and distribute to each member of the Senate, to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, to the Messenger and Assistant Messenger, one copy of the Daily Kennebec Journal.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the returns of the votes for Governor for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec,

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 Committee of seven, on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

And Messrs. Milliken of Kennebec, Philbrick of Cumberland, Warren of Hancock, Manson of Penobscot, Tenney of Somerset, Talbot of Washington, and Sanborn of York, were appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

The order came back passed in concurrence, with the Committee joined on the part of the House, as follows: Messrs. Stone of Kennebunk, Fuller of Livermore, Rogers of Ashland, Stover of Harpswell, Bradbury of Avon, Hinks of Bucksport, Turner of Augusta, Follansbee of Camden, Day of Damariscotta, Chapman of Andover, Burgess of Oldtown, Foss of Abbott, Drummond of Bath, Allen of Fairfield, Knowlton of Liberty, and Talbot of East Machias.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of York,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure the printing of seventy-five diagrams of the Senate Chamber, on card board, for the use of the Senate.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Clay of Gardiner, informing the Senate that the House was duly organized by the choice of Nelson Dingley, Jr., Esq., Speaker, and Horace Stilson, Esq., Clerk.

On motion of Mr. JOSSELYN of Franklin, 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. George B. Barrows, President, and Ezra C. Brett, Esq., Secretary.

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

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY of Penobscot,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to place in the hands of the Messenger of the Senate, for the use of Senators, five copies of the Revised Statutes; also one copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, and one copy of Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary.

On motion of Mr. CRAM of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner, to officiate as Chaplains, in the Senate, alternately, during the session.

On motion of the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Joint Rules and Orders of 1863, be adopted as the Rules and Orders of this Legislature, until otherwise ordered. Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion of Mr. STEWART of Somerset,

Ordered, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the Chair, to whom the votes for Senators for the current political year shall be referred for examination, and report.

And Messrs. Stewart of Somerset, Stevens of Oxford, Bradbury of Penobscot, Jewett of York, Talbot of Washington, Walker of Knox, and Spring of Cumberland, were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Hancock,

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

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Oxford,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BALLOU of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, 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 :

Whole number of votes returned is	119,042
Necessary for a choice,	59,522
Samuel Cony has	68,339
Bion Bradbury,	50,687
John W. Dana,	2
Abner Coburn,	2
W. P. Haines,	2
Henry C. Webster,	1
R. R. Bradbury,	1
O. O. Howard,	1
Marcellus Emery,	1.
E. Hutchinson,	1
Charles Osborne,	1
John Ware,	1
Ether Shepley,	1
Charles E. Weld,	1
J. C. Adams,	1

And SAMUEL CONY having a majority of all the votes returned is elected Governor for the current political year.

The report was accepted, and Hon. Samuel Cony was declared duly elected Governor of this State for the current political year.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec,

Ordered, That a Committee of three be appointed on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to wait upon Hon. Samuel Cony and inform him that he has been elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year.

And Messrs. Milliken of Kennebec, Tenney of Somerset, and Beale of Penobscot, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came back passed in concurrence, with Messrs. Barker of Stetson, Lynch of Portland, Turner of Augusta, Jellison of Biddeford, Davis of Woodstock, Blaney of Bristol, and Strout of Durham, joined on the part of the House.

Mr. MILLIKEN subsequently reported that the Committee had waited upon the Governor elect and informed him of his election, and that he was pleased to say in reply, that he accepted the office and would attend upon the Legislature at such time as they may assign, for the purpose of taking and subscribing the constitutional oaths prerequisite to his entering upon the duties of his office.

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Mr. Stilson, its Clerk, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day, at a quarter past eleven o'clock, for the purpose of administering to Hon. Samuel Cony, Governor elect, the oaths of office, and receiving such communication as he may be pleased to make, and asking the concurrence of the Senate.

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

Mr. STEWART of Somerset, from the Committee on Senatorial Votes, reported, in part, as follows:

The Committee to whom were referred the returns of votes for Senators for the current political year, ask leave to report, in part:

That in the First District—

Whole number of ballots was	12,812
Necessary to a choice,	6,407
Luther Sanborn has	6,527
Esreff H. Banks,	6,526
Elisha H. Jewett,	6,534
Edwin P. Wiggin,	6,274
Alvah Doe,	6,275
George M. Freeman,	6,266
John Hanscomb,	1
Charles C. Perkins,	1
Nehemiah Colby,	1

And Luther Sanborn, Esreff H. Banks and Elisha H. Jewett, having a majority of all the votes cast, are elected.

In the Second District—

Whole number of ballots was	14,167
Necessary to a choice,	7,084
Samuel E. Spring has	8,049
John H. Philbrick,	8,072
Levi Cram,	8,056
Daniel Elliot,	8,070
Sewall C. Strout,	6,073
James Gunnison,	6,080
Theodore M. Bradbury,	6,082
Charles S. Pennell,	6,078
S. L. Carleton,	1
Warren H. Vinton,	1
Nathaniel T. Palmer,	1
Albert G. Tenney,	1
David E. Coombs,	1
Roswell M. Richardson,	1
Robert S. Soule,	1
Wilkinson Edes,	1
Jacob Clark,	1
George Pierce,	1

And Samuel E. Spring, John H. Philbrick, Levi Cram and Daniel Elliot are elected.

In the Third District—

Whole number of ballots was	7,747
Necessary to a choice,	3,874
Rufus S. Stevens has	4,265
George B. Barrows,	4,302
Thomas J. Cox,	3,439
David Colcord,	3,443
W. K. Kimball,	1
David R. Hastings,	1

And Rufus S. Stevens and George B. Barrows are elected.

In the Fourth District—

Whole number of ballots was	6,147
Necessary to a choice,	3,074

Jeremiah Dingley, Jr., has	3,799
Benjamin Allen,	2,348
And Jeremiah Dingley, Jr., is elected.	

In the Fifth District—

Whole number of ballots was	4,378
Necessary to a choice,	2,190
William H. Josselyn has	2,401
James J. Morrill,	1,974
Andrew Masters,	1
Philip C. Bradford,	1
E. L. Getchell,	1

And William H. Josselyn is elected.

In the Sixth District—

Whole number of ballots was	3,771
Necessary to a choice,	1,886
Josiah Merrow has	2,579
Henry Preble,	1,191
William Rice,	1

And Josiah Merrow is elected.

In the Seventh District—

Whole number of ballots was	10,996
Necessary to a choice,	5,499
Dennis L. Milliken has	7,001
Joseph A. Sanborn,	6,937
Josiah True,	6,992
Andrew Masters,	3,972
Philip C. Bradford,	3,990
E. L. Getchell,	3,971
Gustavus A. Benson,	1
E. S. Case,	1
John Long,	1
Joseph Percival,	1

And Dennis L. Milliken, Joseph A. Sanborn and Josiah True are elected.

In the Eighth District—

Whole number of ballots was	7,011
Necessary to a choice,	3,506

John S. Tenney has	4,071
David D. Stewart,	4,040
Samuel Taylor,	2,935
Marcellus Steward,	2,940

And John S. Tenney and David D. Steward are elected.

In the Ninth District—

Whole number of ballots was	2,933
Necessary to a choice,	1,467
Elias J. Hale has	1,789
Henry Hudson,	1,144

And Elias J. Hale is elected.

In the Tenth District—

Whole number of ballots was	13,092
Necessary to a choice,	6,547
Osgood N. Bradbury has	8,275
Augustus D. Manson,	8,278
Charles Beale,	8,263
Gilman M. Burleigh,	4,789
William R. Miller,	4,789
Frank Hamlin,	4,800
Charles Stetson,	1
Samuel H. Blake,	1
Asa Smith,	1

And Osgood N. Bradbury, Augustus D. Manson and Charles Beale are elected.

In the Twelfth District—

Whole number of ballots was	5,345
Necessary to a choice,	2,673
George A. Starr has	2,705
John B. Walker,	2,698
Edward O'Brien,	2,639
Elbridge G. Knight,	2,640

And George A. Starr and John B. Walker are elected.

In the Thirteenth District—

Whole number of ballots was	7,398
Necessary to a choice,	3,700
William McGilvery has	4,399

Elias Milliken,	4,357
Joseph Miller,	2,998
Thomas M. Morrow,	2,996
Westley Hodgdon,	1

And William McGilvery and Elias Milliken are elected.

In the Fourteenth District—

Whole number of ballots was	6,489
Necessary to a choice,	3,445
Thomas Warren has	3,849
John Milliken,	3,841
Bushrod W. Hinckley,	2,636
Milton Tufts,	2,639
A. B. Simpson,	1

And Thomas Warren and John Milliken are elected.

In the Fifteenth District—

Whole number of ballots was	6,707
Necessary to a choice,	3,354
Samuel H. Talbot has	3,539
Lewis L. Wadsworth, Jr.,	3,542
John C. Talbot,	3,131
George Walker,	3,151
Isaac Wilder,	14

And Samuel H. Talbot and Lewis L. Wadsworth, Jr., are elected.

In the Sixteenth District—

Whole number of ballots was	2,789
Necessary to a choice,	1,395
Parker P. Burleigh has	1,470
Benjamin F. Carpenter,	1,257
James Brown,	46
Daniel Howard,	14
Isaac Hacker,	1

And Parker P. Burleigh is elected.

The report was accepted.

Mr. TALBOT of Washington, announced the attendance of Lewis L. Wadsworth, Jr., Senator elect from the Fifteenth Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified.

On motion of the same Senator, Mr. TALBOT was directed by the President to conduct Mr. Wadsworth, Senator elect to the Governor and Council, to take and subscribe the oaths necessary to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Talbot subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Wadsworth 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.

Mr. Wadsworth thereupon appeared and took his seat at the Senate Board.

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. SPRING of Cumberland, that Senator was charged with a message to Hon. Samuel Cony, Governor elect, informing him that a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature is assembled in the Representatives' Hall, for the purpose of administering to him the oaths required by the Constitution to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Subsequently Mr. Spring reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that the Governor elect requested him to announce to the Convention that he would attend thereupon forthwith, for the purposes indicated in the message.

Thereupon the Governor elect, attended by the Governor and Council and Heads of Departments, and preceded by the Sheriff of Kennebec county, came in, and in the presence of both houses of the Legislature, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the requisite oaths to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

Hon. JOSEPH B. HALL, Secretary of State, then made the following Proclamation :

The votes for Governor which have been returned to the office of Secretary of State, having been examined and counted by the Legislature, who have declared that a majority thereof were given to Hon. SAMUEL CONY, and that he is duly elected, and he having in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature in Conven-

tion 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 SAMUEL CONY 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 announced to the Governor that they were prepared to listen to any communication which he desired to make.

The Governor addressed the Convention as follows :

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

At no period in the history of Maine, have her appointed law-givers entered on the discharge of their constitutional duties, under circumstances of graver responsibility, than those by which you are surrounded.

Approaching the termination of the third year of the war, waged in vindication of the authority and integrity of the nation, in the prosecution of which, has been employed a vastness of resources, as amazing to ourselves as incredible to the rest of mankind, the national exigencies continue to demand further contributions from the States and the people.

The fierce enthusiasm kindled by the first outrages upon the flag of our country, has been chastened and sobered by the protraction and vicissitudes of the conflict, but to that have succeeded the settled conviction, that for us there is no national future but in the triumph of the national arms, and a stern resolve that that consummation shall be accomplished. You, gentlemen, stand here to-day proofs of the truth of this declaration. As Maine has, in the past of this struggle, cheerfully responded to every invocation of patriotism and duty, in sending you here her people have renewed the pledge of their fidelity to republican institutions and the cause of civil liberty.

The year just closed has been signalized to the people of Maine by the bounteous benefactions which flow only from the Giver of all good. No desolating pestilence has scourged us, but health has reigned through our borders. Generous harvests have re-

warded the labor of the husbandman ; industry in all its departments has received its fitting recompense ; no hand willing to toil has been obliged to remain idle for want of remunerative employment.

The toils, the sacrifices and the achievements of the soldiers of Maine, composing a portion of the national army, during the year 1863, have been such as to cause the hearts of her citizens to swell with grateful pride. Upon the fields of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee, Carolina, Louisiana, Florida and Texas, they have participated in all the perils of march and battle ; and whatever of advantage has been gained to the national cause, they can proudly claim their share of the glory. The price of military glory is mourning upon many a hearthstone, and among us there are many Rachels refusing to be comforted. If this war were one of mad ambition, glory would afford no compensation for its manifold woes.

‘Deploing as does Maine, the loss of so many of her gallant sons slain on the field of battle, or perishing in hospitals, of wounds, or of disease induced by the hardships and exposures of military life, far away from home and kindred, it may be in prison ; with no voice of affection near to speak a word of cheer, or farewell to the soul approaching the dark river, all equally the victims of the strife, and martyrs to the holiest of causes, their memories will be enshrined in the hearts of her people as the richest of her treasures, so long as patriotism shall be esteemed honorable among mankind ; and the mention of their names, “in song and in story,” shall inspire a heroism kindred to that which led them to the sacrifice.

On that spot at Gettysburg, made immortal by the successful valor of the national arms, and classic by the matchless eloquence of Everett, has been consecrated a cemetery where slumber the mortal remains of warriors, representatives from the land of the “laughing water,” from every free State born of the immortal Ordinance of ’87, from Maryland, Delaware and Western Virginia, from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, and from New England, every sister there, not one left out. There, on Cemetery Hill, where the roar of artillery in vain assailed the ear of the peaceful dead, then reposing beneath its surface, these gallant heroes, having sealed with their lives their devotion to the unity of that country they had sworn to defend, now sleep, and “no sound shall awake them to glory again.”

Upon the invitation of the distinguished chief magistrate of Pennsylvania, whose happy conception of the idea and active agency in the affair, entitle him to our thanks, my predecessor, coöperating with the Governors of the other States represented in those terrible battles, engaged in behalf of Maine, to contribute her share of whatever expense might be incurred in making this city of the dead worthy of its illustrious occupants. Moved as our people are by their sensibilities to do homage to the memories of our fallen soldiers on that spot, there will cluster around it in the regards of the citizens of Maine, an added interest arising from the fact that it was chosen and occupied by Howard, their own modest and intrepid soldier, as the ground on which the final fortunes of the battles of those memorable days were to be staked, and which, with his heroic troops, he held to the end of the bloody fight. The correspondence of Gov. Curtin and the report of our Commissioner, will be duly communicated to you, and I shall unhesitatingly ask, what you will with alacrity grant, such an appropriation as shall meet, to the fullest extent, all claims upon our State for this holy purpose. And in this connection I would recommend that provision be made for the erection of monuments commemorative of the patriotism and valor of all of Maine's fallen worthies, and that it be so ample that the name of the humblest private shall not be neglected.

DISCHARGES AND ENLISTMENTS.

During the past year, ten regiments of Maine Volunteers have been mustered out of the service of the United States, the terms of their enlistment having expired.

Of these the Second Regiment was the first to leave the State on the call of the President, in April, 1861, and has borne its part in the battles of the Army of the Potomac, while in the service, with distinguished gallantry under its various commanders. The Tenth Regiment, largely composed of the First Regiment of three months men, entered the field in the autumn of 1861, and on numerous occasions acquitted itself with credit. A portion of the officers of this regiment, since their discharge, have been engaged in recruiting a regiment of veteran soldiers, which is now nearly ready to leave for the field. The other eight regiments were made up of enlistments for nine months only, which expired the last summer. The service of these was various. Some were not called

on to meet the foe in battle; others participated in the severe struggles at Port Hudson and below, which eventuated in the opening of the Mississippi. All did their duty well.

There now remain in the service of the United States, and in the field, sixteen regiments and one battalion of infantry, one regiment and one company of cavalry, one regiment of heavy and six batteries of light artillery, and one company of sharpshooters, distributed from the Potomac to the Rio Grande. The limits of this address forbid an extended notice of the gallantry of these various corps, and anything less would do them injustice. I can only say that their conduct has been creditable to themselves, honorable to their state, and some of their achievements of unsurpassed brilliancy, mournfully attested by their thinned ranks. For a recital of the history of these gallant men, I refer you to the elaborate report of that able and indefatigable officer, the adjutant general of this state.

So many enlistments expiring in 1863, compelled the president of the United States to order a draft of 300,000 men, under the conscription act. Owing to the commutation clause, and the unprecedented list of exemptions, this produced but a comparatively small number of soldiers—in this state it secured about two thousand. Since then another levy of an equal number has been directed, allowing until the fifth of January, instant, for the states to fill their quotas with volunteers.

Under the orders of my predecessor, a system of recruiting was put in operation in this state, the quotas of the various cities and towns being duly apportioned. As in 1862, these municipalities—having indeed no legal authority therefor at the time—paid liberal bounties to volunteers called for by the president, which action was subsequently ratified and confirmed by the legislature, so at this time, under like circumstances, they have adopted the same course to provide for the pending call, generally paying larger bounties than before.

Under the rule prescribed by the first orders of the governor, allowing men to enlist in the quota of any city or town, without regard to the fact that the quota of the place of the volunteer's residence had or had not been filled, a sharp competition sprung up among cities and towns, and much discontent was excited. That order was subsequently modified in consequence of these complaints. Upon the whole, the attempt at securing the quota

of this state has been eminently successful, reflecting great credit upon the energetic and assiduous efforts of my predecessor. The inducements held out in the form of bounties, national, state and municipal, coupled with the aid furnished to the families of soldiers, have operated most favorably, and I have great confidence that the quota of Maine will be obtained in this mode, if a brief suspension of the draft is allowed, and the general government will continue its liberal bounties long enough to enable us to canvass the regiments in the field for the renewal of their enlistments.

Already two veteran regiments of infantry, the Twenty-ninth, commanded by Col. Beal, formerly of the Tenth, and the Thirtieth, by Col. Fessenden, formerly of the Twenty-fifth, a second regiment of cavalry, commanded by Col. Woodman, late of the Twenty-eighth, an additional company of cavalry (already in the field,) commanded by Capt. Cloudman, and a battery of light artillery, under Capt. Twitchell, are about full, and nearly ready to go forward. In addition to these corps, a considerable number have gone forward to the regiments now in the field, making between four and five thousand enlisted under the last call of the President.

I respectfully recommend that you supply the needed legislation to confirm the patriotic action of the cities and towns of the State, in the matter of bounties, to stimulate the enlistment of soldiers for the service of their country; and that you devise, if practicable, some more uniform system of bounties for the future which shall prevent so much collision and contention as has been witnessed under the existing call.

There is one point in which Maine is made peculiarly to suffer by these calls for men. A maritime state, large numbers of her citizens find their vocation upon the sea, and very many of them have already entered the service of the United States in its navy, for whose enlistments she has no credit upon her quotas, and the names of these men, still on the rolls which constitute the basis of the requisitions for soldiers, enlarge the quotas of both the State and towns. This is unjust and should be rectified. Sailors drafted into the military service of the Government, enter it reluctantly from want of congeniality in the employment with their former habits of life; if, when drafted, they could be allowed to enter the navy, or if inducements such as are held out for soldiers, were offered by the national, state and municipal governments, to sailors,

the navy department would not be obliged to complain that that branch of the service is suffering for lack of men.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of the State influenced by the necessities of the country, while it is not such as would be viewed with complacency in the peaceful times of old, yet, measuring the public debt by the ability of her citizens, and considering the causes which have created it, can excite neither apprehension nor regret. Dependent for revenue as is the treasury of Maine almost exclusively upon taxation, when large calls of an extraordinary character are made upon it, the resort for supply must be either to increased taxation, or loans obtained upon the credit of the state.

The Constitution of Maine so limits the power of the Legislature to create a State debt, that except for war purposes, the entire extent of indebtedness which could be legally authorized, would not reach an amount so large as to be an oppressive burden for our citizens to pay by taxation in a single year. For war purposes there is no limit on the authority to hire.

The demands of the present conflict have largely swelled the expenditures of the State, and consequently its debt, but these have been met by the people without grudging or complaint. On the first day of January, 1863, the funded debt of the state was \$1,472,000, increased on the 1st of January, 1864, to \$2,422,000. This increase was caused by payment of bounties to soldiers, and the aid advanced in 1862 to their families. During that year the Executive, upon the calls of the President of the United States for more volunteers, no legal provision having been made for the contingency, offered certain bounties to facilitate enlistments. The banks of the State, at the request of the Governor, readily engaged to furnish the necessary funds, relying solely on the good faith of the Legislature to repay. On the first day of March last, these advances with the interest amounted to \$343,224.86. In the same year (1862) the amount disbursed by the municipal authorities as aid to the families of soldiers, and under the law chargeable to the State in 1863, reached \$231,898.80; making for these two items \$575,223.66, for the payment of which and other war purposes, a loan of \$600,000 was authorized.

On the first of March last, the Treasurer under that authority negotiated the bonds of the State for \$525,000, which produced

\$599,928.88, being a premium of \$74,928.88 on the bonds sold; a valuable and substantial tribute to the integrity, prudence and skill with which the finances of Maine have been managed. To furnish means for payment of the bounties ordered by the Legislature of 1863 to soldiers drafted under the 'Conscription Act, another loan of \$500,000 was authorized. On the fifteenth day of August last, the Treasurer, to meet the calls on that account, negotiated bonds to the amount of \$475,000, which yielded \$503,131.25, being a premium of \$28,131.25. At the date of this last sale, the United States 5-20 bonds, the interest payable in gold, and selling at par, had become a very popular investment, yet your own stocks even by the side of these commanded the very handsome premium named.

This is the explanation of the increase of the State debt the past year, being \$100,000 less than the amount authorized by law, and \$50,000 less than the loans, in consequence of the payment of that sum on that portion of the former public debt which matured during the year.

To provide for the payment of the interest of the public debt, and in some part for the other extraordinary charges of the government, the Legislature of 1863 increased the State tax of that year by the addition of a mill on the dollar of valuation to the tax of the previous year. In consequence of this enlargement, and by the aid of the payments from the Land Office, there will probably remain, after deducting the sums needful to carry on the government of the State for the year 1864, meeting the ordinary expenses and the interest of the debt as it stands to-day, the sum of \$100,000, to be applied to the liquidation of the liability of the State to the cities and towns for aid furnished the families of soldiers in 1863, leaving, however, a large balance still due them to be otherwise provided. What that balance will be, cannot be precisely known until the returns are made from all the municipalities, which will be at an early day.

Of the half-million loan of the 15th of August last, for the payment of bounties, there remain unexpended two hundred and twenty-two thousand four hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$222,435.00); and whatever sum may be demanded beyond that, to meet the calls of existing laws for that purpose, or such further laws as may be made, it will be necessary to resort to the credit of the State.

While both justice and necessity compel us to impose upon those who are to succeed us in the advancing generations, a portion of the burdens of the conflict in which we are engaged, sharing as they will the benefits of free government, for the maintenance of which upon the face of the earth we are now struggling, not only for our own posterity, but for the human race, exempted as they, we trust, will be from the bloody sacrifices of these days, I conceive it still to be our duty to assume such portion of the great expenditure as we may be able, without oppressing our people. The apprehensions of an entire stagnation of business, excited at the outbreak of the rebellion, have been dissipated, and the loyal States, not the theatre of actual war, have enjoyed an activity in almost all the pursuits of life, generating a prosperity as marvelous as the tales of the Arabian Nights. It is true that the debts of the nation and States as such have been enormously increased, but probably at no time in the history of the United States have the debts of the citizens individually been so small, or the business of the people conducted so nearly on a cash basis, as at the present time. Though the prices of what our people consume have largely advanced, the price of what they have to sell, whether it be the product of field, forest, ocean, mine, or mechanic art, enjoys an equal enhancement and ready demand, and the same is true of the most unskilled labor. As the result of this state of things, there never was a time when money was more universally in the possession of, or within the reach of all. In view of which I submit, whether at least for the ensuing year it is not expedient to make some addition to the State tax, saving to that extent the necessity of a loan.

For the details of the financial condition of the State and the operations of the Treasury, which you will find interesting and instructive, I refer you to the report of the Treasurer of State.

BANKS, ETC.

In 1862, the Government of the United States, and the banks of the entire country, having by the exigencies of the times been compelled to suspend specie payments, the Legislature of this State, passed an act to expire in a year, exempting the banks thereof, from the severe penalty imposed by their charters, for failure in this respect, not however relieving them from the duty of a faithful performance of their obligations. This act was renewed

in 1863, the Government of the United States having, in the meantime, issued its own circulating notes, and sanctioned the same as a legal tender. As the reason originally existing for this legislation, still abides, enforced by the consideration, that the legal tender notes of the United States, will discharge all the pecuniary obligations as well of banks as individuals, I recommend the further extension of the same.

In consequence of the imposition by Congress, of a tax upon the circulation and deposits of the local banks, the Legislature of 1863 conditionally remitted one-half of the State tax, imposed upon our banks by their charters. This was clearly and only an act of justice, inasmuch as national legislation, by the tax, and the creation of banks, infringed largely upon the special, and heretofore exclusive privileges of the State institutions, for the concession of which the State tax was the consideration.

It is now proposed to add still further to the national burden, upon the circulation and deposit of these institutions. Such additional duty is recommended by the comptroller of the currency, and has the sanction of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. Under the weight of such additional tax, it is clear, that the State banks at an early day, must retire from business; the remission of the remaining half of the State tax, will be insufficient to enable them to continue in operation. The national tax on circulation and deposits, exceeding two per cent., our domestic taxes, at least two more, the three per cent. deducted from dividends for internal revenue, to all which adding the expenses of managing the institutions, leave so small a residuum for the use of the capital, that it will be withdrawn for some more profitable employment.

That an increase of taxes under the internal revenue act, is demanded, to realize from that source supplies equal to the necessities of the government, is not to be doubted; but without further impositions, no class of securities is subjected to so heavy a burden as bank stocks. I assume, however, that the object of this proposed additional levy, on the circulation and deposits of the local banks, is in conformity with its probable effect, viz., to cause them to give place to the new national banks, based on the securities of the United States. The design of these banks is first to provide a uniform currency through the United States; and secondly, by their absorption of the bonds of the government for the basis of their circulation, to furnish supplies to its treasury.

The circulating notes of the banks in New England have enjoyed such a credit, as to leave little to be desired in that particular. The banks of Maine have well answered the objects of their creation, the per centage of loss by failure has been insignificant, the community understand their character and confide in the integrity of their managers. With one or two exceptions, the banks now in operation in this State, have been doing business from ten to fifty years, in which time they have earned the reputation they enjoy. But if the occasion demands the surrender of the charter of the local banks, to the end that the government may obtain its needful supplies, their stockholders will avail themselves of the right conferred by the Legislature of 1863, to close their several institutions.

That the creation and general employment of these national banks, will tend decidedly to strengthen the national credit, and, by consequence, the national government, by interesting pecuniarily every citizen in its stability, is unquestionable. The diffusion of the national stocks has largely produced that effect, while the circulation of bills, reposing thereon for security, by the inevitable law of self-interest, will command the aid of every man who holds a five dollar note, in upholding the government.

The finances of the United States have been managed by the Secretary of the Treasury with surpassing ability, during a period more trying, than it was, perhaps, ever the lot of any other people to pass through. The credit of our country stands peerless, commanding its daily millions for the national supply, and the genius which devised the system by which this result has been wrought, commands universal homage. But there is still another element, towering above all financial genius or wisdom, which, coöperating with the illustrious financier, has placed the national credit on a rock. It is the uncalculating patriotism of the American people, pouring into the national coffers their garnered wealth, which they had stored beyond the computations of the statistician, with a profusion which amazes mankind, trusting their country as a child its father, with a confidence which will not be shaken, while that country needs a dollar for its defence, and they have the dollar to contribute.

MILITIA.

At the foundation of our National Government, a deep-seated hostility to standing armies existed among our people, and that sentiment was truly represented by the men who framed the Federal Constitution. British regulars had been employed for their oppression, and our fathers took good care that no such effectual instrument of tyranny should exist under the government they created. That sentiment descended to their children, and the standing army of the United States was never large enough to picket the shortest boundary line of the Nation.

But with all this feeling, these wise men were not blind to the necessity in every well ordered government, of a competent military establishment for national defence, and to arm the magistracy with the power of enforcing the laws. Accordingly the Constitution of the United States authorizes Congress to "provide for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia," "reserving to the States, respectively, the appointment of the officers, and the authority of training the militia, according to the discipline prescribed by Congress." Article two of the amendments to the Constitution declares, "that a well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." This declaration contains not only a substantial guaranty of a right of the people, but an axiom of practical wisdom, the disregard of which has brought heavy penalties on the nation.

Complying with these constitutional requirements, immediately on the establishment of the government of the United States, Congress and the States made provision for organizing, arming, equipping and training the militia. For many years a lively interest was felt in this branch of the military establishment. Commissions in its service were regarded as objects of an honorable ambition, and its titles, for a long time, as evidences of consideration and worth. European wars, commencing almost immediately after the birth of our nation, and raging so many years, coupled with threatening complications in our own affairs, first with one belligerent and then the other, and finally ending in 1812 in war with Great Britain, kept alive, in the bosoms of the people, a sense of the necessity of a well-regulated militia.

After the pacification of Christendom in 1815, no war upon an extended scale occurred for many years. So large a portion of

mankind returning from the pursuits of war to the arts of peaceful life, and continuing therein so long, it seemed as if the world was about to realize the vision of the prophet, and that the ploughshare and pruning hook were destined to supplant the spear and sword. In our own happy country, blessed as was never a nation blessed before, a conviction seized the minds of the people that the iron hoof of war was never again to press her soil. Comparatively secure from foreign attack, by reason of the remoteness of our national position from any power which could menace us with real danger, as well as in our conscious and conceded strength, a sentiment obtained that military preparation on our part was unnecessary and idle, and that the military duty exacted of the citizen was a burden, attended by no corresponding public benefit. At length military service became so distasteful, that modifications of the law requiring it commenced, and finally the whole system of active militia was abandoned. This is its history in Maine.

The doctrine of the fathers was, that every able-bodied citizen, during the period of full, manly strength, owed military service to his country. Recognizing this principle, article seven, section five, of the Constitution of Maine, has the following provision: "Persons of the denominations of Quakers and Shakers, Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and Ministers of the Gospel, may be exempted from military duty; but no other person of the age of eighteen, and under the age of forty-five years, excepting officers of the militia who have been honorably discharged, shall be so exempted, unless he shall pay an equivalent fixed by law." Language cannot be found more clearly to assert the universality of the obligation of military service upon the citizen than is contained in this article. The exemptions therein specified are not mandatory, but simply permissive, out of tenderness to conscience, regard for the public necessities, and the acknowledged incompatibility of the clerical profession with military pursuits.

During the last summer, when the surges of hostile invasion were heard like the distant rote of the ocean, rolling towards the borders of the loyal States, your Chief Magistrate was interrogated by the Secretary of War as to the number of regiments of militia Maine could furnish to aid in repelling the impending attack. It is unnecessary for me to say to you what his reply was,—what it only could have been. Thus appealed to for help, the people of Maine could only fold their arms, bow their heads in

sorrow, if not shame, and await the inevitable shock; they had no power to help their brothers, who had gone out from among them, in the time of their exigent need so near at hand. This too, gentlemen, when there were at home thousands of stalwart arms and willing hearts utterly unavailable, by reason of an almost criminal neglect of an obvious constitutional duty. Thanks be to God, and the valor of the army of the Potomac, after weary and bloody days, the foe at Gettysburg was baffled and beaten back. The thought of a different result drives the blood to the heart.

Well had it been for our nation had the teachings and practices of the founders of our government been heeded. Had we enjoyed the blessing of a well regulated militia, the loyal States would not have been so illy prepared to meet the rebellious hosts who sought the nation's destruction.

Admonished by the experience of the past, I have felt compelled to urge upon you the necessity and duty of making legal provision for supplying this deficiency and omission. In all States, necessities far short of actual war, may call for the employment of military force—all States are liable to be plunged into war almost without notice or time for preparation. It is a wise sentiment, that the preparation for war is the best security against it. Situate as Maine is, a frontier State, contiguous to the territories of a power with whom the shadows of a collision have flitted athwart the horizon more than once since the commencement of our civil war, growing out of circumstances keenly wounding the national sensibilities, but which under the influence of wise and forbearing councils we may hope have passed away, it is nevertheless a duty we owe to ourselves and our State to see to it that this matter of a well-regulated militia shall be no longer neglected.

EDUCATION.

The subject of education is one which in Maine never falls on an inattentive ear. The duty of making adequate provision for the education of youth is enjoined upon the Legislature by the Constitution. This duty is one which continually abides. Pressing as are the calls on the Treasury, the present is no time to indulge in lavish expenditure upon any object, but education is one of the last to be neglected.

A grant of four half townships of land was made by the State the last year for the endowment of two normal schools, to be es-

tablished, one in the eastern and the other in the western part of the State. Farmington and Castine have been selected by the commission appointed to make the location, as points combining more of the desired advantages than any other of the villages which were competitors therefor—each enjoying a delightful situation, a salubrious climate, and easily accessible, one by rail, and the other, under arrangements made, to become so by steamboat, they fairly fulfil the conditions of the law. There is no reason why youth seeking the advantages of these institutions, removed from the bustle and temptations of larger towns, may not vindicate the wisdom of those who so long have urged their establishment. I refer you to the elaborate report of the Superintendent of Common Schools for further details in relation to these, as well as for information in regard to the educational interests of the State, committed to the charge of that officer.

By act of Congress, July, 1862, was granted to the several States, which should accept the same, and comply with the conditions, an endowment of thirty thousand acres of land for each federal senator and representative, being to this State two hundred and ten thousand acres. The purpose of this grant is declared to be, for "the endowment, support and maintenance of at least one college," (in a State,) "where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such manner as the legislatures of the States may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes, in the several pursuits and professions of life. Among the conditions it is required "that the State shall keep the principal of the fund good forever," except that "not more than ten per cent. of it may be applied to the purchase of lands, for sites or experimental farms, by authority of the legislature," "but no portion of the fund, or its interest, to be applied for the erection, preservation or repair of buildings." "The annual interest of the fund shall be regularly applied to the declared object of the grant." Five years from the date of the grant are allowed, within which to establish the institution. The Legislature of this State by resolve, March 25th, 1863, accepted the grant, and directed the Governor to notify the President of the United States thereof, and he was also authorized to receive the scrip for the land. A board of thirteen regents was

likewise created to take an assignment of the scrip issued to the State, to locate the same in their own names, for the use and benefit of the State, and for the object proposed by the act of Congress. The Governor was authorized to assign the scrip to the regents, but not before another session of the Legislature. The regents were likewise authorized to solicit subscriptions and proposals for the location of the college, to deliberate upon and consider the advantages of various locations, and examine similar institutions in other States. The regents are to be chosen by the Legislature, on joint ballot, and to receive no compensation for their services.

This is a summary of the leading points of the legislation on this subject. No election of regents having been made, there has been no progress in the advancement of the object, and the whole matter is open, without any embarrassment, for you to adopt such measures as you may believe best adapted to fulfil the purpose of the grant. It is evident that while the endowment was intended to be liberal on the part of the National Government, it was also expected that the States, each for itself, were to become the patrons of these institutions. While among the sciences to be taught, it is declared that the leading object is to teach those relating to agriculture and the mechanic arts, the language of the act making the grant, declaring specifically that it is not its purpose to exclude other sciences, is pregnant with the conclusion that the design was to establish institutions of learning of the highest order, for its scope is as comprehensive as its whole spirit is liberal.

Anxious as are the people to secure the benefits of this grant, at the present time, the pressure of taxation weighing heavily, and the calls for money for the necessities of the war are so imperative, it is for you seriously to consider and determine in what way this may best be accomplished. I am aware of the emulous rivalries likely to arise among existing institutions, upon the proposition to connect the agricultural college with some of them. The movement last year in that direction met with very slight favor from the Legislature, and it was indeed premature, for the subject was new to the people, and had been very little considered.

If Maine is to have the institution which this grant designs, the Legislature will find it necessary, either to endow a new one, with a very liberal amount of funds to start it, to be followed by annual appropriations for its support to the end of time, or avail itself of some one of those already existing, which has been heretofore the

recipient of the bounty of the State, securing thereby edifices, library and laboratory—the gathered results of large expenditure and patient effort, indispensable to the proposed institution, demanded by the purposes of the grant, and the first and most expensive to be provided by the State. Without the slightest preference on my own part, as to what institution shall be selected with which to connect the agricultural college, my convictions are very decided that it is expedient to adopt some one of them, should the Legislature decide to act definitely on this subject at the present session. The unsettled state of the country, combining with the operation of the national homestead law, to depress the value of the public domain, forbids any undue haste in committing the State beyond recall to either course of procedure.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

For a detail of the condition of the various public institutions, depending in whole or in part on the public treasury, you are referred to the reports of the several officers having the same in charge.

The asylum for the insane, during the past year, has been occupied to the full extent of its capacity. Its history and experience fully vindicate the wisdom of the public favor and private benevolence which founded and has sustained it. As a refuge for those afflicted by the most fearful calamity which waylays a human being, it is worthy of all the aid it may require from the Treasury.

The institution for the reformation of juvenile offenders, however much public opinion may have been divided at the outset as to its utility, has grown in favor under the management of its present head, and I recommend the necessary appropriations to sustain it.

The reports of the Warden and Inspectors of the State Prison, detailing the operations at that institution for the six months ending December 1, 1863, indicate a more prosperous state of affairs. This has been an exceedingly expensive establishment, and while in other States the labor of convicts has been made largely to contribute to defray the expenses of their subsistence and custody, ours has been a constant drain on the Treasury. I commend this institution to your special attention, with the hope that under apparently improving circumstances, a system of management may be adopted, which shall result in placing the State Prison of Maine

on a footing with those of other States which have been to a degree self-sustaining.

For the other charities of the State, for the deaf, dumb and blind, you will of course make the usual appropriations.

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, bearing the impress of the peculiar ability of that officer, contains much valuable information relating to that predominant interest of our people, and will, I trust, receive a wide dissemination.

PUBLIC LANDS.

In regard to the public lands, I am not aware that any change in the laws regulating their management is at this time demanded. The policy of the State is exceedingly liberal, so far as the promotion of the occupancy of its settling lands is concerned. The conditions to be performed which secure a title to a homestead being the payment of fifty cents per acre in labor on the highways, and the performance of settling duties ; or, in substance, that the settler shall make himself a home on his lot and a road to or across it.

There have been some sales of timber lands the past season, the first for ten years, and at very satisfactory prices. I think that there exists in the public mind a very vague and indefinite idea of the quality and value of these lands. The purchase of Massachusetts nominally large in its number of acres, added but little to this class. The lands which that Commonwealth had held in severalty, and which Maine acquired by the purchase, came to us for the most part, burdened by permits or licenses to take off the timber, for which Massachusetts had been previously paid. These licenses are, the most of them, determinable when the land shall be needed for settlement, but that time is indefinite, and may be remote, and is not unlikely to give rise to controversies between the State and the parties permitted.

I think it very desirable that the public domain should be classified according to its various qualities, as timber, settling and waste lands, and that a report thereof be made, with the quantities of each, and the location, and incumbrances, if any, upon every tract, to the end that the Legislature and the public may obtain a more definite idea of the description, value and quantity of those lands, than now prevails. This may be done by a Commission, of which the Land Agent should be one, or perhaps by him alone. The lands all having been surveyed at least into townships, the greater

part of the information necessary to make the classifications may be found in the Land Office.

A practice has prevailed within a few years past in making grants of land, of doing it by parcels, giving thereby a wider range of selection. If the grant is for an equivalent of a township, instead of a township in terms to be located "in solido," it is made a grant of two half townships, which may be located remotely from each other, and absorb the entire value of two townships. The effect of this course of procedure is to leave the State only the poorest of its lands. Regarding the practice as objectionable, and injurious to the interests of the State, it is for you to treat the suggestion with whatever consideration you may regard it entitled to, in the event that you shall be called on to make any grants of land.

For an account of the operations of the Land Office, you are referred to the report of the Land Agent.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

There is another topic which I would gladly avoid, but a sense of public duty forbids silence. I allude to the punishment of capital offences, and the condition of things, which has grown up, in consequence of the omission to execute the laws of the land, in that regard.

In 1837, as the result of a protracted agitation of the proposition to abolish capital punishments, the public sentiment of the State having rejected it, there was added to the laws prescribing the punishment of capital offences, a provision that persons convicted thereof should be sentenced to solitary confinement and hard labor, in the State Prison, until the punishment of death should be inflicted, which is forbidden to be executed, within a year after sentence or judgment. From that time to the present, no criminal has been executed in Maine under the laws of the State.

To exempt a magistrate from the necessity of participating in the enforcement of a law which deprives a human being of life, must be grateful to his humane sensibilities. It is not, however, a question of what is agreeable or painful, in official duty, with which we are called upon to deal in this matter, but it is a question of what that duty is. By none of the ordinary rules of interpretation applicable to statutes, can any other conclusion be arrived at, than that the purpose of the modification of the law was to afford the

capitally condemned criminal a year of grace, after conviction and sentence, as a period for repentance and preparation for the doom awaiting him, and likewise an opportunity for procuring proofs, if such should exist, that the conviction had been effected by falsehood or mistake.

The duty imposed upon the Chief Magistrate by the terms of the law, after the expiration of the year of grace, remains prescribed in the same language as it was before the introduction of that modification. Prior to the change, the Governor was required to fix the day and issue the warrant for the execution ; the same duty is still imposed upon him in precisely the same terms, except that he shall not do so till the expiration of a year after sentence. If anything more were needed to strengthen this conclusion, it is to be found in the legislation of 1840, prescribing by whom execution shall be done upon criminals condemned to death, who shall be present as witnesses, and other details, all of which legislation was reiterated and confirmed in the revision of the public laws in 1857. The embarrassment in this matter, arises not so much from any difficulties in the law, as from the fact of its non-enforcement for twenty years.

During this period the number of felons convicted of capital offences, has most disproportionately increased over the two previous decades, there being at this time in the State Prison, under sentence of death, no less than twelve convicted murderers. One of these has been imprisoned about twenty years, and others for shorter terms. In all these cases, the omission to commute their punishment, leaves the criminals subject to the extreme penalty of the law. Deserving, as they doubtless were, of its infliction, at this late day, to require the Chief Magistrate of the State to issue the warrants for their execution, would be regarded as little short of cold-blooded, vindictive murder. What then shall be done ?

The argument most relied on by the advocates of the abolition of capital punishment, that the safety of society would be as well assured by the imprisonment as by the death of the criminal, in consequence of the increased certainty of conviction and punishment, resulting from its abolition, has been signally negatived by the statistics of crime in this State.

The following is an extract from a communication made to me by the Attorney General of the State :

“ Murder is alarmingly on the increase. During the past year

there have been three death sentences ; two verdicts of guilty of murder in the first degree in addition, which have not come to sentence ; one indicted for murder, died before trial ; one indicted for murder in the second degree, admitted to bail ; one found guilty of manslaughter on an indictment for murder ; *one* other trial for murder (which it was admitted *some one* had committed), but the jury disagreed ; and two are in jail for murder, not indicted ! ”

One of these convictions furnishes melancholy evidence that those to whose custody is committed the criminals condemned to death, are not safe from homicidal assault. A warden of the State Prison has fallen a victim to brutal violence, and though his life was not taken by a criminal at the time condemned to death, it equally illustrates the fact, that were imprisonment the extreme penalty, the lives of the officers would have no protection in the law, for it has already inflicted its utmost vengeance. I submit, gentlemen, that this is a fearful record. It is time that the complications which perplex this subject should be unravelled, and that the measure of the punishment for the crime of murder, should be made certain.

With regard to those who have been convicted in former years, and are now in prison, their year of grace having expired, commutation of their punishment to imprisonment for life, would dispose of the embarrassment growing out of their numbers, and the delay to execute the law upon them when the knowledge of their crime was fresh in the public mind, and the justice of the punishment would have been fully recognized. This much would devolve upon the Executive. For other cases, let the Legislature fix a day certain, after the expiration of the year of grace, on which execution shall be done upon the criminal capitally convicted, leaving no discretion in the Chief Magistrate but to issue the warrant for execution, unless circumstances should demand his interference as an act of justice and mercy.

SOLDIERS' VOTING.

The justice of extending to our citizen soldiers in the field an opportunity for exercising the right of suffrage in our elections has been considerably discussed and generally conceded. The experience of other States goes fully to establish the fact that the votes of the soldiers may be so taken as to preclude either fraud or abuse upon the elective franchise. Because a man for the time being

becomes a soldier in defence of all that is dear to the citizen, his interest in the welfare of the state and nation is neither changed nor diminished but rather augmented and intensified by his consecration of himself at the peril of his life to their service. Why, then, should he not be permitted, wherever he may be, upon the happening of an election at his home, to enjoy the consideration of a citizen, and cast his ballot? And why should he be denied the privilege of helping to shape the policy of the government in which his interest is certainly not less than that of those remaining securely at their firesides? On the return of the soldier to his home he finds himself in possession of all the political rights he ever enjoyed. These do not become changed even by a three-years' absence.

To secure to him during this absence the exercise of the highest of these rights was the subject of favorable recommendation in the annual message of my predecessor. It did not come up for action in the Legislature until a late day, when it failed not for want of friends to the object, but because of objection to the particular form in which it was presented; and in the great hurry incident to the closing days of the session, there was not time to mature the requisite bill and resolutions to accomplish it.

As to the precise mode by which the end is to be attained, the large amount of legal learning which your several bodies comprise will doubtless enable you to frame and adopt such resolutions and bill as will extend fully the right of suffrage to the soldier in the field, as will guard well the elective franchise from abuse, and at the same time meet all constitutional requirements. So many thousands of our fellow-citizens volunteering to leave home and friends and the comforts of peaceful life to defend our common rights, I cannot doubt will be enabled by you, sanctioned by the coöperation of the people, to cast their votes for President of the United States in the election which is to take place in November next.

RECIPROCITY TREATY.

In the course of the present year expires the term after which the so called Reciprocity Treaty between the governments of the United States and Great Britain may be rescinded, at the pleasure of either party, on giving a year's notice. This treaty from the outset has been regarded as unfavorable to various leading indus-

trial interests of the people of Maine, and the Legislature in 1862 adopted the following resolve :

“ Resolved, as the sentiment of this Legislature that it is the duty of the National Government of the United States to give notice to the British Government that the Reciprocity Treaty so called will be rescinded on the part of the United States at the expiration of the time to which its operation is limited by its terms, to the end that, if any, a new arrangement may be made with the British Government, which shall be more just and equal and properly guard and protect the great interests of this State, which are injuriously affected by the present treaty.”

In 1854, at the date of the treaty, the lumbering business, a leading branch of the industry of our citizens, enjoyed a great degree of prosperity, but from that time, when the markets of the United States were opened to the free importation of Canadian and other provincial woods, that prosperity was smitten as with a frost bite. Many parties employed in that business were utterly ruined, and for years it did not enjoy a single season of fair success. The value of timber lands in Maine, owned as well by the State as by individuals, was greatly diminished. The vast milling property employed in the manufacture of lumber also suffered. It is doubtful if any act of the Government, operating so injuriously upon private interests, was ever so uncomplainingly borne.

Of the lands purchased by this State of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1853, and to which it was influenced among other causes by the prosperity of our lumbermen at that period, until the present year, only the most insignificant quantities have been sold, the stagnation in the demand forbidding the offering of public lands for sale. It is true that at the present moment, under the influence of a disturbed currency, and probably the closing of the lumber ports of the South, our citizens engaged in bringing the forests to market are enjoying a good degree of prosperity ; but with the subsidence of the cause, which peace will bring, must return the former depression.

What is true of the lumberman is likewise true, to a large extent, of the agricultural interests of our country. There is no article produced from our farms, that is not met in our own markets by similar articles from Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and other British provinces, reaching those markets under advantages superior to those enjoyed by citizens of the United States. The

schedule of articles made reciprocally free by this treaty contains very many which can be produced and are produced by our own citizens equal to any possible demand, of the best quality, and at most reasonable prices. The soil and climate of the United States and of the provinces with which this trade is established, are precisely similar, and their productions homogeneous. This treaty in terms gives us another market, but in point of fact it is an utter delusion. The whole advantage of the treaty is with our provincial neighbors. It grants to them that ever consuming demand of British commercial policy, a market—a market for their surplus products of field and forest, giving us in return access to their markets, which our people can never seek, for the reason that they are at all times gorged to repletion by the provincials themselves. It is not necessary in this connection to enter into any discussion upon the merits of free trade or to complain of colonial legislation impairing some of the anticipated advantages of the treaty. For us as a nation the dream of free trade is ended. Engaged as we are in the prosecution of a war upon a scale of unparalleled magnitude, our financiers and statesmen are perplexed to provide means of supplying the national treasury, and sustaining the national credit. The tax-gatherer is met at every door, but there is not a loyal man to whom he is an unwelcome visitor, for loyalty greets it not only as a duty but a pleasure to contribute of its substance to the nation's need in its time of trial. The range of dutiable articles has been so enlarged as to embrace some coming almost within the category of the necessities of life, consumed alike upon the tables of the rich and poor, and upon which for a generation the tax-gatherer had not laid his finger. While our own people are so taxed, and bearing this all so cheerfully, without a whisper of complaint, because demanded by the necessities of the country, is it not unjust that citizens of foreign states, who contribute not a penny to the support of our government, should be admitted to an equal participation of commercial privileges with our own citizens, and to their serious injury?

The terms of the treaty, providing for its abrogation after ten years, clearly indicates that it was regarded as an experiment. As such, it has been so sufficiently tested by the people of Maine, that a large majority desire neither its continuance nor repetition. In one point it has most signally failed, and that is in winning for the United States the good will of our territorial neighbors; and

the government, in terminating this treaty, is relieved of all embarrassment on that account.

I commend this subject to your consideration, and that you take such action in the premises as, upon an examination of the same, you may believe the interests of your constituents demand.

COAST AND FRONTIER DEFENCES.

Upon the call of this State by the resolves of the Legislature, touching the defenceless condition of her coast and north-eastern frontier, and the urgent solicitation of my predecessor, the United States, in addition to large expenditures upon the permanent fortifications in the harbor of Portland, at the mouth of the Kennebec river, and the narrows of the Penobscot, has constructed earthworks at Rockland, Belfast and Eastport, at each of which places two batteries of five guns each have been mounted, while both at Castine and Machiasport a single battery of five guns has been supplied. These earthworks are, indeed, but temporary defences, though it is believed that properly manned they would afford sufficient protection against any mere piratical cruisers, for when sufficiently enlarged, they have proved very formidable, as a means of defence, against imposing squadrons.

There are still other points on the coast calling for defensive precautions, which the government of the United States will doubtless provide, having already indicated its purpose to do whatever may be needed to render the towns on the seaboard secure from surprise by attacks from the ocean.

In relation to the north-eastern frontier, the only means suggested for its defence, is the construction of a railroad, connecting it with our interior lines of communication, by which an army, with its munitions and supplies, can be rapidly concentrated on its line, or at its terminus. As yet nothing has been accomplished towards securing the national aid for this great object. Thus far the railways of Maine have been the results of private enterprise, aided, in some instances, by the credit of certain municipalities. They have received no aid whatever from the National Government, by land grants, nor even by the refunding or remission of duties upon railroad iron, (except, perhaps, in a single instance,) both of which have been largely enjoyed by other States.

In happier days, and as a means of development, the State, forbidden to use its credit for the purpose, made, on certain condi-

tions, a grant of the public lands to the Aroostook Railroad Company. The conditions not having been complied with, the grant lapsed. It was then, and is now apparent, that the construction of a railroad, whether for defence or development, to the eastern or north-eastern frontier of the State, within a reasonable time, can only be accomplished by a combination of private enterprise and government aid, State or National. That, under the circumstances, Maine is fairly entitled to call on the Government of the United States to aid in so important a work of defence, the defence itself being a national obligation, is very clear.

The towns upon the St. Croix are liable to isolation and capture, by land attack, in the event of a rupture with Great Britain, for lack of speedy communication with the more densely populated portions of the State. While the Government of the United States has been erecting its defences at Eastport, the citizens of that section have interested themselves in endeavoring to secure a connection between the railroads on that river and on the Penobscot; and although it is but a common turnpike that is proposed by them, it will reduce very much the time, which is now the measure of distance, from the one point to the other. As a purely defensive measure, in the absence of a better, our fellow-citizens in that portion of the State are justly entitled to your favorable consideration.

The very recent alarm on our eastern border, excited by rumors that a raid was being organized in the neighboring Province of New Brunswick, under rebel auspices, for the purpose of devastating our cities and towns, is an imputation of inefficiency in the police of that province, so gross as to be incompatible with good faith. As such, I should profoundly regret its verification. The incident, however, emphasizes the propriety of establishing, at an early day, some more speedy means of communication, than is at present enjoyed with that frontier.

PRIVATE RELIEF TO SOLDIERS.

This war, fruitful as it has been in stimulating the inventive genius of our countrymen to devise new methods of defence and destruction, has also developed a spirit of humanity strangely in contrast with the inevitable barbarities of war. The charities of our people, like everything else connected with the war, have been gigantic in their proportions. The cry that our soldiers are suffer-

ing, is the "open sesame" that unlocks all hearts, and at its call, no matter how oft repeated, affluence pours forth its abundance, and penury contributes its mite for their relief. The women of the country, in this, as in every labor of beneficence, the first to enter and the last to retire from the field,—from city, village, and hamlet have sent forth a continuous stream of the fruits of their industry, to make comfortable the frame of the suffering soldier, and to cheer his heart by these reminders, that, though far away, he is still the object of their kind regards.

The self-appointed Commissions, almoners of the people's benevolence, have nobly done their duty. The opening volley that announces a battle commenced, is a signal for their agents to rally, and the echo of the last gun dies not away, before they, like angels of mercy, have gathered on the field of strife, to administer relief to the wounded and consolation to the dying—to friend and foe alike. They deserve the thanks of every man and woman in the country, for these labors of love, and, I doubt not, will be enabled to continue them, by the unflagging liberality of the people.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

In the scale of recent national events, the fact which most prominently challenges the attention and sympathy of Christendom, is the Proclamation of the President of the United States, declaring the emancipation of the slaves in the States in revolt. Having given timely warning to the rebels to lay down their arms and return to their allegiance and duty, under the penalty of this assault upon their right to hold their fellow men in bondage, the madness which precedes destruction made them deaf to the warning, and this bolt, which but for the rebellion could not have been forged, was hurled at their cherished institution.

No measure of the government has called forth such fierce invective, or evoked more constitutional criticism. Those who at the outset of the rebellion, and before any act of war, denied the right or power of the nation to maintain its authority, or, in their own stereotyped phrase, "to coerce a State," and who at no time since have yielded any moral support to the government in its fierce struggle and extreme need, but for a time were awed to apparent acquiescence by the earnestness of the people, on the issuing of this Magna Charta of freedom to an oppressed and despised race, instantly raised their voices in denunciation of the Administration,

for waging a war for the abolition of slavery, and not for the restoration of the Union. The want of constitutional power, that objection which always commands a respectful consideration, is urged against it.

That in time of peace, either the President, or Congress, separately or in conjunction, had any authority whatever over slavery in the States where it existed, was never pretended; no attempt to interfere therewith was ever made by either, prior to the outbreak of the rebellion, and that no party in the country desiring such interference in the States ever commanded the support of any respectable number of persons, is as well known as any other fact in American history. The rights of the States in this regard, were under the protection of the solemn guarantees of the Federal Constitution, which the nation never violated. But a portion of the slaveholding States, not satisfied with the religious observance of these obligations and guarantees, and spurning still others which were proffered in good faith and friendship, trampling upon that Constitution, sought to place the institution of slavery upon a more steadfast foundation, by destroying the government which had been its shield and buckler, and to give it a wider expansion in the national Territories, which they confidently expected to clutch in the rapine of empire.

Thus and for this the war began. At its commencement, it was the hope and expectation that it would be of short duration; that the citizens of the States in revolt would become convinced that no invasion of their rights was intended, and that upon sober second thought, they would return beneath the folds of the flag which was the symbol of our common glory. Beyond the punishment of some of the more prominent and flagitious criminals who incited the rebellion, no other thought entered the mind or the heart of the loyal people of the country, than to welcome back those who were regarded as erring brethren, to the protection of that government which had blessed them so greatly, which they had enjoyed so long, and to the possession of their ancient rights. These expectations have been disappointed, and the progress of the war, while its objects have not been changed, has developed the necessity of a change of instrumentalities, by which it is to be prosecuted to a successful conclusion.

Measures which in the beginning would have been rejected, and from which a large proportion of the loyal people of the country

would have shrunk, have at length become inevitable. The national necessities have demanded that all the national resources should be marshaled for the conflict. The decimated ranks of the army demanded fresh recruits; men were needed to work on fortifications; laborers were required to cultivate abandoned plantations; the traitor enemy had these men; and just so far as we could strengthen ourselves by winning them to our side, in that proportion we should weaken our foe. Hence the emancipation proclamation of the President, and the cognate legislation of Congress. A people involved in such a war, who should fail to avail themselves of such a resource, would be set down as stricken with judicial blindness; to omit to do so would be traitorously to strengthen the foe.

That in addition to these for us vast accessions of strength, and corresponding depletion of the rebels, there comes the other fact that a race whose inheritance, for centuries, has been ignominy and oppression, to whom God's word has been a sealed book, hedged in by penal enactments, who are denied all means of enlightenment, and all recompense for their toil; among whom marital obligations are not permitted; whose affections are treated with the same tenderness as that accorded the lowing herds; for whom there has been no refuge but in the grave, where "the servant is free from the master," "and the weary be at rest:" that such a race should be summoned to the rights of a common humanity, can excite no emotions but those of satisfaction and thanksgiving in the bosoms of all not dead to a sense of the value of civil liberty.

"Man proposes but God disposes." Opinions, policies, and institutions are compelled to give way to the inexorable logic of events, for these are the processes of the Almighty. Invoking for the discharge of our official duties the inspiration of His wisdom and the blessing of His goodness, when the period of our retirement from public station arrives, may we enjoy the consciousness of having endeavored "to do the State some service;" and may the banner which floats over our heads this day then cover with its folds a free, peaceful and united nation.

Having delivered the foregoing message, the Governor and his attendants withdrew, and the Convention was dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Androscoggin,

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Governor's Address be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. CRAM of Cumberland,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MUNGER of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day, at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, Land Agent, and seven Executive Councillors, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, through Mr. Stilson, its Clerk, informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition of the Senate for a Joint Convention of both Houses of the Legislature for the purposes named in the above proposition of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Oxford,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish one copy of the Acts and Resolves of 1863 to each of the members of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Bradbury of Penobscot,

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 contract with some person or persons to do the State

printing and binding for the current year, subject to the approval of the Legislature.

And Messrs. Bradbury of Penobscot, Cram of Cumberland, and Wadsworth of Washington, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came back passed in concurrence, with Messrs. Clay of Gardiner, Rogers of Kittery, Allen of Fairfield, Wallace of Millbridge, Thompson of Stockton, Johnson of Dresden, and Wade of Parkman, joined on the part of the House.

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. ELLIOT of the Senate,

Messrs. Elliot of Cumberland, Hale of Piscataquis, of the Senate, and Messrs. Stetson of Bangor, Knowlton of Liberty, Tobey of Athens, Neal of Waite plantation, Daggett of Greene, of the House, were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of State.

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

Whole number of votes,	134
Necessary for a choice,	68
Ephraim Flint, Jr., has	132
A. P. Gould,	2

The report was accepted, and EPHRAIM FLINT, JR., was declared duly elected Secretary of State, for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. BEALE of the Senate,

Messrs. Beale of Penobscot, McGilvery of Waldo, of the Senate, and Messrs. Rogers of Ashland, Vickery of Cape Elizabeth, Strout of Durham, Perkins of Wells, and Ingersoll of Columbia, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Attorney General.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows :

Whole number of votes,	143
Necessary for a choice,	72

John A. Peters has	133
S. J. Anderson,	4
J. L. Hodsdon,	4
A. Hayden,	1
G. Walker,	1

• The report was accepted, and JOHN A. PETERS was declared duly elected Attorney General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, of the Senate, the Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of State were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Adjutant General.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	149
Necessary for a choice,	75
John L. Hodsdon has	148
Thomas A. Staples,	1

The report was accepted, and JOHN L. HODSDON was declared duly elected Adjutant General for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS of Oxford, the same Committee was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Land Agent.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes,	137
Necessary for a choice,	69
Hiram Chapman has	131
J. W. Moore,	5
James W. Moore,	1

The report was accepted and HIRAM CHAPMAN was declared duly elected Land Agent for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec of the Senate, the same Committee were directed to receive, sort and count the votes for seven Executive Councillors.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows:

Whole number of ballots,	141
Necessary for a choice,	71
Charles Holden,	136

John J. Perry,	136
Sewall Watson,	136
Alanson Starks,	136
Joseph Farwell,	136
Hiram Ruggles,	136
John M. Noyes,	136
Israel Chadbourn,	5
Sewall C. Strout,	5
Rowland H. Bridgham,	5
Samuel Taylor,	5
S. R. Bray,	5
Josiah B. Bruce,	5
Joseph Chase,	5

The report was accepted, and Messrs. Charles Holden, John J. Perry, Sewall Watson, Alanson Starks, Joseph Farwell, Hiram Ruggles, and John M. Noyes, were declared duly elected Executive Councillors for the current political year.

The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of York,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify Ephraim Flint, Jr., of his election as Secretary of State, John L. Hodsdon of his election as Adjutant General, Hiram Chapman of his election as Land Agent, and Messrs. Charles Holden, John J. Perry, Sewall Watson, Alanson Starks, Joseph Farwell, Hiram Ruggles, and John M. Noyes, of their election as Executive Councillors for the current political year, and request their immediate attendance.

Communications were received from Charles Holden, John J. Perry, Joseph Farwell, Hiram Ruggles, and John M. Noyes, Councillors elect, signifying their acceptance of their several trusts, which were read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, this day, at half past twelve o'clock, for the purpose of administering to the Councillors

elect, who have signified their acceptance of the several trusts, the necessary oaths to enable them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, through Mr. Stilson, its Clerk, informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition of the Senate for a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature for the purposes named in the above proposition of the Senate.

The hour assigned for the Convention of the two branches of the Legislature, for the purpose of qualifying the Councillors elect having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify the Councillors elect, who have signified their acceptance of the trust, that the two branches of the Legislature are now assembled in Joint Convention for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had waited upon the Honorable Councillors elect, and delivered the message with which he was charged, and they were pleased to say in reply, that they would attend forthwith upon the Convention for the purpose indicated in the message.

Thereupon, Honorables Charles Holden, John J. Perry, Joseph Farwell, Hiram Ruggles, and John M. Noyes, Councillors elect, came in and in the presence of both Houses of the Legislature, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the Constitutional oaths prerequisite to their entering upon their official duties.

The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. MERROW of Sagadahoc,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, by the Secretary, informing him of the election and qualification of Honora-

bles Charles Holden, John J. Perry, Joseph Farwell, Hiram Rugles, and John M. Noyes, as Executive Councillors for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. SPRING of Cumberland, by leave, introduced bill "an act to further continue in force the provisions of chapter 71 of the laws of 1862, concerning the suspension of specie payments," which was read once, the rules being suspended, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. MERROW of Sagadahoc,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ROWE of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Androscoggin,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish the Chaplains of the Senate with the Daily Kennebec Journal, during the session.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure from the State Librarian a map of the State of Maine for the use of the Senate.

A communication was received from John L. Hodsdon, Adjutant General elect, signifying his acceptance of the trust, which was read and sent down.

The PRESIDENT announced the following Standing Committees of the Senate :

On Bills in Second Reading.

Messrs. Elliot of Cumberland,
Milliken of Kennebec,
Beale of Penobscot,
Cram of Cumberland,
Bradbury of Penobscot,
Walker of Knox,
Banks of York,
Dingley of Androscoggin,
Wadsworth of Washington,
Hale of Piscataquis,
Milliken of Waldo,
Sanborn of Kennebec.

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Josselyn of Franklin,
Merrow of Sagadahoc,
Milliken of Hancock,
Philbrick of Cumberland,
Sanborn of York,
Stevens of Oxford,
Manson of Penobscot,
Talbot of Washington,
True of Kennebec,
Warren of Hancock,
McGilvery of Waldo,
Burleigh of Aroostook.

On motion of Mr. JOSSELYN of Franklin,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council, informing them that John L. Hodsdon has been duly elected Adjutant General for the current political year, and has signified his acceptance of the office.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. MERROW of Sagadahoc,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday morning at eleven o'clock.

On motion of Mr. WALKER of Knox,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee be appointed on the

Governor's Message, who shall report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate Committees, and Messrs. Walker of Knox, Philbrick of Cumberland, and Bradbury of Penobscot, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came back from the House passed in concurrence, with Messrs. Farwell of Rockland, Usher of Hollis, Neal of Wait Plantation, Morrill of Falmouth, Cyphers of Ripley, Burnham of Gilead, and Small of Lyndon, joined on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Philbrick of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare the usual Senate Register, and that four hundred copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. JOSSELYN of Franklin,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee, consisting of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be directed to inquire into the expediency of the State's assuming the liabilities incurred by the several cities and towns in this State in the payment of bounties to volunteers and drafted men, under the several calls of the President, and that they be instructed to report by bill or otherwise.

And Messrs. Sanborn of Kennebec, Talbot of Washington, and Spring of Cumberland, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came back from the House passed in concurrence, with Messrs. Drummond of Bath, Stetson of Bangor, Williams of Augusta, Lynch of Portland, Copeland of Calais, Stone of Kennebunk, and O'Brien of Thomaston, joined on the part of the House.

A communication was received from Hon. Nathan Dane, Treasurer of State, transmitting an annual statement and account of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasury Department for the year ending December 31, 1863.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the Report of the Treasurer, this day laid before the Legislature, be referred to a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

And Messrs. Spring of Cumberland, Talbot of Washington, and Sanborn of Kennebec, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came back from the House passed in concurrence, with Messrs. Drummond of Bath, Williams of Augusta, Stetson of Bangor, Lynch of Portland, Copeland of Calais, Stone of Kennebunk, and O'Brien of Thomaston, joined on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY of Androscoggin,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Communications were received from Alanson Starks and Sewall Watson, Councillors elect, signifying their acceptance of their several trusts, which were read and sent down.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Stilson, its Clerk, proposing a Joint Convention of both Houses of the Legislature in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at half past ten o'clock this day, for the purpose of qualifying Hon. Sewall Watson and Alanson Starks, as Executive Councillors.

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. BANKS,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify Hon. Alanson Starks and Sewall Watson, Councillors elect, that a Joint Convention of both Houses of the Legislature are assembled in the Representatives' Hall for the purpose of administering to them the official oaths required by the Constitution.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had waited upon Hon. Alanson Starks and Sewall Watson and delivered the message with which he was charged, and they were pleased to say in reply, that they would attend forthwith upon the Convention for the purpose indicated in the message.

Thereupon, Hon. Alanson Starks and Sewall Watson, Councillors elect, came in and in presence of both Houses of the Legislature and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to enable them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. BEALE of Penobscot,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor by the Secretary of the Senate, informing him of the election and qualification of Hon. Alanson Starks and Sewall Watson as Executive Councilors for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported bill "an act to further continue in force the provisions of chapter 71 of the laws of 1862, concerning the suspension of specie payments," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT announced the Joint Standing Committees on the part of the Senate, which were sent down to the House. As joined by that branch, the Committees are as follows :

On the Judiciary.

Messrs. Stewart of Somerset,
Tenney of Somerset,
Spring of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Peters of Bangor,
Williams of Augusta,
Smith of Westbrook,
Clay of Gardiner,
Goodwin of Biddeford,
Farwell of Rockland,
Webb of Portland, *of the House*.

On Federal Relations.

Messrs. Tenney of Somerset,
Jewett of York,
Stetson of Lincoln, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Barker of Stetson,
Cram of Brunswick,
Stetson of Bangor,
Talbot of East Machias,
Little of Auburn,
Deering of Richmond,
Littlefield of Bridgton, *of the House*.

On Militia and Military Affairs.

- Messrs. Milliken of Waldo,
Manson of Penobscot,
Elliot of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Stone of Kennebunk,
Conant of Rockland,
Varney of Bangor,
Deering of Richmond,
Larrabee of Portland,
Wallace of Milbridge,
Stover of Harpswell, *of the House*.

On Frontier and Coast Defences.

- Messrs. McGilvery of Waldo,
Wadsworth of Washington,
Banks of York, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Lynch of Portland,
Drummond of Bath,
Mayo of Orono,
Kilby of Eastport,
Lane of Belfast,
Rogers of Ashland,
O'Brien of Thomaston, *of the House*.

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

- Messrs. Talbot of Washington,
Stevens of Oxford,
Stetson of Lincoln, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Turner of Augusta,
Cram of Brunswick,
Follansbee of Camden,
Woodman of Portland,
Bradford of Mexico,
Bradbury of Avon,
Berry of Unity, *of the House*.

On Education.

- Messrs. Josselyn of Franklin,
Philbrick of Cumberland,
Bradbury of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Stone of Jay,
Dillingham of Waterville,
Quinnam of Bowdoinham,
Daggett of Greene,
Grant of Lebanon,
Hamor of Eden,
Manter of Palmyra, *of the House.*

On Banks and Banking.

- Messrs. Spring of Cumberland,
Milliken of Kennebec,
McGilvery of Waldo, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Stetson of Bangor,
Patten of Bath,
Copeland of Calais,
Little of Auburn, •
Vickery of Cape Elizabeth,
Burleigh of South Berwick,
Thompson of Stockton, *of the House.*

On Incorporation of Towns.

- Messrs. Milliken of Hancock,
Talbot of Washington,
Hale of Piscataquis, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Burnham of Gilead,
Carlton of Winterport,
Kimball of Plantation No. 5,
Trafton of Cornish,
Cyphers of Ripley,
Cyr of Grant Isle,
Neal of Waite Plantation, *of the House.*

On Division of Counties.

Messrs. Sanborn of York,
Milliken of Hancock,
Dingley of Androscoggin, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Dolliver of Kenduskeag,
Barker of Bethel,
Milliken of Surry,
Russell of Temple,
Moody of Windsor,
Small of Lyndon,
Lane of Limerick, *of the House*.

On Division of Towns.

Messrs. Beale of Penobscot,
Cram of Cumberland,
True of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Holbrook of Freeport,
Allen of Fairfield,
Fuller of Livermore,
Handy of Gouldsborough,
Jelleson of Biddeford,
Wadsworth of Manchester,
Nickerson of Orrington, *of the House*.

On State Lands and State Roads.

Messrs. Stevens of Oxford,
Cram of Cumberland,
Burleigh of Aroostook, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Burgess of Oldtown,
Parker of Gorham,
Hopkins of Ellsworth,
Day of Damariscotta,
Peavey of Whiting,
Tobey of Athens,
Hall of Bridgewater, *of the House*.

On Indian Affairs.

- Messrs. Burleigh of Aroostook,
Merrow of Sagadahock,
Beale of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Dunning of Brownville,
Day of Pembroke,
Merrill of Falmouth,
Burgess of Oldtown,
Davis of Cushing,
Carter of Etna,
Means of Sedgwick, *of the House*.

On Agriculture.

- Messrs. Philbrick of Cumberland,
Milliken of Hancock,
True of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Dillingham of Waterville,
Rogers of Kittery,
Lowell of Standish,
Morton of Jackson,
Jordan of Danville,
Kimball of Hiram,
Osgood of Exeter, *of the House*.

On Fisheries.

- Messrs. Merrow of Sagadahoc,
Warren of Hancock,
Knight of Knox, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Thomas of North Haven,
Hunt of Georgetown,
Perkins of Wells,
Coombs of Islesborough,
Green of Deer Isle,
Pierce of Southport,
Barker of Jonesport, *of the House*.

On Manufactures.

- Messrs. Cram of Cumberland,
Dingley of Androscoggin,
Wadsworth of Washington, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Farwell of Lewiston,
Lowell of Saco,
Hill of Skowhegan,
Foss of Abbot,
Norris of Vienna,
Allen of Gray,
Deshon of Jefferson, *of the House*.

On Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

- Messrs. Milliken of Kennebec,
Elliot of Cumberland,
Bradbury of Penobscot, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Hinks of Bucksport,
Patten of Bath,
Knowlton of Liberty,
Woodman of Portland,
Haynes of Mattawamkeag,
Blaney of Bristol,
Hinds of Benton, *of the House*.

On Interior Waters.

- Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,
Sanborn of York,
Hale of Piscataquis, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Davis of Woodstock,
Porter of Burlington,
Barker of Pittston,
Norris of Bradley,
Wade of Parkman,
Nickerson of Linneus,
Butler of North Berwick, *of the House*.

On Claims.

- Messrs. Sanborn of Kennebec,
Josselyn of Franklin,
Warren of Hancock, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Abbott of China,
Cushman of Hebron,
Kingsbury of Waldo,
Kimball of Hermon,
Dennis of Litchfield,
Tarbox of Westport,
Butts of New Portland, *of the House*.

On Military Pensions.

- Messrs. True of Kennebec,
Burleigh of Aroostook,
Warren of Hancock, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Porter of Burlington,
Harden of Mariaville,
Whittle of Greenwood,
Wyman of Cumberland,
Hobbs of Hope,
Berry of Bingham,
Watts of Wales, *of the House*.

On Insane Hospital.

- Messrs. Walker of Knox,
Bradbury of Penobscot,
Jewett of York, *of the Senate* ;
- Messrs. Wheeler of Chesterville,
Turner of Augusta,
Merrill of Yarmouth,
Merrow of Acton,
Webb of Windham,
Ingersoll of Columbia,
Jackson of Waldoborough, *of the House*.

On Reform School.

- Messrs. Beale of Penobscot,
Sanborn of York,
Walker of Knox, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Quinnam of Bowdoinham,
Hussey of Monticello,
Libby of Fayette,
Hamilton of Corinna,
Stewart of New Vineyard,
Staples of Swanville,
Joy of Union, *of the House*.

On State Prison.

- Messrs. Elliot of Cumberland,
Stevens of Oxford,
Wadsworth of Washington, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Walker of Hampden,
Allen of Dennysville,
Strout of Durham,
Talbot of East Machias,
Spring of Brownfield,
Smith of Starks,
Dunn of Dayton, *of the House*.

On Public Buildings.

- Messrs. Banks of York,
Milliken of Waldo,
Sanborn of Kennebec, *of the Senate*;
Messrs. Chapman of Andover,
Danforth of Lagrange,
Condon of Brooksville,
Richardson of Naples,
Johnson of Dresden,
Usher of Hollis,
Waterhouse of Lyman, *of the House*.

On the Library.

Messrs. Manson of Penobscot,
Stewart of Somerset,
Banks of York, *of the Senate* ;
Messrs. Webb of Portland,
Stone of Jay,
Littlefield of Bridgton,
Knowlton of Liberty,
Fifield of Rome,
Barker of Stetson,
Hopkins of Ellsworth, *of the House*.

A communication was received from Hon. Joseph B. Hall, Secretary of State, transmitting the Annual Reports of the Superintendent of the Insane Hospital and State Reform School, Warden of the State Prison, and Attorney General, for the year 1863.

On motion of Mr. SPRING,

Ordered, That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to render valid the laws made by the several cities, towns and plantations in the State, since the adjournment of the Legislature of 1863, to raise money to be applied to pay bounties to volunteers and drafted men, under the calls of the President for additional troops from this State, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting copies of the Forty-Seventh Annual Report of the Directors of the American Asylum at Hartford, for the education of the deaf and dumb.

Mr. DINGLEY presented the petition of the Trustees of Maine State Seminary, for change of name and alteration of charter, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JOSSELYN presented the petition of the Selectmen of New Sharon, asking that the doings of said town in raising money to

pay volunteers may be made valid, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of York,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. GIERLOW of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Chaplains of this Legislature be allowed the use and privileges of the State Library on the same terms and to the same extent as the members of the Legislature ;

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

That the Report of the State Liquor Commissioner be referred to a Joint Special Committee, with Messrs. Parker of Gorham, Manter of Palmyra, Copeland of Calais, Libby of Fayette, Knowlton of Liberty, Tobey of Athens, and Perkins of Wells, appointed on the part of the House, was read and passed in concurrence ; and Messrs. Merrow of Sagadahoc, Elliot of Cumberland, and Warren of Hancock, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Petition of George L. Emerson of Maple plantation, for a lot of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of George W. Wentworth for compensation for services and expenses as an officer for committing one William M. Jackson to Reform School, with papers accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of B. P. Gilman and others, for a boom corporation, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of John B. Brown and others, for a charter for Portland and Machias Steamboat Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Belfast, and Joseph A. Kaler and others of the same place, for a charter to build a free bridge across the Passaggussawakeag river in said Belfast, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

The following resolve came from the House :

Resolved, That while the military service necessarily requires a large expenditure of the resources, not only of the general government, but of the people of the States, a rigid application of the rules of economy is demanded in every department of the civil service ; and that it is the individual duty of the members of this Legislature to give the public business committed to their trust, undivided attention with industrious application, in the endeavor faithfully and fully to conserve all public interests coming under their consideration during a session not exceeding fifty days ;

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. MERROW, was laid on the table.

Mr. SPRING, by leave, introduced bills :

“An act to incorporate the Portland Glass Company”;

“An act to authorize the city of Portland to exempt the Portland Glass Company from taxation”;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER of Knox, from the Joint Select Committee on the Governor's Address, reported :

That so much of the Address as relates to legalizing the action of towns in raising bounties to stimulate the enlistment of soldiers for the service of their country and for devising a more uniform system of bounties, be referred to the Committee on Militia and Military Affairs ;

That so much as relates to naval enlistments, be referred to the same Committee ;

That so much as relates to finance, be referred to the Committee on Finance ;

That so much as relates to banks, be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking ;

That so much as relates to the militia and its organization, be referred to the Committee on Militia and Military Affairs ;

That so much as relates to education, be referred to the Committee on Education ;

That so much as refers to the Agricultural College and the grant of land from Congress, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture ;

That so much as relates to the Insane Hospital, be referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital ;

That so much as relates to the Reform School, be referred to the Committee on the Reform School ;

That so much as relates to Agriculture, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture ;

That so much as relates to public lands, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads ;

That so much as relates to capital punishment, be referred to a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with one from each county, on the part of the House ;

That so much as relates to giving our soldiers the privilege of voting in the field, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ;

That so much as relates to the Reciprocity Treaty, be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations ;

That so much as relates to coast and frontier defences, be referred to the Committee on Frontier and Coast Defence ;

That so much as relates to national affairs, be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT,

Ordered, That all papers and documents referred by the last Legislature to the present Legislature, be taken from file and placed in the hands of the appropriate Committees.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON presented the petition of A. B. Sutton and others, for a law for the extirpation of the Canada thistle, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, also presented petition of the European and North American Railway Company for amendments to its charter, and for aid from the State, which was referred to the Committee on Frontier and Coast Defence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY,

Ordered, That the reports of the several departments now upon the table, be taken up and referred as follows, viz :

That of the Attorney General, to the Judiciary Committee ;

That of the Wardens and Inspectors of the State Prison, to the Committee on State Prison ;

That of the Trustees and Superintendent of the State Reform School, to the Committee on Reform School ;

That of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Insane Hospital, to the Committee on the Insane Hospital.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of the Trustees of the Maine State Seminary for a change of name and alteration of charter, reported bill "an act to change the name of the Maine State Seminary to that of Bates College, and to otherwise alter the charter of said corporation."

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

On motion of Mr. STEWART,

Ordered, That the Committee on Senatorial Votes be authorized and empowered to send for persons, papers, documents and records relating to the election of Senators in the eleventh district, county of Lincoln.

The PRESIDENT announced the following Committee on the part of the Senate, on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to capital punishment :

Messrs. Bradbury of Penobscot, Tenney of Somerset, Jewett of York, Cram of Cumberland, Milliken of Kennebec, Josselyn of Franklin, and Talbot of Washington.

The Committee joined on the part of the House, is as follows :

Messrs. Webb of Portland, Patten of Bath, Lane of Belfast, Farwell of Lewiston, Rogers of Kittery, Conant of Rockland, Peavey of Whiting, Rogers of Ashland, Barker of Bethel, Tarbox of Westport, Hinds of Benton, Wheeler of Chesterville, Handy of Gouldsborough, Dunning of Brownville, Porter of Burlington, and Cyphers of Ripley.

Mr. WALKER announced the death of his colleague, Hon. GEORGE A. STARR, Senator elect from the Twelfth Senatorial District, and addressed the Senate as follows:

Mr. President:—The melancholy duty has devolved upon me to announce, through you, to this honorable body, the death of my late distinguished friend and colleague, the Hon. George A. Starr, member elect to this Senate from the county of Knox. He died at his residence in Thomaston, October 6th, 1863, at the age of 55 years.

In making this announcement it seems not improper that I should pay some humble tribute of respect to the character and memory of one who was so highly and so justly esteemed. He was born in the town of Warren, in this State, June 24th, 1808. More than thirty years ago he removed his residence to Thomaston, engaged in business and was ever esteemed as one of the leading men of the town, up to the time of his decease. He possessed the confidence of the citizens of his town and county, and was repeatedly honored by being elected to offices of responsibility and trust, the duties of which he discharged with fidelity, and to the acceptance of his constituents. The community in which he resided has met with a loss which will not fail to be deeply felt, although in the midst of exciting events it may not be fully realized. But the void occasioned by his death will be felt beyond the limits of his own town. The county has lost an able representative, and this body a wise and prudent counsellor. The loss to his family and friends is irreparable, but they have the consolation of knowing that their loss is his gain.

When so conscientious, so upright and so good a man dies, the loss is to those who survive, not to him. He died at what Cicero would call a fortunate season. His powers were mature and in full vigor. He had attained the position of true eminence among men, that of virtue, integrity and goodness. His fellow citizens were increasingly desirous of honoring him with such public ser-

vice as was in their power to give, and he died leaving an honored name and public confidence unimpaired. His ardent love of country was beyond question. Even his most earnest opponents never harbored the suspicion that he was actuated by other than the purest and best motives, and by the highest sense of duty. His life was so transparent that all were satisfied that his actions were controlled by no sordid policy, but by a conscientious regard for justice and truth. On this account, whatever error of opinion may have been ascribed to him by persons of different political sentiment, he always possessed the entire confidence and esteem of all classes of his fellow citizens. In his intercourse with others the courtesy of a gentleman always characterized him. In manners he was affable and urbane, while his amenity, intelligence and varied knowledge made him an agreeable and instructive companion. He was a sincere and true friend, and the confidence reposed in him was never betrayed. His accurate knowledge of human nature enabled him readily to comprehend the character of others, so that while he was neither suspicious nor jealous, he admitted only the faithful and true to his intimate friendship. To be his friend was a recommendation for integrity and moral worth. In the affairs of common life he was honest, faithful and industrious, fearless in the discharge of duty, and never known to disappoint any justly reposed confidence. He was a christian, and he exhibited in his life and by his example the precepts of our Divine Teacher in doing good and in promoting the welfare and happiness of all around him.

It cannot fail to be gratifying to his numerous friends to know that his death was peaceful and happy; no clouds overhung his future, but his pathway to the grave was made radiant by the hopes of a blissful immortality.

He is gone and we see him no more;
 His last earthly labor is done;
 His absence we deeply deplore,
 But he the last battle has won.

In the fireside circle of home,
 A void is now felt none can fill,
 For his countenance, lightened with hope,
 In death is now palid and still.

We shall grasp him no more by the hand,
Nor look on his soul-speaking face;
He, the noble and true of our band,
Was the first to finish his race.

His fair name has no tarnish nor stain—
No act of demerit was his;
May our memory as worthily shine,
And bear a fair lustre like his.

He has gone to his final account,
His record is sealed up on high;
When for us the last summons shall come,
May we be as ready to die.

Mr. STEWART also made the following remarks :

Mr. President :—I cordially concur in all that the Senator from Knox has just said. My first acquaintance with Mr. Starr began at the commencement of the legislative session of last year. We were together on several committees, some of them of some importance, and I always found him a most valuable member. Careful of the rights of others, cautious in his conclusions, he was yet firm in his opinions and inflexibly just. The features of his mind which impressed one most, were his desire to do right and his strong common sense. His judgment was rarely at fault. This made him a sound, practical, sagacious and valuable legislator. His loss will be deeply felt by those of us who were members of the former board and by all who knew his just worth. I beg leave to offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the intelligence of the death of Hon. George A. Starr, Senator elect from Knox, has been received by the Senate with deep sorrow, and we tender to the bereaved family our kindest sympathy in this their great affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the Journal of the Senate, and that a copy be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, the vote being taken by rising.

On motion of Mr. BANKS,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representa-

tives, informing the House of the decease of Hon. George A. Starr, Senator elect from the Twelfth Senatorial District.

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

Mr. STEWART, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

The Senate concurring, that all petitions for private legislation which shall be presented to this Legislature after the tenth of February next, be referred to the next Legislature, and that this order be published three weeks in the Kennebec Journal ;

That the Committee to which was referred the Report of the State Liquor Commissioner, be directed to order the usual number of copies of so much of said report as they may think proper, to be printed ;

That the Committee on Frontier and Coast Defence be directed to inquire if any action is necessary on the part of the State, to give efficiency to the fortifications recently erected at different places upon the coast ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law regulating the choice of town officers at their annual spring election, as that a check list shall be used when one-fifth of the legal voters present shall demand it ;

That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws in relation to Savings Institutions, as to require the executive officer of such institution to report

on the first day of April of each year, the names of persons the sum of whose deposits shall on that day amount to three hundred dollars or more, with the amount of their deposits, to the assessors of the cities, towns and plantations in which such depositors reside ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Susan A. Delaite for a deed of a certain lot of land in Aroostook county ;

Petition of Hazen Keech and others, for a deed of a lot of land in the same county ;

Petition of George E. Ross and others, praying that a lot of land in the same county may be granted to the widow of Ximenas Philbrick ;

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

Petition of William Hayford and others of Hartford, praying that a portion of School District No. 7 in said town may be set off and annexed to Buckfield, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Lowell, that said town may be reimbursed for aid furnished to soldiers' families in Plantation No. 1, North Division, Penobscot county, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of State, reported as follows :

That they have examined the books and accounts in the Treasurer's office, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched, and that they correspond with the balance sheet exhibited to the Legislature, and that the balance of cash on hand December 31, 1863, was \$364,822.48 deposited in different banks in the State and in the Treasury.

They further report, that acting by authority of a resolve of January 24, 1863, they have destroyed, by burning, all the bonds and coupons paid by the Treasurer during the year 1863, amounting in bonds to \$50,000.00, and in coupons, \$100,040.00.

The report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HALE presented the petition of the County Commissioners of Piscataquis county for the use of the jails in Penobscot and Somerset counties, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON presented the petition of S. H. Dale, Mayor of Bangor, and others, in aid of the memorial of the European and North American Railway Company, which was referred to the Committee on Frontier and Coast Defence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART presented the petition of the Trustees of St. Albans Academy for change of name and for aid from the State, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON,

Ordered, That a Special Committee, to consist of three members, be appointed to examine the returns from the Twelfth Senatorial District, and report who are the constitutional candidates to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. George A. Starr.

And Messrs. Manson of Penobscot, Walker of Knox, and Burleigh of Aroostook, were appointed said Committee.

Subsequently, Mr. MANSON from said Committee reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to ascertain and report the names of the constitutional candidates to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. George A. Starr of the Twelfth Senatorial District, have attended to that duty and report, that they find upon inspection of the returns of the votes in that District, that Edward O'Brien and Elbridge G. Knight are the constitutional candidates.

The report was read and accepted.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, by the Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature, this day, at eleven o'clock, in the Representatives' Hall, for the purpose of electing a Treasurer of State for the current fiscal year, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House through Mr. Stilson, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the above proposition.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported bill "an act to change the name of the Maine State Seminary to that of Bates College, and otherwise alter the charter of said corporation," which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. TENNEY, was laid on the table.

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

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. CRAM of the Senate,

Messrs. Cram of Cumberland, Hale of Piscataquis, of the Senate; and Messrs. Burnham of Gilead, Jackson of Waldoborough, Cyphers of Ripley, Ingersoll of Columbia, and Dunn of Dayton, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Treasurer of State.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes is	135
Necessary for a choice,	68
Nathan Dane has	134
T. J. Littlefield,	1

The report was accepted, and NATHAN DANE was declared duly elected Treasurer of State for the current fiscal year.

The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify Hon. Nathan Dane of his election as Treasurer of State for the current fiscal year.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it adjourn to meet to-

morrow morning at eleven o'clock, and that that be the hour of meeting till otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of York,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire if the public interests do not require the repeal or modification of the laws relating to mortgages given by railroad corporations ;

That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire if further legislation is necessary to secure justice to the families of volunteer soldiers that are entitled to state aid ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 79 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, by adding thereto the following : " But such parties shall not be excluded as witnesses in suits if final judgment has been previously rendered in criminal prosecution of the defendant for such offence " ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Erastus Lermond and others, for alteration of line between the towns of Thomaston and Warren ;

Petition of Samuel Lord and others, to be set off from Surry and annexed to Ellsworth ;

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

Petition of the assessors of the " Auburn Village Corporation," that said corporation may have power to collect taxes the same as towns ;

Petition of King, Butler and Thurlow and others, merchants of

Portland, that a law may be enacted to make warehouse receipts, railroad receipts and bills of lading negotiable ;

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

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

Petition of Zenas Morton for authority to erect a fish weir in Johnson Bay, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of John Pomroy and another, for an act of incorporation as the Baskahegan Dam Company, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Thomas N. Egery and others of Bangor, against granting authority to any railroad corporation to construct a bridge across the mouth of the Kenduskeag river, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to provide for an additional term of the court of County Commissioners for the county of Knox," introduced in the House, came from that branch passed to be engrossed.

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

On motion of Mr. JOSSELYN,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that branch that the constitutional candidates to fill the vacancy existing in the Twelfth Senatorial District, occasioned by the decease of Hon. George A. Starr, are Edward O'Brien and Elbridge G. Knight, and proposing a convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at half past eleven o'clock, for the purpose of electing a Senator to fill said vacancy.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently, a message was received from the House, through Mr. Stilson, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the above proposition.

On motion of Mr. TENNEY, bill "an act to change the name of the Maine State Seminary to that of Bates College, and to other-

wise alter the charter of said corporation," was taken from the table. The same Senator proposed amendments as per sheets A, B, C, D and E, which were severally adopted; as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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. WALKER of the Senate,

Messrs. Walker of Knox, and Philbrick of Cumberland, of the Senate, and Messrs. Carleton of Winterport, Wallace of Millbridge, Hill of Skowhegan, Wade of Parkman, and Osgood of Exeter, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Senators to fill the vacancy in the Twelfth Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast is	126
Necessary for a choice,	64
Elbridge G. Knight has	126

The report was accepted, and ELBRIDGE G. KNIGHT was declared duly elected Senator to fill the vacancy existing in the Twelfth Senatorial District for the current political year.

The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the Annual Report of the Railroad Commissioners for the year 1863. The report was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WALKER,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate notify the Hon. Elbridge G. Knight that he has been duly elected a Senator for the Twelfth Senatorial District to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. George A. Starr.

Mr. JOSSELYN presented the petition of the Directors of Sandy

River Bank for an act to reinstate said bank to its condition previous to a vote of the stockholders to surrender its charter, which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CRAM,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MORSE of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Papers from the House :

Petition of Benjamin Pinkham and others, to have the doings of school district number 5 in Steuben, made legal, with bill accompanying ;

Petition of L. J. Thomas and others of Eden, for leave to sell the "Hull's Cove Meeting-house" in said town ;

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

Petition of Margaret McLauflin of township number 12, range 3, for a lot of land ;

Petition of Paulina C. Varney of township number 12, range 3, for a lot of land ;

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

Petition of John M. Parker and others, that certain territory may be set off from Scarborough and annexed to Gorham, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of S. H. Dale and others of Bangor, relating to the European and North American Railway ;

Petition of the European and North American Railway Company, severally referred by the Senate to the Committee on Frontier and

Coast Defence, came from the House, that branch non-concurring in the Senate reference.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, the petitions were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. PHILBRICK,

Ordered, That a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to prepare and report a code of Joint Rules and Orders for the government of the two houses for the year 1864.

And Messrs. Philbrick of Cumberland, Manson of Penobscot, and Talbot of Washington, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the order came back passed in concurrence, with Messrs. Stone of Kennebunk, Farwell of Rockland, Clay of Gardiner, Davis of Woodstock, Knowlton of Liberty, Daggett of Greene, and Kilby of Eastport, joined to said Committee, on the part of the House.

A communication was received from Hon. Ephraim Flint, Jr., Secretary of State elect, signifying his acceptance of the trust, which was read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council by the Secretary, informing them that Hon. Ephraim Flint, Jr., has been duly elected Secretary of State for the current political year, and has signified his acceptance of the office.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. SANBORN of York, presented the remonstrance of Henry Dutch and others, against the petition of George W. Bickford and others, to change the current of a certain stream in Parsonsfield, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART, by leave, presented "resolves relating to the inadequate facilities for travel and transportation of troops between New York and Washington," which were read once, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

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

“An act to further continue in force the provisions of chapter 71 of the laws of 1862, concerning the suspension of specie payments,” which was passed to be enacted in concurrence, and this bill having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of York,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FULLER of Hallowell.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of so altering the law regulating the standard weight of oats as to require it to be thirty-two pounds per bushel ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending section 4 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes as that all land, (except that on which the track is constructed,) and including all buildings owned or used by a railroad corporation, shall be liable to be taxed in the place in which such land and buildings are situated ; also cord wood owned by such corporations to be taxed under the provisions of the first clause of section 11 of said chapter ;

Also inquire into the expediency of so amending section 5 of said chapter, relating to the taxation of the shares of residents of this State in moneyed railroad corporations without this State, as to exempt such shares from taxation, when by the laws of such State, a tax is required to be paid on such shares in the place where such corporation is situated, or does its business ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to pay bounty to soldiers enlisting into the service of the United States, or who may be drafted under the conscript act of Congress," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the State Librarian to complete and publish the contested election cases of this State.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported "resolves relating to the inadequate facilities for travel and transportation of troops between New York and Washington," which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to provide for an additional term of the Court of County Commissioners for the county of Knox," came from the House on its passage to be enacted, amended as per sheet A.

The Senate reconsidered its vote passing the same to be engrossed, the rules being suspended, adopted the amendment of the House, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. QUINNAM of the House.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire and report whether any further legislation is necessary to give effect to the provisions of chapter 215 of the public laws of 1863 ;

That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of so amending the law regulating the standard weight of oats as to require it to be twenty-eight pounds per bushel ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Asa Smith and others of Mattawamkeag, in aid of the European and North American Railway Company ;

Petition of Sylvanus Rich and others, for the passage of a law that neither the European and North American Railway Company, nor any other railroad company, be allowed to locate or build a road across the Kenduskeag stream in Bangor ;

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

Petition of C. A. Williams and others of Skowhegan, for a charter as a manufacturing company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of Jacob Pickard and others of Belfast Academy plantation, for an act of incorporation as a town, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Willard B. Cates and others of Cutler, for an act to prohibit the picking of cranberries in said town previous to the tenth day of September, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Mr. SPRING, by leave, introduced bill "an act additional to

incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company," which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON presented the memorial of the European and North American Railway Company, asking the Legislature to make application to Congress for aid in the construction of said railway, which was laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of the same Senator, the petition of S. H. Dale and others, and the petition of the European and North American Railway Company, were taken from the table. The Senate receded and concurred with the House in referring the petition to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Mr. ELLIOT presented the petition of the Selectmen of Brunswick for an act legalizing the doings of said town in raising bounties for volunteers, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON presented a copy of the proceedings of the city government of Bangor, on the petition of Thomas N. Egery and others, for leave to bridge the Kenduskeag stream in Bangor, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act to change the name of the Maine State Seminary to that of Bates College, and to otherwise alter the charter of said corporation ;

"An act to provide for an additional term of the Court of County Commissioners for the county of Knox ;

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these several bills having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. WALKER,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CRANE of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 6, section 28 of the revised statutes as to allow an assessment of a poll tax not exceeding two dollars ;

That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending an act entitled " an act to provide support for families of volunteers," approved March 25, 1863, that the provisions of said act shall apply to the families of soldiers enlisting and serving in the United States army, from the time said act became effective ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Oscar Davis and others, for an act establishing a uniform measure for all liquids ;

Petition of the Directors of the Brunswick Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company for alteration of charter ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Jane P. Thurston for indemnity for the maladministration of the estate of her husband, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Robert Pennell and others, for aid to the Harpswell Academy, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of the Inhabitants of the town of New Limerick and Belfast Academy Grant, that said town and plantation may be incorporated into a town by the name of New Limerick, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and

Insurance, to which was referred the petition of John B. Brown and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Portland and Machias Steamboat Company."

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

A communication was received from Hon. Hiram Chapman, Land Agent elect, signifying his acceptance of the office, which was read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. BANKS,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council, informing them of the election and acceptance of Hon. Hiram Chapman as Land Agent for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to legalizing the action of cities, towns and plantations in raising bounties for volunteers, reported bill "an act to legalize the doings of cities, towns and plantations in raising bounties to be paid to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes, since February 21, 1863."

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

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of York,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ROWE of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the fifth clause of section 36, chapter 81 of the revised statutes, relating to exemptions from attachments, by adding after the word " then " in the sixth line " or any commodity manufactured therefrom ; " also to amend the sixth clause of the same section and chapter by adding after " bushels " in the last line, " and all flax or hemp grown upon one half acre of land or any commodity manufactured therefrom " ;

That the same Committee inquire whether any further legislation is necessary relating to the redemption of mortgaged real estate ;

That the same Committee inquire whether any further legislation is necessary relating to actions of review ;

That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of repealing the act of 1862 relating to the inspection of fish ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Orono, for reimbursement of money paid volunteers' families under the act of 1861, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of N. T. Hill and others, for a reduction of toll on the Bucksport and Prospect Ferry ;

Petition of Richard Crocker, Jr., and others of Stockton, in aid of the above petition of N. T. Hill and others ;

Petition of Newton Curtis and others of Bucksport, in aid of the above petition of N. T. Hill and others ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of J. H. Kimball and others of Bath, for an act to author-

ize the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company to extend their road from the depot in Bath ;

Petition of Samuel Libby of Orono and others, in aid of the E. and N. A. Railway Company ;

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

Petition of H. W. Fisk and others ;

Petition of Royal B. Boynton and others, severally for a division of the plantation of Medway ;

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

Petition of Frederick Gardiner and others, for a repeal of the law in relation to railroad mortgages ;

Remonstrance of Ether Shepley and others ;

Remonstrance of Ichabod Goodwin and others, severally against the repeal of the law in relation to railroad mortgages ;

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending the law regulating the choice of town officers, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

A communication was received from S. L. Goodale, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, transmitting the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture for the year 1863.

On motion of Mr. JOSSELYN,

Ordered, That the Committee on the State Prison be authorized to visit that institution for the purpose of examining into its affairs and make report thereon at any time during the present session of the Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, the memorial of the European and North American Railway Company was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Frontier and Coast Defence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the report of the Rail-

road Commissioners, reported recommending that three hundred and fifty copies of said report be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WADSWORTH presented the petition of George W. McClellan for a right to build one or more weirs at Sandy Cove, Haycock's Harbor, Washington county, which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT presented the petition of Isaac Wilder and others, for an increase of pay of County Commissioners for Washington county, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported bills :

"An act to incorporate the Portland and Machias Steamboat Company ;

"An act to legalize the doings of cities, towns and plantations in raising bounties to be paid to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes since February 21, 1863.

The reports were accepted, the bills each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 91 of the public laws of 1859, relating to the exemption of manufacturing establishments from taxation.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred "resolves making a conditional grant of land to the President and Trustees of Bates College, referred from the last Legislature to the present, reported the same in a new draft.

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

Mr. WALKER announced the attendance of Elbridge G. Knight,

Senator elect from the Twelfth Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified.

Mr. Walker was directed by the President to conduct Mr. Knight, Senator elect, to the Governor and Council to take and subscribe the oaths to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties. Mr. Walker 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. Knight appeared and took his seat at the Senate Board.

On motion of Mr. WADSWORTH,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. STONE of the House.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 81 of the revised statutes in relation to the forms of writs in civil actions, as to make all writs signed by the Clerks of the several counties, returnable to the courts in any county in the State ;

That the same Committee inquire and report by bill or otherwise, whether the Supreme Judicial Court could not hold an additional law term annually for the more speedy determination of law questions, and whether it would not be expedient to increase the salary of the Judges ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 40 of the public laws of 1861, that certain towns and plantations may close their polls at an earlier hour than five o'clock in the afternoon, on the day of State elections and the election of President and Vice President of the United States ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of providing for the payment of bounty by the State under the last call of the President, to soldiers who have or who may reenlist and be mustered into the military service of the United States when no town is prepared to pay a bounty to the same. Also to provide that the quota of any town may be assigned from the number whose bounty has been so paid by the State, when said town shall deposit with the Treasurer of State for the use of the State the amount paid to said quota ;

That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending section 1 of the act approved March 25, 1863, entitled " an act to provide support for families of volunteers," as to extend to and include in the provisions of said act the family (being inhabitants of this State) of any soldier, who may have been and now is actually engaged in the military service of the United States in any recognized company, battalion or regiment of another State ; also the family of any such soldier who may have moved into this State and become inhabitants thereof, provided such families do not receive and cannot obtain such support from the State in which soldiers entered into the United States service ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of J. W. Comins and others, for an act of incorporation for the purpose of improving the navigation of the streams from Floods and Spring ponds in the town of Otis ;

Remonstrance of Inhabitants of Prospect ;

Remonstrance of Inhabitants of Orland ;

Remonstrance of Inhabitants of Bucksport ;

Remonstrance of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers at Fort Knox ;

Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of Verona, severally against the petition of N. T. Hill and others ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of M. H. Stewart and others, for an appropriation to build a bridge over Presque Isle stream in Mapleton plantation ;

Petition of Lafayette Tuck and others of Maysville, that a certain lot of land may be granted to Eliza C. Prouty ;

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

Petition of Ira C. Grant and others of Sherman ;

Petition of Stephen G. Ward and others of Linneus, severally in aid of the memorial of the European and North American Railway Company ;

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

Petition of Enoch Pond and others of Bangor, for a grant of land in aid of the Bangor Theological Library, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Boyd and others of Boothbay, that State aid may be extended to the family of John Decker for the period of one year, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Daniel Small and others of Belfast Academy Grant and New Limerick, against the incorporation of said Grant and New Limerick, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of New Vineyard to have the doings of said town made valid ;

Bills, "an act providing for the change of names of persons";

"An act to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes relating to the powers and duties of Judges of Probate";

"An act in relation to the use of depositions in certain cases";

"An act to prevent enlistments in this State for other States";

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill "an act to pay bounties to volunteers, drafted men and substitutes," with the same in a new draft, was accepted in concurrence. The bill was once read and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

A communication was received from Hon. Nathan Dane, Treasurer of State elect, signifying his acceptance of the trust, and transmitting his official bond.

The communication was read, and on motion of Mr. SPRING,

the bond was referred to the Joint Select Committee on Treasurer's Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, Hon. Ephraim Flint, Jr., transmitting the Annual Report of the Bank Commissioners of the State of Maine for the year 1863.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of George W. Bickford and others, of Parsonsfield, for the change of course of a certain stream, referred from the last Legislature to the present, reported the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported "resolves making a conditional grant of land to the President and Trustees of Bates College," which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, to which was referred the official bond of Nathan Dane, Treasurer of State elect, reported that having examined said bond they find it correctly drawn, that the sureties are responsible and sufficient, and recommend its approval.

The report was accepted and bond approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the report came up from the House accepted, and bond approved in concurrence, and the bond was by the Secretary lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. SPRING,

Ordered, That a message be conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor and Council, informing them that Nathan Dane has been duly elected Treasurer of State for the current fiscal year; that he has signified his acceptance of the trust, and filed his official bond, which has been duly examined and approved by the Legislature, and lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. BURLEIGH presented the petition of Hannah E. Brainerd, for a deed of a lot of land in township letter C, range 1, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act to incorporate the Portland and Machias Steamboat Company," which was passed to be enacted in concurrence.

Also "resolves relating to the inadequate facilities for travel and transportation of troops between New York and Washington," which was finally passed in concurrence.

And this bill and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PARK of Gardiner.

On motion of Mr. MANSON,

Ordered, That in the absence of the Secretary, Thomas P. Cleaves be declared Secretary pro tempore, with authority to elect an assistant.

Mr. Cleaves signified his acceptance and took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties before Lewis D. Moore, Esq., authorized by *dedimus potestatem*.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,

Ordered, That a message be conveyed to the House informing that body that in the absence of the Secretary, the Senate has elected Thomas P. Cleaves, Esq., Secretary pro tempore.

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

On motion of Mr. WADSWORTH,

Ordered, That a message be conveyed to the Governor and Council informing the Executive Department that in the absence of the Secretary the Senate has made choice of Thomas P. Cleaves, Esq., as Secretary pro tempore.

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

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of limiting by law the amount of money that cities and towns may raise to pay bounties to volunteers who may hereafter enlist into the service of the United States, was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of E. C. Prouty of township number 2, range 3, for State aid, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of R. H. Green and others of Winslow, in aid of the petition of the Directors of Winslow Bridge for renewal of their charter, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Henry Burns of Long Island plantation, for his proportion of the State school fund for the last six years, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Jesse Thomas and another, for a right to build a wharf into tide waters, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of T. M. Tibbets and others of Medway plantation against the petitions of H. W. Fisk and others and R. B. Boynton and others, for a division of said plantation ;

Remonstrance of Samuel Wasson and others, in behalf of the inhabitants of Surry, against the petition of Samuel Lord and Geo. S. Grant to be set off from Surry and annexed to Ellsworth ;

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

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Belfast and others, for a free bridge over the Passaggussawakeag river, with bill "an act to authorize the city of Belfast to build a free bridge";

Report of the same Committee, to which was referred bill "an act additional to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company," that the same ought to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and Monday assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. WARREN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 6, chapter 40 of the revised statutes.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported bill "an act to pay bounties to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes."

The report was accepted, and the bill was read a second time and amendments A and B of the House adopted, in concurrence.

Mr. MERROW proposed amendment C; and on motion of the same Senator, the bill was laid on the table and Tuesday next at eleven o'clock assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. PHILBRICK, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred an order of the Legislature instructing them to inquire into the expediency of so altering the law regulating the standard weight of oats as to require it to be thirty-two pounds per bushel, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT presented the remonstrance of Isaacher Lancaster and others, against the petition of George W. McLellan for authority to build weirs in tide waters in Trescott, which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec,

Ordered, That the Adjutant General be requested to inform the Legislature how many men have been mustered into the military service of the United States from the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, respectively, under each call of the President for troops, and the aggregate number thereof.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PHILBRICK,

Ordered, That the Governor be requested to inform the Legislature what action has been taken under the provisions of a law passed at the last session of the Legislature and approved March 25, 1863, entitled "resolve relating to a college for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts."

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary pro tem.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BAILEY of Gardiner.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of appropriating a certain portion of the public lands of the State as the foundation of a fund for our common schools to supply the place of the bank tax, and report by resolve or otherwise ;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of A. C. Milliken of Tremont for a law to protect wool-growers, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of Jeannette S. Worth for remuneration for injuries received by an assault made by one of the patients of the Insane

Hospital, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Francis Cobb and others, for a railroad from the lime quarries in Thomaston and Rockland to the wharves at tide waters in said Rockland, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs to which was referred the petition of Daniel Bunker, referred from the last Legislature to the present, for payment of claims for boarding soldiers, that the petition be referred to the Committee on Claims, was accepted in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT appointed Mr. KNIGHT of Knox to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Fisheries.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported bill "an act additional to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company," which was read a second time, amendment A of the House was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported bill "an act to authorize the city of Belfast to build a free bridge," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether section 33, chapter 18 of the revised statutes does not require amendment so as to provide some mode by which the taxes authorized by that section to be assessed by county commissioners may be collected.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of York,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of the House.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Papers from the House :

Petition of A. J. Comstock and others, in aid of the petition of the European and North American Railway Company, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 121 of the laws of 1859, relating to attorneys at law," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, through Hon. Ephraim Flint, Jr., Secretary of State, transmitting the Governor's reply to an order of the Senate of January 23, relating to the acceptance of the grant of public land from the United States for an Agricultural College, which was read, and on motion of Mr. JOSSELYN, the message and papers were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ELLIOT presented the petition of M. W. Strout and others of Brunswick, for an amendment to the law of 1858, for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, which was referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, presented the petition of John Ware and others of Waterville, in aid of the petition of the European and North American Railway Company, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to pay bounties to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes, who may be credited upon the quotas of Maine," was

taken from the table, the question being on the adoption of amendment C proposed by Mr. Merrow. The amendment was withdrawn, and the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT presented the petition of John K. Ames and others of Machis, for an amendment to the liquor law of 1858, which was referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH presented the petition of H. Chadbourne and others of Macwahoc plantation, for an appropriation for repair of bridge across Molunkus stream, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rt. Rev. Bishop BURGESS of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation, if any, is required in relation to the location and construction of cattle guards on railroads, was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of the inhabitants of school district number 5 in township number 18, range 3, for a survey of a tract of land in the rear of the river lots in said township ;

Petition of Asa Smith and others of Mattawamkeag, for an appropriation to repair the ice cutters or breakwater for the protection of the Mattawamkeag bridge ;

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

Petition of Woodbury S. Dana and others, for an act to incorporate the Damariscotta and Portland Steam Navigation Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Joanna Deane and Eliza Johnson for State aid, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of J. S. Bridges and others of Newport, for an amendment to the liquor law of 1858, was referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report, in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 92 of the revised statutes, concerning mills and mill dams, to prevent the detention and waste of water in certain cases," was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of G. O. Cass and others of Bowerbank, for a repeal of the act incorporating said town, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 132 of the revised statutes relating to the criminal jurisdiction of magistrates, and section 8 of chapter 133 of said statutes, concerning the examination of offenders ;

Bill "an act additional to an act to preserve the harbor of Portland";

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

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on an order relating to amending the law regulating the standard weight of oats so as to make it twenty-eight pounds per bushel, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin N. Fisk and others, in aid of the memorial of the European and North American Railway Company, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of George P. Sewall and others of Oldtown, in aid of the memorial of the European and North American Railway Company, was referred to the Committee on Frontier and Coast Defences, in concurrence.

Mr. TENNEY, presented the petition of William Collins, Jr., and others of Harmony, for an amendment to the liquor law of 1858, which was referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JOSSELYN presented the petition of L. N. Prescott and others of Franklin county for an increase of the salary of the Register of Probate of said county, which was referred to the Joint Delegation from Franklin county.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,

Ordered, That so much of the Land Agent's Report as relates to the compensation of that officer, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to cover the new bridge at Mattawamkeag Forks on the Military road.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON presented the petition of Judson E. Friend and others of Etna, for an amendment to the liquor law of 1858, which was referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act additional to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company";

"An act to authorize the city of Belfast to build a free bridge";
Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these bills having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. SPRING,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McKENZIE of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relative to the manner in which County Treasurers are paid as that they shall be paid by a salary, was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary for a grant of a township of land ;

Petition of the President and Trustees of Richmond Academy for aid ;

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

Petition of the Inhabitants of Baileyville ;

Petition of the Inhabitants of Waite plantation ;

Petition of the Inhabitants of Talmadge plantation ;

Petition of the Inhabitants of Princeton ;

Petition of William M. McLellan and others, severally in aid of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company ;

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

Petition of Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Rockland, for a change of the law establishing a municipal court in said city, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Moore and others of Belfast, for an amendment to the liquor law of 1858, was referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending section 79, chapter 82 of the revised statutes, that legislation thereon is expedient ;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to amending chapter 40 of the laws of 1861, concerning the closing of polls, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Education, on the petition of William Hayford and others, inhabitants of school district number 7, in Hartford, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

“ Resolves authoring a temporary loan,” reported in the House from the Committee on Finance, were once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill “ an act to prevent enlistments in this State upon the quota of any other State,” with the same in a new draft, was accepted in concurrence, the bill was twice read under a suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of the Directors of the Brunswick Farmers’ Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with bill “ an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Brunswick Farmers’ Mutual Fire Insurance Company,” was accepted in concurrence.

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

Mr. SPRING, by leave, introduced bill “ an act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Company,” which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TENNEY presented the petition of S. S. Holmes and others for aid from the State to enable John Dennis to publish martial music, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY,

Ordered, That the Senate meet at nine o’clock A. M. on Saturday’s and twelve o’clock M on Monday until otherwise ordered.

Mr. BURLEIGH presented the petition of John Sterling for compensation for transportation of Maine volunteers from Fort

Fairfield to Bangor, and for subsistence, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STEWART,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the propriety of amending chapter 107 revised statutes relating to depositions, so as to allow the depositions of witnesses living in the town where the trial is to be had, to be taken and used in case of subsequent death or removal.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CRAM, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Glass Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred bill "an act to authorize the city of Portland to exempt from taxation the Portland Glass Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

On motion of Mr. MANSON,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. GAINES of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to authorize corporations to commence and maintain suits against the officers of such corporations ;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Charles W. Coffin and others of Sidney ;

Petition of William W. Hayward and others of Fairfield, severally for an amendment to the liquor law of 1858 ;

Were referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report, in concurrence.

Petition of A. C. Wilson and others of Bangor ;

Petition of John Hazeltine and others of Sebec, severally in aid of the petition of the European and North American Railway Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Frontier and Coast Defences, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles A. Clark of Phipsburg, for a " resolve authorizing the Treasurer to pay him a certain sum of money claimed to be due him from the State," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Ephraim Alley and others, for the construction of a pier by the proprietors of the Dresden Upper Bridge, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of Zimri Hunter and others of Clinton, for an act of incorporation as the " Clinton Manufacturing Company," was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Lord and others, in aid of the petition of the

European and North American Railway Company, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Elizabeth Brooks for the continuance of the pension of her deceased husband, was referred to the Committee on Pensions, in concurrence.

Bill "an act authorizing the introduction in evidence of office copies of custom-house records and documents," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill "an act giving County Commissioners further power in granting licenses to peddle tin ware," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred bill "an act to amend chapter 132, section 6 of the revised statutes relating to criminal jurisdiction of magistrates, and section 8 of chapter 133 of said statutes concerning the examinations of offenders," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee to which was referred bill "an act to amend chapter 121 of the laws of 1859 relating to attorneys at law," that the same ought not to pass ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

"Resolves making a conditional grant to the President and Trustees of Bates College," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet A. The Senate reconsidered its vote passing the same to be engrossed and adopted the amendment of the House in concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH proposed an amendment appropriating twenty thousand dollars in money instead of two townships of land, which was rejected.

The question recurring on the passage of the bill as amended to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. BURLEIGH, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barrows, Dingley, Manson, Merrow, Dennis L. Milliken, Elias Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Luther Sanborn, Spring, Stevens, Stewart, Talbot, True, Walker, Warren, Wadsworth—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Burleigh, Cram, Knight—3.

So the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A communication was received from John L. Hodsdon, Adjutant General, in reply to a joint order of the Legislature (to furnish the Legislature with the number of men mustered into the service of the United States from the several cities, towns and plantations), which was read and on motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, was laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill "an act additional to an act to preserve the harbor of Portland," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

The Committee on bills in the second reading reported bill "an act to authorize the city of Portland to exempt the Portland Glass Company from taxation," which was read a second time and on motion of Mr. STEWART was laid on the table, and Wednesday next assigned for its consideration.

The same committee reported bill "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Brunswick Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;"

Also "Resolves authorizing a temporary loan," which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Otis S. Tibbetts, referred from the last Legislature to the present, for authority to impose a tax on logs in Mopang river, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WADSWORTH presented the petition of Theodore Lincoln and others for authority to maintain a dam across the Penaquan river, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MERROW presented bill "an act relating to land lying and

adjoining the highways and town ways in the State of Maine," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of enacting a law to compel town clerks to furnish a copy of check lists whenever called for upon payment of usual fees.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WALKER,

Ordered, That the Committee on Reform School be authorized to visit that institution and make report thereon at any time during the present session of the Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec,

Ordered, That the Committee on Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing cities and towns, by vote of the citizens, to exempt from taxation for some definite term the corporate property of any new manufacturing corporation that may be established in their respective limits.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PHILBRICK, from the Joint Select Committee to prepare joint rules and orders for the government of the two Houses, reported that the Joint Rules and Orders of 1863 be adopted as the Joint Rules and Orders of 1864, with certain amendments, and recommending that the same be prepared and published as one book, under the name of the Rules and Orders of the Senate and House of Representatives.

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

The Committee on engrossed bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed bill "an act to prevent enlestmments in this State upon the quota of any other State," which was passed to be enacted in concurrence, and this bill having been signed by the President was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of further legislation relative to the preservation of trout in Goose pond ;

That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 205 of the laws of 1863 that State aid shall be afforded to families of soldiers in the regular army actually engaged in the military service of the United States ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Cyrus Cook and others for the passage of a resolve to pay drafted men, their substitutes and those who paid the commutation fee, the sum of \$300.00 each, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Capin and others of Eastport, for the privilege of building a fish weir below low water mark, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of W. M. Scott and others of Lincoln ;

Petition of A. Scribner and others of Patten ;

Severally in aid of the petition of the European & North American Railway Company, were each referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Leonard J. Thomas and others for authority to sell a certain meeting house in Eden, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Benjamin Pinkham and others, that the doings of school district No. 5 in Steuben may be made valid, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, to which was referred bill "an act providing for the regulation of the change of names of persons," that the same ought not to pass;

Were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of cities, towns and plantations in raising bounties to be paid to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes since February 21, 1863," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

The Senate recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act in relation to the use of depositions in certain cases," with the same in a new draft;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of the County Commissioners of Piscataquis, with bill "an act additional to the several acts establishing the County of Piscataquis";

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each once read and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to change the name of Gilbert W. Eldridge and children";

Bill "an act to change the name of Frances Rebecca Perkins and for her adoption";

Bill "an act to change the name of David Cushman";

Severally reported in the House from the Committee on Change of Names, were each read once and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Asa Smith and others, reported "resolve for building ice cutters and breakwaters for the protection of the piers and abutments of the Mattawamkeag Bridge in Mattawamkeag and for other necessary repairs";

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of J. D. Teague and others, reported "resolve to authorize the Land Agent to deed Hazen Keech a certain lot of land";

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of H. Chadborne and others, reported "resolve for the

repair of the bridge over the Molunkus Stream in Macwahoc plantation”;

These reports were severally accepted, the resolves each once read and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petition of the Directors of the Sandy River Bank, reported “resolve in favor of the Sandy River Bank.”

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

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PHILBRICK,

Ordered, The House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House be directed to prepare and cause to be printed under their joint supervision a volume of the Joint Rules and Orders of the Senate and House of Representatives for the year 1864, containing the usual statistical matter, and that 300 copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate and 700 copies for the use of the House.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TRUE presented the petition of Helen M. Everett for State aid, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported bill “an act additional to an act to preserve the harbor of Portland,” which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed “resolves making a conditional grant to the president and trustees of Bates College,” which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of York,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Rowe of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of reporting an act to increase the power of plantations organized for election purposes only, so that they shall have the right by law, to raise, assess and collect State and county taxes ; also the right to raise and assess money to defray plantation expenses and repair highways ; also to raise money for those who are entitled to State aid ; also that all plantations containing one thousand inhabitants shall have all the rights of towns in relation to public lands ;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Woodbury Davis and others, in aid of the petition of Trustees of Westbrook Seminary, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Henry Hill and others of Bangor ;

Petition of William T. Johnson and others of Augusta, severally in aid of the petition of the European and North American Railway Company ;

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

Petition of George A. Snow and others of Brewer ;

Petition of Eliphalet Nickerson and others of Orrington, severally that wine measure may be legally established as the measure for milk and all other liquids ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of James Larrabee and others ;

Remonstrance of James Gunnison and others, severally against the petition of John M. Parker and others to be set off from Scarborough and annexed to Gorham ;

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

Bill "an act additional to an act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Union Fire Insurance Company of Bangor," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of Frederic D. Sewall, referred from the last Legislature to the present;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of F. E. Heath, referred from the last Legislature to the present;

Severally for compensation for military services, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, were each accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 17 chapter 84 of the revised statutes relating to the franchise of corporations," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending chapter 215 of the public laws of 1863, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of making town officers personally liable where they refuse to furnish State aid when actually needed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

"An act additional to the several acts establishing the County of Piscataquis";

"An act to change the name of Gilbert W. Eldridge and children";

"An act to change the name of Frances Rebecca Perkins and for her adoption";

"An act in relation to the use of depositions in certain cases"

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve :

“ Resolve for building ice cutters and breakwaters for the protection of the piers and abutments of the Mattawamkeag Bridge in Mattawamkeag and for other necessary repairs,” which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Petition of Samuel Belcher and others of Farmington ;

Petition of Charles P. Branch and others ;

Severally in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary, were each referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Nathan Walker for compensation for distributing tax warrants in Hancock County, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Spear and others for authority to extend a wharf into tide waters and construct a floating dock in Cape Elizabeth, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS presented the petition of E. F. Beal and others in aid of the petition of trustees of Westbrook Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill :

“An act to change the name of David Cushman,” which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves :

“Resolve to authorize the Land Agent to deed Hazen Keech a certain lot of land”;

“Resolve for the repair of the bridge over the Molunkus stream in Macwahoc plantation”;

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BEALE presented the petition of Abner Wade for aid from the State, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. Farwell of Rockland, inviting the Senate to repair to the Representatives' Hall for the purpose of extending a welcome to Major General Oliver O. Howard.

The Senate accepted the invitation, of which acceptance the Secretary informed the House by message.

Thereupon the Senate repaired to the Representatives' Hall, and after receiving and paying their respects to Major General Howard and listening to an Address from him, returned to the Senate Chamber.

Petition of Josiah H. Drummond and others, members of the School Committee of Portland ;

Petition of D. B. Stewart and others of Lewiston and Auburn, severally in aid of the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary ;

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

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

“An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Brunswick Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company”;

“An act to pay bounties to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes, who shall be credited on the quotas of Maine”;

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these bills having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. GIERLOW of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of the State paying a bounty of three hundred dollars to all soldiers who may volunteer under the call of the President of February 1st, was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of John Teague and others of Turner and Hartford, for the preservation of pickerel and trout in Great and Little Bean ponds, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac L. Came and others of Portland, in aid of the petition of the European and North American Railway Company :

Petition of Al Staples and others, for a horse-railroad and turnpike between Hallowell and Augusta ;

Bill “an act to amend chapter 51, section 19 of the revised statutes for the better protection of travellers upon public ways contiguous to railroads, and at railroad crossings ;

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

Petition of Oliver Pope and others, for the amendment of the third and fifth sections of chapter 22 of the revised statutes ;

Remonstrance of Jabez C. Woodman and others, against the

passage of any law repealing the law for foreclosing railroad mortgages ;

Communication from the Governor, relating to the call of the President of the United States for five hundred thousand troops ;

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

Petition of Simon Conner and others, for change of name of Kendall's Mills Village Corporation to that of Fairfield Village Corporation, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to the increase of poll tax, with bill "an act to amend chapter 6, section 28 of the revised statutes relating to the assessment of taxes," was accepted in concurrence. The bill was once read and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The order that the Committee on Reform School be authorized to visit that institution, passed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

The Senate receded and concurred. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. JOSSELYN, the Senate reconsidered its vote whereby the order was indefinitely postponed in concurrence and insisted on its former vote.

Petition of Josiah Pierce and others of Gorham ;

Petition of H. D. McLellan and others of Gorham ;

Severally in aid of the petition of John M. Parker and others, that certain land may be set off from Scarborough and annexed to Gorham, were each referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Mr. TENNEY presented the petition of R. E. Lyon and others of Skowhegan, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Isaac Wilder and others, County Commissioners of Washington County, for an increase of salary of said officers, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WARREN,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 5, chapter 40 of the revised statutes, so that inspectors of fish can better ascertain their quality.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH presented the petition of Eliza C. Prouty of township number 2, range 3, Aroostook County, for State aid, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON presented the petition of George M. Weston and others, for authority to construct a horse-railroad in the city of Bangor;

Also petition of Joshua Chamberlain and others, for authority to construct a branch railroad from Treat's Falls in Bangor to Brewer village;

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, "resolve authorizing a temporary loan," which was finally passed in concurrence, and this bill having been signed by the President was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Petition of Josiah Gelerson and others for an appropriation to finish a certain bridge at Haynesville, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Mr. SPRING presented the petition of John M. Wood and others of Portland, for extension of time to close the affairs of the Atlantic Bank, which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TENNEY by leave presented bill "an act authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes," which was once read, under a suspension of the rules, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BURLEIGH presented the petition of Mary S. McGuier for a lot of land in the town of Washburn;

Also petition of Isaac Wilder for aid to construct a bridge over the Aroostook river at Salmon Brook;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported bill "an act to amend chapter 6, section 28 of the revised statutes relating to assessment of taxes," which was read a second time.

Mr. DINGLEY proposed amendment A, pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, the bill was recommitted to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to report a bill to make the poll tax hereafter two dollars.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be requested to visit Oldtown, where the institution is located, and make all necessary inquiries into the institution, and particularly into the manner the Indian Agent pays said Indians the money furnished him by the State for the use and benefit of said Indian tribe; to have power to examine said Agent's books, and to send for persons and papers; and report to this or a subsequent Legislature what alterations are necessary in the law relative to this subject and the benefit of the Indian tribe.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act to change the name of Frances Rebecca Perkins and for her adoption";

"An act to incorporate the Portland Glass Company";

"An act in relation to the use of depositions in certain cases";

"An act additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis";

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee reported "resolve in favor of the Sandy River Bank," which was finally passed in concurrence.

And these bills and resolve having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DREW of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That all papers relating to the endowment of Limerick Academy be taken from the files of 1854, 1858 and 1862 and referred to the Committee on Education ;

That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of securing the establishment of a United States General Hospital in this State, for the care of our sick and wounded soldiers ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 106 of the revised statutes relating to jurors, so that no person may be selected by the board designated by section 1 of said chapter, whose qualifications in all respects shall not entitle him to the confidence of the members of said board as a juror in causes involving their own rights and interests ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Oliver Moses and others of Bath ;

Petition of Franklin Smith and others of Waterville, severally in aid of the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary ;

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

Petition of William D. Orr of Island Falls plantation, for a grant of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of the Portland Five Cents Savings Institution for change of name to Portland Five Cents Savings Bank, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles O. McKinney, Chief of Police of the city of

Belfast, for compensation for injuries received in arresting Charles S. Knowles and Isaac M. Grant, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of J. H. Drummond and others ;

Petition of M. L. Stevens and others of Portland, severally for amendment to the liquor law of 1858 ;

Were referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report, in concurrence.

Bill "an act authorizing constables to serve certain processes," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on the petition of Robert Pennell and others, for aid to the Harpswell Academy, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to exempting flax and other commodities from attachment, with bill "an act to exempt a certain quantity of flax from attachment and execution";

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Union Fire Insurance Company of Bangor," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Woodbury S. Dana and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Portland and Damariscotta Steamboat Company ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Daniel Bunker for reimbursement for board of soldiers, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of Orono for reimbursement for aid furnished families of volunteers, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Mr. TENNEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending section 53, chapter 18 of the revised statutes

concerning collection of taxes, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

These several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON presented the petition of John M. Deshon and others of Canton ;

Petition of R. French and others of Turner, severally in aid of the petition of Trustees of Westbrook Seminary ;

Which were each referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported bill "an act authorizing the County Commissioners of the county of Somerset to reassess certain taxes," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommitted bill "an act to legalize the doings of cities, towns and plantations in raising bounties to pay volunteers, drafted men and substitutes," reported the same in a new draft.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported the following bills :

"An act to change the name of Gilbert W. Eldridge and children";

"An act to change the name of David Cushman";

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

These bills having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. MANSON,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what alterations, if any, are necessary in section 2 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes in relation to divorce ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending the law regulating testimony, as to permit respondents to testify in criminal proceedings ;

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of having a greater uniformity of text books for use in the common schools of the State ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Ebenezer Otis and others of St. George, for permission to sell Marine Railway, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Richmond for an allowance of claim in favor of Arletta A. Brown, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of the members of the Baptist Society of Waldborough, to have the doings of said society in taxing and selling pews made valid, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Princeton to have certain mill property annexed to Princeton, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of William H. Titcomb and others for the endowment of Westbrook Seminary, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on the Petition of Willard B. Cates and others on the bill "an act to prohibit gathering of cranberries in the town of Cutler before the first day of September of each year";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amending chapter 81 of the revised statutes, with bill "an act additional to chapter 81 of the revised statutes in relation to writs in civil actions";

Were each accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," reported in the House from the Committee on Finance, was read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Order relating to the Committee on Indians Affairs visiting the Indian tribe at Oldtown, passed in the Senate, came from the House refused a passage. The Senate recessed and concurred with the House.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. Stilson, its clerk, informing the Senate that, in the absence of the Speaker, the House had made choice of James M. Stone, Esq., as Speaker pro tem.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be authorized to employ a clerk.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

"An act to amend the charter of the Union Fire Insurance Company of Bangor";

"An act to exempt a certain quantity of flax from attachment and execution";

"An act to incorporate the Portland and Damariscotta Steamboat Company";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Waldo from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred an order relating to United States General Hospital, reported "resolve in relation to the establishment of a United States General Hospital in this State."

The report was accepted, the resolve once read and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Mr. ELLIOT presented the petition of James S. Bennett and others of Brunswick, for amendment to the liquor law of 1858, which was referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of John M. Wood and others, reported bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Atlantic Bank."

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

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to Savings Institutions, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

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

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

"An act additional to an act to preserve the harbor of Portland," which was passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And this bill having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. WALKER,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MORSE of Hallowell.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the report of the Attorney General be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary to report such legislation, if any, upon its recommendations as may be deemed expedient ;

That the same committee inquire into the expediency of legislation relative to jury trial in cases in chancery ;

That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance inquire whether the provisions of chapter 176 of the public laws of 1863, exempting certain property from taxation, ought not to be repealed ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of H. W. Danforth and others of La Grange ;

Petition of Samuel F. Harrison and others of Bradley, severally in aid of the petition of the European and North American Railway Company ;

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

Petition of the Directors of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of the Inhabitants of township 18, range 3, for aid in building a road from St. Johns river to said township, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Albert P. Smith and others of Orrington ;

Petition of Joseph Doane and others of same place, severally that wine measure may be established as the legal measure for milk and all other liquids ;

Were referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of James Wood and others, for a charter as the Swift River and Black Brook Improvement Company ;

Petition of Israel Putnam and others, in aid of the petition of I. H. Kimball and others ;

Petition of Red Beach Plaster Company for authority to construct a canal to connect Eastern Lake with Beaver Lake stream ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of William T. Johnson and others of Augusta ;

Petition of William G. Crosby and others of Belfast, severally in aid of the petition of Trustees of Westbrook Seminary ;

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

Petition of A. C. Cotton of Bangor, for compensation for damages by regiments stationed at Camp Pope, Bangor, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Bill "an act in aid of blind persons," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to change the name of Alpha M. Varnum," reported in the House from the Committee on Change of Names, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of Erastus Lermond and others, with bill "an act to change the town line between Thomaston and Warren," was accepted in concurrence.

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

Mr. TENNEY presented bill "an act relating to the compensation and duties of the Secretary of State";

Mr. JOSSELYN presented bill "an act to incorporate the Franklin Telegraph Company";

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills :

"An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government";

“An act to prohibit gathering cranberries in the town of Cutler before the first day of September of each year”;

“An act additional to chapter 81 of the revised statutes in relation to writs in civil actions”;

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bill and resolve :

“An act additional to an act entitled an act accepting the surrender of charter of the Atlantic Bank”;

“Resolve in relation to the establishment of a United States General Hospital in this State”;

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT presented the petition of E. K. Smart and others of Pembroke, to have the powers of constables in that town enlarged, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SPRING,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. STONE of the House.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Petition of John Kilby and others of Dennysville and Edmonds, for a more stringent law for the preservation of salmon in Denney's river, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of Dexter to have the doings of said town made valid, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Remonstrance of William E. Drummond and others of Winslow ;
Remonstrance of H. G. Abbott and others of Vassalborough ;
Remonstrance of E. J. Roberts and others of Vassalborough ;
Remonstrance of George Kaler and others of China, severally
against the renewal of the charter of the Winslow bridge ;

Petition of Josiah Crosby and others of Dexter, in aid of the
memorial of the European and North American Railway Company ;

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

Petition of Andrew Woodman and others of Burlington, in aid
of the memorial of the European and North American Railway
Company, was referred to the Committee on Frontier and Coast
Defence in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of J.
W. Comins and others with bill "an act to incorporate the Flood's
Pond Dam Company" ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act to
amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes relating to the powers
and duties of Judges of Probate," that the same ought to pass ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their
second reading.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State
transmitting returns of various corporations in the State, which
was read and with the accompanying papers referred to the Com-
mittee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also, communication transmitting the returns of various insur-
ance companies, which was referred to the Committee on Mercan-
tile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also, communication transmitting to the Senate an abstract of
the semi-annual returns of the several banks in this State for Jan-
uary, 1864, which was read.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State
Roads, on the petition of the inhabitants of Oldtown and vicinity
for a military road from Milford to Princeton, reported "resolve

in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike for a military road."

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

Mr. SPRING by leave presented bill "an act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company," which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH presented the petition of Adaline Chandler for certain lots of land in township number 12, range 4, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec presented the remonstrance of John Ware and others against the recharter of Winslow bridge, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART presented the petition of William Atkinson and others to make available the constitutional rights of the people, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Franklin County Delegation, to which was referred the petition of L. N. Prescott and others for an increase of salary of the Register of Probate for said county, reported bill "an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Franklin."

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

Mr. STEWART, from the Select Committee on Senatorial Votes, presented the report of said Committee on the Eleventh Senatorial District, as follows:

The Committee on Senatorial Votes having already presented their report upon all the Senatorial Districts of the State except the eleventh, (comprising the county of Lincoln,) now beg leave

to submit to the consideration of the Senate, their report upon that district—

The whole number of votes as returned into the office of the	
Secretary of State was	5,226
Necessary to a choice,	2,614
Everett W. Stetson has	2,344
E W. Stetson,	264
Everett Stetson,	17
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	2,625
Joseph E. Smith has	2,462
Joseph Smith,	138
J. E. Smith,	1
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	2,601

Counting these votes for the respective parties for whom they were evidently intended, and Everett W. Stetson appears to be elected.

But Mr. Smith claimed that the return of votes from Boothbay was erroneous. By that return it appeared that 138 votes were thrown for him in that town. He claimed that, in fact, his vote was 178; and he offered to introduce a copy of the original record of the vote on the town books, attested by the clerk of Boothbay. The counsel for Mr. Stetson objected to any evidence contradicting the return, and contended that the recitals therein were conclusive. The Committee, however, held otherwise, and admitted the evidence offered. The full record of votes in Boothbay was as follows:

For Samuel Cony, (for Governor,)	232
Bion Bradbury, “	178
Everett W. Stetson, (Senator,)	232
Joseph E. Smith, “	178
Joseph Cargill, (County Commissioner,)	232
Robert Spring, “	178
Leonard McCobb, (County Treasurer,)	225
Edmund B. Bowman, “	179
Samuel Tarbox, (Representative,)	231
Henry Fowle, “	178

The Committee regard the evidence as clearly establishing the fact that Mr. Smith's vote in Boothbay was 178, instead of 138, as returned.

Correcting the error, the whole number of votes in the district	
is	5,266
Necessary to a choice,	2,634
Joseph E. Smith has	2,641
Everett W. Stetson,	2,625

And Mr. Smith appears to be elected.

But Mr. Stetson claimed that of the 312 votes for Mr. Smith in the town of Bristol, 28 were thrown by persons living on Muscongus and Marsh islands ; that these islands are not within the limits of Bristol, but are situate in Muscongus bay, more than a mile east of the eastern boundary of the town, as described in the act of incorporation. And he contended that the inhabitants of these islands had no legal right to vote in Bristol.

He also alleged that four persons living on Hungry island in the north part of the same bay, voted for Mr. Smith in Waldoborough ; and he contended that this island is not a part of Waldoborough, and that its inhabitants had no right to vote there.

He also alleged that a large number of illegal and fraudulent votes were thrown for Mr. Smith in Waldoborough itself.

Upon these several allegations, the parties have been fully heard by the Committee, and they proceed to state the facts proved, and their conclusions thereon.

I. It appeared from the evidence introduced by both parties, that 31 votes were thrown in Bristol by persons living on Muscongus and Marsh islands ; 28 for Mr. Smith, 3 for Mr. Stetson. That the inhabitants of these islands have voted in that town without objection for a period as far back as the oldest man on them can remember. Robert Loud testified that he is eighty years old, was born on Muscongus island, and has always lived there ; that he had probably voted there fifty times, and his vote was never challenged or objected to, and that he never voted anywhere else ; that he had paid taxes all his life in Bristol down to within sixteen or seventeen years, and his father did before him, and that he never heard of any objection to the islanders voting in that town. But no jury-men had ever been drawn from the island by the town authorities.

It was admitted by both parties, that, in fact, no taxes had been assessed on the islanders for twenty-one years past, and none had been paid by them during that period. But the parties disagreed as to the reason why. It was contended by Mr. Smith that an agreement was made between the town authorities and the island-

ers, that the latter should support their own schools and paupers, and should not be taxed by the town if they did so. And he introduced two of the present board of selectmen, Mr. Blaney and Mr. Morton, as witnesses. Mr. Blaney testified that "it was common report that it cost more to assess and collect the taxes on the island, than they were worth, and that the islanders agreed to support their own schools and poor, if we would not tax them. That the property of the islanders has not been included in the inventory or valuation of the town for sixteen years and more; and no school money is given them." Mr. Morton testified that he "had understood there was a prior agreement by which the islanders were to take care of their own poor and support their own schools, and we were not to tax them. Their names have always been on the list of voters, but are kept by themselves at the end of the list of town voters. Their names are not in the jury box."

On the other hand Mr. Stetson contended that the islanders had not been taxed for 21 years, because they refused to pay. That the last assessment was in 1842, and they refused to pay it, on the ground that they did not belong to Bristol, and Bristol had no right or power to tax them. That the assessment of that year had never been paid, and none had been made since.

And he introduced Mr. Erskine who testified that he is "sixty-five years old; was one of the assessors of Bristol in 1842, and went upon the island in the spring of that year to take the valuation, as had been the custom. Had a conversation with Mr. Robert Oram, one of the principal islanders, relative to the right of Bristol to tax them. Told him I did not suppose I had any right to take the valuation, but as it had been the custom I should do so. He said in reply that he should pay no tax if we had no right to tax him, and he should consult counsel about it. I took the valuation and we assessed the tax; but he subsequently told me he had taken counsel, and was satisfied that the island did not belong to Bristol and he should pay no tax. And he did not. Nor did any of the islanders that year; nor has the tax been paid, to my knowledge; nor has any assessment been made on them since, so far as I know, or have ever heard. I never heard of the arrangement mentioned by Mr. Blaney, until since the September meeting. Never knew any of the islanders to serve as jurymen. Don't think I ever heard anybody contend that the island is a part of Bristol, until since that meeting. Have heard it said it was not a part of

it. Never knew any objection to the islanders voting in Bristol. Their names have usually been entered on the same check-list, but on a part by themselves, at the bottom of the list."

It will be perceived that neither Mr. Blaney nor Mr. Morton have any personal knowledge of the alleged agreement between the town authorities and the islanders. They state only what they had heard from others. On the other hand Mr. Erskine testifies from his personal knowledge, that the islanders refused to pay the tax of 1842, on the express ground that they did not belong to Bristol, and Bristol had no right to tax them. And it is admitted by all parties that they have neither been assessed nor paid a tax since.

Bristol was incorporated June 21, 1765. It is peninsular in form, jutting from the mainland southerly into Muscongus Bay; Pemaquid Point being its extreme southern limit, and Damariscotta river forming its western bound. The line on the north, as originally incorporated, commences near Salt Water Falls, in Damariscotta river, and runs southeasterly to a small cove in Muscongus Sound called Round Pond. This was the northeast corner of the town. "From thence," is the language of the act of incorporation, "to run a southwesterly course to Pemaquid Point, as the shore lies; and from Pemaquid Point, as the shore lies, up Damariscotta river to the first mentioned bound. And also all the islands lying within six miles from the main land to the south, between the aforementioned River Damariscotta and Pemaquid Point."

From the foregoing evidence and act of incorporation, Mr. Smith contended,

1. That Moscongus and Marsh Islands, by the act of incorporation, are part of Bristol.

2. That if upon the face of the act there is any uncertainty, the fact that the inhabitants of the islands have claimed to exercise, and have exercised the rights of citizens of that town, and that the town claimed the right to tax them, and did tax them, for more than three quarters of a century, should set at rest any question as to the construction of the act of incorporation.

3. That if the islands are not included within the limits of Bristol, the fact that the islanders have voted in that town from time immemorial, unchallenged, gives them, by prescription, the right to vote there.

The Committee have examined these several positions with the

care which their importance plainly demands. The rights of parties here, and of the islanders themselves, required it. And they are of opinion that the act of incorporation is free from all ambiguity. It makes the easterly shore the east line of the town. It then adds: "*Also all the islands lying within six miles from the main land to the south, between the aforementioned River Damariscotta and Pemaquid Point,*"—Pemaquid Point is *the southeastern* limit of the town; Damariscotta river *the southwestern*. The island of Muscongus lies a mile, at least, from the east line of the town, across Muscongus Sound. No part of it is *south* of the main land. No part of it lies *between* Damariscotta river and Pemaquid Point. On the contrary, it is *nearly six miles northeast of Pemaquid Point*; and a part of it is *farther north than the northeast corner of the town itself, as originally incorporated*.

The Committee entertain no doubt that the act of incorporation does not include the island of Muscongus. March island is still farther east.

The fact that the inhabitants of these islands have voted nearly a hundred years in Bristol without objection, is one of great weight. And the Committee have felt the strongest desire to sustain their votes, if it could be done upon any legal principle.

Have they acquired the right so to vote, by prescription? In the absence of any statute, or constitutional provision, perhaps a right to vote might be acquired by the immemorial exercise of it and by the payment of taxes for the support of government. So held in 1810, in the case of the unincorporated Gores of Oxford. (Mass. Election Cases, 75.) But if the exercise of such right originated under a statute, no prescriptive right could be acquired. For it is familiar law, that a right created by, and exercised under a statute, depends upon, and derives its validity from the statute, and not from custom, usage or prescription. Did the islanders first vote in Bristol under the authority of a statute? The colonial history of Massachusetts leaves little room for doubt upon this subject. As early in that history as 1636 an ordinance was passed authorizing the inhabitants of unincorporated places to vote in the nearest town. Additional ordinances were passed in 1658 and 1692, and this right thus established, remained unaffected until the Constitution of Massachusetts was adopted in 1780. And the terms of these ordinances were regarded as broad enough to allow persons living in unincorporated places to vote in organized plan-

tations. These ordinances were in full force in 1765, when Bristol was incorporated. Long prior to its incorporation, the territory was divided into three plantations, Pemaquid, Walpole and Herrington; and the inhabitants of all the adjacent islands, Muscongus, Marsh, Hog, Long and Harbor, voted with the inhabitants of the plantations, under the authority of the colonial ordinances above named, and the practice under them, and took part in their municipal affairs. The incorporation of Bristol produced no change in the habits of the islanders. The right to vote in the new town was secured to them by law, and they continued to exercise it without interruption. And down to 1828, when the town of Bremen was incorporated, the inhabitants of Hog and Long islands, which now make a part of that town, and which lie nearly north of Bristol, continued to vote in the latter town, although by no construction of its act of incorporation could they be regarded as included within it. By the Constitution of Massachusetts, an important change was made in the rights of persons living in unincorporated places. Its language was such as to exclude them from voting for Governor and Lt. Governor, while it allowed them to vote for *senators*, in the next adjoining town, if assessed in that town to the support of the government. Notwithstanding this change in the law, in practice they continued to vote for all State officers, as they had before done, until 1807, when, in a closely contested election between Governors Strong and Sullivan, their right to do so was questioned, and the Supreme Court of Massachusetts held that the Constitution of 1780 excluded them from voting for Governor and Lieut. Governor. Opinion of the Justices, 3 Mass. Rep. 568. And in this opinion the Court also held that no person could vote except in strict conformity to the provisions of the Constitution.

Our own Constitution of 1820 adopts a more liberal rule. All qualified electors "living in places unincorporated, who shall be assessed to the support of government by the assessors of an adjacent town, shall have the privilege of voting for senators, representatives and governor in such town; and shall be notified by the selectmen thereof accordingly." Constitution of Maine, Art. 4, Part 2, Sec. 3. And the Committee are of opinion that this provision of the Constitution must be regarded as controlling and regulating the whole subject matter. Whatever prescriptive rights might be acquired under the common law from immemorial usage,

in the absence of any statute or constitutional provision upon the same subject, the Committee cannot doubt that all persons and their rights must now be governed by the provisions of our Constitution, and must conform thereto.

But they are also of opinion that no prescriptive right to vote was ever acquired by the inhabitants of these islands; that the exercise of the right originated under colonial ordinances and statutes of Massachusetts, and not otherwise.

The Constitution secures to these inhabitants the right to vote in Bristol only when "assessed to the support of the government by the assessors of that town." It is admitted that they have neither been assessed nor paid a tax for twenty-one years. But it was urged before the Committee that an arrangement was made between the town authorities and themselves, which should be regarded as *equivalent* to assessment and payment, viz., that they should support their own schools and poor, and the town should not tax them. The answer is simple. The town was under no obligation to support the schools or the poor on the islands, they being no part of Bristol; and the town authorities had no power to tax either their own citizens or even the islanders themselves for any such purpose. The only tax which they could lawfully assess on the islanders, under the Constitution, was a State and County tax. Hence such an arrangement, if proved, could have no legal validity. Besides, the assessment of a tax on the islanders for the support of government, was a condition precedent to their right to vote, which neither they nor the town authorities could waive. No such power was conferred upon them by the Constitution. The right to vote in Bristol was given for their benefit, but upon condition. They could not claim the right and disregard the condition.

The Committee are therefore of opinion that the inhabitants of Muscongus and Marsh islands, not having been assessed in Bristol for the support of the government, as the Constitution requires, had no right to vote in that town. And they come to this conclusion with the less reluctance, when they reflect that it is a fundamental principle of our government that taxation and representation are inseparable. He who desires to have a voice in the management of the government, should help bear its burdens. To allow the inhabitants of these islands to vote without the payment of any tax whatever, would not only be a plain violation of

the provisions of the Constitution, but would operate to exempt them from all the common burdens—a privilege which no other citizens of the State possess.

Their vote must be rejected.

II. Hungry island lies in the north part of Muscongus bay, a short distance from Long island, already mentioned, and about one third of a mile from the main land. Isaac Reed testified that for thirty years and probably longer, its inhabitants had voted in Waldoborough, but that no tax had been assessed on them since 1855. Waldoborough was incorporated June 29, 1773. The act of incorporation does not include this island, and for the reasons above given, the Committee are of opinion that its inhabitants had no legal right to vote in Waldoborough without being taxed there.

Their votes, four in number, are therefore rejected.

III. The testimony introduced to establish illegal voting in Waldoborough, was very voluminous, and those facts only which the Committee regard as proved, will be stated.

The provisions of the law relating to the preparation of a list of voters, seem to have been disregarded by the officers of the town. By the revised statutes, chapter 4, section 3, it is required that in towns having more than 3,000 inhabitants, the selectmen shall be in session to receive evidence of the qualifications of persons claiming the right to vote, a reasonable time between the 11th and 18th days of August, annually, and shall give previous notice thereof in the same manner as of town meetings. Waldoborough is a large town, containing more than 4,500 inhabitants. Yet no such notice was given.

By section 4 it is provided that the selectmen on or before August 20th, annually, shall deposit in the office of the town clerk a list of voters, and shall post up a similar list in one or more public places in the town. No notice was posted up in any place except in the town clerk's office, which, last year, was up stairs in the second story of a building, on the back side from the street. This cannot be regarded as, in any sense, such a public place as the statute requires. It was evidently the design of the statute that the list of voters should be posted up in some open and well known place of public resort, such as the post office, town house, meeting house, village tavern, &c. Besides, the statutes is clear that it must be posted up in some place other than the town clerk's office. For the latter may be in his own house, or other place

inconvenient for public resort. This cannot but be deemed an important provision in a large town like Walldoborough. Yet it was totally disregarded.

By section 5 of the same chapter, it is provided that after the list is thus posted up, the selectmen shall strike no name therefrom without notice to the party, and giving him an opportunity to be heard. Yet the names of two persons, at least, were proved to have been struck from the list, without any notice to the parties, and in violation of this provision of the statute, although both were legal voters. And on the day of election, the selectmen refused to allow one of them to vote because his name was not on the list; and referred to the act of 1861 as forbidding them to enter a name upon the lists on that day.

The whole number of polls taxed in 1863, according to the testimony of Mr. Eugley, one of the assessors, was 886. And there were 91 persons on the list of assessments who paid no poll tax; making 977 persons of all classes taxed in town. And this included minors and females who have taxable property, persons under guardianship, and all others exempted from paying a poll tax. The assessors testified that no poll tax was assessed on soldiers in the army, but their property was taxed like that of other citizens. That the town had sent upwards of 200 soldiers into the army prior to the September election. But one of the selectmen testified that he had carefully examined their roll, and of the whole number there were but 33 legal voters. By the statute chapter 6, section 1, it is required that "a poll tax shall be assessed upon every male inhabitant of this State above the age of 21 years, whether a citizen of the United States or an alien, unless exempted by the provisions of this chapter." The exempted cases are Indians, persons under guardianship, and those who "by reason of age, infirmity and poverty, are in the judgment of the assessors, unable to contribute toward the public charges." It is manifest that the exemptions cannot be numerous. And the principal collector of taxes testified that he knew of but four legal voters in town who were not taxed. It thus appears that the whole number of persons in town liable to taxation, including foreigners, minors, females and persons not paying a poll tax, was 977; and the collector of taxes, who may fairly be supposed to be well acquainted with the people in town, knew of but four legal voters who were not included in the 977. Yet the check list used at the last election, contained 1,199

names; making 222 more males in town above 21 years of age, and qualified to be legal voters, than tax payers of all classes and descriptions. If these men have an actual existence why are they not taxed? The Committee are unable to answer.

Again. Call the whole 977, males and legal voters, add the four not taxed, and the total is 981. Deduct the 33 absent in the army, and the remainder is 948. Yet the returns made to the Secretary of State show 975 votes at the last election; 200 "Union," 775 "Democratic"—apparently 27 more votes than there were voters in town.

Whence this discrepancy? The Committee are unable to answer.

Another fact appeared in the evidence which the Committee think requires notice. The ballot box used was a large, square, open box, without cover of any description. In the rush of a large mass of voters to deposit their ballots in such a box as this, nothing but the good faith of the voters themselves could prevent illegal and fraudulent voting. Indeed, the selectmen themselves, admit that at least eight men voted at the last election without being checked.

The testimony relating to individual cases of alleged illegal voting was lengthy and cannot be reported except with great labor. Results only can be stated:

Thomas Blackburn—The evidence proved him a foreigner and never naturalized; vote rejected by Committee.

Frederic S. Turner—Same; vote rejected.

William G. Jones—Alleged to be a foreigner; not proved; vote allowed.

Thomas R. Hogue—Same; vote allowed.

Robert L. Dolham—Residence proved to have been in Warren and not Waldoborough; vote rejected.

Theodore Eugley—Residence alleged in Thomaston; not proved; vote allowed.

Wm. H. Wilson—Foreigner, but naturalized, although no register of it in town records as required by law; vote allowed.

John Murphy—Same.

Andrew Borneman—Alleged to be a resident of Friendship; not proved; vote allowed.

Webster Tracy—Residence alleged to have been in Lowell; not proved; vote allowed.

Myron M. Hovey—Residence alleged in Boston ; a majority of the Committee think the allegation sustained by the proof ; vote rejected.

Charles H. Burns—Residence alleged in Thomaston ; not proved ; vote allowed.

Thomas Herbert—Alleged to have been under age ; Committee equally divided in opinion on the proof ; vote not rejected.

Edwin S. Head—Alleged to have been under age ; not sustained ; vote allowed.

George Ripley—Residence alleged in Union ; not proved ; vote allowed.

Charles Mink—Proved by testimony of Isaac Reed to be a town pauper ; vote rejected.

Benjamin B. Robbins—It was proved that this man never had any residence in Waldoborough ; that he came to the hotel in that town in the summer of 1863, and worked a few weeks in shipyard, boarding at the hotel a part of the time, and part at a private house ; then left and has never been in town since, except on his way through it ; that his daughter, about 16 years old, boards in family of Webster Kaler, who is paid by the week for keeping her ; vote rejected.

Gilbert Watson. This man was a witness before the Committee. He testified that he was born and brought up in Friendship, and owns a small place there and has for several years. Has a wife and children there. Went out in 21st regiment Maine volunteers as a nine month's man. Left his wife and children at home on his place. While he was in New York on his way out, in February, 1863, his wife took the children and some of the furniture, and went to her mother's in Waldoborough, to stay while he was gone. Left rest of the furniture locked up in the house. Did not keep house herself, but lived with her mother. On his return from the army, August 26th last, he found her and the children there and remained with them until the Friday after the September election, when he moved them back to his place in Friendship, where they have ever since lived. That he paid his wife's mother \$1.75 per week for boarding them. Had no intention of changing his residence from Friendship to Waldoborough. That his wife received State aid from Friendship while he was in the army and none from Waldoborough. That he went to Friendship the week before the election to get the aid then due, and one of the selectmen asked

him if he was coming *home*? He replied yes. The selectman told him not to come until after the election. That he never himself applied to have his name put on the list of voters in Waldoborough, but Charles Mink did, and he voted there. (Charles Mink is the pauper whose vote is above excluded.)

It is not easy to see how the selectmen of Waldoborough could have acted in good faith in this transaction. They must have known, if they knew any thing about the man at all, that he had never before voted in Waldoborough, never paid a tax there, had no property there, never resided there but twenty-three days—that his residence was in Friendship, which was at that moment supporting his family, and that he had no more right to vote in Waldoborough than in Westbrook, where perhaps he never was. And the case of Benjamin Robbins is almost as glaring. The Committee are not unaware that it is often a matter of great difficulty to determine the place of a man's residence and right to vote. But when not a single fact exists by which that right could be acquired or claimed, it is difficult to resist the conclusion that the law has not only been disregarded, but violated.

George Gross. The name of this man was proved to have been twice checked. It was also proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the check list in connection with his name was altered after the election. By whom done, did not appear. A majority of the Committee are of opinion that there was double voting in this case, and one of the votes is rejected.

Gilmore Wing's name was illegally erased from the list, and his vote refused although offered in open meeting. He appears to have been a legal voter. He would have voted for Mr. Stetson, and the vote is allowed.

IV. On the part of Mr. Smith, objection was made to the votes of Boothbay, Southport and Newcastle, on the ground that the polls in the two former were closed before 5 o'clock P. M., and that a meeting was called and held at 2 o'clock P. M. in the latter, for the transaction of other business. And it was proved that the polls in Southport were closed as early as 3 o'clock P. M. and in Boothbay about 4, clearly contrary to the statute, which requires them to be kept open until 5 P. M. The design of this statute was to prevent one party from massing its forces at an early moment, throwing its votes, and shutting up the polls before its adversaries should arrive. It does not provide that the vote of the

town shall be rejected if the polls are not kept open till 5 o'clock, but it is plainly the duty of town officers to conform to its requirements. No suggestion has been made of any unfair practices in fact in either of these towns, and the Committee do not therefore feel bound to reject them. In the case of Boothbay, however, it did appear that one voter arrived after the polls were closed. The illegal act of the selectmen should not deprive him of his vote, and it is accordingly allowed for Mr. Smith for whom he would have cast it.

The proceedings of Newcastle are equally deserving of censure. It was not the intention of the Constitution, or of the statute upon the same subject, that the time appointed for receiving the suffrages of electors for Governor, Senators and Representatives, should be interrupted by a meeting called for the transaction of any other business. Most towns hold such meetings before the hour fixed for opening the polls; but in some, a different practice has prevailed. It is to be hoped that it may be discontinued.

A further objection was made to the vote of Southport, upon the alleged ground that the returns of votes were not sealed up in open town meeting. But the evidence relied on, is of a negative character, and is not regarded as sufficient to control the recitals in the returns, and the other evidence in the case.

It is due to the respective parties to say that the hearing which has been long and laborious, has been conducted with great fairness and ability on both sides; Mr. Baker of Augusta appearing for Mr. Stetson, and Mr. Smith conducting the case *pro se*.

The whole number of votes in the district, according to the foregoing conclusions, is

Necessary to a choice,	.	.	.	5,225
Everett W. Stetson has	.	.	.	2,613
Joseph E. Smith has	.	.	.	2,623
	.	.	.	2,602

And Everett W. Stetson is declared elected.

The report was read and accepted.

Mr. TRUE presented the remonstrance of David Hunter and others, also remonstrance of Samuel Kimball and others, severally against the recharter of the Winslow bridge;

Mr. MILLIKEN of Waldo presented the remonstrance of Ephraim Hatch and others of Burnham, against the recharter of the Winslow bridge;

Mr. TENNEY presented the petition of the Norridgewock bridge proprietors for an extension of their charter and revision of the rates of toll;

Which were each referred to Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART, by leave, presented bill an act providing for the publication of the names, residence, &c., of magistrates, which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills:

“An act to change the town line between Thomaston and Warren”;

“An act to change the name of Alpha M. Varnum”;

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS announced the attendance of Everett W. Stetson, Senator elect from the Eleventh Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified.

Mr. Stevens was directed by the President to conduct Mr. Stetson 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, that the said Senator had before the Governor and Council taken the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Thereupon Mr. Stetson appeared and took his seat at the Senate Board.

On motion of Mr. BANKS,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WATERMAN of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Railroad Commissioners' Report be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and that the Committee, if expedient, report a bill giving said Commissioners enlarged powers ;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company for an extension of time to close up the affairs of said Company ;

Petition of Jacob McLellan and others of Portland, for an act of incorporation as the Portland Dry Dock Company ;

Petition of A. E. Stevens and others of Portland, for an act of incorporation as the Forest City Iron Works ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah Crosby and others, in aid of the railroad between Newport and Dexter ;

Remonstrance of J. T. Gerald and others of Benton, against the recharter of the Winslow bridge ;

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

Petition of William B. Grant and others, stockholders of the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company, for power to call a meeting of said Company ;

Petition of Sumner Whipple and others of Solon, for legislation to make available the constitutional rights of the people ;

Petition of William C. Foster that his adopted son may have the rights of inheritance ;

Memorial of the Board of Trade in the city of Portland asking for a repeal of the law taxing bank stock owned by non-residents;

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

Petition of John Smith and others, for allowance of State aid, was referred the Committee on Military Affairs, in concurrence.

Petition of William Witham to be set off from Hebron and annexed to Minot, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of D. F. Adams for a deed of a lot of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of W. R. Miller and others of Howland, in aid of the petition of the European and North American Railway Company, was referred to the Committee on Frontier and Coast Defence, in concurrence.

Memorial of Nathan Weston for the correction of a mistake in regard to stumpage upon township 8, range 7, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Berwick Academy was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act additional to an act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Maine," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

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

An abstract of the returns from the several cities, towns and plantations for aid furnished to families of volunteers and drafted men for the year 1863, communicated to the House by the Secretary of State, in compliance with an order of that branch, was referred to the Committee on State's assuming liabilities of towns in paying bounties, in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the reports of the superintending school committees

of the towns of Oldtown and Perry agreeable to a resolve in favor of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, approved March 13, 1861, which was read, and the reports were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec presented the remonstrance of Robert R. Drummond and others of Winslow, against the recharter of the Winslow bridge, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SPRING by leave presented the following bills:

"An act relating to marriage and its solemnization," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

"An act to incorporate the Farnsworth Manufacturing Company";

"An act to incorporate the Rokomeka Manufacturing Company";

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 193 of the public laws of 1863 as to require that in lieu of the present mode of taxing bank stock owned by non-resident stockholders, one tenth part of all dividends on such stock shall be paid into the State Treasury for the benefit of the Common School Fund; also to inquire if it is not expedient to exempt from such taxation all such bank stock as is actually owned out of the State, upon which there shall be assessed and paid a tax in the place where owned prior to the first day of October annually, the fact of such tax having been paid to be proved by said stockholders, to the satisfaction of the Treasurer of State.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Waldo,

Ordered, That six hundred copies of the report of the Committee on Senatorial Votes on the contested election case in the Elev-

enth Senatorial District, presented by Mr. STEWART of Somerset, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill :

“ An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Franklin,” which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bill “ an act to incorporate the Flood’s Pond Dam Company ”;

“ An act to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes relating to the powers and duties of Judges of Probate ”;

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of David Guptill and others of Winslow, in aid of the petition of the Directors of Winslow Bridge Company ;

Remonstrance of H. C. Newhall and others of Fairfield, against the recharter of Winslow bridge ;

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

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of John A. Poor, President of the European and North American Railway Company, and various other petitions in aid of the same, reported bill “ an act authorizing the further extension of the European and North American Railway.”

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

Mr. TENNEY presented the remonstrance of Going Hathorn against the recharter of the Winslow bridge, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “ an act to amend the charter of the Union Fire Insurance Company of Bangor,” came from the House on its passage to be enacted, recommitted to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The Senate reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and recommitted the same in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, "resolve to authorize the Land Agent to deed to Hazen Keech a certain lot of land," which was finally passed in concurrence.

And this resolve having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. SPRING,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CRANE of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 124, section 20 of the revised statutes, so that the prohibitions of said section shall be extended to midnight succeeding the Lord's day ;

That the same Committee inquire what changes if any are necessary in the statutes of frauds and limitations, in order to prevent those statutes from working injustice ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Israel Putnam and others for an act vesting the franchise of the proprietors of Merry Meeting Bridge in the city of Bath, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of John Mathews and others of Waterville, to be set off from Waterville Village Corporation ;

Petition of W. W. Edwards and others of Waterville, that a

part of Ticonic Village Corporation be exempted from taxation by said corporation ;

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

Petition of James M. Buzzell and others for an act of incorporation as a religious body under the name of the General Baptist Association of Maine ;

Petition of Thomas D. Robinson and others for an act authorizing the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company to call a meeting for the choice of directors and other officers ;

Memorial of George M. Weston for repeal of chapter 370 of the resolves of 1860 ;

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

Credentials of Peol Sockis, Delegate from the Penobscot tribe of Indians ;

Credentials of Nicolar Andrew Dana, Delegate from the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians ;

Petition of Joseph Attean and others of the Penobscot Indians for aid for the support of schools ;

Remonstrance of John Neptune and others of the same tribe against any change in treaties with the State of Maine and Massachusetts and said tribe ;

Petition of Lewy Sockbasin and others of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for aid to repair the Governor's house ;

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

Memorial of B. F. Tefft of Brewer relative to the encouragement by this State of foreign immigration ;

Petition of Joseph H. Thayer and others of Brewer that wine measure may be legally established as the measure for milk and all other liquids ;

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

Petition of Winslow Morse and others, proprietors of Winnegance Mills for an act of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Robert W. Manly that the time for performing settling duties may be extended two years, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of B. C. Sewall and others for amendment to the liquor law of 1858, was referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report, in concurrence.

Petition of Cynthia R. Carpenter of Mt. Chase plantation for State aid, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of J. W. Dyer and others of Portland for an act of incorporation as the Portland Cordage Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of the trustees of Presque Isle Academy for continuance of aid from the State, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Dexter Merrill and others in aid of the European and North American Railway Company, was referred to the Committee on Frontier and Coast Defence, in concurrence.

Petition of John B. Brown and others for a repeal of the law taxing bank stock owned by non-residents, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on the petition of the trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College for aid, with "resolve in favor of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College";

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on the petition of the Directors of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company for amendment of their charter, with bill "an act in addition to an act to incorporate the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, and to amend an act in addition thereto, approved June 27, 1849";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The resolve and bill were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. MERROW presented the petition of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Maine;

Also petition of Daniel R. Mathews and others of Southport, severally for amendment to the liquor law of 1858 ;

Which were each referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART presented the petition of Joseph Clark, Jr., and others, for a law requiring ox-sleds used on the public roads in the county of Somerset to be four feet and six inches wide, with bill accompanying, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CRAM, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Company," reported that the same ought to pass ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred bill "an act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company," reported that the same ought to pass ;

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

Mr. BEALE, the joint order relating to petitions for private legislation being suspended, presented petition of George H. McKechnie and others to have the doings of the town of Alton, in selling lands for payment of taxes, made valid, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported bill "an act additional to an act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Maine," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY, bill "an act authorizing the further extension of the European and North American Railway," was taken from the table.

The bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President appointed Mr. Stetson of Lincoln to fill the va-

cancies in the Committees on Federal Relations and Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. CRAM, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred bill "an act to incorporate the Farnsworth Manufacturing Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Zimri Hunter and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Clinton Manufacturing Company";

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

On motion of Mr. SPRING,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

In the absence of the President the Senate was called to order by the Secretary.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. SARGENT of Hallowell.

On motion of Mr. BANKS,

Messrs. Banks of York, Philbrick of Cumberland, and McGilvery of Waldo, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President pro tempore of the Senate.

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

Whole number of ballots is	19
Necessary to a choice,	10
David D. Stewart has	19

The report was accepted, and Hon. DAVID D. STEWART was declared duly elected President pro tem. of the Senate.

Mr. Stewart was conducted to the Chair by Messrs. Talbot and Walker, and accepted the office with a few remarks.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 81, section 92 of the revised statutes so as to extend the limit of personal actions ;

That the Joint Select Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report inquire whether any change is necessary in the law passed in 1862 establishing said Commission ;

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to protect the public lands of the State from strip and waste ; and if so, to report a bill making the plundering of the lands of the State punishable by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and imprisonment in the State prison for a term not exceeding five years ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Bill " an act to furnish relief in certain cases ;

Petition of James Thompson for leave to build a wharf over tide waters in the town of Bristol ;

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

Petition of Peleg Thomas and others of North Haven asking the repeal of an act creating an Inspector General of Fish, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

" Resolve to appropriate money for the repair of the Rocky Rips bridge in township number 1, Penobscot county," was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill " an act to incorporate the Parks Pond Dam Company," was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of John S. Kimball and others of Bangor, for amendment to the liquor law of 1858, was referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report, in concurrence.

Communication from the Governor, transmitting communication from Francis O. J. Smith relating to the location of the Agricultural College, was read and papers referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns on the peti-

tion of H. G. O. Cass and others of Bowerbank, for a repeal of the act incorporating said town, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of B. P. Gilman and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Pas-sadumkeag Boom Company," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was once read, and on motion of Mr. MERROW Tuesday next was assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Finance on bill "an act to amend chapter 251, section 7 of the special laws of 1863," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on resolve establishing the valuation of certain towns and plantations in Aroostook county," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Education on the petition of Henry Burns of Long Island plantation, with "resolve in favor of Henry Burns";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Charles A. Clark of Phippsburg for a resolve authorizing the Treasurer to pay him a certain sum of money, with "resolve for the benefit of Charles A. Clark of Phippsburg";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bill and resolves were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to the payment by the State of a bounty of three hundred dollars under the call of February 1, 1864, with bill "an act providing bounties to soldiers," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read under a suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BANKS,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council and to the House of Representatives, informing said branches that in the absence of the President the Senate has made choice of Hon. David D. Stewart as President pro tempore.

Mr. Banks was charged with the message, who subsequently informed the Senate that he had performed the duty assigned him.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the second paragraph of section 36, chapter 81 of the revised statutes, in reference to exemption of certain property from attachment and execution, by inserting the words "instruments and apparatus" after the word "tools."

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

"An act to incorporate the Farnsworth Manufacturing Company";

"An act to incorporate the Clinton Manufacturing Company";

"An act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company";

"An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Company";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bill "an act in addition to an act to incorporate the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, and to amend an act in addition thereto, approved June 27, 1849," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. TENNEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to an additional law term of the Supreme Judicial Court and an increase of the salary of the judges, reported bill "an act requiring additional duties and providing for an increase of the salaries of the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court."

The report was accepted, the bill once read, and on motion of Mr. MERROW, was laid on the table and three hundred and fifty copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. DINGLEY, the joint order being suspended, presented the petition of W. Hunton and others of East Livermore to have the property of the Rokomeka Company exempted from taxation, which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

“An act to exempt a certain quantity of flax from attachment and execution”;

“An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government”;

“An act to prohibit gathering cranberries in the town of Cutler before the first day of September of each year”;

“An act to change the name of Alpha M. Varnum”;

“An act to incorporate the Portland and Damariscotta Steamboat Company”;

“An act authorizing the County Commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes”;

“An act additional to chapter 81 of the revised statutes in relation to writs in civil actions”;

“An act to change the town line between Thomaston and Warren”;

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these bills having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of York,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MUNGER of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further legislation is necessary governing cities, towns and plantations and restraining assessors in assessing taxes in certain cases ;

That the same Committee inquire what further legislation, if any, is expedient in relation to the rules of evidence ;

That the Committee on Division of Towns inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 226 of the special laws of 1863, entitled an act to set off certain lands from the town of Frankfort and annex the same to the town of Monroe ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary to secure a more complete registration of births, marriages and deaths ;

That the Secretary of State cause to be printed and distributed forthwith to the several cities, towns and plantations in the State, the act legalizing the doings of towns and the act providing a uniform bounty of three hundred dollars to soldiers to be paid from the State Treasury ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of A. P. Sawyer and others of West Hampden, for amendment to the liquor law of 1858, was referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of N. T. Hill and others, for reduction of toll on the Bucksport and Prospect Ferry, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of Isaac Wilder for aid to construct a bridge over Aroostook river at Salmon brook, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of Israel Putnam and others, in aid of the petition of J. H. Kimball and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns on the petition of John Pomroy and others of Bancroft plantation, for an act of incorporation, with bill "an act to incorporate the town of Bancroft";

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of John Pomroy and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Baskahegan Dam Company";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

Mr. BURLEIGH, from the Committee on Indian Affairs to which was referred the credentials of Peol Sockis, reported "resolve in favor of Peol Sockis."

The report was accepted, the resolve once read, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve in favor of Henry Burns," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, was read a second time, amendment A of the House was adopted, and as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill and resolves:

"An act to amend chapter 251, section 7 of the special laws of 1863, relating to expenditure of school money in Madawaska township";

"Resolve establishing a valuation of certain towns and plantations in the county of Aroostook";

"Resolve for the benefit of Charles A. Clark of Phippsburg";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Committee on Education on the petition of Enoch Pond and others of Bangor, for a grant of land in aid

of the Bangor Theological Library, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STETSON,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of increasing the fees of Registers of Deeds.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

“An act providing for bounties to soldiers”;

“An act additional to an act entitled an act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Atlantic Bank”;

“An act additional to an act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine”;

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee reported,

“Resolve for building ice cutters and breakwaters for the protection of the piers and abutments of the Mattawamkeag bridge in Mattawamkeag, and for other necessary repairs”;

“Resolve for the repair of the bridge over the Molunkus stream in Macwahoc plantation”;

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President pro tem, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PARKE of Gardiner.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relative to the competency of witnesses that in any action by the executor, administrator or other legal representative of a deceased person, when the account books or other memoranda of such deceased party are used as evidence to prove an account or claim embraced in such action, the defendant party in such action shall be a competent witness to testify in regard to such account or claim, or in regard to any account or claim filed in such suit ;

That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be directed to inquire whether further legislation is expedient additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes relative to the repair of "ways" and for "injuries," so that towns shall not be liable to indictment for want of repairs and for damage received upon roads laid out by selectmen or county commissioners as private roads, nor bye-roads where the necessity for public use has been superseded by the location of other roads, but which are allowed to remain for private use and convenience, provided that suitable signs are placed at the entrance of such ways with the words "Private Way" painted thereon ;

That the Secretary of State be directed to cause a map of the State of Maine to be hung in Room No. 6, for the use of the Committees on Interior Waters and Railroads, Ways and Bridges ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of E. H. Gibbs and others of Glenburn ;

Petition of Benjamin Reed and others of Bangor, severally that wine measure may be legally established as the measure for milk and all other liquids ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of H. E. Prentiss and others that residents as well as non-residents must pay their taxes before they contest a tax title, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of A. & P. Coburn and others of Skowhegan for an act of incorporation as the Skowhegan Water Power Company, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of James Richards of Lyndon in aid of Mrs. Mary J. Quinby for a lot of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Samuel Lord and others to be set off from Surry and annexed to Ellsworth, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Union Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Bangor," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of Selectmen of Lowell for reimbursment for aid furnished soldiers' families in plantation number 1, north division, Penobscot county, in 1862, with "resolve in favor of the town of Lowell";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bill and resolve were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor requesting him to return the bill entitled "an act providing bounties to soldiers" if he has not signed the same.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the Governor, through the Secretary of State, returning the above named bill in compliance with the request of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec,

The vote passing said bill to be enacted was reconsidered, also the rules were suspended and the vote whereby said bill was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered.

Same Senator proposed amendments A, B, C, pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. STEVENS, the bill was laid on the table and 350 copies of the bill and amendments ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature, and to-morrow at eleven o'clock assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of David O'Brien, Secretary of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company, reported bill "an act extending the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company."

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

Mr. MILLIKEN of Hancock, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the petition of A. B. Sutton and others for a law for the extirpation of the Canada thistle, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MERROW presented the petition of C. S. Jenks and others of Bath, for a repeal of the law establishing a State Liquor Commissioner, which was referred to the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill:

"An act to incorporate the Baskahegan Dam Company," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CRAM,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BAILEY of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing for the payment of a State bounty to drafted men and volunteers who may go into the United States navy, if they shall be allowed on the State's quota, was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of L. W. Downes and others of Brewer, in aid of the petition of George M. Weston and others, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Taylor and others of Fairfield, in aid of the petition of the European and North American Railway Company, was referred to the Committee on Frontier and Coast Defence, in concurrence.

Petition of John D. King and others of Hampden ;

Petition of Ephraim Royal and others of Hampden, severally for a law establishing a uniform measure in the sale of all liquids ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the credentials of Nicolar Andrew Dana, with " resolve in favor of Nicolar Andrew Dana " ;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on the petition of Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., President of the Portland Five Cents Savings Institution, with bill " an act to change the name of the Portland Five Cents Savings Institution " ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The resolve and bill were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to change the name of Harriet Wells and for her adoption," reported in the House from the Committee on Change of Names, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. CRAM, from the Committee on Manufactures on an order relating to exempting corporate property from taxation, reported bill "an act to encourage manufactures."

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

On motion of Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire and report if any and what modification may be made in the powers and duties of Supervisors and Superintending School Committees of schools.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Committee on Education on the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary, and other petitions in aid of the same, reported "resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary."

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

Mr. MILLIKEN of Waldo, from the Committee on Military Affairs on the petition of S. S. Holmes and others, for aid to enable John Dennis to publish a work on martial music, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

"An act extending the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company";

"Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis";

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bill "an act to amend the charter of the Union Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Bangor," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. SPRING, by leave, presented bill "an act to repeal chapter 186 of the special laws of 1862," which was referred to the Joint Delegation from Cumberland county.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Bancroft," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, was read a second time and on motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Hancock, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BRADBURY presented the petition of Charles S. Weld and others that the law requiring a non-resident to pay taxes before disputing tax title may be extended to residents, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act providing bounties to soldiers," came up by assignment.

The several amendments proposed by Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec were taken up in their order.

Mr. TRUE proposed an amendment to amendment A, which was rejected.

Mr. SPRING also proposed an amendment to the same, which was adopted, and amendment A was thus adopted.

Amendments B and C were also adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BRADBURY, from the Committee on Printing and Binding, reported a contract with Messrs. Hartford and Smith to do the State binding for the current year, and submitting the contract.

The report was accepted, and the contract read and approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator, from the same Committee also reported a contract with Messrs. Stevens and Sayward to do the State printing for the current year.

The report was accepted and the contract read.

Mr. CRAM moved to lay the contract on the table, and that

Thursday next be assigned for the consideration of its approval, pending which, on motion of Mr. MERROW,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. QUINNAM of the House.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of reporting an act to allow Mt. Chase plantation to have the right and power by law to raise, assess and collect State and County taxes; also the right to raise money to defray plantation expenses and to raise money for those who are entitled to State aid; also to raise money for hiring of the highway surveyors, and to allow said plantation to have the right of towns in relation to the public lands that are set off for schools in plantations;

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Superintendent of Common Schools to compile the school laws of this State, and cause them to be printed and distributed to the superintending school committees and school agents of the several cities, towns and plantation in this State;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Robert Long and others for permission to extend a wharf into tide waters in the town of St. George, was referred, under a suspension of the joint order, to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Benjamin Norwood and others against the petition of Benjamin Capin and others, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of James Stackpole against the renewal of the charter of the Winslow bridge was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on the petition of A. B. Sutton and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, accepted in the Senate, came from the House recommitted to the Committee.

The Senate receded and concurred.

Petition of Miles Wilson for amendment of chapter 253 of the special laws of 1863, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following :

“An act to encourage manufactures,” which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported “an act to change the name of the Portland Five Cents Savings Institution”;

“An act to change the name of Harriet Wells, and for her adoption”;

“Resolve in favor of Nicolai Andrew Dana”;

“Resolve in favor of the town of Lowell”;

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,

Ordered, That the Senate hereafter meet at ten o'clock A. M. until otherwise ordered; Saturdays and Mondays to meet as now ordered.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec,

The vote whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed bill “an act providing for bounties to soldiers,” was reconsidered.

The same Senator proposed several amendments, which were adopted.

On motion of Mr. MERBOW,

The bill was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TENNEY,

Ordered, That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of the proper observance of the coming anniversary of the Birth-day of the Father of his Country, George Washington.

And Messrs. Tenney of Somerset, Bradbury of Penobscot, and Elliot of Cumberland, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came back from the House passed in concurrence, with Messrs. Williams of Augusta, Webb of Portland, Goodwin of Biddeford, Farwell of Rockland, Peters of Bangor, Stone of Kennebunk, and Dillingham of Waterville, joined on the part of the House.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, the joint order being suspended, presented petition of A. E. McCausland for the adoption of a certain child, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MERROW, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of John Teague and others, reported bill "an act for the preservation of pickerel and trout in certain waters."

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

Mr. BRADBURY, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of George M. Weston and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate Bangor and Brewer Street Railroad Company."

The report was accepted, the bill once read, and on motion of Mr. MANSON was laid on the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. TENNEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act in aid of blind persons," reported that the same ought not to pass ;

Mr. SPRING, from the same Committee, on the petition of Henry E. Prentiss and others, that residents, as well as non-residents, shall pay their taxes before they contest a tax title, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to making town officers personally liable when they neglect or refuse to furnish State aid when actually needed, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Mr. MERROW, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of John Kilgore and others of Newry, relating to taking fish in Bear river and its east branch, referred from the last Legislature to the present, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

These reports were severally accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH,

Ordered, That the Governor be requested to transmit to the Legislature the reports of the Indian Agents of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WARREN presented the petition of J. G. Walker and others, that said Walker may have the right to vote in the town of Brooksville, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act authorizing the further extension of the European and North American Railway," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheets A and B.

The Senate reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendments of the House, and as amended passed the same to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CRAM, bill "an act in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike for a military road," was taken from the table and read a second time. The same Senator moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, and on this question, on motion of Mr. MERROW, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Burleigh, Cram, Dingley, Elliot, Josselyn, Knight, McGilvery, Merrow, John Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Luther Sanborn, Spring—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Bradbury, Manson, Dennis L. Milliken, Elias Milliken, Stevens, Stewart, Talbot, Tenney, True, Warren, Wadsworth—11.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.
Sent down for concurrence.

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

“An act to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes relating to the powers and duties of Judges of Probate”;

“An act to incorporate the Floods Pond Dam Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Baskahegan Dam Company”;

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves :

“Resolve for the benefit of Charles A. Clark”;

“Resolve in relation to the establishment of a United States Hospital”;

“Resolve in favor of Henry Burns”;

“Resolve establishing a valuation of certain towns and plantations in the county of Aroostook”;

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President pro tem., were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of the House.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on Claims inquire into the expediency of paying from the Treasury of this State the sum of \$200 to Isabella Fogg for her services rendered the sick and wounded soldiers in the field from Maine.

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Francis L. Rice and others of Denmark, to have the doings of said town for the years 1861—62 and 63 made valid, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of H. S. Jackson and others of Cape Elizabeth, that wine measure may be legally established as the measure for milk and all other liquids, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amendment of chapter 106 of the revised statutes relating to jurymen, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of Eliza C. Prouty of township number 2, range 3, in Aroostook county, for State aid, with "resolve in favor of Eliza C. Prouty of township number 2, range 3, in the county of Aroostook," was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve was once read and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. TENNEY,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether the provisions in section 11 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes,

shall not be extended so as to embrace plantations as well as towns, which may receive &c. any devise, bequest or donation for a public library ; and upon the incorporation of the plantation as a town the funds and its avails pass to and be held by the town as previously held by the plantation.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to increasing the fees of Registers of Deeds, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Mr. ELLIOT, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of the Directors of Winslow bridge for a renewal of the charter of said bridge, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the contract for State printing ; the question being on the motion of Mr. CRAM to lay on the table and assign to-day at eleven o'clock for its consideration.

The motion was carried.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was recommitted bill "an act providing bounties to soldiers," reported certain amendments to the bill which were submitted.

The report was accepted, the amendments were adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY, bill "an act to incorporate the Passadumkeag Boom Company," was taken from the table and read a second time. Amendments A and B of the House were adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported bill "an act for the preservation of pickerel and trout in certain waters," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STEWART,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether

some further legislation is, or not, necessary in relation to the legal settlements of illegitimate minor children.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator presented the petition of O. B. Davis and others, for a change in the statute of limitations;

Also, by leave, bill "an act relating to corporations";

Which were each referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CRAM, from the Committee on Manufactures on bill "an act to incorporate the Rokomeka Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BRADBURY, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on bill "an act to amend chapter 51, section 19 of the revised statutes for the better protection of travellers upon public ways contiguous to railroads and at railroad crossings," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

On motion of Mr. CRAM, the contract for State printing was taken from the table. The same Senator moved to recommit with instructions. The motion was rejected.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT the contract was laid on the table.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of A. C. Wilson and others, for a railroad charter, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Brewer Branch Railroad Company."

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

On motion of Mr. STEWART,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether the right of a widow to an allowance out of the personal estate of her deceased husband should not survive to her heirs at law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House :

That, the Senate concurring, a Committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to invite Col. N. G. TAYLOR of East Tennessee to address the members of the Legislature upon the condition of the loyal people of the rebel States, and more particularly of the present situation and sufferings of the loyal citizens of East Tennessee, on Friday evening the 19th inst., and that the use of this hall be tendered to him for that purpose.

And Messrs. Clay of Gardiner, Barker of Stetson, Drummond of Bath, Lynch of Portland, and Talbot of East Machias, were appointed on the part of the House.

The order was passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Stetson of Lincoln, Wadsworth of Washington, and Stevens of Oxford, joined on the part of the Senate.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed bill "an act to incorporate the Farnsworth Manufacturing Company," which was passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And this bill having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. KNIGHT,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McKENZIE of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Education examine into the matter of establishing a library for the advancement of the French language in Grant Isle plantation in the county of Aroostook ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation is necessary relative to taking depositions and affidavits ;

That, the Senate concurring, His Excellency Gov. Cony be, and hereby is, requested to invite Maj. Gen. Burnside to visit the capital of the State at his convenience ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether further legislation is necessary to define more clearly the power and authority of trial justices ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Seth Webb and others for a repeal of the law creating an Inspector General of Fish, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of Robert Hopkins and others for an increase of the pay of jurors ;

Bill "an act to incorporate Monument Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons";

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

Petition of C. G. Stearns and others of Brewer, in aid of the petition of Joshua Chamberlain and others, for authority to connect Brewer with the European and North American Railway by a branch railroad, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "an act giving County Commissioners further power in

granting licenses to peddle tin-ware," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, through the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, in response to an order of the Legislature.

The report, on motion of Mr. BURLEIGH, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,

Ordered, That the Quartermaster General, or other officer of this State, whose duty it was to furnish firewood at Camp Keyes in Augusta, furnish this Legislature with the reasons why there was not wood there on Wednesday and Wednesday night to prevent the soldiers from freezing to death, if they had not torn down some of the buildings to save their lives.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TRUE, from the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of John M. Parker and others to be set off from the town of Scarborough and annexed to the town of Gorham, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was read.

Mr. BEALE, from the same Committee, made a minority report, with bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Scarborough and annex the same to the town of Gorham," accompanying the same.

The same Senator proposed an amendment to the report by substituting the report of the minority for that of the majority of said Committee, which was adopted.

The bill accompanying said minority report was once read and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 51 of the revised statutes for the better protection of travellers upon public ways contiguous to railroads and at railroad crossings," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BANKS,

The contract for state printing was taken from the table.

The same Senator moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Senate rejected the motion of Mr. Cram to recommit the same with instructions.

And on this question, on motion of Mr. CRAM, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows:

YEAS—MESSRS. Banks, Barrows, Beale, Cram, Dingley, Elliot, Hale, Knight, Manson, McGilvery, Merrow, Philbrick, Spring, Walker, Wadsworth—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Bradbury, Burleigh, Josselyn, Dennis L. Milliken, Elias Milliken, John Milliken, Joseph A. Sanborn, Luther Sanborn, Stetson, Stewart, Talbot, Tenney, True, Warren—14.

So the motion to reconsider prevailed.

The articles of agreement were then recommitted to the Committee on Printing and Binding, with instructions.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TENNY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Federal Relations inquire into expediency of reporting a resolve in favor of the opening of a ship canal connecting lakes Erie and Ontario, as an enterprise of military and commercial necessity, and of expressing in such resolve the opinion of this Legislature that it is the duty of Congress to provide for the construction of such canal as soon as possible.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

“An act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company”;

An act to amend chapter 251, section 7 of the special laws of 1863 relating to expenditure of school money in Madawaska township”;

“An act to incorporate the Clinton Manufacturing Company”;

“An act to increase the capital stock of the Portland Company”;

“An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Franklin”;

“An act to legalize the doings of cities, towns and plantations in raising bounties to be paid volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes since February 21, 1863”;

“An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Union Mutual

Life Insurance Company, and to amend an act in addition thereto, approved June 27, 1849";

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these several bills having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BALLOU of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Petition of Noah Barker and others;

Petition of E. C. Brown and others, severally for an act prohibiting the sale of potatoes excepting by weight;

Were each referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal an act for the establishment of normal schools," was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of Ephraim Alley and others, that the proprietors of Dresden Upper Bridge shall build a pier to the draw of said bridge, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of Robert W. Manley for extension of time to perform settling duties of lot number 4, section 24 and lot number 5, section 30, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of William C. Foster, with bill "an act to change the name of William

Llewellyn Freeman and confer on him the rights of inheritance," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was once read and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act authorizing the expenditure of money for war purposes," reported in the House from the Committee on Finance, was read once and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WARREN, from the Committee on Claims on the petition of Cynthia R. Carpenter of Mt. Chase plantation for State aid, reported "resolve in favor of Cynthia R. Carpenter of Mt. Chase plantation in the county of Penobscot."

The report was accepted, the resolve was once read and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Mr. TENNEY, from the Joint Special Committee to which was referred an order relating to the observance by appropriate public exercises of the 22d day of February, reported an order of exercises.

The report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TENNEY,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet on Monday next at ten o'clock.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported "resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. CRAM laid on the table and Tuesday assigned for its further consideration.

Also, "resolve in favor of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College," which was read a second time, House amendment A adopted, and on motion of Mr. CRAM laid on the table and Tuesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Committee on Education on an order relating to compiling the school laws of this State and distributing the same to the Supervisors of Schools and School Agents, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator, from the same Committee on an order relating to modification in the law of the powers and duties of Supervisors

and Superintending School Committees, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator, from the same Committee on the petition of the President and Trustees of Richmond Academy for aid to said academy, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

These several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of Theódore Lincoln and others, for an act of incorporation, reported bill "an act to maintain a dam across Penamaquan river in Pembroke."

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

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

"An act extending the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company";

"An act providing bounties for soldiers";

"An act authorizing the further extension of the European and North American Railway Company";

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these bills having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of York,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MUNGER of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

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

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. STETSON of Lincoln, that Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council and Heads of Departments, informing them that a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature is assembled in the Representatives' Hall for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the birth-day of Washington, and inviting them to be present and participate therein.

Mr. STETSON subsequently reported that he had waited upon the Governor and Council and Heads of Departments and delivered the message with which he was charged, and they were pleased to answer that they accepted the invitation and would attend upon the Convention immediately.

Thereupon the Governor and Council and Heads of Departments came in. The Governor took the Chair, as President of the Day, and addressed the Convention.

A prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Washington's Farewell Address was read by Nathan Webb, Esq., of Portland, of the House.

Addresses were delivered by Hon. John S. Tenney of the Senate, Messrs. John M. Goodwin and Henry K. Bradbury of the House, and Capt. Brinkerhoff of the U. S. Army.

The Governor and Council and Heads of Departments then withdrew and the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. WALKER,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ROWE of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the law relating to the mode of balloting for State and County officers, and also for Presidential Electors, so that each voter shall be required to place his signature upon the back of his ballot;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal section three of chapter 79 of the revised statutes, relating to fees of Clerks of the Judicial Courts";

Bill "an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes concerning elections";

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

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of John H. Kimball and others, with bill "an act authorizing the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company to extend their road in Bath";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Israel Putnam, Mayor of Bath, and others, with bill "an act to vest the franchise of the proprietors of Merrymeeting Bridge in the city of Bath";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Francis Cobb and others, with bill, "an act to incorporate the Lime Rock Railroad Company";

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of

James Wood and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Swift River and Black Brook Improvement Company";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Robert Long and others, with bill "an act to authorize Robert Long and others to extend their wharf beyond tide waters";

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on the petition of A. C. Milliken of Tremont, with bill "an act to protect wool-growers against the depredation of thieves";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. TENNEY,

Ordered, That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait on and receive Maj. Gen. Burnside of the United States army, and Col. Taylor, a distinguished citizen of East Tennessee.

And Messrs. Tenney of Somerset, Stevens of Oxford, and Stetson of Lincoln, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came back from the House passed in concurrence, with Messrs. Clay of Gardiner, Williams of Augusta, Webb of Portland, Dillingham of Waterville, Goodwin of Biddeford, Deering of Richmond, and Kilby of Eastport, joined on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives by the Secretary, proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall this day at ten minutes past eleven o'clock, for the purpose of receiving Maj. Gen. Burnside and Col. Taylor.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, through Mr. Stilson, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the above proposition.

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

IN CONVENTION.

Mr. TENNEY, Chairman of the Committee of the Legislature appointed to wait on Maj. Gen. Burnside and Col. Taylor, announced their presence in the Council Chamber.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, that Senator was charged with a message to Gen. Burnside and Col. Taylor, and to request them, together with the Governor and Council, to be present before the Convention and address them.

Mr. Sanborn subsequently reported that he had waited upon Maj. Gen. Burnside and Col. Taylor, and the Governor and Council, and delivered the message with which he was charged, and that they were pleased to say that they accepted the invitation with pleasure, and would attend forthwith upon the Convention.

Thereupon, Maj. Gen. Burnside and Col. Taylor, attended by the Governor and Council and Heads of Departments, came in, and on being introduced addressed the Convention.

On motion of Mr. FARWELL of Rockland of the House, a Committee of seven were appointed to receive contributions for the relief of the loyal people of East Tennessee.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported that the whole amount received was \$3,112.60, which was paid over to Col. Taylor for the above-named purpose.

The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. STONE of the House.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That a Joint Special Committee be appointed to investigate the causes of neglect on the part of those whose duty it is to prepare suitable food and shelter at Camp Keyes for our returned soldiers in the 14th Regiment, together with such other information as may be obtained in connection with the mismanagement connected with said camp among those who may have the same in charge, and report the same to this Legislature.

And Messrs. Thompson of Stockton, Hopkins of Ellsworth, Larabee of Portland, Wadsworth of Manchester, Davis of Woodstock, Kimball of Hermon, and Merrow of Acton, were appointed on the part of the House.

Was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Manson of Penobscot, Warren of Hancock, and Knight of Knox, joined on the part of the Senate.

That the Committee on Claims examine the claim of the town of Whitefield, in the county of Lincoln, for money paid by said town to the city of Hallowell for the support of the family of Charles M. Place, a volunteer in the service of the United States, as presented by said town, was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 81 of the revised statutes," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Foreign Emigrant Association of Maine," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Baskahegan Dam Company," was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of James Johnson and others of Westbrook, that wine measure may be established as the measure for milk and all other liquids, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to change the name of James H. Jordan, and for his adoption," reported in the House from the Committee on Change of Names, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to aid in constructing a road from Limestone plantation, through township letter F, range 1, to Hamlin plantation, in the county of Aroostook.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

"Resolve in favor of Cynthia R. Carpenter of Mt. Chase plantation, in the county of Penobscot";

Also bill "an act to maintain a dam across Penamaquan river in Pembroke";

"An act to incorporate the Bangor and Brewer Street Railroad Company";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bill "an act to incorporate the Lime Rock Railroad Company";

"An act to change the name of William Llewellyn Freeman, and confer upon him the rights of inheritance";

"An act authorizing the expenditure of money for war purposes";

"An act authorizing the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company to extend their road in Bath";

"An act to vest the franchise of the proprietors of Merry Meeting Bridge in the city of Bath";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bill "an act to set off a part

of the town of Scarborough and annex the same to the town of Gorham."

The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. TRUE the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Swift River and Black Brook Improvement Company," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time. Mr. MANSON proposed amendment marked A, pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. DINGLEY the bill was laid on the table and to-morrow assigned for its consideration.

"Resolve in favor of Eliza C. Prouty of township number 2, range 3, in the county of Aroostook," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time and refused a passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CRAM, "resolve in favor of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College," was taken from the table. Mr. BURLEIGH proposed amendment B, which was adopted. The question then being on the passage of the resolve as amended to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. ELLIOT the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Barrows, Beale, Bradbury, Dingley, Joselyn, Manson, McGilvery, Dennis L. Milliken, Joseph A. Sanborn, Luther Sanborn, Spring, Stetson, Stevens, Tenney, True—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Burleigh, Cram, Elliot, Knight, Merrow, Elias Milliken, Walker—7.

So the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act to change the name of Harriet Wells, and for her adoption";

"An act to change the name of the Portland Five Cents Savings Institution";

"An act to amend section 19, chapter 51 of the revised statutes for the better protection of travellers upon public ways contiguous to railroads and at railroad crossings";

"An act to incorporate the Passadumkeag Boom Company";

“An act to amend the charter of the Union Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Bangor”;

“An act for the preservation of pickerel and trout in certain waters”;

“An act to incorporate the Rokameka Company”;

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves :

“Resolve in favor of Nicolar Andrew Dana”;

“Resolve in favor of the town of Lowell”;

“Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis”;

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. WALKER, by leave, presented bill “an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company.”

Same Senator moved a suspension of the rules and that the bill be read, pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. MANSON,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. GIERLOW of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred "resolve to appropriate money for the repair of the Rocky Rips bridge, in township number 1, Penobscot county," with the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Josiah Geleron and others, with "resolve to appropriate money for the completion of the bridge at Haynesville";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The resolves were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve establishing the valuation of the towns of Columbia and Columbia Falls," reported in the House from the Committee on Finance, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company," was once read, and on motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, was laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,

The vote of yesterday, whereby the Senate refused a passage to "resolve in favor of Eliza C. Prouty, of township number 2, range 3, in the county of Aroostook," was reconsidered.

The resolve was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY,

Bill "an act to incorporate the Swift River and Black Brook Improvement Company," was taken from the table.

Amendment A, proposed by Mr. MANSON, was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of Samuel Bucknam and others for authority to erect a bridge over certain navigable waters, reported that the petition be referred to the joint delegation from Cumberland county.

The report was accepted and petition referred.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the Baptist Society of Waldoborough to have the doings of said society made valid, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of William Atkinson and others to have the constitutional rights of the people made available, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amending chapter 4, section 6 of the revised statutes relating to taxing railroads, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to increasing the powers of plantations organized for election purposes, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act relating to lands adjoining highways," reported that the same ought not to pass ;

These reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Baskahegan Dam Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY,

Bill "an act to incorporate the Brewer Branch Railroad Company," was taken from the table.

The bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TRUE,

Bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Scarborough and annex the same to the town of Gorham," was taken from the table and read a second time.

Same Senator proposed amendment A, which was adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CRAM,

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," was taken from the table.

The same Senator moved that the resolve be indefinitely postponed, and on this question, on motion of Mr. SPRING, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Burleigh, Cram, Elliot, Merrow, Elias Milliken, Warren—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Banks, Barrows, Bradbury, Dingley, Josselyn, Knight, Manson, Dennis L. Milliken, Joseph A. Sanborn, Spring, Stetson, Stevens, True—13.

So the motion was lost. The resolve was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STETSON presented the petition of Nathaniel G. Gould and others of Woolwich, to be set off from Sagadahoc county and annexed to Lincoln county, which was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported bill "an act to change the name of James H. Jordan, and for his adoption," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Education consider and report by bill or otherwise, concerning the propriety of recommending to the Legislature that whenever the State shall grant one township of land to any college or higher seminary of learning, two townships of land shall be set aside for the common schools ; and further, that whenever the State shall grant lands for any purpose of internal improvement, twenty per centum of the proceeds of such lands shall be placed in the Treasury of the State for the credit of the common school fund ;

That the Land Agent be directed to prepare and communicate to this House a statement in detail, so far as the same can be made up from the records of the Land Office, of the present condition of the public lands belonging to the State of Maine, exhibiting the whole number of townships and parts of townships and their location, the quantity and quality of growth, the character of the soil, the proportion of waste land, and the estimated value of each township and part of township, together with a schedule of lands reserved for public uses, their location, general characteristics as to growth and soil, the number and location of townships assigned for settlement, the number of townships for sale in lots for settlement during the past year, and the number of those now remaining unsold ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

“Resolve making an appropriation for a continuance of the scientific survey of the State,” was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Bill “an act to revive and amend an act to authorize the town of Wiscasset to aid in the construction of the Kennebec and Wis-

casset Railroad," was referred to the Committee on Railroads; Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amending the revised statutes so as to pay County Treasurers by a fixed salary, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to amending chapter 91 of the public laws of 1859, so as to exempt manufacturing establishments from taxation, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on an order relative to amending the law relating to actions of review, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to amend section 17, chapter 84 of the revised statutes relating to the franchise of corporations," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to compilation and publishment of contested election cases, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Cyrus Cook and others for a law to pay drafted men, substitutes, and those who paid commutation money, the sum of three hundred dollars, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act relating to the records of the town of Phipsburg," that the same ought not to pass.

These several reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. MANSON, by leave presented bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Historical Society," which was once read under a suspension of the rules, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Red Beach Plaster Company, reported bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company."

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

Mr. PHILBRICK, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the petition of Eliphalet Nickerson and others, reported bill "an act regulating the measurement and sale of milk."

• The report was accepted, the bill once read, and on motion of the same Senator, was laid on the table, and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Charles S. Weld and others for a law requiring residents, as well as non-residents, to pay taxes before disputing tax titles, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act relative to collecting money of towns where assessments are made to build roads," reported that the same ought not to pass.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of the Assessors of the Auburn Village Corporation, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 601 of the special laws of 1856, incorporating the Auburn Village Corporation."

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

"Resolve to appropriate money for the repairs of the Rocky Rips bridge in township number 1, Penobscot county," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. STEVENS, was laid on the table.

"Resolve to appropriate money for the completion of the bridge at Haynesville," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. MERROW, was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table.

The same Committee also reported bill "an act additional to the act to incorporate the Baskabegan Dam Company," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MANTER of the House.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Petition of Enoch Beckwith of Maysville for a lot of land, the joint order being suspended, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of David Haynes for State aid to Nancy Weeks and family, the joint order being suspended, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report on the petition of Josiah H. Drummond and others for an amendment to the liquor law of 1858, with bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, approved March 25, 1858," was accepted in concurrence, the bill once read, and on motion of Mr. ELLIOT, Tuesday next was assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS,

"Resolve to appropriate money for the repair of the Rocky Rips bridge in township number 1, Penobscot county," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. ELLIOT, from the Committee on State Prison, to which was referred the report of the Inspectors and Warden of the State Prison, reported "resolves in favor of the State Prison."

The report was accepted, the resolves once read, and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

"An act to amend chapter 601 of the special laws of 1856 incorporating the Auburn Village Corporation";

“An act additional to an act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Bangor Historical Society”;

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported “resolves establishing the valuation of the towns of Columbia and Columbia Falls,” which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. ELLIOT, from the Committee on State Prison, to which was referred the report of the Warden and Inspectors of the State Prison, reported bill “an act to amend chapter 16 of the public laws of 1858 entitled an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison.”

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

Mr. BRADBURY, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of Josiah Crosby and others, reported bill “an act to extend and amend an act to establish the Dexter and Newport Railroad, approved March 30, 1853.”

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

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the repair of that part of the military road leading across lands owned by the State; also to repair the Baring and Houlton road in township number 11, range 1, in the county of Aroostook.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the propriety of amending section 17 of chapter 124 of the revised statutes, in the fourth line of said section, by inserting after the word "worship," or any other proper purpose.

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Amory Deblois and others in aid of the petition of Isaac F. Sturtevant and others for power to lay out a highway over tide waters near Martin's point, was referred to the Cumberland County Delegation, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bowdoin Mills";

Bill "an act to incorporate the Casco Copper Company";

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

Bill "an act explanatory of section 17, chapter 71 of the revised statutes relating to the execution of deeds," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Passadumkeag Boom Company";

Bill "an act to provide for the building of a wharf into tide waters in the town of Friendship";

Were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Selectmen of Whitefield for allowance for aid furnished Charles M. Place, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Francis S. Rice

and others to have the doings of the town of Denmark made valid, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of J. G. Walker and others that the said Walker may be allowed to vote in the town of Brooksville instead of Deer Isle, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of O. B. Davis and others for a change in the statute of limitations, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to changes in the statutes of fraud and limitation, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to paying bounties to drafted men and volunteers in the U. S. navy, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to amending chapter 81, section 92 of revised statutes relating to limitation of personal actions, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to amending the law relative to the mode of balloting for State and county officers and Presidential Electors, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of E. K. Smart and others of Pembroke for the enlargement of the powers of constables in that town, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act relating to marriage and its solemnization," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to repeal section 3 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes relating to fees of clerks of the Supreme Judicial Court, that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of A. C. Cotton of Bangor for damages occasioned by regiments stationed at Camp Pope, Bangor, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on petition of Selectmen of Harrison for reimbursement for blankets furnished nine months' soldiers, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on petition of Nathan Walker for compensation for distributing tax warrants in Hancock county, recommending that petitioner apply to the Governor and Council ;

Were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of A. E. Stevens and others of Portland for an act of incorporation, with bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Rolling Mill";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act authorizing the use of office copies of custom-house records," that the same in a new draft ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on County Estimates, with "resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills and resolve were each once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Augusta Hotel Company," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. Turner of Augusta, informing the Senate that in the absence of the Speaker the House had made choice of Nathan Webb, Esq., of Portland, as Speaker pro tempore.

Mr. MANSON, by leave, presented bill "an act to establish the Bangor Wet Dock Company," which was laid on the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

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

"An act to change the name of William Llewellyn Freeman, and for his adoption";

"An act authorizing the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company to extend their road in Bath";

"An act to vest the franchise of the proprietors of Merry Meeting Bridge in the city of Bath";

"An act authorizing the expenditure of money for war purposes";

"An act to change the name of James M. Jordan, and for his adoption";

"An act to incorporate the Lime Rock Railroad Company";

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported "resolve in favor of Eliza C. Prouty of township number 2, range 2, in the county of Aroostook";

Which was finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolve having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. TRUE,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MORSE of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law for claims of officers of nine months' regiments of Maine ;

That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire whether some additional legislation is not necessary to the allowance of aid furnished to soldiers' families by the Selectmen of towns, in cases where the soldier may have deserted, when such aid has been furnished in ignorance of such desertion ;

That the Committee to investigate the condition of soldiers at Camp Keyes inquire into the expediency of this Legislature recommending the military commander of this post to issue an order prohibiting the sale of ale, porter, strong beer, lager beer, and all other intoxicating liquor, within the precincts of his command, and that the penalties for the violation of said order be such as to effectually put a stop to the sale of said liquor ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of A. Webb and others for an appropriation to build a

road through township number 1, north division, Penobscot county, was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STEWART,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to make up the pay of Hon. Joseph E. Smith to and including Feb 9, 1864, the report of the Committee on Senatorial Votes relating to the Eleventh District having been accepted on that day.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following :

"An act to extend and amend an act to establish the Dexter and Newport Railroad, approved March 30, 1853";

"An act to amend chapter 16 of the public laws of 1858 entitled an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison";

"Resolve in favor of the State Prison";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

"An act authorizing the introduction in evidence of office copies of custom-house records and documents";

"An act to authorize Robert Long and others to extend their wharf beyond tide waters";

"An act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company";

"An act to incorporate the Portland Rolling Mills";

"An act to incorporate the Augusta Hotel Company";

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State," reported from the Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time.

Mr. STETSON proposed amendment marked A, which was adopted.

The resolve was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of William D. Orr for a grant of a lot of land, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, by leave, presented "resolve in favor of Robert W. Manley," which was once read and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to protect wool growers against the depredation of thieves," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. MERROW, was recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops; approved March 25, 1858," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

The question being on the adoption of the House amendment A, Mr. ELLIOT proposed an amendment to the same, marked C.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Hancock moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays, pending which, on motion of Mr. MANSON, the bill was laid on the table, and three hundred and fifty copies of the bill and amendments ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. STONE of the House.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of passing an act to prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills.

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of the Selectmen of the town of Richmond, for aid from the State for Mrs. Arletta A. Brown, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Oliver Pope and others, with bill "an act additional to chapter 22 of the revised statutes relating to division fences";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of James Thompson, with bill "an act to authorize James Thompson to build a wharf over tide waters";

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the officers and members of the Monument Lodge," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to the law of evidence, with bill "an act relating to rules of evidence";

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to the location of cattle guards on railroads, with bill "an act additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes relating to railroads";

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to furnishing copies of check lists by Town Clerks, with bill "an act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes concerning elections";

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of John M. Comins, with bill "an act to incorporate the Parks Pond Dam Company";

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Passadumkeag Boom Company, approved February 24, 1864," that the bill ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of George E. Ross and others, with "resolve in aid of the widow of Ximenas Philbrick";

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of Simon Conner and others, with bill "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation";

Were severally read and accepted in concurrence. The bills and resolve were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Swift River and Black Brook Improvement Company," amended in the Senate and passed to be engrossed, came from the House, the Senate amendment having been adopted, and further amended as per sheet "B." The Senate adopted amendment "B" of the House, and as amended, passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. MERROW, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of George W. McLellan and others for authority to build fish weirs at Sandy Cove in Haycock's Harbor, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of Zenas Morton and others for authority to build a fish weir in Johnson's Bay in the town of Lubec, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Benjamin Capen and others for authority to build fish weirs below low water mark, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice;

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the memorial of George M. Weston for a repeal of chapter 370 of the Resolves of Maine, reported that the memorialist have leave to withdraw;

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Thomas Spear and others for authority to extend piers

into tide waters and to construct a floating dock in Cape Elizabeth, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Mr. BEALE, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of John Mathews and others of Waterville, for a change in the boundary line of the Ticonic Village Corporation, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice ;

These several reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on an order of the Legislature relating to amending the law providing State Aid, reported bill "an act to provide support to families of soldiers."

The report was accepted, the bill once read, and on motion of the same Senator, laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of George L. Emerson, reported "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a certain lot of land to George L. Emerson";

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "an act to incorporate the Foreign Emigrant Association of Maine," reported that the same ought to pass.

These reports were each accepted, the resolve and bill each once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. STEWART,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether some further legislation is or not necessary to protect the rights of creditors whose debtors have fraudulently conveyed their property to their wives, or caused it to be so conveyed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act regulating the measurement and sale of milk," assigned for to-day, was taken from the table. Mr. ELLIOT proposed to amend section 1 by striking out "wine" and inserting "beer;" and on this question, on motion of the same Senator, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Dingley, Elliot, Hale, Jewett, Josselyn, Knight,

Manson, Merrow, Dennis L. Milliken, Elias Milliken, Spring, Stetson; Stevens, Stewart, Talbot, Walker—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Barrows, Beale, Bradbury, Burleigh, McGilvery, John Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, True—9.

So the amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART, by leave, presented bill "an act relating to actions of review, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY, bill "an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following:

"Resolve in favor of Robert W. Manley," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred bill "an act to repeal an act entitled an act for the establishment of Normal Schools," reported that the same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT, the vote whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company," was reconsidered. On motion of the same Senator, the bill was laid on the table.

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

"An act additional to the act to incorporate the Baskahegan Dam Company";

"An act to maintain a dam across Penamaquan river in Pembroke";

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported :

“ Resolve establishing the valuation of the towns of Columbia and Columbia Falls”;

“ Resolve to appropriate money for the repairs of Rocky Rips Bridge, in Township No. 1, Penobscot county”;

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. SPRING,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. QUINNAM of the House.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 63, section 5 of the revised statutes relative to wills of deceased persons ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending section 24 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes by striking out the word “ three ” in the fourth line of said section, and inserting the word “ one ” in its place ;

That the Committee on Education examine into the expediency of amending section 31 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes by striking out all of said section after the word “ accordingly ” in the fourth line ;

That the Committee on Agriculture inquire whether additional legislation is necessary in relation to the weight and measure of agricultural products ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Bills “ an act to incorporate the Cumberland Iron Company ”;

"An act to incorporate the Veazie Manufacturing Company";
Were each referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Harbor Commissioners of Portland against petition of H. Spear and others for a floating dock in Portland harbor ;
Bill "an act to incorporate the Beaver Brook Dam Company";
Were each referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Mt. Chase," was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes relating to ways," was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Royal B. Boynton and others for a division of Medway plantation ;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Ebenezer Otis and others for permission to sell the Marine Railway ;

Report of the same Committee on petition of Oscar Davis and others for a uniform measure for all kinds of liquids, severally that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to payment of claims of officers of nine months' men, that the same be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs ;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Winslow Morse and others for an act of incorporation, that the petition be referred to the Committee on Interior Waters :

Were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WARREN,

The vote whereby the Senate accepted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of J. G. Walker and others, giving said petitioners leave to withdraw, was reconsidered.

The report was recommitted to the Committee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ELLIOT, the joint order being suspended, presented the petition of S. R. Jackson and others of Brunswick that authority

may be granted to the Land Agent to convey to Hiram Keay a lot of land in Aroostook county, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MERROW, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Peleg Thomas and others that the office of Inspector General of Fish may be abolished, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Committee on Education, on an order relating to establishing a library in Grant Isle plantation for the advancement of the French language, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to securing greater uniformity in the use of text books in common schools, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending chapter 124, section 17 of the revised statutes relating to public meetings, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator from the same Committee, on memorial of the Board of Trade of Portland relating to repeal of the law taxing non-resident stockholders of banks, reported that the memorialists have leave to withdraw;

Were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, by leave, presented "resolve relating to the President and Vice President of the United States," which was read twice, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of J. G. Hamblen and others, referred from the last Legislature to the present, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Lovell Mutual Fire Insurance Company";

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the report of the Railroad Commissioners, reported bill "an act additional to an act to

secure the safety and convenience of travellers on railroads, passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight."

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

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

"An act to incorporate the Park's Pond Dam Company";

"An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation";

"An act additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes relating to railroads";

"An act relating to rules of evidence";

"An act to incorporate the officers and members of Monument Lodge";

"An act additional to chapter 22 of the revised statutes relating to division fences";

"An act to amend an act to incorporate the Passadumkeag Boom Company";

"An act to authorize James Thompson to build a wharf over tide waters";

"Resolve in aid of the widow of Ximinas Philbrick";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bill "an act to incorporate the Foreign Emigrant Association of Maine";

Also "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to George L Emerson";

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes concerning elections," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, amendment A of the House was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, bill "an act to provide support for the families of soldiers," was taken from the table and read a second time, and on motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, was again laid on the table, and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. WARREN,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to make up the pay of Hon. John Milliken for the session, and that he be excused from further attendance on and after Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. SPRING, bill "an act to authorize the city of Portland to exempt the Portland Glass Company from taxation," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the taking of depositions and affidavits, reported bill "an act additional to chapter 107 of the revised statutes relating to the taking of depositions."

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

"Resolve in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike for a military road," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheets A, B and C, and passed to be engrossed. The Senate receded and concurred in the adoption of the House amendments. The question then recurring on the passage of the bill as amended to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. BURLEIGH, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Beale, Bradbury, Knight, Manson, McGilvery, Dennis L. Milliken, Stetson, Stevens, Stewart, Talbot, Wadsworth—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Barrows, Burleigh, Dingley, Elliot, Hale, Jewett, Josselyn, Merrow, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Spring, Walker—12.

So the resolve was refused a passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill "an act additional to revive and amend an act to authorize the town of Wiscasset to aid in the construction of the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Augusta Hotel Company ;
Which was passed to be enacted in concurrence.

Also "resolve relating to the President and Vice President of the United States," the question being on the final passage of the same, on motion of Mr. SPRING, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barrows, Beale, Bradbury, Burleigh, Dingley, Elliot, Jewett, Josselyn, Manson, McGilvery, Merrow, Dennis L. Milliken, John Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Spring, Stetson, Stevens, Stewart, Talbot, Walker, Wadsworth—22.

NAY—Mr. Knight—1.

So the resolve was finally passed.

And the bill and resolve having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WATERMAN of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the joint delegation from Androscoggin county inquire into the expediency of establishing the compensation of the County Treasurer of said county by salary, instead of allowing the compensation now by law provided ;

That the joint delegation from Cumberland county inquire if it is expedient to make any change in the provisions of law for the compensation of the County Treasurer of said county ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Alexander Johnston and others for an act of incorporation as the Wawenock Steamboat Company, the joint order being suspended, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amending section 2, chapter 60 of the revised statutes relating to divorce, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Joint Delegation from Cumberland county on petition of Samuel Bucknam that authority may be granted to the County Commissioners of said county to lay out a way over tide waters near Martin's Point, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the Franklin Telegraph Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on petition of Miles Wilson for an amendment to chapter 253 of the special laws of 1863, with bill "an act to amend chapter 253 of the special laws of 1863, entitled an act in reference to the claim of Miles Wilson upon the county of Penobscot";

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to the power and authority of Trial Justices, with bill "an act declaring the power and authority of Trial Justices";

Report of the same Committee on petition of the Selectmen of Dexter for an act legalizing the doings of said town, with bill "an act to make valid certain doings of the town of Dexter";

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of D. F. Adams, with "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to D. F. Adams";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills and resolve were each once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve in aid of schools in Madawaska territory," reported in the House from the Committee on Finance ;

Bill "an act to change the name of certain persons," reported in the House from the Committee on Change of Names ;

Were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act amendatory of and in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House :

That, the Senate concurring, the Rev. Dr. Tefft be invited to address a Joint Convention of the two Houses in the Representatives' Hall this day at twelve o'clock, upon the subject of Immigration, was read and passed in concurrence.

Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday whereby the Senate refused a passage to "resolve in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike for a military road." On motion of Mr. MANSON, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table, and Wednesday next assigned for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, a message was sent to the House requesting a return to the Senate of the foregoing resolve. The message was conveyed by the Secretary, who subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The resolve was returned accordingly.

Mr. STEWART moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed bill "an act to authorize the city of Portland to exempt the Portland Glass Company from taxation." And the motion was laid on the table, and Thursday next assigned for its consideration.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Winslow Morse and others, for an act to incorporate the Winnegance Mill Company, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on an order relating to recommending the military commander of this post to issue an order prohibiting the sale of liquor therein, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Which were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following :

"An act additional to chapter 107 of the revised statutes relating to the taking of depositions ;

"An act additional to an act to secure the safety and convenience of travellers on railroads, passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight";

"An act to incorporate the Lowell Mutual Fire Insurance Company";

"An act additional to revive and amend an act to authorize the town of Wiscasset to aid in the construction of the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, through Hon. EPHRAIM FLINT, JR., Secretary of State, informing the Legislature that the land scrip issued for the benefit of the Agricultural College in this State under the law of the United States, amounting to about two hundred and ten thousand acres, had been received ;

Which was read and sent down.

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

"An act authorizing the introduction in evidence of office copies of custom house records and documents";

"An act to authorize Robert Long and others to extend their wharf beyond tide waters";

"An act to incorporate the Portland Rolling Mills";

"An act to incorporate the Bangor Historical Society";

"An act to set off a part of the town of Scarborough and annex the same to the town of Gorham";

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these bills having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, bill "an act to provide support for the families of soldiers," was taken from the table. Same Senator proposed amendment A, which was adopted. Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, proposed amendment B, which was adopted. Same Senator also proposed amendment C, pending the consideration of which, the hour assigned for the Convention hav-

ing arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall where a Convention was formed.

IN CONVENTION.

An address was made by Rev. Dr. Tefft on the subject of Foreign Immigration ; at the conclusion of which the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. WADSWORTH,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MUNGER of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amending section 36 of chapter 81 of the revised statutes relating to attachment, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of David Haynes that State aid may be allowed Nancy Weeks and family of Mt. Chase plantation ;

Report of the same Committee on petition of George W. Wentworth for compensation as an officer in committing one William M. Jackson to Reform School ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Enoch Beckwith for State aid ;

Report of the same Committee on petition of James Richards and others that a lot of land may be granted to Widow Mary J. Quinby, severally that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on bill "an act to incorporate the Casco Copper Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the Bowdoin Mills," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on an order relating to the passage of an act to prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills, with bill "an act to facilitate the detection and to prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills";

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act authorizing constables to serve processes in certain cases," that the same in a new draft ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on petition of George H. McKech-nie, Treasurer of Alton, with bill "an act authorizing the reassess-ment of certain taxes in the town of Alton";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each one read and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Columbia Falls," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes (and to repeal chapter 191 of the public laws of 1860, additional to said chapter 6) concerning the assessment of taxes," reported in the House from the Committee on Finance, was read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheets A, B, C, D and E.

On motion of Mr. HALE, the bill was laid on the table and Tuesday assigned for its further consideration.

Report of the Committee on Education on petitions of trustees of Limerick Academy, Berwick Academy, St. Albans Academy and Presque Isle Academy, severally for aid from the State, with "resolve in favor of trustees of Limerick Academy, Berwick Academy, St. Albans Academy and Presque Isle Academy," came from the House recommitted with instructions to report separately on the several petitions.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the report was laid on the table and Tuesday assigned for its further consideration.

“Resolve in favor of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College,” passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came from the House recommitted to the Committee on Education.

The resolve was recommitted in concurrence.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. Knowlton of Liberty, informing the Senate that in the absence of the Speaker, Nathan Webb, Esq. of Portland had been chosen Speaker pro tem.

Mr. KNIGHT presented the petition of F. A. Lewis and others for restoration of the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace;

Mr. HALE, by leave, presented bill “an act additional to an act entitled an act to amend the charter of the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company”;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MUNGER of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Education consider the expediency of setting apart for the benefit of the common school fund, the proceeds of the sales of timber on eight townships of the public land, not otherwise appropriated ;

That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire into the propriety of the State refunding the money paid for bounties to volunteers by towns which have raised their quotas ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act providing bounties for soldiers and in relation to the quotas of cities and towns," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Communication of the Governor relating to land scrip for the benefit of the Agricultural College, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on petition of John B. Brown and others for repeal of the law taxing bank stock owned by non-residents, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on an order relating to appropriating money to aid in constructing a road from Limestone to Hamlin plantation, in Aroostook county, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to further legislation to restrain trespasses on the public lands of the State, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on bill "an act authorising the extension of a wharf into tide waters in the town of Friendship," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Ann E. McCausland, with bill "an act to provide for the adoption of William Samuel McCausland";

Report of the Committee consisting of the joint delegation from Cumberland county, on an order relating to the compensation of the County Treasurer of said county, with bill "an act to establish the compensation of the County Treasurer of the County of Cumberland";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act relating to prisoners in the County of Sagadahoc," introduced into the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to procure a steel lined safe," reported in the House from the Committee on Finance, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McKENZIE of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Bill "an act to amend section 83, of chapter 82, of the revised statutes, relating to proceedings in court";

Bill "an act additional to chapter 91 of the revised statutes";

Bill "an act allowing office copies of deeds to be used in evidence in all suits where the title to real estate is in controversy";

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

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

"An act authorizing the reassessment of certain taxes in the town of Alton";

"An act to amend chapter 253 of the special laws of 1863, entitled an act in reference to the claim of Miles Wilson upon the County of Penobscot";

"An act relating to prisoners in the County of Sagadahoc";

"An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters in the town of Friendship";

"An act to establish the compensation of the County Treasurer of the County of Cumberland";

"An act to provide for the adoption of William Samuel McCausland";

"An act to change the name of certain persons";

"Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to procure a steel lined safe";

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to D. F. Adams";

"Resolve in aid of schools in Madawaska territory";

Which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, bill "an act to establish the Bangor Wet Dock Company," was taken from the table and read twice

under a suspension of the rules. Same Senator proposed various amendments as per sheet A which were adopted. The bill was then laid on the table.

Mr. WARREN, from the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of John Kilby and others, reported bill "an act authorizing the inhabitants of the towns of Dennysville and Edmunds to take measures for the preservation of salmon in Denny's river."

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

On motion of the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending an act amendatory of chapter 40, section 1 of the revised statutes, so that in the third line of said section it shall read "five" instead of "two."

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,

"Resolve to appropriate money for the completion of the bridge at Haynesville," was taken from the table, and after discussion, on motion of Mr. BRADBURY, was again laid on the table.

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

"An act to amend an act to incorporate the Passadumkeag Boom Company, approved February 24, 1864";

"An act to encourage manufactures";

"An act additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes relating to railroads";

"An act to incorporate the Swift River and Black Brook Improvement Company";

"An act to authorize James Thompson to build a wharf over tide waters";

"An act relating to rules of evidence";

"An act to amend chapter 601 of the special laws of 1856 incorporating the Auburn Village Corporation";

"An act to incorporate the Park's Pond Dam Company";

"An act to extend and amend an act to establish the Dexter and Newport Railroad";

“An act additional to chapter 4 of the revised statutes concerning elections”;

“An act additional to chapter 22 of the revised statutes relating to division fences”;

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these several bills having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. KNIGHT,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rt. Rev. Bishop BURGESS of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Claims examine the claim for aid of the mother and young children of Edward P. Verrill, who enlisted on the 18th day of August, A. D. 1862, in company B, 10th regiment Maine volunteers, and was accredited to the quota of the town of Dresden, though a resident of Westbrook ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation is necessary to perfect and enforce the lien of mechanics and others as provided by chapter 91 of the revised statutes ;

That the Committee on the Library inquire into the expediency of reviving and carrying forward the system of international literary exchanges introduced by Mr. Vattemare of Paris ;

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of Superintendent of Common Schools ;

That the Committee on Agriculture inquire what further legislation is required to carry into effect a resolve accepting the donation to the State of Maine from Hon. F. O. J. Smith of an estate for the establishment of a primary agricultural college ;

That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expedi-

ency of establishing in the city of Portland a soldiers' home or lodge for the benefit of our sick and wounded soldiers, who may be returning from the hospital or field to their homes, and without means suitably to provide for themselves;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of J. W. Knowlton and others for a repeal of section 1 of chapter 264 of the special laws of 1863, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

"Resolve for the repair of State road in Indian township," was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

"Resolve accepting the donation from Hon. F. O. J. Smith to the State of Maine, of an estate for the establishment of a primary agricultural college," was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on an order relating to taxing non-resident stockholders, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee that they have disposed of all matters referred to them, and asking leave to be discharged from further duty, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amending chapter 124 of the revised statutes relating to the Lord's day, with bill "an act to define the extent and duration of the Lord's day, and to amend chapter 81 and chapter 124 of the revised statutes relating to the observance of the Sabbath";

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to restraining town officers from assessing illegal taxes, with bill "an act to restrain illegal appropriations of public money";

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on an order relating to weight and measure of agricultural products with bill "an act establishing the weight of certain agricultural products";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lovell Mutual Fire Insurance Company," came from the House amended as per sheet A. The Senate receded and concurred in adopting the House amendment, and as amended, passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

- "An act to incorporate the Bowdoin Mills";
- "An act to make valid certain doings of the town of Dexter";
- "An act declaring the power and authority of Trial Justices";
- "An act to incorporate the Casco Copper Company";
- "An act to incorporate the Franklin Telegraph Company";
- "Resolve in favor of the town of Columbia Falls";

Which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following:

"An act authorizing the inhabitants of the towns of Dennysville and Edmunds to take measures for the preservation of salmon in Denny's river";

Which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act authorizing constables to serve processes in certain cases," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. STEWART, was laid on the table, and Friday assigned for its consideration.

Bill "an act to facilitate the detection and to prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time. Mr. STEWART proposed amendment A which was adopted, and as amended, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act explanatory of chapter 71, section 17 of the revised statutes, relating to the execution of deeds," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amending chapter 24, section 24 of the revised statutes, relating to paupers, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amending chapter 63, section 5 of the revised statutes, relating to wills, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs on an order relating to payment of claims of officers of nine months' regiments, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to the State's refunding to towns the State bounty for all men furnished over and above their quotas previous to the February call, reported that said order be referred to the Committee on Finance ;

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of Stephen Young and others, for an alteration of the charter of the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH, from the Committee on Indian Affairs on the petition of Sockbesin Swassin, reported bill "an act enforcing the provisions of law and treaties relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians";

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Hannah E. Brainard and others, reported "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows of deceased soldiers ;

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters on bill "an act to incorporate the Beaver Brook Dam Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

M. STEWART, from the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amending the law regulating testimony in criminal prosecutions, reported bill "an act relating to evidence in criminal prosecutions."

The report was accepted, the bill once read, and on motion of Mr. SPRING was laid on the table and 350 copies of the bill and report were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, bill "an act to establish the Ban-

gor Wet Dock Company," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY, "resolve to appropriate money for the completion of the bridge at Haynesville, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. MERROW, the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the report of the Committee on Education on the petitions of trustees of Limerick Academy, Berwick Academy, St. Albans Academy and Presque Academy was taken from the table and recommitted with instructions to report separately on each petition in concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH, by leave, presented "resolve in favor of Peol Sockis," which was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

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

"An act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company";

"An act to incorporate the officers and members of Monument Lodge";

"An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation";

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported "resolve in favor of Ximenas Philbrick";

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State";

"Resolve in favor of Cynthia R. Carpenter of Mt. Chase plantation in the county of Penobscot";

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. CRAM,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. DILLINGHAM of the House.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 176 of the public laws of 1863 relating to stock insurance companies ;

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of donating land or money for the establishment of high schools in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Proposal of George R. Davis and Brother of Portland to sell copies of revised statutes to State ;

Bill "an act empowering Courts of Probate to authorize executors and other parties to refer or compromise claims in certain cases";

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

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company";

"An act authorizing John E. Daily and others to extend a wharf into tide waters at Camden";

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company to extend its track in Augusta," was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to the act of Congress for enrolling and calling out the national forces, passed March 3, 1862, and to acts amenda-

tory thereof," was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of William Witham to be set off from Hebron to Minot;

Report of same Committee on petition of Selectmen of Monroe and Brooks to make a certain county road the dividing line between said towns;

Report of same Committee on petition of Selectmen of Princeton that certain mill property in Indian township may be annexed to Princeton;

Report of same Committee on petition of George York to be set off from North Yarmouth to Yarmouth, severally that petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act allowing office copies of deeds to be used in evidence";

Report of same Committee on bill "an act to amend chapter 82 of the revised statutes relating to proceedings in court," severally that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of John Sterling for compensation for transportation and subsistence of soldiers, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of Thomas Boyd and others, with "resolve in favor of John Decker";

Report of the same Committee on petition of Charles O. McKinney, with "resolve in favor of Charles O. McKenney";

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the petition of the Penobscot Indians, with "resolve in favor of Penobscot Indians";

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Adaline Chandler, with "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of Land to Adaline Chandler";

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on the report of the Board of Agriculture relating to the protection of sheep, with bill "an act for protection of sheep";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The resolves and bill were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education to which was recommitted

“resolve in favor of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College,” proposing a certain amendment to the same, was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT, the resolve was laid on the table, and 350 copies of the amendment as amended by the House were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

“Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary,” came from the House amended as per sheets A and B.

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

Returns of the several cities, towns and plantations, of the amounts of bounties paid under the several calls of the President for troops up to February 1, 1864, communicated to the House by the Adjutant General in response to an order, was referred to the Committee on State’s assuming liabilities of towns in paying bounties, in concurrence.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Beaver Brook Dam Company,” reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, was read a second time.

Mr. DINGLEY proposed amendment A which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “an act establishing the weight of certain agricultural products,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. DINGLEY proposed amendment A which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bill “an act enforcing the provisions of law and treaties relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians”;

“Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis”;

“Resolve authoring the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows of deceased soldiers”;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bill "an act to restrain illegal appropriations of public money," which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. CRAM, from the Committee on Manufactures, on bill "an act to incorporate the Veazie Manufacturing Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Joseph W. Dyer and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Portland Cordage Company";

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Cumberland Iron Company," reported that the same ought to pass";

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of inhabitants of School District No. 5, in Township No. 18, in the 3d Range, reported "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to examine into the situation of the land occupied by settlers in Township 18, Range 3";

These reports were severally accepted.

The bills and resolve were each once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on an order relating to further legislation in aid of the families of soldiers who desert, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MERROW, the rules were suspended, and the vote whereby the Senate accepted the report of the Committee on Fisheries on the petition of Zenas Morton and others, was reconsidered. The report was recommitted to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT, bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops," was taken from the table. Amendment C proposed by Mr. ELLIOT to House amendment A was adopted. House amend-

ment B was also adopted in concurrence ; and on motion of Mr. MANSON, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to define the extent and duration of the Lord's day, and to amend chapter 81 and chapter 124 of the revised statutes relating to the observance of the Sabbath," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, was read a second time.

Mr. STEWART proposed an amendment, pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. SPRING, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

"An act additional to revive and amend an act to authorize the town of Wiscasset to aid in the construction of the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad ;"

"An act to provide for the adoption of William Samuel McCausland ;"

"An act to amend chapter 16 of the public laws of 1858, entitled an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison";

"An act to establish the compensation of the County Treasurer of the County of Cumberland";

"An act relating to prisoners in the County of Sagadahoc";

"An act to incorporate the Foreign Emigrant Association of Maine";

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to D. F. Adams";

"Resolve in favor of Robert W. Manley ;"

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, bill "an act to provide support for the families of soldiers," was taken from the table. Pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. MANSON, The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BAILEY of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Selectmen of Brighton, referred from the last Legislature to the present, for the repeal of an act setting off land from Brighton to Athens, that petitioners have leave to withdraw, was read and accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of County Law Libraries";

Bills "an act relating to burial grounds";

"An act in addition to chapter 51 of the revised statutes in relation to railroads";

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

Petition of Mrs. Charles K. Hutchins for compensation for expenses and services of her late husband in the service of the State, the Joint Order being suspended, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act additional to an act to amend the charter of the Piscataquis Mutual Fire Insurance Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act additional to chapter 91 of the revised statutes relating to personal mortgages," with the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass";

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to registration of births, marriages and deaths, with bill "an act providing for the registration of births, marriages and deaths";

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on several petitions relating to the Penobscot Indians, with "resolve in favor of Penobscot Indians";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Frontier and Coast Defence, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the coast defences of Maine and Memorial of the European and North American Railway Company, with "resolves asking the United States government to provide proper defences for the North Eastern Frontier of Maine";

Resolve inviting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to coöperate with Maine in extending aid to a military road from Bangor to St. John river;

Also bill "an act to provide means for the defence of the North Eastern Frontier," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill and resolves were each once read and on motion of Mr. MANSON were laid on the table and 350 copies of the bill and several House amendments were ordered to be printed in a new draft for the use of the Legislature and Tuesday next assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommended bill "an act to amend chapter 6, section 28 of the revised statutes concerning the assessment of a poll tax," with the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was once read and recommitted to the Committee in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into and ascertain the amount of all expenses incurred by the Superintendent of Common Schools for the last year, including salary, travelling expenses, printing, stitching and binding, and report the same to this Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters at Camden," reported that the same ought to pass;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of A. and P. Coburn and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Water Power Company";

Mr. BEALE, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on an order relating to amending chapter 226 of the special laws of 1863, reported bill "an act additional to an act to set off certain lands from the town of Frankfort and annex the same to the town of Monroe";

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on an order relating to repairs on the military road and the Baring and Houlton road, reported "resolve for the repair of the State roads in Aroostook county";

Mr. MERROW, from the Committee on Fisheries, on an order relating to protection of fish in Goose pond, reported bill "an act to prevent the destruction of trout in Goose pond";

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of Zenas Morton and others, reported bill an act authorizing Zenas Morton to construct a fish wier in Johnson's bay, Lubec";

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on bill "an act to authorize the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company to extend the track of its road in Augusta," reported that the same ought to pass;

The reports were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills and resolve were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. BEALE, from the Committee on State Reform School, on the report of the Superintendent and Trustees of said institution, reported "resolve in favor of the State Reform School."

The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. BRADBURY was laid on the table, and 350 copies of the same and resolve were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. WARREN, from the Committee on Fisheries, on an order relating to the inspection of fish, reported bill "an act additional to and amendatory of chapter 40 of the revised statutes and chapter 99 of the public laws of 1862 relating to the inspection of fish."

The report was accepted, the bill once read, and on motion of Mr. SPRING was laid on the table, and 350 copies of the same were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. BEALE, from the Committee on Division of towns, on the petition of David Spratt to be set off from Etna and annexed to

the town of Carmel, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WALKER, bill "an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company," was taken from the table.

The Senate recessed and concurred in adopting House amendments A, B, C, D and E.

Mr. WALKER proposed amendment F, which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT,

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday next the Senate meet at nine o'clock A. M. until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. STEWART,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire whether the Land Agent should or not be authorized to sell the remaining interest, if any, which the State may have in any lots of land in the town of Barnard.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether the statute relating to elections, and which forbids the Selectmen of towns from adding the name of a voter to the list on election day, or striking one therefrom on that day, should not be changed, at least so far as towns and plantations are concerned.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WALKER,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether some statute should or not be passed authorizing the appointment of an inspector of gas-meters in those cities and towns where gas is or may be used.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS, by leave, presented "resolve in favor of Paris Hill Academy," which was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. SPRING,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be requested to report a list of academies in the different parts of the State which may deserve to receive aid from the State.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY,

Ordered, That on Monday next the Senate meet at nine o'clock A. M.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, bill "an act to provide support for the families of soldiers," was taken from the table. Amendment C, proposed by Mr. SANBORN, was adopted. Mr. SPRING proposed an amendment marked D. Mr. MCGILVERY proposed an amendment marked E. Mr. STEWART proposed amendments marked F and H. Mr. ELLIOT proposed an amendment marked G, which were severally adopted. And on motion of Mr. BRADBURY the bill was laid on the table and 350 copies of the same, in a new draft, as amended by the Senate, were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. SPRING,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McKENZIE of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of requiring some record notice of insurance liens on real estate ;

That, the Senate concurring, after Tuesday next no business shall be referred to any Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Mayor of Bangor and others for immediate action upon the matter of allowing soldiers to vote ;

Bill " an act additional to chapter 77 of the revised statutes " ;

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

Petition of A. G. Turner for a pension was referred, the joint order being suspended, to the Committee on Pensions, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of Nathan Weston for correction of a mistake in regard to stumpage on township number 8, range 7 ;

Report of the same Committee on petition of Jane P. Thurston for indemnity for mal-administration on the estate of her husband ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of the Selectmen of Whitefield for reimbursement for money paid the city of Hallowell ;

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns on the petition of inhabitants of New Limerick and Belfast Academy grant to be incorporated as a town by the name of New Limerick, severally that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Claims on an order relating to the claim of the mother, brothers and sisters of Edward P. Verrill, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on petition of Jeannett S. Worth for remuneration for injuries received by an inmate of the Maine Insane Hospital, that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice ;

Were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to the right of persons to vote in Representative Districts where town lines have been changed, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was read and recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on an order relating to services rendered sick and wounded soldiers by Isabella Fogg, with "resolve in favor of Isabella Fogg," was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve was once read and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Communication from the Governor, transmitting a letter from Governor Andrew of Massachusetts relating to the land scrip from the Government of the United States for the endowment of agricultural colleges, was read, and on motion of Mr. JOSSELYN was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS presented the petition of A. L. Burbank and others for a change in time of holding courts in the county of Oxford, which was referred to the Joint Delegation from Oxford county.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON, by leave, presented bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Company," which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

"An act to incorporate the Cumberland Iron Company";

"An act to incorporate the Veazie Manufacturing Company";

"An act to incorporate the Portland Cordage Company";

"An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Goose pond";

"An act authorizing Zenas Morton to construct a fish weir in Johnson's bay, Lubec";

“Resolves for the repair of the State roads in Aroostook county”;

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to examine into the situation of the land occupied by settlers on township number 18, range 3”;

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bill “an act additional to an act entitled an act to amend the charter of the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company”;

“Resolve in favor of Penobscot Indians”;

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Adaline Chandler”;

“Resolve in favor of John Decker”;

“Resolve in favor of Charles O. McKenney”;

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Paris Hill Academy,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time and on motion of Mr. CRAM was laid on the table and Tuesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. DINGLEY from the Committee on Interior Waters on bill “an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company,” reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition relating to the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, reported “resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.”

These several reports were accepted, the bill and resolve each once read and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Same Senator, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of J. J. Speed and others, for a telegraph line in this State, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Committee on Education, on an order relating to establishing high schools in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on "resolve for the repair of State roads in Indian township," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act additional to chapter 92 of the revised statutes concerning mills and mill dams to prevent the detention and waste of water in certain cases," reported that the same ought not to pass.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, bill "an act authorizing constables to serve processes in certain cases," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY the Senate reconsidered its vote passing to be engrossed bill "an act to incorporate the Franklin Telegraph Company." Same Senator proposed amendment A, which was adopted, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JOSSELYN, "resolve in favor of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College," was taken from the table. Amendments A and B of the House were adopted. On motion of Mr. MERROW the resolve was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. SPRING, the Senate reconsidered its vote whereby Monday next was assigned for the second reading of "resolve in favor of Isabella Fogg." Mr. Spring moved that the rules be suspended and that the resolve be read a second time at the present time, pending the consideration of which, Mr. CRAM moved indefinite postponement of the same. On this question, on motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEA—Mr. Cram—1.

NAYS—Messrs. Barrows, Beale, Bradbury, Burleigh, Dingley, Elliot, Josselyn, Knight, Manson, McGilvery, Merrow, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Luther Sanborn, Spring, Stetson, Stewart, Talbot, Warren, Wadsworth—20.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was lost. The rules were then suspended, the resolve read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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

“An act to incorporate the Casco Copper Company”;

“An act declaring the power and authority of trial justices”;

“An act authorizing the re-assessment of certain taxes in the town of Alton”;

“An act to incorporate the Lovell Mutual Fire Insurance Company”;

“An act to change the name of certain persons”;

“An act to incorporate the Bowdoin Mills”;

“An act to make valid certain doings of the town of Dexter”;

“An act additional to chapter 107 of the revised statutes relating to the taking of depositions”;

“An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters in the town of Friendship”;

“An act to amend chapter 253 of the special laws of 1863, entitled an act in reference to the claim of Miles Wilson upon the county of Penobscot”;

Which were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence.

Same Committee also reported “resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to George L. Emerson”;

“Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to procure a steel lined safe”;

“Resolve in favor of the State Prison”;

“Resolves in aid of schools in Madawaska territory”;

“Resolve in favor of the town of Columbia Falls”;

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BALLOU of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of granting aid to Hampden Academy from the proceeds of sale of timber from the public lands set apart for educational purposes ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of paying the sum of one thousand dollars to the Trustees of China Academy from the sales of timber and lumber from the public lands in this State, or in money ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of granting aid in money or land to Patten Academy in the county of Penobscot ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 151 of the public laws of 1855";

Petition of the Selectmen of Lisbon for authority to fund the debt of said town, the joint order being suspended ;

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

"Resolve in favor of Lee Normal Academy" was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill "an act in addition to chapter 3 of the revised statutes relative to the choice of measurers of wood and bark was referred to to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns on bill "an act to incorporate the town of Mt. Chase," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on petition of Jacob Pickard and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the town of Ludlow";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the award and other papers relating to the claim of Allen and O'Brien, referred from the last Legislature to the present, with "resolve in favor of Samuel H. Allen and Thomas O'Brien";

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act amendatory of and in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act in addition to an act to incorporate the Upper Stillwater Bridge, approved Feb. 19, 1835," with the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills and resolve were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bills "an act to incorporate the Passadumkeag Manufacturing Company";

"An act to make valid the doings of the town of Bethel in exempting certain mill property from taxation";

"Resolve directing the Treasurer of State to notify cities and towns of the amount of State aid when the same is ready for distribution," reported in the House from the Committee on Finance;

Were severally read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. PHILBRICK, from the Committee on Agriculture, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the establishment of an agricultural college, and communications from the Governor relating to the same subject, reported "resolve relating to the establishment of a college for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts";

Mr. BURLEIGH, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, on various petitions relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians, reported "resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for educational purposes";

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

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

"An act authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Camden";

"An act additional to an act to set off certain lands from the town of Frankfort and annex the same to the town of Monroe";

"An act to incorporate the Skowhegan Water Power Company";

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company";

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported "an act additional to chapter 91 of the revised statutes relating to personal mortgages";

"Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act providing for the registration of births, marriages and deaths," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, House amendment A adopted, and as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to evidence in criminal prosecutions," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. SPRING was laid on the table.

Bill "An act to authorize the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company to extend the track of its road in Augusta," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. DINGLEY was recommitted to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CRAM,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to instruct Messrs. Hartford and Smith to bind and deliver to each member of the Senate and to each officer of the same, twenty copies of the Adjutant General's Report, now in press; one half of the same to be bound in a style corresponding to that adopted last year.

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Committee on Education, on an order directing said Committee to inquire into and ascertain the amount

of all expenses incurred by the Superintendent of Common Schools, reported the following statement :

Salary of Superintendent of Common Schools,	\$1,000.00
Travelling Expenses of Superintendent,	200.00
Printing 5,000 School Reports,	1,000.00
Binding 5,130 " "	87.21
" 600 School Appendixes,	5.16
" 16 Reports, Educational,	8.00
Total,	<u>\$2,300.00</u>

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amending section 31, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

These reports were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ELLIOT, by leave, presented " resolve in favor of Harpswell Academy, which was once read under a suspension of the rules, and on motion of Mr. JOSSELYN was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY, bill " an act to provide support for families of soldiers," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. STONE of the House.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of Joann Dean and Eliza Johnson for State aid, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee that they have disposed of all matters referred to them and asking to be discharged from further duty ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Alexander Johnson and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Wawenock Steamboat Company";

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on petition of Lewey Sockbasin and others of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, with "resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bill and resolve were each once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to change the name of William H. M. Melcher," reported in the House from the Committee on Change of Names, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. TRUE, from the Committee on Pensions on petition of Helen H. Everett for State aid, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Joint Delegation from Androscoggin county on an order relating to the compensation of the County Treasurer of said county, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Mr. ELLIOT, from the Joint Delegation from Cumberland county

on bill "an act to repeal chapter 186 of the special laws of 1862," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. Stilson, its Clerk, proposing a Joint Convention of the two Houses in the Representatives' Hall this day at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of hearing remarks of Adjutant General Hodsdon on the militia bill.

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

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of granting a sum of money to the Trustees of Houlton Academy to be paid from the funds arising from the sale of timber and lumber under a resolve of the present Legislature appropriating the timber on a township of land for educational purposes.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, by leave, presented bill "an act to incorporate the Fayette Manufacturing Company, which was twice read the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, by leave, presented "resolve in favor of Lewiston Falls Academy," which was once read, the rules being suspended, and on motion of Mr. BRADBURY the same was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following:

"Resolve relating to the establishment of a College for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bills:

"An act to incorporate the town of Ludlow";

"An act to incorporate the town of Mt. Chase";

"An act to make valid the doings of the town of Bethel in exempting certain mill property from taxation";

"An act to incorporate the Passadumkeag Manufacturing Company";

"Resolve directing the Treasurer of State to notify cities and towns of the amount of State aid when the same is ready for distribution ;

"Resolve in favor of Samuel H. Allen and Thomas O'Brien";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act amendatory of and in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time. On motion of Mr. DINGLEY, the bill was amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act in addition to an act to incorporate the Upper Stillwater Bridge, approved February 19, 1835, reported from the same Committee, was read a second time and on motion of Mr. MANSON was laid on the table.

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for educational purposes," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time and on motion of Mr. DINGLEY was laid on the table.

Bill "an act for the protection of sheep," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time. Mr. TRUE proposed amendment A which was adopted. The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SPRING, the Senate reconsidered its vote whereby bill "an act to provide support for the families of soldiers," was passed to be engrossed. On motion of the same Senator the rules were suspended and the Senate reconsidered its vote adopting amendment A. The amendment was rejected.

On motion of Mr. CRAM the rules were suspended and the Senate reconsidered its vote adopting amendment G. Same Senator proposed an amendment to the amendment which was adopted.

The amendment was then adopted and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

IN CONVENTION.

The Convention was addressed at length upon the proposed "act to enroll, organize and discipline the militia," now before the Legislature.

After which the Convention was dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. MERROW, the Senate reconsidered its vote whereby "resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians" was passed to be engrossed. On motion the same Senator the resolve was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. CRAM, "resolve in favor of Paris Hill Academy" was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Governor informing the Legislature of the decease of Hon. Hiram Chapman, Land Agent of the State of Maine, which was read.

Mr. STETSON rose and said :

MR. PRESIDENT: By the death of the Hon. Mr. Chapman, I have lost a friend; the community in which he lived has lost a valuable citizen; the State has lost a faithful servant; the nation a firm supporter who in every season of her trial stood by and supported her interest without an "if" or a "but."

I have known Mr. C. as long as I have known anybody not a family relative. I have transacted business with him as long as I have been in business. I have ever found him an honest man—a faithful friend.

He has *nine* times been elected a member of the Legislature of Maine—once elected President of the Senate; was two years since

elected Judge of Probate in Lincoln county, and last winter the Legislature elected him Land Agent, the duties of which office he has discharged with fidelity and to the eminent satisfaction of the people of the State. He was a man whom the people of his county "delighted to honor."

At home, where he was best known, he has ever been esteemed and beloved as an honest man, and a *faithful, consistent* christian. The church, the public schools, and all the associations in his late residence, will feel the loss of so constant and faithful a laborer, and all will join us in the assertion that he was a bright specimen of the noblest work of God—an honest man.

At two o'clock this morning, in the fifty-sixth year of his age, he died, with a firm hope in the mercy of God through Christ.

I ask leave to present the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Legislature have received with profound sorrow the announcement of the decease of Hon. Hiram Chapman, late Land Agent of the State.

Resolved, That the Legislature hereby tender to the widow and family of the deceased, their heartfelt condolence with them in their bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Senate and House, and a copy thereof, signed by the Secretary of the Senate, be forwarded to the widow of the deceased.

Mr. MERROW said :

MR. PRESIDENT : A period of many years has elapsed since I first became acquainted with Col. Chapman. I found him then in public life, and rapidly rising in the esteem and confidence of the people. I immediately became his political associate and personal friend. We were both Democrats, contending as we believed, for civil and religious liberty and the rights of man. Since my first acquaintance with the deceased, old issues have given place to new ones, political creeds have been somewhat modified, party organizations have been disrupted, and party ties have been severed in a measure ; but until his death our political and social relations remained unchanged ; I knew him long and intimately, and was honored by his confidence. He has gone the way of all the earth ; but his name will have a bright place in the history of this State. I shall not attempt a eulogy. The life of the deceased was another demonstration of the benign and ennobling influences of our social and

political institutions. He was born, I think, in Nobleborough, county of Lincoln. The son of a farmer of moderate means, he was all his life inured to toil, from which he was only relieved at short intervals, in order to embrace such opportunities for mental training as were offered by the district schools of his native town. He learned a joiner's trade and became master of his business, and a very successful master mechanic, in doing ship joiner work, &c. He appeared to be willing to struggle on in a most praiseworthy calling, in comparative obscurity. But he had integrity upon which his neighbors could rely, and judgment, of the benefit of which they would not be deprived, and without pretensions on his part, he was withdrawn from his seclusion, by the urgency of his friends, and held many important offices in the Legislature, having served in both branches, and was President of the Senate, and last not least, when the members of the last Legislature were looking over the State for a man to fill the office of Land Agent, all opinions seemed to centre upon Col. Chapman as just the man for the place, and he was most triumphantly elected, and again elected this session of the Legislature. He also held the office of Judge of Probate in Lincoln county. He died literally with the harness on. All the offices with which he has been honored, he has filled with honor to himself and satisfaction to the public. He was an honest man, the noblest work of God. He was possessed of endowments, solid rather than showy; he possessed a comprehensive judgment and inflexible integrity, guided by principle rather than expediency. No supposed political necessity or partizan policy could swerve him from his convictions of duty; he was for his country always. He was a kind husband, an affectionate father, and a friend to the poor. The death of such a man is at all times a severe bereavement to his family, innumerable friends, and to the public. But, sir, I need not extend these remarks. Death is an event to which we are all surely and rapidly approaching. It will soon be said of us, as of Col. Chapman, He is dead. Whether we are young or old no one has any lease of his life. Let us therefore try to emulate the example of our departed friend, so that we can lay down our life with joy, and pass to that heavenly abode prepared for the blessed.

“So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan that moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take

His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, the vote being taken by rising.

Mr. MERROW, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ROWE of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That, the Senate concurring, this Legislature do finally adjourn on Thursday the 24th inst., was read and amended by substituting Friday at 9 o'clock A. M., and as amended passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further legislation is necessary relating to the manner of conducting the annual spring elections, and the officers to be chosen by the same ;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Bills "an act to amend chapter 143 of the laws of 1862";

"An act relating to board of persons in Penobscot county jail";

"An act additional to chapter 82 of the revised statutes relating to proceedings in court";

"An act changing the March term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Aroostook county";

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot County Fair Ground Company," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on "resolve for the repair of State road in Indian township, that the same ought not to pass, accepted in the Senate, came from the House recommitted to the same Committee.

The Senate receded and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of Ai Staples and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Hallowell and Augusta Horse Railroad Company," was accepted in concurrence. The bill was once read and recommitted in concurrence.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on "resolve in favor of county law libraries," reported that the same ought not to pass ;

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of inhabitants of township number 18, range 3, for aid in building a road from St. John river to settlements in said township, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amendments to the constitution so as to allow soldiers in the army to vote, also on petition of the Mayor of Bangor and others for the same purpose, reported "resolves relating to amendment of the constitution so as to allow soldiers to vote."

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. SPRING, the resolves were laid on the table, and 1,000 copies of the same were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommitted bill "an act to amend chapter 6, section 28 of the revised statutes relating to the assessment of taxes," reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

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

"Resolve to appropriate money for the completion of the bridge at Haynesville," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came from the House, that branch insisting on its vote passing the same to be engrossed, and proposing a conference, with Messrs. Stetson of Bangor, Hinks of Bucksport, and Hopkins of Ellsworth, appointed conferees on its part.

The Senate insisted on its former vote, concurred in the proposition for a conference, and joined Messrs. Milliken of Kennebec, McGilvery of Waldo and Cram of Cumberland, as conferees on its part.

Mr. BRADBURY, from the Joint Select Committee on Capital Punishment, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to that subject, reported bill "an act in addition to section 7 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes in reference to proceedings in capital cases."

The report was accepted, the bill once read, and on motion of Mr. SPRING was laid on the table and 350 copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

"An act to change the name of William H. M. Melcher";

"An act to incorporate the Wawenock Steamboat Company";

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to and amendatory of chapter 40 of the revised statutes and chapter 99 of the public laws of 1862, relating to the inspection of fish," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time. Mr. MERROW proposed an amendment which was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY the Senate reconsidered its vote whereby bill "an act amendatory of and in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston," was passed to be engrossed. The bill was then laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH, "resolve in favor of the Penob-

scot Indians," was taken from the table. Same Senator proposed amendment A which was adopted and the resolve as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH, the joint order being suspended, presented the petition of Nelson Herrin for a lot of land in township E, range 1, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, by leave, presented bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Waterville," which was read once, the rules being suspended, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. CRAM,

Ordered, That, the House concurring, the Adjutant General be requested to place in the hands of the Messengers, twenty-eight hundred copies of his report for the use of the Legislature, one-fourth to the Senate and three-fourths to the use of the House.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT, bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, approved March 25, 1858," was taken from the table, the question being on the passage of the bill as amended to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. ELLIOT the yeas and nays were ordered. Mr. MANSON moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, whereupon the yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. ELLIOT, and on motion of the same Senator the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Education on an order relating to setting apart the timber and lumber on eight townships of public land, with "resolve relating to an appropriation for common

schools," was accepted in concurrence. The resolve was once read and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital on the reports of the Trustees and Superintendent of that institution, reported "resolves in favor of the Insane Hospital." On motion of Mr. BRADBURY the report was laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, "resolve in favor of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College," was taken from the table. The question being on passing the resolve to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. CRAM the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Barrows, Beale, Bradbury, Dingley, Elliot, Hale, Jewett, Josselyn, Knight, Manson, McGilvery, Merrow, Dennis L. Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Luther Sanborn, Spring, Stevens, Stewart, Talbot, True, Wadsworth—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Burleigh, Cram, Stetson, Walker, Warren—5.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, "resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," was taken from the table. The House amendments were adopted in concurrence. On the passage of the bill to be engrossed as amended, the yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. BRADBURY, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Barrows, Beale, Bradbury, Dingley, Elliot, Hale, Jewett, Josselyn, Knight, Manson, McGilvery, Dennis L. Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Spring, Stevens, Stewart, Talbot, True, Wadsworth—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Burleigh, Cram, Stetson, Walker, Warren—5.

So the resolve as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MCGILVERY, bill "an act to provide means for the defence of the northeastern frontier" was taken from the table and read a second time.

Subsequently on motion of Mr. SPRING the bill was again laid on the table.

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

“An act authorizing the inhabitants of Dennysville and Edmunds to take measures for the preservation of salmon in Denny’s river”;

“An act additional to an act entitled an act to amend the charter of the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company”;

“An act to restrain illegal appropriation of public money”;

“An act additional to an act to secure the safety and convenience of travellers on railroads, passed in the year 1858”;

Which were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported :

“Resolve in favor of Charles O. McKenney”;

“Resolve in favor of John Decker”;

“Resolve in favor of Penobscot Indians”;

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Adaline Chandler”;

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Petition of Job Lord and Joseph W. Eveleth for leave to extend a wharf into the Penobscot river, the joint order being suspended, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Selectmen of Lisbon for authority to fund the debt of said town, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Company," that the same be referred to the Committee on Manufactures ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Isaac Lincoln and others in favor of Hiram Keay, with "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Hiram Keay," was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve was once read and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the militia of the State, with bill "an act to enroll, organize and discipline the militia," was accepted in concurrence. The bill was twice read under a suspension of the rules. On the passage of the bill to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, and being taken resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Barrows, Dingley, Elliot, Hale, Jewett, Josselyn, Manson, Merrow, Dennis L. Milliken, Philbrick, Jos. A. Sanborn, Luther Sanborn, Stetson, Stewart, Talbot, True, Walker, Wadsworth—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Burleigh, Cram, Knight, Spring—4.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolves authorizing a loan in behalf of the State,” reported in the House from the Committee on Finance, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. TRUE, from the Committee on Pensions on petition of Elizabeth Brooks for a pension, reported “resolve in favor of Elizabeth Brooks”;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of Alexander Turner for a pension, reported “resolve in favor of Alexander Turner”;

Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, from the Committee on State’s assuming liabilities of towns in paying bounties to soldiers, reported “resolve relating to State assuming liabilities of cities, towns and plantations in paying bounties”;

Mr. STEVENS, from the Joint Committee consisting of the Oxford County Delegation, reported bill “an act to change the time of holding the August and November terms of the supreme judicial court in Oxford county”;

Mr. PHILBRICK, from the Committee on Agriculture on communication of the Governor relating to land scrip for the benefit of the Agricultural College, reported “resolve authorizing the Governor to dispose of the land scrip belonging to this State for the benefit of the Agricultural College”;

Mr. WADSWORTH, from the Committee on Manufactures, on bill “an act to incorporate the Bangor Company,” reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Committee on Education, on an order relating to setting apart two townships of land for the benefit of common schools whenever the Legislature shall grant one to any college or seminary, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to appropriating public lands to supply the place of the bank tax for common schools, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, on an order relating to amending

chapter 18 of the revised statutes, concerning repairs of highways, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported that said Committee had disposed of all matters referred to them, and ask to be discharged from further duty ;

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on petition of John Smith and others of Gray for State aid, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to establishing a soldiers' home in the city of Portland, reported that the same be referred to the Governor and Council ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of Mrs. Charles K. Hutchins for compensation for military services of her late husband, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of Directors of Norridgewock Bridge, and bill accompanying, for an extension of their charter, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was recommended bill "an act to incorporate the Hallowell and Augusta Horse Railroad Company," reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Mr. SANBORN of York, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported that said Committee have disposed of all matters referred to them, and ask to be discharged from further duty.

These reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY, "resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for educational purposes," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ELLIOT, by leave, presented "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison," which was once read, the rules being suspended, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following :

"An act to amend chapter 6, section 28 of the revised statutes relating to the assessment of taxes";

"An act to make valid the doings of the town of Waterville";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve relating to an appropriation for common schools," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Amendment A of the House was adopted, and as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 6 of the revised statutes concerning the assessment of taxes," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, amendments A and B of the House were adopted, and as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. BRADBURY, by leave, presented "resolve in favor of the minor children of Mrs. Mary Hall," which was read twice, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator, bill "an act in addition to section 7 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes in reference to proceedings in capital cases," was taken from the table and read a second time.

Mr. SPRING proposed amendment marked A, and on the question of its adoption, on motion of Mr. Bradbury, the yeas and nays were ordered.

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

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on "resolve to appropriate money for the completion of the bridge at Haynesville," reported that the Senate recede from its vote indefinitely postponing the same, and concur with the House in passing the same to be engrossed.

The report was accepted and the Senate receded and concurred accordingly.

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

“An act to establish the weight of certain agricultural products”;

“An act additional to chapter 91 of the revised statutes relating to personal mortgages”;

“An act authorizing constables to serve processes in certain cases”;

“An act to incorporate the Bangor and Brewer Street Railroad Company”;

“An act to facilitate the detection and to prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills”;

“An act to incorporate the Franklin Telegraph Company”;

“An act to establish the Bangor Wet Dock Company”;

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported “resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows of deceased soldiers”;

“Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis”;

“Resolve in favor of Isabella Fogg”;

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, bill “an act requiring additional duties and providing for an increase of the salary of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court,” was taken from the table and read a second time.

Mr. DINGLEY proposed amendment marked A, pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. MANSON,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MORSE of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of E. K. Harding and others for legislation relative to the Augusta Dam, Locks and Canal, that petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

“Resolve relating to the location of the Eastern Normal School”;

“Resolve in favor of Elisha W. Shaw and others,” severally introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, were read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill “an act empowering courts of probate to authorize executors and other parties to refer or compromise claims in certain cases,” that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to rights of voters set off from one town and annexed to another, with bill “an act to define where inhabitants set off from one town and annexed to another may vote in certain cases”;

Report of the same Committee on the Report of the Attorney General for the year 1863, with bill “an act relating to proceedings in criminal cases in court”;

Report of the same Committee on bill “an act in addition to chapter 51 of the revised statutes in relation to railroads,” that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on bill “an act additional to chapter 77 of the revised statutes relating to the Supreme Judicial Court,” that the same in a new draft ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on petition of James M. Buzzell and others and bill “an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine General Baptist Association,” that the same in a new draft ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to mortgages given by railroad corporations; also on various petitions and remonstrances relating to the same, with bill "an act relating to the redemption of railroad mortgages by subsequent mortgages, and for the better protection of bondholders";

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on various orders relating to chapter 176 of the laws of 1863, with bill "an act to amend chapter 176 of the public laws of 1863, relating to stock insurance companies";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Brewer Branch Railroad Company," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheets A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, and passed as amended to be engrossed. The Senate receded and concurred.

Bill "an act for the protection of sheep," amended in the Senate and passed to be engrossed, came from the House, the Senate amendments having been adopted, further amended as per sheets B and C.

The Senate receded and concurred in the adoption of the House amendments.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS, the bill was indefinitely postponed. Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, to which was re-committed "resolve in favor of Limerick, St. Albans, Berwick and Presque Isle Academies," with instructions to report separately, with "resolve in favor of Limerick Academy";

"Resolve in favor of St. Albans Academy";

"Resolve in favor of Presque Isle Academy";

"An act relating to the charter of Limerick Academy";

Was accepted in concurrence.

The resolves and bill were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Nelson Herrin for a lot of land in township E, range 1, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "an act in addition to chapter 3 of the revised statutes relative to the choice of measurers of wood and bark," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. BANKS, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported that said Committee had disposed of all matters referred to them, and ask to be discharged from further duty;

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on "resolve for the repair of State road in Indian township," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following:

"An act to change the time of holding the August and November terms of the S. J. Court in Oxford county";

"An act to incorporate the Bangor Company";

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison";

"Resolve authorizing the Governor to dispose of the land scrip belonging to this State for the benefit of the Agricultural College";

"Resolve in favor of Alexander Turner";

"Resolve relating to the State assuming liabilities of cities, towns and plantations in paying bounties";

Which were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported, "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Hiram Keay," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time. The House amendment A was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, bill "an act in addition to an act to incorporate the Upper Stillwater Bridge, approved Feb. 19, 1835," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. STETSON, by leave, presented bill "an act authorizing the construction of a wharf in the town of Damariscotta," which was twice read under a suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BRADBURY, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes relating to ways," reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill once read, and on motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, was laid on the table and 350 copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. BRADBURY, from the Committee on Printing and Binding to which was recommitted the contract with Messrs. Stevens & Sayward for public printing for the current year, with certain instructions, reported the same with an addendum.

The report was accepted and contract read.

Mr. CRAM moved to recommit with certain instructions, and on this question, on motion of the same Senator, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Barrows, Cram, Elliot, Merrow, Philbrick, Spring, Stevens—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Beale, Bradbury, Dingley, Hale, Jewett, Josse-lyn, Knight, Manson, McGilvery, Dennis L. Milliken, Joseph A. Sanborn, Stetson, Stewart, Talbot, True, Walker, Wadsworth—17.

So the motion to recommit with instructions was lost. The contract as reported was then approved.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "an act requiring additional duties and providing for an increase of the salary of the Justices of the S. J. Court," under discussion at the time of adjournment yesterday. Pending the consideration of the amendment proposed by Mr. DINGLEY, on motion of Mr. MANSON,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. INGRAHAM of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, that said Committee has disposed of all matters referred to them and asking to be discharged from further duty ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to assessment of taxes in Mt. Chase plantation, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to amend chapter 143 of the laws of 1862, relative to trust funds," that the same ought not to pass ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to actions of review, with bill "an act to protect parties against the effects of perjury";

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, to which was recommitted bill "an act to protect wool growers against the depredations of thieves," with the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass";

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on bill "an act to authorize the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company to extend the track of its road in Augusta," with the same in a draft and that it ought to pass ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were once read and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to enroll, organize and discipline the militia," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House, that branch adhering to its vote referring the same to the next Legislature. The Senate adhered to its vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following :

“Resolve relating to the location of the Eastern Normal School”;

“Resolve in favor of St. Albans Academy”;

“Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy”;

“An act in addition to chapter 51 of the revised statutes in relation to railroads”;

“An act to define where inhabitants set off from one town and annexed to another may vote in certain cases”;

“An act relating to proceedings in criminal cases in court”;

“An act to amend chapter 176 of the public laws of 1863, relating to stock insurance companies”;

“An act empowering courts of probate to authorize executors and other parties to refer or compromise claims in certain cases”;

“An act relating to the charter of Limerick Academy”;

“An act additional to chapter 77 of the revised statutes relating to the S. J. Court”

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following :

“Resolve in favor of Elizabeth Brooks”;

“Resolve for the repair of State Road in Indian township”;

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Presque Isle Academy,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, amendment A of the House adopted, and the resolve as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Elisha W. Shaw and others,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, House amendment A adopted, and as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine General Baptist Association,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill “an act relating to the redemption of railroad mortgages by subsequent mortgagees, and for the better protection of bondholders,” was read a second time.

Amendments A, B, C, D, E and F of the House were adopted. Mr. STEWART proposed amendments G, H, I, K, L, M, M, N, O, P, Q and R, which were adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON, by leave, presented "resolve in favor of Josiah H. Drummond," which was read once, the rules being suspended, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to elections, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend chapter 151 of the laws of 1855 relating to the Municipal Court of Biddeford, reported that the same ought not to pass;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to insurance law, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of chapter 91 of the revised statutes relating to liens of mechanics and others, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on petition of Abner Wade for State aid, reported that the same be referred to the Governor and Council;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on "resolve relating to an act of Congress for enrolling and calling out the national forces, passed March 3, 1862, and to acts amendatory thereof," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. PHILBRICK, from the Committee on Education, on "resolve in favor of Lee Normal Academy," reported that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. MERROW, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported that said Committee had disposed of all matters referred to them and ask to be discharged from further duty;

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, made a similar report;

Mr. ELLIOT, from the Committee on State Prison, made a similar report.

These reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "an act requiring additional duties and providing for an increase of the salaries of the justices of the S. J. Court," under consideration at the time of adjournment yesterday. On the amendment proposed by Mr. DINGLEY to strike out "twenty-five" and insert "twenty-two," the question was stated by the Chair as follows: Shall the sum named in the bill as the salary of the justices stand at twenty-five hundred dollars? And thereon the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Barrows, Bradbury, Burleigh, Cram, Jewett, Knight, Manson, Spring, Stetson, Stewart, Wadsworth—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Beale, Elliot, Hale, Josselyn, Merrow, Dennis L. Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Luther Sanborn, Stevens, True—11.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT,

Ordered, That on and after Monday next the Senate meet at half past nine o'clock A. M. and at half past two o'clock P. M. until otherwise ordered.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Sarah Young, reported "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Sarah Young."

The report was accepted, the resolve once read and Monday assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT, "resolves providing for an amendment of the Constitution, so as to allow soldiers absent from the State to vote for Governor, Senators, Representatives and county officers," was taken from the table. On the passage of the same to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Barrows, Beale, Bradbury, Burleigh, Cram, Elliot, Hale, Jewett, Josselyn, Manson, Merrow, Dennis L. Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Luther Sanborn, Spring, Stetson, Stevens, Stewart, True, Wadsworth—22.

NAY—Mr. Knight—1.

So the resolves were passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SPRING, the Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital was taken from the table and accepted. The resolve accompanying was once read and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

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

“An act to incorporate the Portland Cordage Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Passadumkeag Manufacturing Company”;

“An act authorizing Zenas Morton to construct a fish weir in Johnson’s bay, Lubec”;

“An act to change the name of William H. M. Melcher”;

“An act to incorporate the town of Mt. Chase”;

“An act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company”;

“An act authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Camden”;

“An act to incorporate the town of Ludlow”;

“An act to provide for the registration of births, marriages and deaths”;

“An act for the protection of trout in Goose pond”;

“An act making valid the doings of the town of Bethel in exempting certain mill property from taxation”;

“An act to incorporate the Veazie Manufacturing Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Beaver Brook Dam Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Wawenock Steamboat Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Cumberland Iron Company”;

“An act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Skowhegan Water Power Company”;

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported :

“Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State”;

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to examine into the situation of the land occupied by settlers in township No. 18, R. 3”;

“Resolve for the repair of the State road in Aroostook county”;

“Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians”;

“Resolve directing the Treasurer of State to notify cities, towns

and plantations of the amount of State aid and when the same is ready for distribution";

"Resolve in favor of Samuel H. Allen and Thomas O'Brien";

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians";

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. GAINES of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to inspectors of gas meters that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act relating to burial grounds," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on Education on an order instructing said Committee to report a list of academies in the different parts of the State, which may be deserving of aid from the State, that said Committee does not know of any academies thus deserving immediate aid, except such as have already been reported upon;

Report of the same Committee on "resolve in favor of Lewiston Falls Academy," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to granting aid to Hampden Academy, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee on "resolve in favor of Harpswell Academy," that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to granting aid to China Academy, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Job Lord and others for leave to extend a wharf into Penobscot river, that the same be referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the collection of a tax in the town of New Sharon," introduced in the House, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act authorizing the Herring Gut Marine Railway Company to sell and dispose of their corporate property," introduced in the House, was read once and referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee of Agriculture on petition of Noah Barker and others, with bill "an act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes relating to the sale of potatoes, corn, grain and vegetables";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act relating to the compensation and duties of the Secretary of State," that the same in a new draft ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to heirs at law, with bill "an act additional to chapter 65 of the revised statutes concerning the distribution of estates";

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act providing bounties for soldiers," with the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Portland to exempt the Portland Glass Company from taxation, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred.

Bill "an act regulating the measurement and sale of milk," amended in the Senate and passed to be engrossed, came from the House, that branch non-concurring in the Senate amendment, and passing the bill to be engrossed.

The Senate non-concurred with the House, and on motion of Mr. SPRING the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That no new legislation shall be introduced after Tuesday the 22d instant.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to allowing soldiers in the army to vote, reported bill "an act authorizing soldiers absent from the State in the military service to vote for Electors of President and Vice President, and for Representatives to Congress; also regulating the manner of electing Registers of Deeds, County Treasurers and County Commissioners, so that such soldiers may be allowed to vote therefor."

The report was accepted, the bill once read, and on motion of Mr. CRAM was laid on the table and 350 copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. BRADBURY, by leave, presented "resolve in favor of the widow of Thomas Smith, late of Oldtown, in the county of Penobscot," which was once read, under a suspension of the rules, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relating to lands of the State in the town of Barnard, reported "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to investigate the title to State lot in the town of Barnard";

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on the Library, reported "resolves for purchasing books for the State Library, and for the usual expenses of said Library";

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

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on the Library, on an order relating to the revival of international exchanges, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. TALBOT, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported that said Committee had disposed of all mat-

ters referred to them, and ask to be discharged from further duty ;

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following :

“An act to protect parties against the effects of perjury”;

“An act to authorize the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company to extend the track of its road in Augusta”;

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported :

“Resolve in favor of Josiah H. Drummond”;

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Sarah Young”;

“Resolves in favor of the Insane Hospital”;

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “an act to protect wool growers against the depredations of thieves,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. STEWART was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, bill “an act relating to evidence in criminal prosecutions,” was taken from the table, the question being on the passage of the same to be engrossed.

Mr. SPRING moved that the same be indefinitely postponed, pending which, on motion of Mr. MERROW,

The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Senate met according to adjournment.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill “an act relating to evidence in criminal prosecutions,” under discussion at the time of adjournment. The question being on the motion of Mr. SPRING to indefinitely postpone the same, the motion prevailed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PHILBRICK, from the Committee on Agriculture, on com-

munication of the Governor, with proposal of F. O. J. Smith to donate a farm to the State for the benefit of the Agricultural College; also on order relating to the same subject, reported that the same be referred to commissioners to be appointed under a resolve of the present Legislature to have in charge the interests of the Agricultural College.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BRADBURY, bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes relating to the municipal officers of towns and plantations and relating to highways," was taken from the table and read a second time. On motion of Mr. MERROW, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to illegitimate children, reported bill "an act relating to illegitimate children."

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

Mr. BURLEIGH, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of M. H. Stewart and others, reported "resolve in aid of building a bridge across the north branch of Presque Isle stream in Mapleton plantation, in the county of Aroostook."

The report was accepted, the resolve read twice under a suspension of the rules, and on motion of Mr. STETSON was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SPRING, bill "an act in addition to section 7 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes in reference to proceedings in capital cases," was taken from the table. The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. SPRING. On motion of Mr. BRADBURY, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Barrows, Beale, Burleigh, Cram, Jewett, Merrow, Philbrick, Luther Sanborn, Spring, Stetson, Stevens, Stewart, True, Walker—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Bradbury, Elliot, Hale, Josselyn, Manson, Dennis L. Milliken, Elias Milliken, Warren, Wadsworth—9.

So the amendment was adopted.

The bill was then passed as amended, to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

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

“An act additional to an act to set off certain lands from the town of Frankfort and annex the same to the town of Monroe”;

“An act relating to the charter of the Limerick Academy”;

“An act to incorporate the Fayette Manufacturing Company”;

“An act to amend section 6 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes relating to the assessment and collection of taxes”;

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following :

“Resolve in favor of the minor children of Mrs. Mary Hall”;

“Resolve relating to an appropriation for common schools”;

“Resolve to appropriate money for the completion of the bridge at Haynesville”;

“Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy”;

“Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians”;

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. SPRING,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Education on an order relating to granting aid to Patten Academy, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee on "resolve in favor of Paris Hill Academy," that the same ought not to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on "resolve making an appropriation of money for the continuance of the Scientific Survey of the State," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was read once and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the proposal of George R. Davis and brother in relation to copies of the revised statutes, with "resolve for the purchase of copies of the revised statutes";

Report of the same Committee on petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Rockland, with bill "an act to amend an act to establish a police court in the city of Rockland";

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to redemption of mortgages, with bill "an act additional to chapter 90 of the revised statutes relating to mortgages of real estate";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The resolves and bills were each once read and this afternoon assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture to which was recommended the Report of same Committee on petition of A. B. Sutton and others, with bill "an act to prevent the spread of Canada thistles," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was once read and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to foreign immigration," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to provide support for the families of soldiers," amended in the Senate and passed to be engrossed, came from the House, Senate amendments B, C, F and H having been adopted. The House non-concurred in Senate amendment D, further amended as per sheets C, D, E, F, G, H, I and K, and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed. The Senate receded and concurred in the action of the House on amendment D, adopted House amendments C, D, E, F, G, H, I and K, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, 1,000 copies of the foregoing bill was ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Committee on Education on petition of the Trustees of St. Albans Academy, reported bill "an act changing the name of St. Albans Academy, situate in Hartland, in the county of Somerset";

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act providing for the publication of the names, residence, &c., of magistrates," reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to proceedings in court, reported bill "an act amending chapter 82, section 79 of the revised statutes relating to proceedings in court";

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to chapter 55, section 11 of the revised statutes, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 55, section 11 of the revised statutes relating to devises and donations to towns";

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to fraudulent conveyances, reported bill "an act relating to fraudulent conveyances of property to married women."

These reports were severally accepted, the bills were each once read and this afternoon assigned for their second reading.

Mr. PHILBRICK, from the Committee on Agriculture on "re-

solve accepting the donation to the State of Maine of an estate for the establishment of a Primary Agricultural College," reported the same in a new draft.

The report was accepted, the resolve read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn without motion at a quarter before one o'clock until otherwise ordered.

Bill "an act to amend an act to provide bounties for soldiers, approved Feb. 20, 1864," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, was read a second time.

House amendments A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K, were adopted in concurrence.

Mr. MERROW proposed amendment marked L, which was adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator 1,000 copies of the original bill, as amended by the present bill, were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The same Committee also reported bill "an act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes relating to the sale of potatoes, corn, grain and vegetables";

"An act to authorize the collection of a tax in the town of New Sharon";

"An act relating to the duties and compensation of the Secretary of State and the clerks employed by him";

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to investigate the title to State lot in the town of Barnard";

"Resolve for purchasing books for the State Library, and for the usual yearly expenses of said Library";

"Resolve in favor of the widow of Thomas Smith of Oldtown, in the county of Penobscot";

"An act relating to illegitimate children";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 65 of the revised statutes concerning the distribution of estates," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. SPRING was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER, by leave presented "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the Reform School," which was once read, under a suspension of the rules, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. SPRING bill "an act authorizing soldiers absent from the State in the military service to vote for Electors of President and Vice President, and for Representatives to Congress; also regulating the manner of electing Registers of Deeds, County Treasurers and County Commissioners, so that such soldiers may be allowed to vote therefor," was taken from the table, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator, bill "an act to protect wool-growers against the depredations of thieves," was taken from the table and on motion of Mr. MERROW was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY, bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Red Beach Plaster Company," was taken from the table and the vote passing the bill to be engrossed was reconsidered and the same was referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SPRING, from the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Joseph Clark and others, relating to the width of horse sleds, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JOSSELYN, by leave, presented bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Wilton, in the county of Franklin,"

which was once read, the rules being suspended, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. BEALE, Report of the Committee on State Reform School, with "resolve in favor of the State Reform School," was taken from the table and accepted. The resolve was once read and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Same Senator, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported that said Committee had disposed of all matters referred to them and ask to be discharged from further duty.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to and amendatory of chapter 40 of the revised statutes and chapter 99 of the public laws of 1862, relating to the inspection of fish," came from the House on its final passage amended as per sheet A. The Senate reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted House amendment A, and as amended passed the same to be engrossed in concurrence.

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

"An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Upper Stillwater Bridge";

"An act relating to proceedings in criminal cases in court";

"An act empowering courts of probate to authorize executors and other parties to refer or compromise claims in certain cases";

"An act to make valid the doings of the town of Waterville";

"An act to amend chapter 6, section 28 of the revised statutes relating to the assessment of taxes";

"An act to define where inhabitants set off from one town and annexed to another may vote in certain cases";

"An act in addition to chapter 51 of the revised statutes in relation to railroads";

"An act to amend chapter 176 of the public laws of 1863, relating to stock insurance companies";

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported:

"Resolve in favor of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College";

"Resolve in favor of Presque Isle Academy";

“Resolve in relation to the location of the Eastern Normal School”;

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Hiram Keay”;

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,
The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was recommitting bill “an act to define the extent and duration of the Lord’s day, and to amend chapters 81 and 124 of the revised statutes relating to the observance of the Sabbath,” reported the same with amendments, and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted in concurrence.

Pending the question of the adoption of said amendments, the bill, on motion of Mr. STEWART, was laid on the table and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

Resolve appropriating the timber and lumber on a township of land for educational purposes,” introduced in the House, was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. SPRING, by leave, presented “resolve in relation to the National Cemetery at Gettysburg,” which was once read, the rules being suspended, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

“Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary,” passed to be engrossed by both branches of the Legislature, came from the House refused a final passage.

The Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and proposed a conference, with Messrs. Manson of Penobscot, Wadsworth of Washington, and Sanborn of Kennebec, appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, by leave, presented "resolve for the relief of Nathan Weston," which was once read under a suspension of the rules. On motion of Mr. STETSON, the resolve was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Waldo, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported that said Committee have disposed of all matters referred to them and ask to be discharged from further duty.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend an act to provide bounties for soldiers, approved February 20, 1864," came from the House, that branch non-concurring in Senate amendment L and insisting on their former vote. The Senate receded and concurred.

"Resolve for the purchase of copies of the revised statutes," reported from the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, was read a second time. House amendments A and B were adopted.

Mr. CRAM proposed amendment C, pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. STEWART, the resolve was laid on the table.

The same Committee reported the following:

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School";

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the Reform School";

"An act to amend chapter 55, section 11 of the revised statutes relating to devises and donations to towns";

"An act amending chapter 82, section 79 of the revised statutes relating to proceedings in court";

"An act changing the name of the St. Albans Academy, situate in Hartland, in the county of Somerset";

"An act requiring the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerks of Courts in the several counties a list of all persons commissioned and qualified as Justices of the Peace, Justices of the Peace and Quorum, Trial Justices and Notaries Public";

"An act to make valid the doings of the town of Wilton, in the county of Franklin";

"An act relating to fraudulent conveyances of property to married women";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following :

“An act to amend an act to establish a police court in the city of Rockland”;

“An act additional to chapter 90 of the revised statutes relating to mortgages of real estate”;

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve relating to foreign immigration,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. MERROW was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital,” introduced in the House, and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended, amended as per sheet A, on motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. DINGLEY, bill “an act amendatory of and in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston,” was taken from the table.

The Senate reconsidered its vote adopting amendment proposed by Mr. Dingley.

Same Senator proposed amendments A, B and C, which were adopted, and as amended, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill “an act relating to reviews, writs of error and judgments and execution thereon,” reported the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of J. G. Walker, reported bill “an act allowing qualified electors living on islands along the coast of this State and in other unincorporated places to vote for State and county officers in any adjacent town.”

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

On motion of Mr. STETSON,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CRANE of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, that said Committee have disposed of all matters referred to them and ask to be discharged from further duty ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relating to authorizing corporations to maintain suits against the officers of such corporations, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education to which was recommit-
ted " resolve in favor of Berwick Academy," with " resolve in fa-
vor of Berwick Academy," was accepted in concurrence. The
resolve was once read. Mr. JEWETT moved that the Senate
non-concur with the House in indefinitely postponing the resolve.
And on this question, on motion of Mr. MANSON, the yeas and
nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Beale, Bradbury, Dingley, Elliot, Hale,
Jewett, Josselyn, Manson, Dennis L. Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph
A. Sanborn, Luther Sanborn, Spring, Stevens, Stewart, True—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Barrows, Cram—2.

So the motion prevailed.

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

Bill " an act to incorporate the Penobscot County Fair Ground
Company," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed
by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended and
passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Elizabeth Brooks," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed. The Senate receded and concurred.

"Resolves in favor of the Insane Hospital, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet A. The Senate receded and concurred in House amendment, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following:

"An act allowing qualified electors living on islands along the coast of this State and in other unincorporated places to vote for State and county officers in adjacent towns";

"An act relating to reviews, writs of error and judgments and executions therein";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in relation to the National Cemetery at Gettysburg," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time and on motion of Mr. STEWART was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. CRAM, "resolve for the purchase of the revised statutes," was taken from the table, amendment C proposed by the same Senator was adopted, and as amended the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, the vote whereby the Senate proposed a Committee of conference on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on "resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," was reconsidered.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS, the vote whereby the Senate indefinitely postponed "resolve relating to foreign immigration," was reconsidered. The question recurring on the indefinite postponement of the resolve, Mr. MANSON moved that the yeas and nays be taken, which were ordered. Mr. STEWART proposed amendment A which was adopted.

The yeas and nays being taken on the indefinite postponement of the resolve resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Barrows, Burleigh, Cram, Dingley, Elliot, Josselyn, Knight, Merrow, Luther Sanborn, Stetson, Warren—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Beale, Bradbury, Hale, Jewett, Manson, Dennis L. Milliken, Elias Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Spring, Stevens, Stewart, True, Walker, Wadsworth—15.

So the motion was lost. The resolve as amended was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT, bill “an act additional to an act entitled an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, approved March 25, 1858,” was taken from the table, the question being on the motion of Mr. MANSON to indefinitely postpone the same. Mr. ELLIOT proposed amendment C which was adopted. Mr. WADSWORTH moved that the bill be laid on the table and be printed. On this question, on motion of Mr. ELLIOT, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Barrows, Bradbury, Burleigh, Jewett, Knight, Manson, Elias Milliken, Luther Sanborn, Stetson, Stewart, Talbot, Walker, Wadsworth—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Beale, Cram, Dingley, Elliot, Hale, Josselyn, Merrow, Dennis L. Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Spring, Stevens, True, Warren—14.

So the motion was lost. The question recurring on the motion of Mr. MANSON to indefinitely postpone the bill, on motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Bradbury, Burleigh, Jewett, Knight, Manson, Elias Milliken, Luther Sanborn, Stetson, Stewart, Talbot, Walker—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Barrows, Beale, Cram, Dingley, Elliot, Hale, Josselyn, Merrow, Dennis L. Milliken, Philbrick, Jos. A. Sanborn, Spring, Stevens, True, Warren, Wadsworth—16.

So the motion was lost. The bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JOSSELYN, from the Committee on Education, reported that said Committee had disposed of all matters referred to them and ask to be discharged from further duty;

Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, made a similar report.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, "resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary," which was finally passed in concurrence.

And this resolve having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. CRAM,

The Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Senate met according to adjournment.

The joint order being suspended, Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec presented bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Manufacturing Company," which was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PHILBRICK, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported that said Committee had disposed of all matters referred to them and ask to be discharged from further duty.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, amounting to one million three hundred twenty-one thousand five hundred seventy-nine dollars and forty-one cents," reported in the House from the Committee on Finance, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the reciprocity treaty, with "resolve relating to the reciprocity treaty," was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

“Resolve remunerating the State Treasurer for negotiating State loan,” introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec moved that the resolve be indefinitely postponed, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barrows, Beale, Bradbury, Burleigh, Dingley, Elliot, Hale, Josselyn, Knight, Merrow, Dennis L. Milliken, Elias Milliken, Joseph A. Sanborn, Luther Sanborn, True—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Banks, Cram, Jewett, Manson, Philbrick, Spring, Stetson, Stevens, Stewart, Wadsworth—10.

So the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill “an act additional to section 17, chapter 71 of the revised statutes requiring certain proceedings of executors and administrators in the conveyance of real estate,” with the same in a new draft, was accepted in concurrence.

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

Report of the same Committee on petition of Job Lord and others, with bill “an act authorizing Job Lord and associates to extend a wharf at Winterport into tide waters of Penobscot river,” was accepted in concurrence.

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

Bill “an act relating to the choice and duties of town auditors of accounts,” introduced in the House, amended and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and on motion of Mr. WARREN was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. STEWART,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to make up in the pay roll the pay of the Reporter at two hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. SPRING, bill “an act to provide means for the defence of the northeastern frontier,” was taken from the table.

The House amendments were adopted in concurrence.

Mr. STEVENS proposed an amendment which was rejected.

Mr. BANKS proposed amendments which were rejected.

Mr. MERROW moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, and on this question, on motion of the same Senator, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Cram, Elliot, Merrow, Luther Sanborn, Stetson, Stevens, Warren—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Beale, Bradbury, Burleigh, Dingley, Hale, Jewett, Knight, Manson, Dennis L. Milliken, Elias Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Spring, Stewart, True, Walker, Wadsworth—17.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill “an act additional to chapter 82 of the revised statutes relating to proceedings in court,” that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and on motion of Mr. STEWART, the bill was laid on the table.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported the following bills :

“An act to change the time of holding the August and November terms of the Supreme Judicial Court in Oxford county”;

“An act to authorize the collection of a tax in the town of New Sharon”;

“An act enforcing the provisions of law and treaties relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians”;

“An act authorizing the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company to extend the track of its road in Augusta”;

“An act to incorporate the Bangor Company”;

“An act to provide support for the families of soldiers”;

“An act to amend an act to establish a police court in the city of Rockland”;

“An act additional to chapter 77 of the revised statutes relating to the Supreme Judicial Court”;

“An act to authorize the city of Portland to exempt the Portland Glass Company from taxation”;

“An act additional to chapter 90 of the revised statutes relating to mortgages of real estate”;

“An act to amend an act to provide bounties to soldiers, approved Feb. 20, 1864”;

“An act authorizing the construction of a wharf in the town of Damariscotta”;

“An act relating to the duties and compensation of the Secretary of State and clerks employed by him”;

“An act to protect parties against the effects of perjury”;

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported :

“Resolve in favor of St. Albans Academy”;

“Resolve in favor of Alexander Turner”;

“Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for educational purposes”;

“Resolve in favor of Elisha W. Shaw, Peleg H. Tracy, Lyman C. Hurd, Joseph A. Myrick, and widow of William H. Jenkins”;

“Resolve in favor of Josiah H. Drummond”;

“Resolve appropriating the timber and lumber on a township of land for educational purposes”;

“Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison”;

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT,

The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FULLER of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

"Resolve for the payment of expenses incurred in the Lincoln county election case";

Bills "an act to change the time of holding the August term of the Supreme Judicial Court for criminal business within the county of Penobscot";

"An act in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices and the place in which justice actions shall be commenced";

Severally introduced in the House, and passed to be engrossed by that branch, were each read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of J. W. Knowlton, with bill "an act to repeal section 1 of chapter 264 of the acts of 1863 entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Belfast," was accepted in concurrence.

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

"Resolves asking the United States government to provide proper defences for the northeastern frontier of Maine," were taken from the table, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve inviting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to coöperate with Maine in extending aid to a military road from Bangor to St. John river," was taken from the table, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Printing and Binding, submitting contract with Messrs. Stevens and Sayward for State printing for the present year, accepted in the Senate, came from the House recommitted with instructions marked A.

The Senate recessed and concurred in the recommitment.

On motion of Mr. SPRING,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Joint Convention of both Houses of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall this day at half past twelve o'clock for the purpose of electing a Land Agent.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, through Mr. Stilson, its clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the above proposition.

Bill "an act relating to railroad mortgages by subsequent mortgagees and for the better protection of bondholders," amended in the Senate and passed to be engrossed, came from the House, Senate amendments having been adopted, further amended as per sheets S and T and passed to be engrossed. The Senate receded, concurred in House amendments and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SPRING, bill "an act relating to the choice and duties of town auditors of accounts," was taken from the table. Mr. DINGLEY proposed amendments marked A and B which were adopted. On motion of Mr. MERROW the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of Kennebec, the vote whereby the Senate indefinitely postponed "resolve remunerating the State Treasurer for negotiating State loan," was reconsidered. The resolve was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported that said Committee had disposed of all matters referred to them and ask to be discharged from further duty.

Mr. BEALE, from the Committee on State Reform School made a similar report.

These reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, "resolve providing for the amendment of the Constitution so as to allow soldiers absent from the State to vote for Gov-

ernor, Senators, Representatives and County Officers." On the final passage of the resolve the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows :

YEAS—MESSRS. Banks, Barrows, Beale, Bradbury, Burleigh, Cram, Dingley, Elliot, Hale, Jewett, Josselyn, Manson, McGilvery, Merrow, Dennis L. Milliken, Elias Milliken, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Luther Sanborn, Spring, Stetson, Stevens, Stewart, Talbot, True, Warren, Wadsworth—27.

NAYS—None.

So the resolve was finally passed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Berwick Academy," reported from the same Committee, was finally passed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bill "an act to provide means for the defence of the northeastern frontier";

"An act to incorporate the Brewer Branch Railroad Company";

Which were passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these several resolves and bills having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported bill "an act authorizing Job Lord and associates to extend a wharf at Winterport into the tide waters of Penobscot river," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CRAM,

Ordered, That the Messenger be authorized and instructed to receive from Messrs. Hartford & Smith, binders for the State, twenty copies of the Adjutant General's Report for each member and officer of the Senate as soon as the same are ready for delivery; and that he carefully box and plainly mark to the address of each member and officer and forward the same by express without delay.

On motion of Mr. TRUE, the vote of the Senate whereby it receded and concurred with the House in indefinitely postponing "resolve in favor of Elizabeth Brooks," was reconsidered. On motion of the same Senator the Senate insisted on its vote passing the same to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, "resolve in relation to the National Cemetery at Gettysburg," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet A and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, by leave, presented bill "an act amending an act providing bounties for soldiers," which was twice read, the rules being suspended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator, bill "an act additional to chapter 82 of the revised statutes relating to proceedings in court," was taken from the table, amended as per sheet A and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator, bill "an act to define the extent and duration of the Lord's day, and to amend chapter 81 and 124 of the revised statutes relating to the observance of the Sabbath," was taken from the table. The amendments reported by the Committee were adopted in concurrence. Mr. STEWART proposed an amendment, pending the consideration of which,

The hour assigned for the Convention to elect a Land Agent having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall.

IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. MILLIKEN of the Senate,

Messrs. Milliken of Kennebec, Elliot of Cumberland, Manson of Penobscot, of the Senate; and Messrs. Cyphers of Ripley, Fuller of Livermore, Hopkins of Ellsworth, and Rogers of Kittery, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Land Agent.

Having attended to the duty assigned them the Committee reported as follows:

Whole number of votes cast is	133
Necessary for a choice,	67
Isaac R. Clark has	114
Joseph Titcomb,	18
James A. Milliken,	1

The report was accepted, and ISAAC R. CLARK was declared duly elected Land Agent for the current political year.

The Convention then dissolved.

IN SENATE.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Senate met according to adjournment.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "an act to define the extent and duration of the Lord's day and to amend chapters 81 and 124 of the revised statutes relating to the observance of the Sabbath." The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. STEWART, the same was adopted. The bill as amended was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on an order relating to granting a sum of money to the Trustees of Houlton Academy, with "resolve in favor of Houlton Academy," was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve was twice read, the rules being suspended, and on motion of Mr. SPRING was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of J. H. Converse and others, with bill "an act to change the time of holding the April term of the S. J. Court in the county of Knox, and the time of holding the May term of said court in the county of Lincoln," was accepted in concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine General Baptist Association," came from the House, that branch having reconsidered its vote indefinitely postponing the same, amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed.

The Senate reconsidered its vote indefinitely postponing the bill, adopted the amendment of the House, and as amended passed the same to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway," introduced in the House, amended and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was twice read, the rules being suspended, amendments of the House adopted, and as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Robert H. Gardiner and others, and various other petitions, with bill "an act to enable stockholders in the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company to call a meeting for the choice of officers," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and on motion of Mr. SPRING was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to change the time of holding the March term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Aroostook," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on bill an act relating to board of persons in Penobscot county," that the same ought to pass ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act requiring additional duties and providing for an increase of the salary of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court," passed to be engrossed by the Senate came from the House amended as per sheet A. The Senate receded and concurred in adopting House amendment, and as amended passed the same to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. SANBORN, by leave, presented "resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to deposit funds of the State upon interest with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States," which was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. JOSSELYN,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to make up the pay of Everett W. Stetson to and including to-morrow, and that he be excused from further attendance after said time.

On motion of Mr. SPRING, the motion of Mr. MANSON to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate refused a passage to "resolve in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike for a military road," was taken from the table. On the question of reconsideration, on motion of Mr. MERROW the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Beale, Bradbury, Manson, Stevens, Stewart, Talbot, True, Wadsworth—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Banks, Burleigh, Cram, Dingley, Elliot, Hale, Jewett, Josselyn, Knight, McGilvery, Merrow, Philbrick, Luther Sanborn, Spring, Stetson, Warren—16.

So the motion to reconsider was lost.

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

"An act additional to and amendatory of chapter 40 of the revised statutes and chapter 99 of the public laws of 1862, relating to the inspection of fish";

"An act requiring the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerks of Courts in the several counties a list of all persons commissioned and qualified as Justices of the Peace, Justices of the Peace and Quorum, Trial Justices and Notaries Public";

"An act changing the name of the St. Albans Academy, situate in Hartland, in the county of Somerset";

"An act relating to illegitimate children";

"An act amendatory of and in addition to an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston";

"An act to incorporate the Penobscot Fair Ground Company";

"An act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes relating to the sale of potatoes, corn, grain, vegetables, meal and hair";

"An act to make valid the doings of the town of Wilton, in the county of Franklin";

"An act additional to section 17 of chapter 71 of the revised statutes requiring certain proceedings by executors and administrators in the conveyance of real estate";

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported:

"Resolve in relation to the reciprocity treaty";

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School";

“Resolve tendering the thanks of this Legislature to Hon. F. O. J. Smith for his offer of a farm for the founding of the State Agricultural College”;

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to investigate the title to State lot in the town of Barnard”;

“Resolve in favor of Insane Hospital”;

“Resolve relating to foreign emigration”;

“Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital”;

“Resolve authorizing the Governor to dispose of the land scrip belonging to this State for the benefit of the Agricultural College”;

“Resolve for purchasing books for the State Library and for the usual expenses of said Library”;

“Resolve in favor of the widow of Thomas Smith late of Oldtown, in the county of Penobscot, and others”;

“Resolve for the repair of State road in Indian township”;

Which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. SPRING,
The Senate adjourned.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1864.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WATERMAN of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act additional to chapter 47 of the revised statutes relating to banks, that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve to enable the State to meet any further call for troops," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Elizabeth Brooks," came from the House, that branch adhering to its vote indefinitely postponing the same. On motion of Mr. TRUE the Senate adhered to its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to define the extent and duration of the Lord's day, and to amend chapter 81 and chapter 124 of the revised statutes relating to the observance of the Sabbath," amended as per sheet A in the Senate and passed to be engrossed, came from the House, that branch non-concurring in Senate amendment and insisting on its vote passing the bill to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. DINGLEY, the Senate receded and concurred.

Bill "an act to enable stockholders in the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company to call a meeting for the choice of officers," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came from the House, that branch insisting on its vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. ELLIOT, by leave, presented "resolve in favor of the widow of Col. Hiram Chapman, late Land Agent," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CRAM, the rules were suspended, and the Senate reconsidered its vote whereby the order relating to the pay of the Reporter of the Senate was passed.

Same Senator proposed an amendment, which was rejected.

The order was then passed.

Bill "an act to change the name of Emily F. Chadbourn," introduced in the House, and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SPRING,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor asking for the return of the bill entitled "an act to provide means for the defence of the northeastern frontier."

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. STETSON, the vote whereby the Senate indefinitely postponed bill "an act relating to the choice and duties of town auditors of accounts," was reconsidered.

Same Senator proposed an amendment, which was adopted.

Mr. BANKS proposed an amendment, which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STEWART, by leave, presented bill "an act explanatory of and amending an act additional to and amendatory of an act to provide means for the defence of the northeastern frontier," which was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURLEIGH, the vote whereby the Senate indefinitely postponed "resolve in favor of Houlton Academy," was reconsidered, and the resolve was laid on the table.

"Resolve on the pay roll of the House," was read twice, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. BRADBURY, from the Committee on Printing and Binding, to which was recommitted the contract with Messrs. Stevens &

Sayward, with certain instructions, reported a new contract with the same parties. The report was accepted, the contract read and approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the contract came back from the House approved in concurrence, and was by the Secretary lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

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

"An act allowing soldiers absent from the State in the military service to vote for electors of President and Vice President and for Representatives to Congress; also regulating the manner of electing Registers of Deeds, County Treasurer and County Commissioners, so that soldiers may be allowed to vote therefor";

"An act in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices and the place in which justice actions shall be commenced";

"An act requiring additional duties and providing for an increase of the salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court";

Which were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these several bills having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Senate met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec, bill "an act to enable stockholders in the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company to call a meeting for the choice of officers," was taken from the table. Same Senator moved to recede and concur with the House in passing the bill to be engrossed, which motion prevailed.

"Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate," was read twice under a suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to evidence in criminal proceedings," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came from the House passed to be engrossed. The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

On motion of Mr. MERROW, "resolve in favor of Houlton Academy" was taken from the table. On its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. SPRING, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Banks, Barrows, Beale, Bradbury, Burleigh, Cram, Elliot, Josselyn, Manson, Philbrick, Joseph A. Sanborn, Stevens, Stewart, True—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Dingley, Hale, Knight, Merrow, Spring, Talbot, Walker, Warren—8.

So the resolve was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Bill an act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Stevens & Sayward," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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

"Resolve inviting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to cooperate with Maine in extending aid to a military road from Bangor to the St. John river";

"Resolve on the pay roll of the House";

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Sarah Young";

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the Reform School";

"Resolve asking the United States government to provide proper defences for the northeastern frontier";

"Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to deposit funds of the State upon interest with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States";

"Resolve in favor of the widow of Col. Hiram Chapman, late Land Agent";

"Resolve for the purchase of copies of the revised statutes";

"Resolve remunerating the State Treasurer for negotiating the State loan";

- “Resolve to enable the State to meet any further call for troops”;
 - “Resolve relating to the establishment of a college for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts”;
 - “Resolve for the payment of expenses incurred in the Lincoln county election case”;
 - “Resolve in favor of Eliakim Wescott”;
 - “Resolve in relation to the national cemetery at Gettysburg”;
 - “Resolve relating to the State’s assuming liabilities of cities, towns and plantations in paying bounties”;
 - “Resolve in favor of Houlton Academy”;
 - “Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate”;
 - “Resolve in favor of Stevens and Sayward”;
- Which were finally passed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

- “An act relating to board of persons in Penobscot county jail”;
- “An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine General Provision Baptists”;
- “An act amending chapter 82, section 79 of the revised statutes relating to proceedings in court”;
- “An act to amend chapter 55, section 11 of the revised statutes relating to devises and donations to towns”;
- “An act to change the time of holding the August term of the Supreme Judicial Court for criminal business within the county of Penobscot”;
- “An act additional to chapter 82 of the revised statutes relating to proceedings in court”;
- “An act to change the name of Emily F. Chadbourne”;
- “An act to incorporate the Maine Manufacturing Company”;
- “An act changing the time of holding the March term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Aroostook county”;
- “An act relating to redemption of railroad mortgages by subsequent mortgagees, and for the better protection of bondholders”;
- “An act additional to an act entitled an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, approved March 25, A. D. 1858”;
- “An act amending an act providing bounties for soldiers”;
- “An act relating to reviews, writs of error and judgments, and executions therein”;
- “An act to change the time of holding the April term of the

Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Knox, and the time of holding the May term of said court in the county of Lincoln”;

“An act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway”;

“An act to repeal section 1 of chapter 264 of the acts of 1863 entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Belfast”;

“An act authorizing Job Lord and associates to extend a wharf at Winterport into the tide waters of the Penobscot river”;

“An act allowing qualified electors living on islands along the coast of this State and in other unincorporated places to vote for State and county officers in any adjacent town”;

“An act to provide in part for the expenses of government”;

“An act to enable stockholders in the Kennebec Railroad Company to call a meeting for the choice of officers”;

“An act to provide in part for the expenses of government”;

“An act explanatory of and amending an act to provide means for the defence of the northeastern frontier”;

“An act relating to criminal prosecutions”;

“An act relating to the choice and duties of town auditors of accounts”;

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

And these several bills and resolves having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. STEWART,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify Hon. John A. Peters of his election as Attorney General, and Hon. Isaac R. Clark of his election as Land Agent, for the current political year.

On motion of the same Senator,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it adjourn to meet this evening at half-past seven o'clock.

Bill “an act to define the extent and duration of the Lord’s day and to amend chapter 81 and chapter 124 of the revised statutes relating to the observance of the Sabbath,” reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, came up on its passage to be enacted.

Mr. STEWART moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed,

pending the consideration of which, on motion of Mr. STEVENS, the Senate adjourned.

EVENING.

Senate met according to adjournment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of bill "an act to define the duration and extent of the Lord's day," under consideration when the Senate adjourned.

The motion to indefinitely postpone the bill was lost, and the same was passed to be enacted, and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Communications were received from Hon. John A. Peters, Attorney General elect, and from Isaac R. Clark, Esq., Land Agent elect, severally signifying their acceptance of said offices.

The communications were read.

On motion of Mr. STEWART,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to inform the Governor and Council that Hon. John A. Peters has been duly elected Attorney General, and Hon. Isaac R. Clark has been elected Land Agent, severally for the current political year, and have signified their acceptance of said offices.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Order from the House :

That, the Senate concurring, both branches of the Legislature adjourn without day at a quarter before nine o'clock this evening ;
Was read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ELLIOT,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House, informing that body that the Senate has disposed of all business before it, and is ready to adjourn without day.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

A similar message was received from the House by Mr. Farwell of Rockland.

On motion of Mr. MERROW,

Ordered, That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate,

with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait on the Governor and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature having acted on all matters before them, are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

And Messrs. Manson of Penobscot, Merrow of Sagadahoc, and Stevens of Oxford, were appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down.

Subsequently the order came up from the House passed in concurrence, with Messrs. Barker of Stetson, Lynch of Portland, Bradbury of Hollis, Davis of Woodstock, Dillingham of Waterville, Hopkins of Ellsworth, and Watts of Wales, joined on the part of the House.

Mr. MANSON, from the above Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had waited on the Governor and delivered the message with which they were charged, who was pleased to say that he would communicate with the two Houses forthwith through the Secretary of State.

A message was received from the Governor through the Secretary of State, transmitting a list of Acts and Resolves passed by the Legislature during the session, which have received his official signature, numbering 184 acts and 90 resolves, and further stating that he had no further communication to make.

Mr. KNIGHT rose and said :

Mr. PRESIDENT :—Our labors here are ended, and the hour for our final separation has come. In accordance with customs, it devolves upon me as the only member of the present body, who does not fully approve all the measures of the party now dominant in our State and country, to present to you sir, our presiding officer, the tribute of thanks to which you are so justly entitled.

Mr. SECRETARY :—I hardly need say that no duty could give me more pleasure in its performance than the one now devolving upon me. Not one of us can fail to appreciate the ability, entire fairness and impartiality of our presiding officer, from the commencement of our labors here to the final close, and I know sir, that he will carry away with him the best wishes and the kindest regards of every member of this board.

I ask leave to lay upon the table the following resolve :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to Hon. GEORGE B. BARROWS, for the very able, kind, courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over and conducted our proceedings and deliberations the present session.

Mr. STEWART said :

Mr. SECRETARY :—To say that I cordially concur in every word which the Hon. Senator from Knox has just uttered, is but a feeble way of expressing the sense which we all have of the manner in which our presiding officer has conducted our deliberations the present session. To every legislative body it is of the utmost importance that its presiding officer should be able, kind, clear headed, impartial and inflexibly just. And I know, Sir, that there is not a Senator at this board, who does not feel that every one of these necessary qualities has been possessed by our presiding officer in a most eminent degree. Our selection at the commencement of the session, was a fortunate one. For myself, Sir, I have never known a better presiding officer—one who united more perfectly every quality which is indispensable to the correct discharge of the duties of the office. And now although we must separate, we shall each carry with us through all future life, a feeling of grateful kindness, and of the highest respect, for him who has so ably, so kindly, and so acceptably done so much to make our session pleasant to ourselves and satisfactory, I trust, to those who have confided their interests to our care.

I hope, sir, that the resolution of the Hon. Senator from Knox, will be unanimously passed, and I move that it be entered on the journal and records of the Senate.

Mr. SPRING of Cumberland, addressed the Senate in a brief speech.

Mr. BRADBURY said :

Mr. SECRETARY :—I concur most heartily in the sentiment offered by my friend, the Hon. Senator from Knox. Whatever of success has attended our efforts, has been due in a great measure to the skill and urbanity of our presiding officer. He has fairly earned the compliments bestowed upon him, and I doubt not every Senator will rise in favor of the resolve.

It became our duty in coming here, to throw aside all thoughts of private interests, and labor for the highest interests and prosperity of the State. Thus has the love in our hearts for our State been increased—our patriotism has been enlarged and strengthened.

Our beloved republic sits among the nations, sorrowful and dejected, weeping over the fate of her sons, whose warm blood is deluging the land—but thank God, there is hope yet, for already the golden light of a brighter morning than ever yet dawned upon her, gilds the eastern horizon, and the promise is full and glorious, that the Goddess of Liberty shall soon see the last slave walk forth a freeman.

I feel that we shall never forget the friendships here formed, but remember them as among the sunny spots of our lives.

Mr. SANBORN of Kennebec said :

MR. SECRETARY : I should do injustice to my feelings if I did not express in a more emphatic manner than by a simple vote my heartfelt concurrence in the sentiments expressed in the resolution offered by the Senator from Knox. When we came together at the commencement of the session, I was a stranger to many of the Senators at this board, with but little legislative experience, or knowledge of parliamentary rules, to guide me in the proper discharge of the duties devolving upon me, but the unvarying kindness and courtesy of the President extended to me, has been such as to greatly assist me and make my labors pleasant while endeavoring to perform those duties and discharge that trust which my constituents had reposed in me. For this kindness I wish to tender my heartfelt thanks. And to the Senators at this board, each and all, I wish to say that a remembrance of the intercourse had, and pleasing associations formed while we have been together, will be among the most cherished recollections of after life. The hour of separation has arrived, and to me it is, as I doubt not it is to all, an hour of mingled emotions of pleasure and pain—of pleasure that we are so soon to return to our own homes, to mingle with our own cherished family friends around our own firesides—of pain to think that those daily associations that have been *so pleasant, I believe to all of us*, are about to cease. But as the hour of parting has come, with no probability that we shall ever all meet again on earth, it affords me pleasure to be able to say that I part with each

Senator and officer with none other than cordial feelings of friendship and esteem.

In acting upon the measures that have been presented to us for our deliberation we have had to pass upon subjects that are of vital importance to the interest of our State. I think I can safely say it has been the earnest purpose of each Senator around this board to do what he believed would result in the lasting advantage to our loved State. How much wisdom may have characterized our efforts the future alone can determine. If our acts have been of such a character as to meet the approval of those who have sent us here, and to whom we are about to return to give an account of our stewardship, and we shall hear the "well done," we shall feel that we have not labored in vain.

And now permit me express the hope that one and all, officers and Senators, may be safely returned to happy homes to enjoy the society and friendship of our own cherished and loved ones for many years, and that we may all finally arrive at that home above, where these scenes of parting shall be never known.

The vote was taken by rising, and the resolve was unanimously passed.

The PRESIDENT spoke as follows :

SENATORS: Having finished our active labors as legislators, nothing remains for us but to submit our acts to a calm and impartial review, in advance of that close scrutiny to which they will be subjected by our constituents. Although questions of unusual magnitude have been presented for your consideration, and the ordinary applications for legislation have crowded thickly upon you, I bear willing testimony to the fact that you have with patience and fidelity given them close investigation, only desirous that the right of all parties should be respected, and the welfare of the State be promoted.

Rarely have the varied interests of our great State been so represented in every department as upon this floor during the present session; and when opinions have been expressed with so much intelligence and candor, and with the entire absence of party feeling, when the zeal and force of manhood have been so admirably tempered by the ripe experience and wisdom of age, we are not

surprised at the harmony which has followed, and which we have so much enjoyed.

Much of the labor of legislation is expended upon matters which are finally rejected, and while I claim in your behalf large credit for those things which you have done, I would not forget those things which you have left undone.

I confidently believe that those of our constituents who cannot subscribe to the doctrine that it requires the highest order of moral courage to dispense the bounty of the State with large liberality in seasons of danger and doubt, will kindly extend over our legislation the broad mantle of that charity which hopeth all things, and believeth all things.

It cannot have escaped your notice that on the part of individual Senators there have been no vain displays, no empty utterances, none of that low ambition which seeks for personal or partisan elevation at the State expense, and I cannot do otherwise than ascribe to you all a hearty willingness to discharge every duty however humble, preferring the popularity which follows, to that which is run after.

Gentlemen, for that is a higher title than that of Senators, allow me to thank you for the self respect and the manly dignity which have characterized your daily deportment, and which, while it has relieved me from all labor in presiding, has been to yourselves its own reward. Especially do I desire to return my sincere thanks for your kind words this evening. Let us return to our homes with a stronger attachment to our own commonwealth, and a deeper devotion to the Fatherland. May I in parting, restore our familiar "good bye," to its original terms and say to you all, God be with you.

Mr. ELLIOT offered the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be tendered to Ezra C. Brett, Esq., Secretary of the Senate, and Thomas P. Cleaves, Esq., Assistant Secretary, for the able and acceptable manner in which they have discharged the responsible duties of their respective offices. The resolution was unanimously passed.

Mr. BRETT in behalf of himself and Mr. Cleaves, returned thanks to the Senate.

Mr. DINGLEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be tendered to Increase Blake, Esq., Messenger, John S. Noyes, Assistant Messenger, and Charles B. Morton, Page, for the faithful and obliging manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

The resolve was passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. STEWART,

The Senate then adjourned *without day*.

EZRA C. BRETT, *Secretary*.

TITLES OF ACTS

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1864.

PUBLIC LAWS.

An act to further continue in force the provisions of chapter seventy-one of the laws of eighteen hundred sixty-two, concerning the suspension of specie payments.

to prevent enlistments in this state upon the quota of any other state.

to pay bounties to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes, who shall be credited on the quotas of Maine.

in relation to the use of depositions in certain cases.

to exempt a certain quantity of flax from attachment and execution.

additional to chapter eighty-one of the revised statutes in relation to writs in civil actions.

to amend chapter sixty-three of the revised statutes relating to the powers and duties of judges of probate.

to legalize the doings of cities, towns and plantations in raising bounties to be paid to volunteers, drafted men and their substitutes, since February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

providing bounties for soldiers.

to amend section nineteen of chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, for the better protection of travellers upon public ways contiguous to railroads and at railroad crossings.

authorizing the introduction in evidence, of office copies of custom house records and documents.

relating to rules of evidence.

additional to chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, relating to railroads.

additional to chapter twenty-two of the revised statutes, relating to division fences.

An act additional to chapter four of the revised statutes concerning elections.

to encourage manufactures.

to amend chapter sixteen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, entitled "an act relating to the discipline of the state prison."

additional to chapter one hundred and seven of the revised statutes, relating to the taking of depositions.

declaring the power and authority of trial justices.

additional to "an act to secure the safety and convenience of travellers on railroads, passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight."

to restrain illegal appropriation of public money.

establishing the weight of certain agricultural products.

to facilitate the detection and to prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills.

authorizing constables to serve processes in certain cases.

additional to chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes, relating to personal mortgages.

providing for the registration of births, marriages and deaths.

to amend section six of chapter six of the revised statutes, concerning the assessment and collection of taxes.

in addition to chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, in relation to railroads.

relating to proceedings in criminal cases in court.

to amend chapter one hundred and seventy-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-three, relating to stock insurance companies.

to define where inhabitants set off from one town and annexed to another, may vote in certain cases.

empowering courts of probate to authorize executors and other parties to refer or compromise claims in certain cases.

to amend chapter six, section twenty-eight of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes.

additional to chapter seventy-seven of the revised statutes, relating to the supreme judicial court.

to protect parties against the effects of perjury.

An act enforcing the provisions of law and treaties relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

to change the time of holding the August and November terms of the supreme judicial court in Oxford county.

relating to the duties and compensation of the secretary of state, and the clerks employed by him.

to provide support for the families of volunteers.

additional to chapter ninety of the revised statutes, relating to mortgages of real estate.

to amend an act to provide bounties to soldiers, approved February twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

additional to and amendatory of chapter forty of the revised statutes and chapter ninety-nine of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-two, relating to the inspection of fish.

to amend chapter thirty-eight of the revised statutes, relating to the sale of potatoes, corn, grain, vegetables, meal and hair.

relating to illegitimate children.

additional to section seventeen of chapter seventy-one of the revised statutes requiring certain proceedings by executors and administrators in the conveyance of real estate.

requiring the secretary of state to furnish the clerks of courts in the several counties, a list of all persons commissioned and qualified as justices of the peace, justices of the peace and quorum, trial justices and notaries public.

relating to the redemption of railroad mortgages by subsequent mortgagees, and for the better protection of bondholders.

to change the time of holding the August term of the supreme judicial court for criminal business, within the county of Penobscot.

in relation to the jurisdiction of trial justices, and the place in which justice actions shall be commenced.

relating to reviews, writs of error, and judgments and executions therein.

amending an act providing bounties for soldiers.

An act requiring additional duties and providing for an increase of the salaries of the justices of the supreme judicial court.

to amend chapter fifty-five, section eleven of the revised statutes, relating to devises and donations to towns.

amending chapter eighty-two, section seventy-nine of the revised statutes, relating to proceedings in court.

to change the time of holding the April term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Knox, and the time of holding the May term of said court in the county of Lincoln.

additional to chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes relating to proceedings in court.

additional to an act entitled "an act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops," approved March twenty-fifth, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred fifty-eight.

allowing qualified electors living on islands along the coast of this state, and in other unincorporated places, to vote for state and county officers in any adjacent town.

changing the time of holding the March term of the supreme judicial court in Aroostook county.

authorizing soldiers absent from the state in the military service to vote for electors of president and vice president, and for representatives to congress; also regulating the manner of electing registers of deeds, county treasurers and county commissioners, so that such soldiers may be allowed to vote therefor.

relating to the choice and duties of town auditors of accounts.

relating to evidence in criminal prosecutions.

to define the extent and duration of the Lord's day; and to amend chapter eighty-one and chapter one hundred twenty-four of the revised statutes, relating to the observance of the Sabbath.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

- An act to provide for an additional term of the court of county commissioners for the county of Knox.
- to change the name of the Maine State Seminary to that of Bates College, and to otherwise alter the charter of said corporation.
- to incorporate the Portland and Machias Steamboat Company.
- additional to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company.
- to authorize the city of Belfast to build a free bridge.
- to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Brunswick Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company."
- to incorporate the Portland Glass Company.
- to change the name of Frances Rebecca Perkins and for her adoption.
- additional to the several acts establishing the county of Piscataquis.
- to change the name of Gilbert W. Eldridge and children.
- to change the name of David Cushman.
- additional to an act to preserve the harbor of Portland.
- to incorporate the Portland and Damariscotta Steamboat Company.
- to prohibit gathering cranberries in the town of Cutler before the first day of September of each year.
- to provide in part for the expenditures of government.
- to change the town line between Thomaston and Warren.
- to change the name of Alpha M. Varnum.
- authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Somerset to reassess certain taxes.
- additional to an act entitled "an act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Atlantic Bank."
- additional to "an act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Maine."
- to incorporate the Floods Pond Dam Company.
- to incorporate the Baskahegan Dam Company.
- to incorporate the Farnsworth Manufacturing Company.

- An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, and to amend an act in addition thereto, approved June twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred forty-nine.
- to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company.
- to increase the capital stock of the Portland Company.
- to incorporate the Clinton Manufacturing Company.
- to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Franklin.
- to amend chapter two hundred and fifty-one, section seven of the special laws of eighteen hundred sixty-three, relating to expenditure of school money in Madawaska townships.
- authorizing the further extension of the European and North American Railway.
- extending the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company.
- to amend the charter of the Union Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Bangor.
- to change the name of Harriet Wells and for her adoption.
- to change the name of the Portland Five Cents Savings Institution.
- to incorporate the Passadumkeag Boom Company.
- to incorporate the Rokomaka Company.
- for the preservation of pickerel and trout in certain waters.
- to vest the franchise of the Proprietors of Merrymeeting Bridge in the city of Bath.
- authorizing the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company to extend their road in Bath.
- authorizing the expenditure of money for war purposes.
- to change the name of William Llewellyn Freeman and confer upon him the rights of inheritance.
- to incorporate the Lime Rock Railroad Company.
- to change the name of James H. Jordan and for his adoption.
- additional to the act to incorporate the Baskahegan Dam Company.
- to maintain a dam across Penamaquan river in Pembroke.
- to incorporate the Augusta Hotel Company.

- An act to incorporate the Bangor Historical Society.
to incorporate the Portland Rolling Mills.
to authorize Robert Long and others to extend their wharf beyond tide waters.
to set off part of the town of Scarborough, and annex the same to the town of Gorham.
to amend chapter six hundred and one of the special laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-six, incorporating the Auburn Village Corporation.
to incorporate the Swift River and Black Brook Improvement Company.
to incorporate the Parks Pond Dam Company.
to authorize James Thompson to build a wharf over tide waters.
to amend an act to incorporate the Passadumkeag Boom Company, approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred sixty-four.
to extend and amend "an act to establish the Dexter and Newport Railroad," approved March thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.
to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company.
to incorporate the officers and members of Monument Lodge.
to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation."
additional to revive and amend "an act to authorize the town of Wiscasset to aid in the construction of the Kennebec and Wiscasset Railroad."
relating to prisoners in the county of Sagadahoc.
to establish the compensation of the county treasurer of the county of Cumberland.
to provide for the adoption of William Samuel McCausland.
to incorporate the Foreign Emigrant Association of Maine.
to change the name of certain persons.
authorizing the reassessment of certain taxes in the town of Alton.
to amend chapter two hundred fifty-three of the special laws of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, entitled "an act in reference to the claims of Miles Wilson upon the county of Penobscot."

An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters in the town of Friendship.

to incorporate the Lovell Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

to incorporate the Bowdoin Mills.

to make valid certain doings of the town of Dexter.

to incorporate the Casco Copper Company.

authorizing the inhabitants of the towns of Dennysville and Edmunds to take measures for the preservation of salmon in Denny's river.

additional to an act entitled "an act to amend the charter of the Piscataquis Mutual Insurance Company.

to incorporate the Bangor and Brewer Street Railroad Company.

to establish the Bangor Wet Dock Company.

to incorporate the Franklin Telegraph Company.

to incorporate the Beaver Brook Dam Company.

to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company.

to make valid the doings of the town of Bethel in exempting certain mill property from taxation.

to incorporate the Passadumkeag Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the town of Mt. Chase.

to incorporate the Veazie Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Cumberland Iron Company.

to incorporate the town of Ludlow.

for the protection of trout in Goose pond.

to incorporate the Portland Cordage Company.

additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Log Driving Company.

to incorporate the Wawenock Steamboat Company.

to incorporate the Skowhegan Water Power Company.

to change the name of William H. M. Melcher.

authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Camden.

authorizing Zenas Morton to construct a fish weir in Johnson's bay, Lubec.

additional to an act to set off certain lands from the town of Frankfort and annex the same to the town of Monroe.

to incorporate the Fayette Manufacturing Company.

An act relating to the charter of Limerick Academy.

in addition to "an act to incorporate the Upper Stillwater Bridge," approved February nineteen, eighteen hundred thirty-five.

to make valid the doings of the town of Waterville.

authorizing the construction of a wharf in the town of Damariscotta.

to authorize the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company to extend the track of its road in Augusta.

to authorize the city of Portland to exempt the Portland Glass Company from taxation.

to incorporate the Bangor Company.

to authorize the collection of a tax in the town of New Sharon.

to amend an act to establish a police court in the city of Rockland.

to incorporate the Brewer Branch Railroad Company.

to incorporate the Penobscot County Fair Ground Company. amendatory of, and in addition to "an act to incorporate the city of Lewiston."

changing the name of the St. Albans Academy, situate in Hartland, in the county of Somerset.

to make valid the doings of the town of Wilton, in the county of Franklin.

to provide means for the defence of the northeastern frontier.

for the assessment of a state tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, amounting to one million three hundred twenty-one thousand five hundred seventy-nine dollars and forty-one cents.

to repeal section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-four of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-three entitled "an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Belfast."

to incorporate the Maine Manufacturing Company.

authorizing James Lord and associates to extend a wharf at Winterport into the tide waters of Penobscot river.

to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway.

An act relating to board of persons in Penobscot county jail.
to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine General Provision
Baptists.
to change the name of Emily F. Chadbourn.
explanatory of, and amending an act additional to and
amendatory of an act to provide means for the defence
of the northeastern frontier.
to enable stockholders in the Kennebec and Portland Rail-
road Company to call a meeting for the choice of officers.
to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

TITLES OF RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1864.

Resolves relating to the inadequate facilities for travel and transportation of troops between New York and Washington, making a conditional grant to the president and trustees of Bates College.

authorizing a temporary loan.

Resolve in favor of the Sandy River Bank.

to authorize the land agent to deed Hazen Keech a certain lot of land.

for the repair of the bridge over the Molunkus stream in Macwahoc plantation.

for building ice cutters and breakwaters for the protection of the piers and abutments of the Mattawamkeag bridge, in Mattawamkeag, and for other repairs.

Resolves for the benefit of Charles A. Clark of Phipsburg.

Resolve in favor of Henry Burns.

establishing a valuation of certain towns and plantations in the county of Aroostook.

in relation to the establishment of a United States general hospital in this state.

in favor of the town of Lowell.

in favor of Nicolar Andrew Dana.

in favor of Peol Sockis.

in favor of Eliza C. Prouty of township number two, range three, in the county of Aroostook.

to appropriate money for the repairs of the Rocky Rips bridge in township number one, Penobscot county.

establishing the valuation of the towns of Columbia and Columbia Falls.

relating to the president and vice president of the United States.

- Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this state.
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