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IN SENATE, February 23, 1866.

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, seventy-five copies of which shall be bound, and cause three copies of the same to be distributed to each of the members of this Senate; one copy to each of the Senators for 1867, the Governor and Council, Heads of Departments and Collegiate Institutions, and deposit the remaining copies in the State Library.

Read and passed.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

AUGUSTA,  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1866. }

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,	CHARLES E. WELD, NATHANIEL HOBBS, JEREMIAH M. MASON.
<i>Second District,</i>	CUMBERLAND,	GEORGE W. WOODMAN, SAMUEL A. HOLBROOK, GEORGE PEIRCE, DANIEL T. RICHARDSON.
<i>Third District,</i>	OXFORD,	WILLIAM WIRT VIRGIN, THOMAS CHASE.
<i>Fourth District,</i>	ANDROSCOGGIN,	ADNA C. DENISON.
<i>Fifth District,</i>	FRANKLIN,	CORNELIUS STONE.
<i>Sixth District,</i>	SAGadahoc,	THOMAS J. SOUTHARD.
<i>Seventh District,</i>	KENNEBEC,	CROSBY HINDS, GEORGE W. PERKINS, THOMAS B. READ.
<i>Eighth District,</i>	SOMERSET,	ASA W. MOORE, HENRY BOYNTON.
<i>Ninth District,</i>	PISCATAQUIS,	JOHN H. RAMSDELL.
<i>Tenth District,</i>	PENOBSCOT,	AUGUSTUS D. MANSON, LEWIS BARKER, JOSEPH W. PORTER.

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<i>Eleventh District,</i>	LINCOLN,	ISAAC T. HOBSON.
<i>Twelfth District,</i>	KNOX,	NATHANIEL A. BURPEE.
<i>Thirteenth Dist.,</i>	WALDO,	ADONIRAM J. BILLINGS,
		PARKER G. EATON.
<i>Fourteenth Dist.,</i>	HANCOCK,	EBEN M. HAMOR,
		CHARLES J. ABBOTT.
<i>Fifteenth Dist.,</i>	WASHINGTON,	ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.
<i>Sixteenth Dist.,</i>	AROOSTOOK,	BENJAMIN HAWES.

The Senators elect were called to order by THOMAS P. CLEAVES, Esq., Secretary of the Senate of 1865.

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

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN,

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. Woodman subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and the Governor was pleased to 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 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. PEIRCE,

Messrs. Peirce of Cumberland, Hamor of Hancock, and Porter of Penobscot, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President of the Senate.

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

Whole number of ballots is	26
Necessary for a choice,	14
William Wirt Virgin has	26

The report was accepted, and Hon. WILLIAM WIRT VIRGIN was declared duly elected President of the Senate for the current political year.

Mr. Virgin was conducted to the Chair by Mr. Manson of Penobscot, and Mr. Hinds of Kennebec, and thereupon addressed the Senate as follows :

SENATORS :—I cannot enter upon the official duties with which you have just charged me, without tendering to you my warmest thanks for this distinguished honor, and assuring you that nothing could tempt me to accept this high position but the reflection that the same kindness which has elevated me hither will sustain me with its sympathy and charity.

You do not expect me to *add* honor to the place which has been so highly honored by the many distinguished men who have preceded me here, neither do you expect me to *dishonor* it. I *cannot* do the *former*, and I promise you I *will not* do the *latter*.

While it is no part of my duty, at this, or any other time, to discourse to you concerning your State or National obligations, it may not be improper for me to remind you that this is the first meeting of this body since the commencement of the new epoch in American history ; for since the adjournment of the Legislature, the great, the accursed Slave Rebellion, with all its “ infernal enginery of treason,” through the strong right arms and heroic souls of a million and a half of our youth who have so valiantly “ trodden the wine press” of a thousand battle-fields, has succumbed ; and we have arrived at that first bright spot beyond the gloom—always visible to the patriot—where we can catch a partial glimpse, at least, of the sweet countenance of the Angel of Peace.

Most nobly have the Saviors of the Republic performed their duties ; and never will the voice or the pen of the patriot tire in their praise, or cease to acknowledge in a befitting manner, their unchallenged claims to our love and admiration.

But, Senators, the organized brute force of the rebellion being crushed, now comes the crisis which is to measure and test the wisdom and statesmanship of the Nation as it has never been tested since the formation of the Constitution. Instruct your statesmen in the National Legislature to see to it, that those rivers of precious blood that have been shed by your sons, and those mints of wealth that have been expended, shall not turn out to

have been shed and spent in vain. Now that the great primeval cause of the conflict is removed, to see to it, that this "scum of all villainies," in all its aspects,—“its airy and arrogant chivalries,” its conventional dreamings, its bastard imitation of lordly bearings, and its Northern sympathetic incantations,—be destroyed in its very spirit and essence, and that American Citizenship shall so construct its iron roads across its grave, that its resurrection shall never have a “local habitation or a name” in the most airy imagination of the most ardent worshipper of *caste* in christendom.

Thanking you again for the honor conferred, I am ready to entertain any motion proper for completing the organization of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STONE,

Messrs. Stone of Franklin, Hobbs of York, and Hawes of Aroostook, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort 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
Thomas P. Cleaves has	27

The report was accepted, and THOMAS P. CLEAVES, Esq., of Brownfield, was declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate for the current political year.

Mr. Cleaves 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 James R. Milliken, Esq., authorized by *dedimus potestatem*, and entered upon the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS,

Messrs. Perkins of Kennebec, Burpee of Knox, and Porter of Penobscot, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

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

Whole number of ballots is	28
Necessary for a choice,	15
Whiting S. Clark has	28

The report was accepted, and WHITING S. CLARK of Sangerville, was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. HINDS,

Messrs. Hinds of Kennebec, Ramsdell of Piscataquis, and Hobson of Lincoln, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Messenger of the Senate.

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

Whole number of ballots is	27
Necessary for a choice,	14
Increase Blake has	27

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

On motion of Mr. HAMOR,

Messrs. HAMOR of Hancock, Boynton of Somerset, and Hawes of Aroostook, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Messenger of the Senate.

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

Whole number of ballots is	25
Necessary for a choice,	13
Edgar M. Robbins has,	25

The report was accepted, and Edgar M. Robbins of Union, was declared duly elected Assistant Messenger of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. STONE,

*Ordered*, That the Rules and Orders for 1865, be and continue to be the Rules and Orders of this Senate until otherwise ordered.

On motion of the same Senator,

*Ordered*, the House concurring, That the Joint Rules and Orders for 1865, be adopted as the Joint Rules and Orders of this Legislature until otherwise ordered.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE, that Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate is duly organized by the choice of Hon. William Wirt Virgin as President, and Thomas P. Cleaves, Esq., as Secretary.

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

On motion of Mr. PORTER, 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. William Wirt Virgin as President, and Thomas P. Cleaves, Esq., as Secretary.

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

Mr. STONE presented the following :

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate invite the clergymen of Hallowell and Augusta, and members of the Legislature who are clergymen, to officiate as Chaplains, in rotation, during the present session ;

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, the order was amended by striking out the words, " members of the Legislature who are clergymen," and inserting in lieu thereof the word " Gardiner"; and, as amended, passed.

On motion of Mr. STONE,

*Ordered*, the House concurring, That all petitions for private legislation except " petitions for redress of wrongs and grievances," which shall be presented to this Legislature after the first day of February next, be referred to the next Legislature, and that this order be published in the Kennebec Journal until that date.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, by leave, laid upon the table " resolves in relation to the assumption of the State and municipal war debts by the general government."

Same Senator presented the following :

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish to each Senator, to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, the Messenger and Assistant Messenger, two copies of the Daily Kennebec Journal, and also furnish to each, on application, a convenient and suitable fixture for preserving one copy on file ;

Which was read, and on the question of its passage, on motion of Mr. BARKER, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Boynton, Hawes, Mason, Moore, Perkins, Stone, Virgin, Weld—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbott, Barker, Billings, Burpee, Campbell, Chase, Eaton, Hamor, Hinds, Hobbs, Hobson, Holbrook, Manson, Peirce, Porter, Ramsdell, Read, Richardson, Southard, Woodman—20.

So the order was refused a passage.

On motion of Mr. STONE,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure a copy of "Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer," for the use of the Senate.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. MANSON, the vote whereby the Senate passed the above order was reconsidered, and the same refused a passage.

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

*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.

On motion of Mr. HAMOR,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate procure the printing of seventy-five diagrams of the Senate Chamber for the use of the Senate.

On motion of the same Senator,

*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 each of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary.

On motion of Mr. HINDS,

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

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

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

*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. Barker of Penobscot, Denison of Androscoggin, Mason of York, Read of Kennebec, Billings of Waldo, Campbell of Washington, and Holbrook of Cumberland, were appointed said Committee.

Mr. STONE presented the following :

*Ordered*, That the delegation from Franklin county inquire if the salary of the Register of Probate for that county as now fixed by law, is adequate to the services rendered, and report by bill or otherwise ;

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

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

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN,

*Ordered*, That the returns of votes for Governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State, for the current political year, be referred to a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

And Messrs. Woodman of Cumberland, Perkins of Kennebec, Weld of York, Moore of Somerset, Eaton of Waldo, Abbott of Hancock, and Burpee of Knox, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Messrs. Stetson of Bangor, Fairbanks of Farmington, Milliken of Burnham, Bradbury of Hollis, Sawyer of Raymond, Jordan of Danville, Bradford of Houlton, Woodman of Bucksport, Foster of Waterville, Farrington of Fryeburg, Hunt of Bath, Webber of St. Albans, Coffin of Harrington, Kenniston of Boothbay, and Bryant of Dover.

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Mr. Williams of Augusta, informing the Senate that the House is duly organized by the choice of Hon. James M. Stone of Kennebunk, as Speaker, and Franklin M. Drew, Esq., of Brunswick, as Clerk.

On motion of Mr. MANSON,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ricker of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Mr. CAMPBELL announced the attendance of Hon. Charles H. Smith, Senator elect from the Fifteenth Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified.

Mr. Campbell was directed by the President to conduct Mr. Smith, 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. Campbell subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Smith 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. Smith thereupon appeared and took his seat at the Senate Board.

Mr. WOODMAN, 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	86,073
Necessary for a choice,	43,037
Samuel Cony has	54,430
Joseph Howard,	31,609
John Howard,	19
Joseph H. Howard,	1
Hiram Ruggles,	1
Returned as scattering,	13

The blank returns from Etna, Penobscot county, were duly signed by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, but no votes returned as cast. The returns from No. 10, Hancock county, indicate that there were three votes cast, but without stating for whom. Re-

turns were received from a few of the small towns and plantations without having been sealed. These votes were allowed and counted. 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 the State of Maine for the current political year.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

*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 duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year.

And Messrs. Barker of Penobscot, Abbott of Hancock, and Smith of Washington, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the order came back passed in concurrence, with Messrs. Wilson of Rockland, Fulton of Bluehill, Jackson of Brunswick, Jordan of Danville, Hanson of Buxton, Hathaway of Skowhegan, and Estabrook of Oldtown, joined on the part of the House.

Mr. Barker subsequently reported that the Committee had waited upon the Governor elect and informed him of his election, and that he was pleased to 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 oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. PEIRCE presented the following :

*Ordered*, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be directed to remove the coal furnaces in the Senate Chamber, and have the Chamber warmed with wood fires ;

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

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Franklin M. Drew, Esq., its Clerk, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day, at twelve o'clock M., 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.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, the order relating to the removal of coal furnaces, was taken from the table.

Mr. MANSON proposed an amendment by inserting after the word "directed" the word "forthwith," which was adopted and the order passed.

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

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. PORTER of the Senate,

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 Porter 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 Council and Heads of Departments, 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 qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

Hon. Ephraim Flint, 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 Samuel Cony, and that he is duly elected, and he having in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature in Convention

assembled, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge the duties of that office, I therefore declare and make known to all persons in this State who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as all good citizens thereof, that 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.

Thereupon, the Governor addressed the Convention as follows :

*Gentlemen of the Senate*

*and House of Representatives :*

I congratulate you that we meet under happier auspices than have attended the inauguration of the government of the State for five years past. By the goodness of Providence the clouds of war have rolled away from our skies, and the sun of peace, shining again in full effulgence, gilds and blesses, with its beneficent rays, our battle-rent and blood-stained country. The mighty conflict of arms has ceased, and leaves the government of the Union master of the field, its flag floating in unchallenged supremacy over its ancient and rightful boundaries. That blot which tarnished its escutcheon and was so long our reproach among the nations, has been effaced. The republic, regenerate and enfranchised by the fearful baptism of blood, has vindicated its right to be called "the land of the free." The mighty armies, beneath whose tread the continent has shaken, returning to their homes, have been quietly absorbed into the ranks of the citizen whence they sprung, again to embrace their old employments, dissipating every apprehension which their vastness excited and allaying every fear that we were to become the subjects of a military despotism.

It is our happiness this day to behold enrolled among your members, numerous gentlemen, who at the call of their country, disregarding every impulse but that of patriotic duty, went forth to do battle in her behalf, nor ceased their service so long as it was needed. The State is honored by such sons, and her councils cannot fail to be strengthened by their presence. I bid you welcome

to these seats, as the representatives of those glorious armies of citizen soldiers, which have achieved the deliverance of our nation from its imminent peril.

The year which has closed upon us, filled, as it has been, with causes of joy and congratulation, has, nevertheless, been marked by one event that will ever constitute a sad page in our history. While the people were rejoicing in those thick-thronging successes, the harbingers of returning peace, as the light was breaking around the whole horizon, the marked man of this country, the best beloved of the nation, fell by the assassin's hand. The bullet which struck down Abraham Lincoln, pierced the bosom of millions, plunged the nation in mourning and shocked the moral sense of mankind. With no single quality of character or act of his life calculated to inspire revenge, this man with heart lacerated by the calamities which had befallen his country, yet filled with the kindest purposes towards the deluded authors of them, was suddenly and wickedly slain. Having filled the measure of his earthly fame, through a period of civil administration the most difficult that ever fell to the lot of a public man, denied the gratification he might well have promised himself in the serener and more peaceful days then dawning, "with malice towards none and charity for all," he was summoned to go hence. His name stands in isolated and unapproachable grandeur, associated with an act of beneficence and justice which will shed a halo of glory around it that time cannot efface or obscure. The tears and thanks of enfranchised millions will forever ascend a grateful incense to his memory. Friend of our country, friend of the human race, farewell!

#### MILITARY HISTORY.

At the first summons of the nation to arms the citizens of Maine, from the field, the shop, the ship, the dock yards, the institutions of learning, men of all professions, trades and pursuits, rallied with an enthusiasm and alacrity surpassed by no others, to her defence, and as the weary years of strife rolled on they did not abate their loyalty nor withhold the full measure of support required at their hands. Equivalent to three regiments of cavalry, one regiment of heavy, and seven batteries of light artillery, thirty-one full regiments of infantry, seven companies of sharpshooters, and thirty companies of infantry assigned to regimental organizations, and seven companies of coast guards were raised and mustered

into the service of the United States from Maine. These with the recruits which, during the war, were constantly forwarded to reinforce their continually melting ranks, with the naval enlistments, according to the report of the Provost Marshal General of the United States, up to the thirtieth of April, 1865, reached the number of 71,558 men, being more than one tenth of the population and largely more than a majority of the heaviest vote ever polled in the State. The number of men embraced in all the calls upon this State for troops during the war, was 72,227; leaving a balance of but 669 to be supplied when the orders to stop the draft were issued in April last. These would have been furnished in a very few days, as recruiting was then being prosecuted with great vigor and success. I do not hesitate to express the opinion that no State contributed a larger proportion of its own citizens in filling quotas than Maine.

Since the close of active hostilities in April, the following organizations belonging to this State, have been mustered out of service, viz:—The 1st and 2d regiments of cavalry, the 1st regiment of heavy artillery, the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th batteries of light artillery, the 1st veteran, 9th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 30th and 31st regiments of infantry, seven companies of coast guards and a large number of recruits who had not left the State. The 12th and 14th regiments, whose terms of enlistment expired in 1864, and which were mustered out that year, were subsequently reorganized in 1865. The number of commissions issued by the Executive of Maine during the war was 4,295, of which 2,084 were by Governor Washburn in 1861 and 1862, 819 by Governor Coburn in 1863, and the residue by the present Executive in 1864 and 1865. These do not, of course, embrace that number of individuals, as very many were promotions.

At this time there still remain in service the following of our organizations, viz:—The 8th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 29th regiments and one battalion of infantry. Some discontent has arisen from the fact that certain organizations have been discharged which had been in service but a short time, while others, who had served longer, have been retained. This has frequently but unjustly been attributed to improper influences. I believe it to be due entirely to the accident that these regiments belong to the army corps upon which the duty devolved of remaining south, and that similar results would have followed if it had fallen to the lot of any other

corps to have been assigned to this position. I am assured by the Secretary of War that the remaining organizations shall be mustered out and discharged at the earliest moment it can be done with safety to the interests of the country.

It is unnecessary, and would be unbecoming, to speak boastfully of the services of the soldiers of Maine. She has no reason to blush for their conduct upon any occasion. All did their duty according to their opportunity, and very many covered themselves with distinguished honor. The inscriptions on their battle-flags which greet the eye of the visitor to this Capitol, tell the story of their deeds.

I beg leave to express the hope that a full history of each of the different military organizations from this State, which participated in the war, may be written by some one of their intelligent and accomplished members, of whom there were so many. This is the time to do it while events are fresh in memory and there are so many living witnesses to correct errors or misstatements. It would be a most important contribution to the historic annals of the State, increasing in value with the lapse of years and securing justice to our gallant soldiers in more ample measure than they will otherwise obtain.

The records of the government exhibit the fact that of the soldiers we furnished, eight thousand four hundred and forty-six perished, either being slain in battle or died of wounds received or disease contracted in the service, a large portion of whom lie sleeping upon the fields where the salvation of the nation was achieved, in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas, Florida and Louisiana.

Among the losses we deplore are

Maj. Gen. Hiram G. Berry, formerly Colonel of 4th Infantry, killed in action.

Brig. Gen. Charles D. Jameson, formerly Colonel of 2d Infantry, deceased.

Brig. Gen. Hiram Burnham, formerly Colonel of 6th Infantry, killed in action.

Col. Thomas H. Marshall, 7th Infantry, deceased.

Col. Calvin S. Douty, 1st Cavalry, killed at Aldie, Va., June 18, '63.

Col. Freeman McGilvery, 1st Mounted Artillery, died of wounds.

Col. Daniel Chaplin, 1st Heavy Artillery, killed in action August 20, '64.

Lt. Col. William S. Heath, 5th Infantry, killed at battle of Fair Oaks.

Lt. Col. Robert J. Gray, 9th Infantry, killed in action.

Lt. Col. Winslow P. Spofford, 11th Infantry, died of wounds June 17, '64.

Lt. Col. Charles S. Bickmore, 14th Infantry, killed in action October 19, '64.

Lt. Col. Stephen Boothby, 1st Cavalry, died of wounds.

Lt. Col. George F. Leppien, 1st Mounted Artillery, died of wounds May 24, '63.

Lt. Col. Edwin Burt, 3d Infantry, killed in action May 6, '64.

Lt. Col. George W. Sabine, 1st Heavy Artillery, died of wounds.

Major Wm. C. Morgan, 3d Infantry, killed in action May 23, '64.

Major Wm. L. Pitcher, 4th Infantry, killed at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, '62.

Major Eben Whitcomb, 4th Infantry, deceased Oct. 5, '63.

Major Robert H. Gray, 4th Infantry, died of wounds May 9, '64.

Major Joel A. Haycock, 6th Infantry, killed at Fredericksburg May 3, '63.

Major James P. Jones, 7th Infantry, killed at Ft. Stevens, Washington, D. C.

Major O'Neil W. Robinson, 1st Mounted Artillery, deceased.

Major Archibald D. Leavitt, 16th Infantry, died of wounds.

Major Ellis M. Sawyer, 17th Infantry, killed in action Nov. 27, '63.

Major Samuel T. Keene, 20th Infantry, killed in action.

Major Joseph D. Bullen, 28th Infantry, killed by a member of his regiment.

Major Charles W. Nute, 1st Heavy Artillery, deceased.

Major Wm. Knowlton, 29th Infantry, died of wounds Sept. 20, '64.

Major Wm. R. Carrier, 31st Infantry, died of wounds Aug. 24, '64;

and staff and line officers to the number of two hundred and fifty —too long a catalogue for recital upon this occasion. All of these

were soldiers of conspicuous gallantry and each worthy of the highest eulogy, but which the limits of this address will not permit. The residue of the perished thousands, composed of non-commissioned officers and privates, contained the flower and hope of many a home. To these vast losses, alike the sources of her sorrow and her pride, Maine points as the sacrifices she has laid upon the altar of her country. Peace to their ashes, honor to their memories and thanks to God that they have not died in vain.

In addition to these are six thousand six hundred and forty-two soldiers mustered out of the service for disabilities resulting from the casualties of battle or sickness of the camp. How many of them have gone down to untimely graves, I have no means of knowing, nor how many are dragging out a life of lingering suffering. I have endeavored to obtain from the war department, a list of such as perished in rebel prisons, but have been unable to procure it in season for this communication.

The war being ended and the measure of the sacrifices and services of the soldiers of our State known, I submit that some testimonial is due to the memory of the dead and equally to the more fortunate living, as broad as the authority of the State, in token of its appreciation and gratitude.

Other States are erecting monuments to their slain, and it is befitting that we should erect some enduring memorial in honor of the dead who have perished in our behalf. So numerous are these that it would not be practicable to erect statues or monuments to all, but a work of art, worthy the State and worthy the subject, might be devised which will accomplish the object. This form of commemoration is usual among all civilized nations, and by it is nursed that spirit of manly patriotism ever their refuge and defence in the hour of danger. I know of no mode by which it can be so properly done as at the expense of the State. It is her debt and I believe the people desire its payment. This is the suitable time when the sacrifices of our heroic martyrs are fresh in memory; let it not be postponed till recollection of their virtues becomes dim, and, least of all, let us not shirk a public duty, trusting that private munificence and private sensibilities will supply a public neglect.

For the living, it has occurred to me that a simple medal with suitable inscriptions might be struck and furnished to each soldier who has been in the service and honorably discharged. This recognition by the State will gratify the pride of the soldier and become an invaluable heir-loom to his family when he shall pass away.

But the erection of monuments to the dead and the bestowal of medals on the surviving, alone, will not satisfy the public conscience, for the duty of the State is thus but in part discharged. Many households there are upon whom penury has laid his chill hand, for their prop and support, the father or husband has given

his life to his country. Many soldiers there are who in the same cause, though their lives have been spared, have received such injuries as absolutely to incapacitate them from supporting themselves or families. The government of the United States bestows a pension upon all these, but so small as to be inadequate to their necessities. Under such circumstances, I conceive that an imperative obligation rests upon the State to interpose and ameliorate the condition of the sufferers. The impulses of humanity and a sense of duty alike demand it. The orphans of the soldier who has sacrificed all for his country, have a right to demand it. The soldier whose life is about all that has been spared him, can well claim that he shall not be made either a mendicant or a pauper. Failing to provide for these classes, every sufferer would be a living reproach to the State. As to the best means of making this provision, so that the meritorious and deserving may be suitably cared for and at the same time to guard against imposition upon the State, it will be for you to select some of the modes which the philanthropic minds of the country have devised, if, as I cannot doubt, you shall concur in the opinions here expressed. It may be desirable, for the purpose of procuring statistics as to the numbers needing relief, and evidence of the best methods of affording it, and the limitations by which it shall be surrounded, that a commission shall be instituted, so that final action may not be reached the present session of the Legislature. There is one thing which can and should be done, and that is to enact a law that no soldier of sober habits, incapacitated by injuries received in the discharge of his duty while in the military service, or his family, who shall require aid from any city or town, shall thereby become paupers or subjected to any disability in consequence thereof, and that this provision shall be extended to the families of such as have died in the service or in consequence of injuries received therein.

The whole subject is submitted to your consideration, with entire confidence that you will meet it as it deserves and so dispose of it that it shall not be said that Maine is unmindful or neglectful of her duty to those who have suffered for their country.

Soon after the battle of Gettysburg, under the immediate auspices of the Governor of Pennsylvania, a movement was set on foot for the consecration of a National Cemetery and the erection of a monument to the memory of the soldiers who fell in that memorable engagement. This State, co-operating with the others

which suffered upon that occasion, has contributed its share to accomplish the work, and the same, now in course of rapid completion, will be a fitting testimony in honor of the dead.

The State authorities in Maryland are moving for a similar object on the battle-field of Antietam, and Maine has been invited by the Governor of that State to unite in the effort. In that conflict, as in all others in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged, this State contributed her proportion of the slain. It is due to the memory of those who lie there, that the spot where they rest should be suitably marked and consecrated. I shall submit the communication from the Governor of Maryland and commend the same to your favorable consideration.

#### MILITARY AGENCIES.

The agencies for the care of our soldiers have been discontinued and the various organizations maintained, especially by the ladies of the State, for their relief, have closed their labors. To these, as well as to the noble women who have gone to the front, and with that patience and tenderness belonging only to their sex, have watched and waited by the couch of the sick, wounded and dying soldier in his agony, I tender the thanks and acknowledgment of the State. Among these, and as most conspicuous, I do not deem it invidious to mention the names of Mrs. Sampson and Mrs. Mayhew, who may well be styled the Florence Nightingales of Maine. The United States General Hospital at this place has been closed by order of the Government. The number of patients who have been admitted and received treatment in it during the last eighteen months, is thirty-seven hundred and sixty-four, all of whom, with the exception of one hundred and fifty, were soldiers belonging to this State. Of these but eighty-six have died, more than two thousand returned to active duty, eleven hundred discharged the service, the residue transferred to the veteran reserve corps, other hospitals and deserted; the number of the last class being very small.

This hospital has been the source of great relief to the soldiers and comfort to their friends. For the past year it has been in charge of Brevet Lieut. Col. Derby, to whom, as well as to his assistants, I tender my thanks for the fidelity and kindness with which they have discharged their duties. For the present and un-

til the residue of our regiments are mustered out of the service, a post hospital will be maintained here.

#### REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

The forthcoming Report of the Adjutant General, embracing the operations of his office for the years 1864 and 1865 and the history of our soldiers for the same period, will constitute a most full and complete compendium of facts invaluable to them and their friends as furnishing the clew by which their rights may be effectively secured. It will be an enduring monument to the ability and indefatigable industry of that officer. You are respectfully referred to it for suggestions in relation to the organization of the militia of the State.

#### FINANCE.

Passing from these considerations, your attention is invited to the financial condition of the State as it was at the outbreak of the rebellion and as it is at the close of the year 1865. On the first day of January, A. D. 1861, the funded debt of the State was \$699,500. At the commencement of the present year, it is \$5,-164,500. The difference between these sums does not exhibit the amount of State expenditure made directly in aid of government in the prosecution of the war, for the debt existing at its commencement has been reduced \$197,500, and a very large amount added to the current revenues of the treasury from the increased taxation which has been imposed upon the citizens of the State from year to year, during the continuation of the struggle. The expenditure for war purposes, embracing the outfitting of the first ten regiments, bounties, aid to families of soldiers, for sick and wounded and other objects, including interest on the war debt, reaches the sum of \$7,357,572.97, distributed among the different years as follows :

1861,	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,008,578	17
1862,	.	.	.	.	.	165,878	60
1863,	.	.	.	.	.	642,030	90
1864,	.	.	.	.	.	3,784,481	55
1865,	.	.	.	.	.	1,756,603	75

Of these sums there has been paid for bounties alone, including scrip issued to soldiers since the eighteenth day of February last, \$4,578,636.00. The amount advanced by cities and towns for aid

to families of soldiers to January 1, 1865, was \$1,599,536.66, which has been refunded by the State or provision made therefor. To this is to be added the estimated sum of \$400,000.00, being advances for the same purpose in 1865, which has been already provided for by the tax for that year. The returns have not been received from the cities and towns, so that the precise sum cannot be stated, but the estimate is believed to be large enough to cover it. Deducting from the foregoing aggregate the three hundred and twenty thousand dollars refunded by the United States, the State has expended \$7,037,572.97 already for the support of the war including interest on war debts, exceeding the amount of war loans including scrip by \$2,217,572.97.

The expenditure of 1861 was largely for outfitting the regiments raised that year, the expense of doing so having been cheerfully assumed by the State in consequence of the utter want of preparation on the part of the government of the United States to meet the terrible emergency in which it found itself, its financial credit at the outbreak of the rebellion being far weaker than at any subsequent period of the struggle. The greater portion of these advances are still due from the United States, and the accounts, at this time, are in process of examination. These claims will be pressed to a settlement at the earliest possible moment, and I trust the State may realize what is fairly due to it. She made the advances in an ungrudging spirit, at a time when it was uncertain whether there would remain a government to refund. Under these circumstances, a liberal allowance of the expenditures, though not vouched strictly according to "regulations," may fairly be claimed. Beyond all these for us large amounts, returns received from the cities, towns and plantations of the State, under the requirements of the law, show that they are in debt, not less than \$6,556,183, which they have paid for bounties. To this sum is to be added whatever has been obtained by taxation for this purpose, there being many towns who have so raised a portion of the bounties paid by them; and still others which have assessed and collected the whole amount without recourse to taxes and are free from debt on that account. Putting all these sums together, there has been expended by the people of this State for the support of the national cause \$14,093,572, for which they owe to-day about \$12,000,000, saying nothing about private contributions, which through their liberality have continually flowed as freely as water.

These large debts will be met with unflinching integrity, the burden though heavy being lightened by the conviction of its necessity and the grand results achieved.

For the year 1865 the total expenditures of the State have been \$2,872,080.89, of which, the sum of \$325,113.38 represents the entire cost of its civil administration including appropriations for the enlargement and improvement of our public institutions. The civil expenses of the government have been somewhat, though slightly, increased by the war, but the disposition to economy has been enforced by the inevitably heavy burdens growing out of the struggle.

In common with the people, the Legislature of 1865 was strongly impressed with the conviction that the funded debt of the State was as large as could be maintained with safety to its credit. Such was my own view of the matter and that the policy of providing for our wants by immediate taxation, should be adopted. To enforce this policy, it became necessary to levy a very heavy State tax for the year 1865. This was, accordingly, done and a tax of one cent and five mills upon the valuation of 1860, was imposed, producing the sum of two millions, four hundred seventy-six thousand eight hundred twenty-one dollars and twenty-one cents, to meet existing deficiencies and provide for the payments which the treasury would be called to make during the year 1866. As this tax was not payable till the first day of January of the present year, authority was granted to the Treasurer of State to make temporary loans to the amount of one million of dollars, not exceeding a year to run in anticipation of and to be paid from the proceeds of this tax. This policy and the establishment of a sinking fund to be obtained by an annual tax of three-fourths of a mill upon every dollar of the State valuation, producing about one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, has had the effect to maintain the high financial character of the State, her bonds having been sold in the closest money market of the year within one or two per cent. as high as the 7-30 bonds of the United States with all their advantage of exemption from taxation and superior rate of interest. I cannot too strongly press upon your consideration, the necessity as well as value of adhering to this policy of gradually paying off the public debt through the instrumentality of the sinking fund. It distributes the burden over a series of years and looks to its final extinguishment.

The Treasurer of State, having funds to spare, under the advice of the Executive, in conformity with the law has invested, by purchasing for the sinking fund, bonds of the State to the amount of \$100,500.00. These were bought at prices ranging from ninety-five to ninety-six dollars on the hundred and a very handsome saving secured thereby. In this connection, I would recommend, as some amounts will be received from the United States in liquidation of our claims against the general government for advances, that whatever is so refunded, shall also be added to the sinking fund, for the reason that this money was borrowed by the State under the authority to make loans for war purposes, and when returned should be applied to liquidate the debt as a matter of judicious economy. Under the authority to make temporary loans in anticipation of the receipt of the State tax of 1865, the Treasurer of State provided for the payment of the liabilities of the State for advances by cities and towns in 1864, to the families of soldiers. The mustering-out of large numbers of troops, consequent on the termination of active hostilities, has reduced materially the charge for aid furnished the families of soldiers during the past year, and the provision therefor made by the tax of 1865 will be ample.

The amount of scrip for soldiers' bounties, issued under resolve of February 18, 1865, is \$355,600.00 which will be payable at the office of the Treasurer of State, February 1, 1867, with interest. I would recommend that by the State tax of the present year its payment be provided for.

I take pleasure in stating that you will be able to reduce the State tax of 1866, at least twelve hundred thousand dollars, or about fifty per cent. from what it was in 1865, if your appropriations do not exceed the estimates of the Treasurer of State, which have been made with great care by that vigilant officer. This will be a very grateful present relief to your constituents, who will be cheered by the prospect of a reduction of their burdens.

#### ASSUMPTION OF STATE DEBTS.

In my address last year I took occasion to present certain considerations why the indebtedness of the States including all their municipalities, should be assumed by the government of the United States. The importance of the subject must be my apology for repeating them. The war was fought for no special locality nor any particular generation. The contest was purely and simply for

national existence and to preserve in perpetuity republican institutions in the United States for all time to come, and for the human race. Those who have fallen cannot be restored, for the grave will not give up its dead. The enormous sacrifice of life, the measureless woe caused by the struggle, can never be shared by those who succeed us. The pecuniary burden can and should be. Men were demanded for the armies, and the inducements offered by the national government were inadequate to procure them. States supplied the deficiency, doing only what necessity required, and which had they failed to do the struggle itself must have been a failure. The law conscribing soldiers, produced directly, the most meager results, though indirectly, it stimulated States to increase their efforts and through State action and State energy alone, the armies were recruited. The most efficient means was the payment of large bounties. Compelled by the inexorable necessities of the case to this vast expenditure, it should be at the common charge of the whole country. Upon these considerations alone, the demand for this assumption rests upon impregnable grounds. Coupled with these are others of equal weight. The enormous charges of the national government have driven it to lay its hands upon every national resource. Clothed by the constitution with the sole power of levying imposts, which in olden time was entirely adequate to the supply of the national wants, there still remained an abundant field from which the States could gather revenue as their necessities demanded. The changed condition of affairs has compelled the general government to the exercise of legitimate though hitherto unaccustomed powers. The act levying excise and income taxes penetrates every pocket and reaches every branch of business and industry. Of this no loyal person does or will complain. The act creating a national currency is rapidly driving all State banking institutions from existence, thereby drying up a most important source of State revenue. Very large amounts of capital have been withdrawn from taxation by investments in the government bonds, invited thereto by that very exemption. The States, accordingly, find themselves laboring under largely increased burdens with diminished means of meeting them.

But beyond all these and reaching into the future, the time is not remote when the territories between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains, which to-day are but a waste so far as human habitancy

is concerned, will be the abode of millions of people and come as States within the pale of the Union. These States will have no such inheritance of debts, as will oppress the industry of their older sisters unless the nation comes to their relief, but on the contrary, will furnish attractive fields of settlement to citizens of those States, who, to escape the onerous taxation of their present homes, will seek new ones in these, at present, uninhabited regions. We have by our blood and our treasure, dedicated this country as the abode of liberty; and those who are to partake of its blessings have no right to refuse, so far as they can, to participate in its cost and contribute their share to mitigate the burdens.

The growth of the United States in the past in population and wealth, has been a marvel in human history. The decade closing with 1860 exhibits the most astonishing results. That system of inter-communication by railroads and locomotives, unknown to the world forty years ago, had been largely adopted by our people and was just beginning to produce its legitimate fruits, in an unrivalled national prosperity, when the war of the rebellion broke upon us. Railroad construction in the loyal States has been pressed notwithstanding the war and already the lines are commenced at either end which are to unite the Atlantic and Pacific. These will bring the fertile regions which they are to traverse within the compass of a far easier journey than our forefathers, coming from other portions of New England, had in reaching central Maine. Already the vast metalliferous wealth found in the valleys and declivities of the Rocky Mountains is stimulating enterprise and adventure, till the highways across the plains are thronged with the trains of the emigrant pressing their slow footsteps to the new found El Dorado. With the railroad to the Pacific completed, the imagination can hardly compute the result. This is the enchanter's wand, which, in that now remote region is to build cities and populate States, as it has already in the nearer west, with a rapidity no statistics could have foretold, and where but for its magic potency, primeval solitude would now reign through a vast domain. The addition to the national debt of the liabilities of the State will not equal six months expenditure in prosecuting the war. That debt, large as it is, in comparison with any other in our past history, the country has demonstrated its ability to carry. The certain knowledge of those yet vast and multiplying resources which the genius and industry of the American people are day by day

unfolding, affords confident assurance that this increase will not be sensibly felt, in the national finances. The rapid growth of the country in population and wealth will constantly diminish the pressure of the burden by enlarging the base upon which it rests.

#### BANKS AND CURRENCY.

The inflation of the currency at this time, is producing injurious effects upon the business of the country, by stimulating speculation and enabling comparatively a very small number of persons to engross many of the leading staples demanded for general consumption. From this state of things calamitous financial results may be anticipated.

For the most part, the power and duty to reduce the amount of currency, rests with the national government, it having swelled the volume to an enormous extent by its own issues. The policy indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury, deserves the support of all who desire to return to a stable basis. It is to be attended with difficulties, at best. These however must be met promptly, otherwise greater evils will overtake the country. The difference between the value of paper money and gold is very much less than it was a year since, but the prices of commodities have not declined relatively or anything like it. The large demand coming from the south, tends to maintain them, but the facility for obtaining means to carry on large speculations in consequence of the great volume of currency afloat is, without doubt, the main cause of the ruling high rates. The States can do but little to affect this matter.

Under existing laws of this State, banks which since February 24, 1865, have voted to surrender their charters and become banking associations under the laws of the United States, are required to file a bond or deposit stocks or other securities with the Treasurer of State, to the acceptance of the bank commissioners, to secure the redemption of all bills of banks so surrendering, issued prior thereto by the same, or by the association to which it has converted itself afterwards, and that the bills so redeemed shall not be reissued or again put in circulation but shall be destroyed ; provided however, it shall be made to appear that such association cannot immediately procure of the comptroller of the currency of the United States, circulating notes to use as currency in place of the bills so required to be redeemed and destroyed, the bank com-

missioners may authorize such bank to reissue and continue in circulation such bills for a period to be fixed by them, not exceeding twelve months after being authorized to act as a national banking association and not subsequent to the receipt of such circulating notes of the United States as it shall be entitled to receive ; with the further provision that nothing in the act containing these provisions shall authorize any bank to have in circulation bills of all kinds exceeding the amount permitted under the act of Congress establishing such association. The privileges and limitations of this law are prospective and apply only to banks of the State changing to national associations subsequent to the passage thereof. The reason for enacting this law grew out of the supposed embarrassment in accommodating the customers of the banks during the interval between the surrender of the charter of the bank and the reception of the national currency. It appears by the report of the bank commissioners that this requirement has not been observed in all cases. The obligation to comply with the law requiring security, if regarded as a condition precedent to the surrender of the State charter, and I am inclined to that opinion, would leave the banks failing to give the security, in the position of not having completed the surrender and amenable to the State tax.

There have been instances of national associations created before the law of February 24, 1865, which have employed the bills of the bank from which they were converted, to a very large amount, without filing any bond, or furnishing any additional security to the public. If this course of proceeding is tolerated, it may happen that the bills of such banks will be issued up to the last day when the surrendering bank is liable to redeem the same and a large amount of its currency kept afloat, having no legal sponsor to redeem it and whose value will depend solely upon the honor of those who have put it on the public. This has never been regarded in Maine, as an adequate basis for bank circulation. The faith of the State is involved to the extent of guarding against a possible abuse of this kind. The bills, except for the authority it has given to issue them, would be worthless and a control of their issue should be reserved to it until they are retired and destroyed. It will be for you to look into this subject and ascertain if there is any danger from this source and if so to guard against it, if possible. I would suggest that in all cases where the bills of a State bank are to be employed subsequent to the surrender of its char-

ter and conversion into a national association, that a State tax be levied on such circulation.

The addition of the State note circulation above referred to, added to the national currency issued by the banks, helps to swell the amount, and I deem it proper that the State require the earliest practical redemption of these notes, doing thereby its part in contracting the volume of the currency and as a matter of safety to the public.

I would likewise suggest that the banks surrendering their charters shall be required to return as often as once in three months, the amount of their bills in circulation to the Secretary of State, until the time allowed for closing their affairs expires, which returns he shall cause to be published in such newspapers and for such time as the Legislature may prescribe. Additional notice should also be given of the time when the obligation of banks surrendering their charters, to redeem their bills, ceases. I advise that this notice shall be given in each case by the Secretary of State, who shall publish the same in certain designated newspapers during the last three months of the existence of the bank, for such time as the Legislature may provide. The notice now given, at the time of the vote to surrender, naturally passes out of the public mind, but the renewal of it towards the close of the bank's existence, will arrest public attention and secure a return of the bills in season to save loss to the community.

#### BOUNTIES, ETC.

The expenditures of the State for bounties and other military purposes have run up to millions, instead of the few hundred thousands required for the civil expenses in times of peace. It is not surprising that suggestions and insinuations of fraud in the disbursement of these large sums, should obtain currency, if not credence. By the law granting State bounties in 1864, cities and towns were not authorized, but substantially inhibited from the payment of bounties, the State having made large provision therefor. But these municipalities, moved by the anxiety of their citizens to escape the conscription, almost universally voted lavish sums to fill their quotas and appealed to the Legislature of 1865 to sanction their proceedings, which was done. The action of the cities and towns at the time being without color of legal authority, the Executive of the State disclaimed, all supervision or control

except to insist that they must be bound by the law of the State. So far as these corporations were concerned, the agreement to pay bounties or sums for the filling of quotas, was a contract between them and the recruit or the agent of the town, whether a substitute broker by profession, or the specially authorized agent of the municipality, to be enforced in the same manner as other contracts, subject to the legal rights of the parties. So far as the payment of State bounty was concerned, every possible precaution was enjoined upon the officials having charge thereof, to prevent the payment of the same to any party but the recruit himself, or to the municipal authorities, who had previously and according to law, advanced any portion of it to such soldier.

The rule in disbursing these bounties, when not advanced by the towns—and only a small portion was so advanced—was to withhold them until the organization was ready and about to leave for the field, when the soldiers composing it were mustered in a body and all paid at the same time. Occasionally absentees did not get their bounty at the time of the general payment. The total number of these was small and great care was observed that they should be paid on sufficient and well-authenticated vouchers. No well-grounded complaint has reached me that the State bounty has not been honestly and fairly paid.

Under the circumstances of the case, the war being ended, and as the books of this account should be closed, I would suggest that the Legislature cause a thorough investigation to be made into the financial management of the State and into all other departments of the public service, that the people may learn whether they have been properly and faithfully served or not. This is due to the people and to the gentlemen who have had charge of public affairs during the protracted struggle through which we have passed and under the vastly increased responsibilities imposed thereby.

#### PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

For the condition of the various institutions maintained by or under the patronage of the State, you are referred to the several reports of the officers thereof. Those in the State have all been visited by the Governor and Council the past year, and those beyond its limits by the Council. From the examination made they appear to be progressing satisfactorily and still entitled to the continued favor of our people.

An appropriation of \$20,000 for building an additional wing to the Insane Hospital, was made by the Legislature of 1865. The crowded condition of the institution rendered this indispensable. The work was commenced under the direction of the Trustees, upon whom the expenditure was devolved. The work done has been of the most permanent character. Causes well understood have made the cost much heavier than in former times. When the walls were completed the appropriation had become exhausted. It was of the highest necessity that they should be covered by a roof to protect what had already been done, from injury by the storms and frosts of the coming winter. The Governor and Council having fully examined and considered the subject, advised the prosecution of the work to that extent, and an advance from the Treasury to do it. The necessity of the case required the erection of the addition and good economy demanded that what had been done, should not be suffered to incur injury from exposure. I can have no doubt that you will justify the action of the executive department of the government and make an appropriation which shall finish the structure. The number of insane persons in the State is such, and increasing with its growth, as to make further accommodation for them indispensable. An additional wing, of the size of the one in process of construction will make the present hospital as large as it should be. Patients already there are to fill it. Probably it may be postponed some little time, but its necessity will become more pressing every year. The erection of another hospital at some other point in the State, will without question be required to supply the wants of this unfortunate class. The numbers accommodated by the present institution, when completed, will be as great as can properly be cared for under one Superintendence, and as large as, from sanitary considerations, can be grouped together. I mention what I believe will, at an early day, become a public need, not with a view to any action by you, but for the purpose of presenting it to the attention of the people.

The affairs of the State Prison since the accession of the present warden, Mr. Rice, have exhibited a very flattering improvement over any previous period of its history. Under his management it has become a self-sustaining institution, and that too, notwithstanding a very large diminution of the number of its inmates, which, at one time the last year, was as low as sixty-five, against one hundred and twelve at the close of the year 1862. In conse-

quence of this decline in numbers, the productive capacity of the Prison has proportionately lessened, while the expenses of its maintenance do not fall off in a corresponding ratio, the same number of subordinate officers, overseers and guards being required for the police and management of the establishment, whether the number of prisoners is large or small. This institution, during almost its entire existence, has been a heavy drain upon the Treasury, and it seemed to have become, in this direction, chronic and incurable. The results achieved by the warden are due to general, skillful management of the prison, the judicious direction given to the labor of the convicts, but perhaps more than all to the treatment of the prisoners. The application of corporal punishment has been entirely discontinued. The effect of this punishment is to degrade the subjects of it and to induce a sullenness which resists all other incitements to labor, a carelessness in the performance of it, a wasting of the material employed and an entire recklessness of results. Such has been the experience in this prison. Pursuing an opposite course, treating the prisoners with kindness instead of brutality, the amount of work done by them has been largely increased, the quality of it improved and the income of the prison enlarged, with most beneficial effects also upon the moral condition of the prisoners. A management producing these results deserves and will receive the public approbation.

Your attention to so much of the report of the Inspectors of the State Prison as recommends an appropriation for stable, cistern and out-buildings is invited. I concur in believing the same to be a judicious and proper expenditure.

During the war the number of convicts was much reduced and a singular immunity from crime existed, but the tide which for four years ebbed in so gratifying a manner, has, with the return of peace, again set in upon us with fearful force. I am not aware that any change in the penal code is called for, or would add to its efficiency, but an increase of numbers and vigilance of the police force in cities and towns is required, and those officers charged with the prosecution of offenders are called upon by this state of affairs to a most energetic exercise of the powers confided to them.

In relation to the Reform School, while my impressions as to its usefulness in its general scope and purpose have been strength-

ened, I think that some changes in the law prescribing who shall be the subjects of sentence there, should be made. By existing laws, the ages of children sent to the School, are from eight to sixteen years. The term of sentence is during minority, in every case, subject however to the power of the trustees to discharge them sooner. It may happen that a boy of the age of eight years, upon whom the light of moral sense has hardly dawned, for breaking a pane of glass, will receive a sentence for thirteen years, while one of sixteen, for a crime involving moral turpitude of which he is fully conscious, receives a sentence for five years. So far as the sentence is to be regarded as a penalty, there is a manifest confusion of degrees of guilt, imposing the lesser punishment for the greater offence. Again, the association of children of tender years, who as yet have not the perception of right and wrong, with those who are older and in whom the moral faculties have a development, but have become perverted by neglect of their education, cannot be particularly favorable to the younger, notwithstanding the restrictions of the school. I am impressed with the necessity of a separation of these classes, and in fact, doubt the propriety of making children as young as eight years, the subject of penal visitation at all. There may be, and doubtless is, a necessity for public provision for the education and sustenance of these little children who may have no parents to take care of them, or such as from immoral habits are unfit to have charge of them, but it is revolting that they should be taken, at that tender age, from parents of a different character. If nothing more is done, measures should be taken to secure an absolute separation of these different classes of children, and those who may be sent to the school for mere thoughtless mischief should not be confounded with such as are in a marked degree criminal. It is impossible that this promiscuous association can be otherwise than injurious to a portion, who, if not brought in contact with the viciously disposed, would escape contamination.

I trust that you will give to the consideration of the subject, the careful deliberation and thorough scrutiny to which it is entitled, nor limit yourselves to the suggestions here made. Our public institutions ought to be the best of their kind, and whatever aid is to be derived from the experience of other States, as well as our own, should be availed of to accomplish this object.

The Normal School at Farmington, it affords me pleasure to

state, is in a flourishing condition, equal to the most sanguine expectations of its warmest friends. This institution, regarded as an experiment by many, is destined, I trust and believe, to vindicate the wisdom of its authors. The number of pupils has largely increased the past year, there having been in attendance during the fall session of 1865, one hundred and fifteen pupils, coming from nearly every part of the state, all but three counties being represented. The Governor, accompanied by a committee of the Council, visited the school in the month of October, without notice to the officers thereof; and had an opportunity to observe it in its every day workings. I am gratified in being able to say that the teachers are well qualified for their positions and possessed of that spirit in the discharge of their duties, which furnishes a sure guarantee of success. A school like this can hardly fail of achieving great results. It will become the focus of the educational interests of the State so far as common schools are concerned. If the pupils of this school succeed as teachers, as we have reason to believe they will, it is there that teachers will be sought. This fact will attract pupils to it. The bringing together of so many persons having a common object—the learning of the science of teaching—by the attrition of mind with mind, cannot fail to be mutually beneficial. Of the members in attendance in October, all who proposed taking schools the present winter have been employed.

The classes which are to graduate from year to year, like the overflow of the river, which fertilizes the valleys on its margin, will shed the beneficent influence of their acquirements over our State, returning an hundred fold all that they have cost the Treasury. I do commend most cheerfully, a fair and full trial of this experiment, if experiment it may be called, to the people of the State.

It is proper to inform you that the land set apart for the support of the Normal School, was duly advertised by the Land Agent for sale, but failed to obtain anything like the upset price. An offer therefor was subsequently made for it, which the Governor and Council, upon mature examination of the premises, regarded as justifying them to advise the Land Agent to make a conditional contract of sale, subject to the ratification of the Legislature. This he did and it rests with you to confirm it, if, upon full consideration of the matter, you shall find the interests of the State will be promoted thereby. Unless this is done, it will be necessary to

make a specific appropriation from the Treasury to sustain the school.

The Trustees of the College for the promotion of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, have not yet decided upon any location for the institution. The lands granted for the endowment thereof, have, under the advice of the executive council, concurred in by the board of trustees, been advertised for sale.

In this connection, your attention is called to a resolve approved March 23, 1864, "appropriating the timber and lumber on a township of land for educational purposes." This appropriation was charged with various endowments to Berwick, Houlton, Limerick, Presque Isle and St. Albans Academies, amounting in all to eleven thousand dollars. The township designated for the purpose was supposed to be as valuable as any belonging to the State, not before set apart for other purposes. The Land Agent has been unable to dispose of the timber and lumber thereon for an amount sufficient to meet the charges upon it. The general enhancement of prices has not affected that of timber lands, thus far. When this appropriation was made, it was doubtless the impression of the Legislature that the stipulated amounts could readily be obtained. Exaggerated opinions of the value of the lands, the property of the State, led to this conclusion. It will rest with you to determine what, under the circumstances, shall be done, though I cannot withhold the expression of the opinion that it was the expectation as well as the intent of the Legislature that the several institutions should have in money, the whole amount of the endowment proposed.

I am not aware that any legislation of a general character is required upon the subject of the public lands. With regard to the operations of the Land Office, you are referred to the report of the Land Agent. They have been of a limited character and will continue to diminish, especially if the European and North American Railway Company shall so far comply with the conditions of the contingent grant made to it, as to secure it absolutely.

#### EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILWAY.

The interest which has been manifested in the extension of our railway system northerly to the Aroostook and eastward to the British provinces, by the Legislature heretofore, was prompted by a belief of its advantage to the entire State. Whatever can be

done to build up any portion of the State, not at the expense of the rest, for by such policy nothing is gained, as equivalent injury ensues, but adding to the wealth and prosperity of any locality by developing new resources or opening new avenues for business, is deserving of encouragement; for the growth of a part, under these conditions, is an increase of the whole.

Prior to the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway the position of Maine was one of extreme isolation and its chief sources of business were confined to its own limits. This enterprise, over-leaping natural obstacles has brought us in contiguity with the Canadas and the fertile prairies of the Western States, enriching the region through which it passes, creating large values where none existed before and pre-eminently contributing to the growth and prosperity of the commercial metropolis of the State. The ratable estates of the city of Portland in eighteen hundred and fifty by the State valuation were established at \$7,311,561. That year the railroad enterprise above referred to had just got into successful operation. By the valuation of eighteen hundred and sixty, being a period of ten years, the taxable property of that city reached the sum of \$21,866,000, being a growth of nearly two hundred per cent. and seven times the amount it was at the close of the decade terminating with eighteen hundred and forty. This is, for us, a striking illustration of the importance of railroads as contributing to our growth and prosperity. Without the Grand Trunk Road, Portland, this day, would have been comparatively an unimportant place. With it she has before her a future gratifying to every friend of the State.

The value of land or commodities depends upon vicinity to market or facility of access thereto. If upon Casco Bay can be found a market for buying and selling, as good for our citizens as that of Boston or New York, it cannot fail vastly to benefit the State at large. With the statistics above presented, we have the pleasant and certain assurance that such is to be the case at a very early day. With these results before us, from breaking through the barriers on the north-western part of the State, is there not great encouragement to push improvements in the north-eastern direction, opening up the Aroostook to rapid settlement and penetrating to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia?

The commencement of the European and North American Railroad has been deferred by causes not in the power of the corpora-

tors to control. The prospect, however, is flattering for a speedy beginning of the work, and once commenced it will not be discontinued, the interests of the valley of the upper Penobscot being too largely involved to permit its abandonment. The State has been generous in her grants to this enterprise, making it, of its class, the solitary recipient of her bounty. These have indeed been contingent, but no one would desire to recall them while there is a reasonable prospect of the accomplishment of the work, which must ultimately depend upon the efforts of the people, who above all others, are interested in its success. Railroad enterprises in Maine, have heretofore required and received the energetic and united efforts of the communities by which they have been constructed. Compliance with this condition will be found indispensable to the achievement of this most important undertaking. Let it be secured; the rest of the State will bid it "God speed" and triumph will crown the work.

It is time that local jealousies and animosities in this State should cease. They do not contribute to our credit, nor will they increase our prosperity. Conceding to every portion of it, what it is fairly entitled to, it is alike our duty and our interest, moving unitedly, to pursue every line of honorable policy which will result in the promotion of the common welfare. Guided by this principle, it will be found that no antagonisms exist and that what benefits a part will be shared by all.

I have heretofore taken occasion to recommend to the favorable consideration of the Legislature, the enterprise designed to connect the railroad terminus on the Penobscot at Milford, with that at Princeton on the waters of the St. Croix. The accomplishment of this will bring the eastern frontier of the State in nearer and easier communication with the centre and the west. The country between these waters is a wilderness, compelling the asking of aid from the State. The road which is proposed to be built will place Calais within an easy day's ride of Bangor, and inasmuch as that portion of the State has not been largely the recipient of grants from the Legislature heretofore, I can but repeat my commendation of it to your favor.

#### THE RECIPROCITY TREATY.

The Reciprocity Treaty, regulating trade between the United States and the British provinces, will expire, under the notice of

our government on the seventeenth day of March next. It is not too much to say that no accomplished negotiation or congressional legislation ever affected the general interests of Maine more injuriously than did this treaty. I refer specifically to the products of field and forest. It is matter of congratulation that it is so soon to terminate. Already, however, we have notice that its advocates are about to besiege the national authorities for its renewal in some shape. Already are the agents of British colonial interests hastening to Washington to secure this consummation. Damaging as it was to Maine prior to the war, when we had no internal national taxation, it would be vastly more injurious and unjust to put our sorely taxed producers in competition with the untaxed industry and material of these provinces. The idea of reviving free trade in the present condition of the national finances, is simply preposterous, and to do it with the articles embraced in that treaty, would look like a wanton attempt to strike at the special industrial pursuits of this section of the Union. It is doubtless true that under such a treaty, some articles could be thrown more cheaply on our markets and the same is no less true of every article embraced in the national tariff if it could be imported duty free. The cost of labor is enhanced by taxation of what it consumes; what it produces is subject to the same. When the ingenuity of financiers is tried to the utmost to find sources of supply for the national revenue, it will be hard to find a reason for the exemption of the products included in that treaty, which was reciprocal only in name.

The difference between the currencies of the United States and the provinces has operated, of late years, to mitigate its injurious effects, but a return to a specie basis would restore the old advantage, if the treaty or anything like it is to be renewed, injuriously affecting our farmers and bankrupting our lumbermen.

I am happy to perceive that this project receives no favor at the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury and trust that the effort for the renewal may fail. It is not easy to perceive why these provinces should stand upon any different footing in the markets of the United States than other foreign nations, upon the principle of fair dealing with all. During the war of the rebellion the United States has been the object of ill-concealed hostility on the part of their people to a great extent and on the ground of good neighborhood they have no claim to be admitted to our markets upon

better terms than other people. I dismiss this subject with the remark that the farmers and lumbermen of Maine, who have no boards of trade to represent them at Washington, have a right to claim your interposition in their behalf.

#### THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

During the two years past, the Executive of this State has had, necessarily, frequent correspondence with the Secretary of War, concerning the defences of the State and many other subjects growing out of military operations, affecting the interests of our citizens, but especially touching the welfare of our soldiers.

I take this occasion, personally and officially, to express my sense of obligation to that officer for the promptness of his attention to the suggestions I have had the honor to make in the interest of the State, the readiness with which he provided against the probabilities or possibilities of attack upon our seaboard, for the disposition manifested to mitigate the hardships of the conscription so far as possible consistently with the national interest, and more than all, for the humane and kindly consideration with which he listened to every application of mine, having for its object the relief of the suffering soldiers of our State and the efficient orders he gave in that regard.

From the day on which he entered the cabinet of Mr. Buchanan, when treason was stalking unrebuked by national authority and the ship of State, her pilot holding the helm with feeble hands and bowing before the tempest, was driving upon the breakers of dissolution, identifying himself with the only councils and measures which lighted the gloom of the closing hours of that administration, up to the time when rebellion was crushed beneath the ponderous blows of the military power of the country so effectively organized by him, loyalty has had no abler or more disinterested servitor nor treason a more determined foe than Edwin M. Stanton, whose courage never quailed and whose fortitude never faltered in the darkest hours of the republic.

Placed in a position inevitably bringing him offensively in contact with the ambition and self-interest of individuals and as the right arm of the commander-in-chief, through whom he exercised his most summary powers, he has encountered a large share of malignant detraction even for a public man; but upon this tried and ever trusted friend of Abraham Lincoln, the loyal men of this

nation will bestow the benediction of "well done, good and faithful servant."

#### NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

The restored supremacy of the national authority brings with it difficulties of the gravest character, arising as well from the ruptured relations of the revolted States as the new relations resulting from the abolition of slavery, which, almost necessarily, give rise to various theories of re-adjustment, the more numerous as the history of the past sheds no light and furnishes no example by which we may be guided.

The colored race has been the slave of the white from the early settlement of this continent. God, in oceans of blood, through the tears, sufferings and unutterable woes of the nation, has seen fit to break their chains. We are now to determine whether these people are to remain among us and if so what shall be their status, civilly and politically. The solution of the questions involved, is clouded by difficulties arising from the prejudices which have gathered against the servile and unfortunate race during the centuries of their bondage. One theory is that which starts with the fundamental idea that the two races cannot dwell together except in the subordination of one to the other. The necessity of this subordination was the doctrine of that man, to whom, though in the grave, the country is most indebted for the miseries which have been inflicted upon it. He relied upon it as a justification of slavery. If true, then in self-defence, the white man must maintain the institution. Propositions having no other foundation than the sheerest assumption, uttered with an air as if *ex cathedra* and persistently repeated, passing from mouth to mouth unchallenged, come to be received as first principles. The assertion so often made and long repeated that the blacks are an inferior race, has become a common belief. There are certain prominent characteristics which mark them as a different race, but these by no means establish the fact of natural inferiority, for they do not necessarily effect their intellectual or moral organization. The ignorance, the propensities, the laziness, the incapacity to take care of themselves, the feeble sense of moral obligation alleged against the blacks, are to be considered, and their origin traced. Brought to this country in a savage state, shut out and forbidden all means of obtaining knowledge except by observation, how could they be otherwise than ignorant? If they will steal, is it strange that the victims of

perpetual robbery should lay their hands on what might come in their way liable to appropriation? Doubtless they have always been taught it was improper to take their master's property, but when he was snatching their all without recompense, abstract teachings would be very likely to fail in the light of such an example. Practically forbidden the enjoyment of the family relation, deprived as it has been of all those sanctions which constitute it the incentive and guard to chastity, the charge of licentiousness can be made with no more justice against them than against the brute creation. The laziness which shirks labor is not wonderful when the laborer does not receive his reward. How many white men would work except upon the compulsion of the task-master, if at night a collector stood by to receive their wages, from which the laborer should be allowed but a pittance to supply him with the scantiest fare and shabbiest raiment? The great wealth of the south before the rebellion, was due almost wholly to the toil of the slave, and the world's history is pregnant with proof that the security of acquisition is the greatest possible stimulus to industry. If they are insensible to moral obligations, is it not pertinent to inquire how regard for these could be expected of a people towards whom moral obligations have never been maintained and whose whole existence has been fraught with lessons that no such obligations existed? Suppose the like number of whites reduced to the same bondage, under precisely similar conditions, who doubts that the assertion would be made and accepted that they were an inferior race? Whatever there is in the condition of the freedman giving color to the allegation of inferiority, is it not chargeable to the bondage in which he has been held?

Mr. Jefferson, one of the wisest and most philosophical statesmen this country has produced, was inclined to the belief, that, summing up all the elements of organization and character, the blacks were inferior to the whites, but even to this belief he gave utterance with great doubt and hesitancy, as there were no sufficient tests known to him by which the question had been tried to justify an authoritative judgment. If in anything they were inferior, it was in the highest qualities of intellectual organization. But admitting, for the sake of the argument, the alleged inequality, how does this conflict with the compatibility of the two races dwelling together in the same country? Is it true that all whites are equal in the endowments God has bestowed, or in the acquire-

ments they possess? On the contrary, with every race and tongue, there are gradations of physical and intellectual power in individuals, but these differences create no disturbance in society and all of its adjustments are made easily and without disorder. If the learned and accomplished can live in the same community with the ignorant and the rude; if wealth and poverty can stand side by side, each respecting the rights of the other when they are of the same complexion, why may not the same harmony exist when there is a difference of races? If inequalities notoriously existing among the so-called master races do not prevent the harmonious arrangement of society, it should require the test of actual experiment to induce a belief that the same differences in another race would be attended with different results.

Mr. Jefferson, contemplating the abolition of slavery and speculating upon the difficulties attending it, conceived that the resentment of the oppressed race, stimulated by the recollection of the wrongs they had endured, would excite them to take vengeance on their masters and that this state of feeling continuing, would make the residence together of the two races in a state of freedom incompatible with the safety of either. Is it affirming too much to say that this apprehension has proved groundless? The disposition of the black race is, for the greater part, mild and forgiving, and when it is considered that this vast multitude of ignorant beings have been suddenly set at liberty, it is astonishing that so few excesses have taken place or have been so easily corrected.

The first great demand of this country is for labor. From the very foundation of our government, it has been our policy to invite the freest immigration from every portion of the earth. The allurements of a free government; the ease with which citizenship has been acquired; the facility for obtaining cheap and fertile lands; the readiness with which employment for unskilled labor even could be procured and the vast commerce which has brought them so cheaply to our shores, has, in forty years, swelled the numbers of immigrants to only equal those of the black population of the country to-day. Yet with all this tide of life flowing in upon us, labor has been in readier demand and commanded a higher price in the United States than in any portion of the civilized globe, and the need is still pressing for more. The inventive genius of man has been and is constantly on the rack to devise machinery and processes in every department of life, which shall

increase production and dispense with or give greater efficiency to human labor.

With the south the very first necessity is labor to till its fertile soil. The freedman, ignorant as he may be in all else, is well-trained in her agriculture. The southern climate, unfriendly and enervating to the whites, is congenial to the negro by reason both of constitutional organization and long acclimation and no imported labor could compete with his at all, even if the substitution could be made in a day without cost or inconvenience. The demand at the south for labor in the production of rice, tobacco, cotton and sugar, outruns all others in an immeasurable degree and nothing but the blindest rage could prompt a desire for the deportation of the freedman.

No doubt the crudest notions, at this time, are entertained by the blacks in regard to their rights and their relations to their former masters. The first lesson for them, and they are learning it rapidly, is that freedom does not mean idleness, but that it brings to them the necessity of labor with the right to retain the fruits of it. There can hardly be a question that in the course of a brief period of time the demoralization of labor existing at the south, will be corrected. The wants of existence force the most unwilling to toil, and the incentive which the freedman now feels for the first time, that he is his own and the labor of his hands is not to be snatched from him, will achieve the same results with him as with the white. The land owners of the south must be eager to resume the cultivation of their plantations, stimulated alike by necessity and the love of gain. The white needs what the black has to sell—labor; and the black wants what the white man has to give him—employment. When the necessities of buyer and seller are both pressing, there is ordinarily but little difficulty in arranging terms.

The proposition to remove the blacks from the south would be like taking out the wheels which move the complicated machinery of our factories, or dismissing the operatives and expecting the spindles to turn and the shuttles to fly. I dismiss it as unwise, unphilosophical, impracticable and absurd, involving ruin to the south and calamitous consequences to vast national interests.

If then, these people are to remain at their ancient homes, and the tenacity with which they cling to them stamps folly and falsehood upon the assertion that the north was to be overrun by them,

the duty devolves upon the national government to assure to them the rights attaching to that freedom, which through its action, they have attained. This, clearly, can only be secured while the relations of the rebellious, slaveholding communities to the Union are held in suspense and before they resume the political status existing anterior to the rebellion, for the states of the American Union are not under the surveillance of the general government, touching their powers affecting the rights of their citizens, except in a very limited degree and the regulation of the right of suffrage, for instance, rests with them exclusively. In fact their power is so great to affect the civil and political rights of their citizens, that in any one an obnoxious class may be so persecuted as to render its condition quite as intolerable as that of servitude. The denial of the right to give testimony in courts of justice, or enforce contracts therein as suitors, the omission to give the sanction of law to the marriage and family relation, the introduction of obstructions to the acquisition of real estate and in a great variety of other methods to make distinctions against such a class, is within the power of our State governments.

The regard in which the colored race has been held by the citizens of the late slaveholding communities, has not, probably, been improved by recent events. The part they have borne in the struggle which has terminated in their emancipation, cannot fail to excite feelings of resentment on the part of the whites unfriendly to them and though the new condition of affairs may be accepted, it is accepted only and because it has been enforced by the military power of the nation. To declare the slaves free and under such circumstances remit them to the unrestrained control of their former masters with such powers in the State to oppress, would be but mockery, delusion and cruelty, "keeping the promise to the ear but breaking it to the hope." It is said that the exercise of such powers as are above referred to, has never been practised in free States and should not be anticipated? True, but in no free State has there ever existed a temptation to the perpetuation of such injustice and besides in the free State the ballot is held by so many hands that it would be only the audacity of madness which should attempt it. It is the ballot in the free State, mightier than the sword, that protects liberty and stifles even the conception of tyranny.

What we are at liberty to anticipate, after the attempt to over-

throw such a government as ours, he would be a very wise man who could set the limit.

The country has reached a crisis in its affairs, most momentous. The settlement of the questions of this day is pregnant for good or for evil and any adjustment which ignores the demands of justice and freedom, faithful service and unbending loyalty, will give rise to controversies as sharp, bitter and, it may be, as calamitous as any we have experienced.

The reconstruction of the "insurrectionary States" and the restoration of their relations to the general government, is a part of the great problem forcing itself on the people of this nation. Precedents and analogies are wanting to give us any clue to the solution. How stands case? The life of the nation was assailed for the avowed purpose of establishing a government, the corner stone of which was to be human bondage. The monstrous effort failed and with it has gone forth the fiat irrevocable that in the United States slavery shall be known no more. The rebellion was terminated by no treaty nor compromise of any sort whatever; it was actually and literally crushed out by military power. The revolting States held out till their powers of endurance and effort were utterly exhausted. They were absolutely overrun and subjugated, no more and no less. The terms granted on the surrender of their armies have been and will be punctiliously observed on the part of the government, but these did not even imply a restoration of political rights and only covered the personal security of those composing the armies. In the reconstruction of those communities, what is obviously the first requirement of common sense, common justice and common prudence in the disposition of political power to persons therein? If any number of the citizens of those States sufficient to establish and maintain a government which should not be a burlesque upon republican governments, are and have been thoroughly and truly loyal during the rebellion, maintaining their allegiance to the flag of the nation, are not these the persons to be entrusted with the reconstruction of them to the exclusion of such as were not; and should not loyalty, genuine loyalty, be the first qualification demanded to authorize a participation in political affairs? By loyalty I mean that sentiment which prompted you, gentlemen, who have just returned from the gory strife, to take your lives in your hands and go forth to the defence of your country. I mean that devotion to her cause which has

moved our people to lay down their lives by myriads in her behalf. I mean that spirit which regards no sacrifice too great to preserve her life and maintain her authority. I mean by loyalty, a love of country which surpasses the affection of a child for its parent. I mean that patriotism, which, holding our government to be the best ever devised by man, or vouchsafed by heaven to any people, desires no other and will accept no other and is willing to risk all in its defence. I do not mean treason whitewashed by legal formulas. To this requirement I can conceive but one answer. In that mighty struggle, who were the fast and only friends of the government in the rebellious regions? Excepting the State of Tennessee, outside of our military lines there were none but the slave to do homage to the flag of the Union; or, if any others, so few and exceptional as hardly to be taken into account in the solution of this problem. That in these rebellious communities there are men enough who maintained their loyalty to the United States through the struggle, who lent no willing aid to the effort to overthrow its government, outside the servile class, to justify the re-establishment of governments in those States and the restoration of political relations within the Union by and through them, is a fact, the certain assurance of which would be as gratifying as I believe it to be improbable. If then there are not white loyalists enough to establish governments in these States and restore them to their former relations, is this privilege to be accorded to rebels and traitors? Treason, under the constitution and laws, is the highest of crimes. It has been said that "it should be made infamous." Thus far it has been no more dangerous to those who have been guilty of it, than to those who have resisted. The battle-field and camp have had equal perils for all.

A judicial condemnation of all engaged in the rebellion, it is impossible to have, but the judicial finding of the guilt in every individual case, would not add strength to the conviction of the universality of its existence in the rebel States. This statement is not made because of any belief or desire that the government of the United States should exercise its just powers to punish these subjugated people, enormous as have been their crimes. The innumerable multitude of our people slaughtered upon the battle-fields of the rebellion; our brothers who have perished by thousands, the victims of a merciless and calculating cruelty in the prison pens and stockades of the south; the enormous debt with which the

industry of our country has been laden, constitute an aggregate of crime so vast as to seem like the frightful phantasms of a delirious dream rather than a living reality and surpass the power of human justice to avenge.

The President of the United States, in the legitimate exercise of his authority, has granted amnesty to large classes of offenders, exempting them from the penalties attaching to their crimes. This is a merciful, humane and christian exercise of his prerogative. So far as affects the civil rights of those embraced therein, it commands the approval of the county. He has, also, in very numerous instances granted pardon to individual supplicants. Be it so. Doubtless, far better this than that the bloody assizes of England, the revolutionary tribunals of France or the recent scenes in Jamaica should be re-enacted here, to crimson the pages of our history and blot our fair fame as a civilized and christian nation. But should the relieving men from the penalties of crime draw after it and clothe them with political rights to the exclusion of such as have not offended, but who at all times and under all circumstances have been loyal and helped to maintain the government at the extremest peril to themselves? Such a conclusion would be anomalous; but to go farther and say not only so but that these loyal people shall be disfranchised and subjected to the power of those whose atrocious attempt against the government was prevented in a great degree from succeeding by the services of these loyal people, is the grossest perversion of justice. If however, the revolted States are still to be regarded as States of the Union with rights unimpaired, what remains for them but to resume, in their own good time, their relations with it and enter the national councils to exercise the well-defined, well-understood power of States belonging thereto and within their own limits, enjoy the authority which has always pertained to them heretofore? Conceding this, the national government needs not concern itself with regard to the citizens of these States, for their rights, subject to the limitations of the Constitution of the Union, are under the control of the States. It is for them to determine for themselves the extent of the elective franchise, the qualifications for office, to establish or neglect systems of education, regulate the tenure of estates, to declare the course of judicial proceedings, who may be suitors and witnesses and prescribe the conditions thereof in the same unquestioned manner as heretofore and exercise all their ancient powers except

that they cannot restore the institution of slavery. To this extent, however, the logic of no loyal man has reached, whether in private life or exalted station.

The President of the United States has set forth various conditions as a precedent and indispensable to the return of the revolting States to relations with the Union. These are :

1st. To declare their ordinances of secession null and void, *ab initio*.

2d. To repudiate the debts contracted in aid of the rebellion.

3d. To enact laws for the protection of the colored man's rights as a free man.

4th. To ratify the amendment of the Constitution abolishing slavery.

To the spirit and purpose of these conditions, no loyal man would enter a dissent. In regard to the first in order, it is to be remarked in passing that the pretension of the right of secession, has been scouted by the nation ; it has been stamped in the dust under the heel of its power ; the first gun fired from Fort Sumter was a national protest against it ; the surrender at Appomattox Court House blotted it out forever and no act of a State can add force or solemnity to its extinction.

If, however, it is legitimate to impose these conditions or either of them, antecedent to the rehabilitation of these communities as States, whence is the power derived that it limits itself to these exactions ? If the United States government has the power thus to deal with the "insurrectionary States," does not the same power authorize the imposition of any other conditions demanded by justice or national safety ?

It has been said that an attempt to interfere with the right of suffrage might as well be made in Pennsylvania as South Carolina or Mississippi. If so, then why by the same reasoning, did not a peremptory mandamus issue to Kentucky, New Jersey and Delaware, to ratify the amendment of the constitution abolishing slavery, as well as to require Georgia and Florida to do so ? The demand upon the revolted States that they shall pass laws of a particular class and ratify constitutional amendments, imposing these acts as conditions to their return to the Union, is the exercise of a power not to be found in the Constitution of the United States and can only be justified or defended on the ground that having revolted against the government they have forfeited their relations and

rights as States of the Union. If this be not so, if they have not so forfeited, then the imposition of any terms whatever is an usurpation of authority quite as glaring as it would have been to make a demand upon the non-concurring loyal States to ratify the amendment of the Constitution abolishing slavery. Holding these views and it being the duty of the United States to guarantee a republican form of government to the States composing it, is it not its right in readjusting the relations of the revolted States to require such changes in their organic laws as shall make them such in fact? Is it not both the right and the duty of the national government to forbid the creation by law of castes and to secure equal rights to all who have not treasonably offended? A solemn obligation rests upon this nation, that no discrimination shall be made on the basis of a difference of complexion and much more that those who have proved themselves almost the only friends of the government in its dire extremity, shall not be the subjects of limitations which are not imposed upon those whose only claim to loyalty is that they are embraced in the terms of the Presidential Amnesties or have pardons in their pockets under the great seal of the United States, while the blood of our countrymen has scarcely dried upon their hands.

The restoration of the relations of the revolted States to the Union upon any other basis than that of limiting the exercise of political rights to the actually loyal population, or one which shall fail to secure the recognition of the colored race as freemen having equal rights and obligations with the whites, or omits to provide for their moral and intellectual culture so indispensable to the citizen of the free State, cannot be contemplated except with the profoundest alarm. The sanguinary examples of other countries admonish us of the difficulties of obtaining an enlargement of rights to classes who are under the ban of privileged orders. We want no such contests here. Having the power now to guard against their occurrence, if the opportunity is omitted, it will only be reached again, if at all, through fresh torrents of blood, the thought of which makes the heart grow sick. Justice, humanity, good faith, national honor and national self-interest, alike forbid that we should fail to improve it.

The difficulties which surround this subject and perplex its settlement, result from the complex character of our government and are aggravated by the prejudices existing against the colored race,

as well in the loyal States as in the south. That they will be overcome, as have all those which have beset our country in its perilous path through the days of the rebellion, conformably to the principles of justice, would be a distrust of Providence to doubt. To the action of the great council of the nation the eyes of all are turned, as with it must rest the inauguration of the measures which a vast majority of those who stood firmly on the side of their country in its peril, regard as indispensable to its own security and to the maintenance of good faith to its now otherwise helpless allies.

The objection to investing the colored race with the elective franchise, growing out of their ignorance, is one having great force, but applicable alike to the white man of the same intellectual condition. To obviate this, there may be a necessity for postponing their full investiture with this right until they in common with other ignorant persons, shall be fitted by education for its exercise. The stimulus this would impart to the educational effort of both races would be of incalculable benefit. In the meantime, as a measure of security to the nation, the Constitution of the Union should be so amended as to limit the right of national representation to the legal number of suffrages in each State, and to define who shall be electors in the States, of president, vice-president, and representatives to the Congress of the United States. The fathers of this State, nearly fifty years ago, in framing the Constitution under which we have assembled to take upon us our respective official functions, planted it upon the broadest basis of equal rights and impartial justice. Adopting the principle and practice of universal suffrage by giving the ballot to all, they provided a system of universal education which should fit all for its intelligent exercise. During our existence as a State, no person ever proposed to curtail it of these fair proportions, no voice has been raised to invoke their change. By these principles, I believe the people of this State will stand and while asking the boon of impartial justice for others, they cannot be reproached with denying it themselves.

#### CONCLUSION.

I beg leave to express to the people of Maine my profound acknowledgments of the honor conferred upon me by repeated elections to the chief magistracy of the State and to thank them for their cordial support of my administration, to which, alone, is

to be abscribed any success that may have attended its efforts to uphold that cause, which has, thus far, signally triumphed. At the close of the present year my connection with public affairs will cease and I shall most gladly return to that retirement from which I was originally so unexpectedly called. To be chosen in times of such public exigency to take the helm of State, is eminent distinction and if, at the end of my official term, I retain the confidence of the people, which has thus far cheered and supported me, it will be the amplest reward for all the harrassing anxieties and labors which have pressed upon the position it has been my honor and my lot to fill.

Rendering due homage to that Good Providence which has so signally blessed our country and our State, I invoke His wisdom for the guidance of our councils and the direction of our steps.

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

#### IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

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

On motion of Mr. HINDS,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. YOUNG of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS,

*Ordered*, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be directed to procure a suitable chair for the President of the Senate in room of the one now in use.

On motion of Mr. HINDS,

*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 20 minutes past 11 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. Drew, its Clerk, informing the Senate that the House concurred in the proposition of the Senate for a Convention of both branches of the Legislature for the purposes named in the above proposition of the Senate.

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. HINDS of the Senate,

Messrs. Hinds of Kennebec, Hobbs of York, of the Senate, and Messrs. Bradford of Turner, Smith of Phillips, Cousens of Kennebunkport, Jewett of Clinton, and Hills of Northport, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of State.

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

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Whole number of ballots is	135
Necessary for a choice,	68
Ephraim Flint has	126
Silas S. Drew,	9

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

On motion of Mr. **RICHARDSON** of the Senate,

Messrs. Richardson of Cumberland, Southard of Sagadahoc, of the Senate, and Messrs. Hunt of Bath, Webber of St. Albans, Otis of St. George, Waite of Dixfield, and Merriam of Camden, 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 ballots is	157
Necessary for a choice,	79
John A. Peters has	147
Joshua A. Lowell,	10

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

On motion of Mr. **PAGE** of the House,

Messrs. Smith of Washington, Billings of Waldo, of the Senate, and Messrs. Stilphen of Dresden, Burbank of Limerick, Estes of Harpswell, Newhall of Washington, Page of Fort Kent, and Newcomb of Newburg, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Adjutant General.

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

Whole number of ballots is	160
Necessary for a choice,	81
John L. Hodsdon has	138
Philo Hersey,	12
Samuel J. Anderson,	9
Blank,	1

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

On motion of Mr. **BURPEE** of the Senate,

Messrs. Burpee of Knox, Boynton of Somerset, of the Senate,

and Messrs. Dodge of Oxford, Holland of Lewiston, Parsons of Waldoborough, Davis of Lubec, and Haines of Nobleborough, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Land Agent.

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

Whole number of ballots is	156
Necessary for a choice,	79
Isaac R. Clark has	147
George C. Getchell,	8
Scattering,	1

The report was accepted, and Isaac R. Clark was declared duly elected Land Agent for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. PEIRCE of the Senate,

Messrs. Peirce of Cumberland, Mason of York, of the Senate, and Messrs. Hanson of Buxton, Matthews of Warren, Wall of Hallowell, Wakefield of Bath, and Grant of Prospect, of the House, were appointed a Committee 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 is	157
Necessary for a choice,	79
Marshall Pierce has	147
Samuel F. Perley,	147
Jeremy W. Porter,	147
Dennis Moore,	147
Everett W. Stetson,	147
Hiram Ruggles,	147
E. G. Dunn,	147
James M. Burbank,	10
Ezra Carter, jr.,	10
Bela B. Haskell,	10
Francis Butler,	10
Gorham L. Boynton,	10
J. C. Madigan,	10
Joel Colby,	10

The report was accepted, and Messrs. Marshall Pierce, Samuel F. Perley, Jeremy W. Porter, Dennis Moore, Everett W. Stetson,

Hiram Ruggles, and E. G. Dunn, were declared duly elected Executive Councillors for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. HOLBROOK of the Senate,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify Ephraim Flint of his election as Secretary of State, John L. Hodsdon of his election as Adjutant General, John A. Peters of his election as Attorney General, Isaac R. Clark of his election as Land Agent, and Marshall Pierce, Samuel F. Perley, Jeremy W. Porter, Dennis Moore, Everett W. Stetson, Hiram Ruggles, and E. G. Dunn, of their election as Executive Councillors for the current political year, and request their immediate attendance.

The Convention then dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. HOBSON,

*Ordered*, That a Joint Select Committee, consisting of three on the part of 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. Hobson of Lincoln, Manson of Penobscot, and Burpee of Knox, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the order came back passed in concurrence, with Messrs. Granger of Calais, Hall of Rockland, Fulton of Bluehill, Ricker of Lebanon, Haskell of Hodgdon, Grant of Prospect, and Greenwood of Fairfield, joined on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish one copy of the acts and resolves of 1865 to each of the members of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. RANDALL of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

The Senate concurring, that all petitions, orders, bills and resolves contemplating private legislation, submitted after February first, and all petitions, orders, bills and resolves relating to legislation of a public nature, submitted after February 8th, be referred without debate to the next Legislature ; that the several Committees, except the Committee on Finance, report finally on or before February thirteenth, and that the Legislature adjourn finally on the seventeenth day of February next at 12 o'clock noon ;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PEIRCE,

*Ordered*, That the Senate meet on Saturdays at 9 o'clock A. M., and on Mondays at 11 o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on Senatorial Votes, reported as follows :—

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

That in the First District—

Whole number of ballots was	11,368
Necessary for a choice,	5,685
Charles E. Weld has	6,270
Nathaniel Hobbs,	6,249
Jeremiah M. Mason,	6,076
Ichabod G. Jordan,	5,116
Asa Low,	5,097
John M. Goodwin,	5,095
Moses B. Page,	1
Isaac Elliot,	1
D. C. Harrison,	1

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Esreff H. Banks,	1
Samuel R. Roberts,	2

And Charles E. Weld, Nathaniel Hobbs and Jeremiah M. Mason, having a majority of all the votes cast, are elected.

In the Second District—

Whole number of ballots was	10,841
Necessary for a choice,	5,422
George W. Woodman has	6,308
Samuel A. Holbrook,	6,318
George Peirce,	6,293
Daniel T. Richardson,	6,311
Gardner Ludwig,	4,512
Horatio J. Swasey,	4,513
Rufus King,	4,515
Sylvanus C. Blanchard,	4,519
Samuel F. Perley,	3
Chandler Rackliff,	3
Augustus E. Stevens,	3
John A. Waterman,	1

And George W. Woodman, Samuel A. Holbrook, George Peirce and Daniel T. Richardson, having a majority of all the votes cast, are elected.

In the Third District—

Whole number of ballots was	6,412
Necessary for a choice,	3,207
William W. Virgin has	3,970
Thomas Chase,	3,965
John M. Deshon,	2,363
John M. Spring,	2,367

And William W. Virgin and Thomas Chase, having a majority of all the votes cast, are elected.

In the Fourth District—

Whole number of ballots was	4,233
Necessary for a choice,	2,017
Adna C. Denison has	2,794
Philo Clark,	1,429
Nelson Dingley, Jr.,	10

And Adna C. Denison, having a majority of all the votes cast, is elected.

## In the Fifth District—

Whole number of ballots was	3,540
Necessary for a choice,	1,771
Cornelius Stone has	2,200
Silas Jones,	1,340

And Cornelius Stone, having a majority of all the votes cast, is elected.

## In the Sixth District—

Whole number of ballots was	2,410
Necessary for a choice,	1,206
Thomas J. Southard has	1,452
John Harwood,	866
Sewall Watson,	12
George F. Patten,	12
John Howard,	58
C. S. Jenks,	2
J. D. Beebe,	2
James Drummond,	2
J. Southard,	1
Samuel Eames,	1
A. M. Sawyer,	1
Samuel Collins,	1

And Thomas J. Southard, having a majority of all the votes cast, is elected.

## In the Seventh District—

Whole number of ballots was	6,402
Necessary for a choice,	3,202
Crosby Hinds has	4,960
Thomas B. Read,	4,914
George W. Perkins,	4,946
Philip L. Bradford,	1,701
Elbridge L. Getchell,	1,696
Stephen Young,	1,696
Samuel B. Smith,	1
A. R. Reed,	6
Alexander Young,	1

And Crosby Hinds, Thomas B. Read and George W. Perkins, having a majority of all the votes cast, are elected.

## In the Eighth District—

Whole number of ballots was	6,160
Necessary for a choice,	3,081
Asa W. Moore has	3,733
Henry Boynton,	3,734
Albert Moore,	2,426
Thomas Fuller,	2,425

And Asa W. Moore and Henry Boynton, having a majority of all the votes cast, are elected.

## In the Ninth District,

Whole number of ballots was	2,303
Necessary for a choice,	1,152
John H. Ramsdell has	1,463
Paul S. Merrill,	833

And John H. Ramsdell, having a majority of all the votes cast, is elected.

## In the Tenth District—

Whole number of ballots was	7,751
Necessary for a choice,	3,876
Augustus D. Manson has	5,762
Lewis Barker,	5,628
Joseph W. Porter,	5,753
George W. Ladd,	1,939
Thomas W. Hill,	1,933
Frank Hamblen,	1,938

And Augustus D. Manson, Lewis Barker and Joseph W. Porter, having a majority of all the votes cast, are elected.

## In the Eleventh District—

Whole number of ballots was	3,973
Necessary for a choice,	1,987
Isaac T. Hobson has	2,435
Arnold Blaney,	1,432
Joseph E. Smith,	1
Francis Stilphen,	1
J. Hobson,	1

And Isaac T. Hobson, having a majority of all the votes cast, is elected.

## In the Twelfth District—

Whole number of ballots was	3,948
Necessary for a choice,	1,972
Nathaniel A. Burpee has	2,017
John B. Dunton,	2,169
Edward O'Brien,	1,641
Roscoe Harlow,	1,774
N. A. Burbee,	155
N. A. Burpee,	60
L. Alford,	2

And Nathaniel A. Burpee and John B. Dunton, having a majority of all the votes cast, are elected.

## In the Thirteenth District—

Whole number of ballots was	4,536
Necessary for a choice,	2,269
Parker G. Eaton has	2,935
Adoniram J. Billings,	2,911
Horace W. McKenney,	1,601
Amos W. Spowle,	1,600

And Parker G. Eaton and Adoniram J. Billings, having a majority of all the votes cast, are elected.

## In the Fourteenth District—

Whole number of ballots was	4,675
Necessary for a choice,	2,338
Eben M. Hamor has	3,065
Charles J. Abbott,	3,058
William P. Preble,	1,593
John Hopkins,	1,575
John Hokkins,	17

And Eben M. Hamor and Charles J. Abbott, having a majority of all the votes cast, are elected.

## In the Fifteenth District—

Whole number of ballots was	4,849
Necessary for a choice,	2,425
Charles H. Smith has	2,906
Alexander Campbell,	2,905
James W. Moore,	1,937
Edward K. Balkam,	1,935

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Edward A. Longfellow,	1
Edward Balkam,	4
L. L. Wadsworth,	11

And Charles H. Smith and Alexander Campbell, having a majority of all the votes cast, are elected.

In the Sixteenth District—

Whole number of ballots was	3,311
Necessary for a choice,	1,656
Benjamin Hawes has	2,278
Samuel W. Collins,	1,033

And Benjamin Hawes, having a majority of all the votes cast, is elected.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. MANSON,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McKENZIE of Augusta.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

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

On motion of Mr. PEIRCE,

*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.

A communication was received from Hon. Nathan G. Hichborn, Treasurer of State, transmitting an annual statement and account of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasury Department for the year ending December 31st, 1865.

On motion of Mr. HOLBROOK,

*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. Holbrook of Cumberland, Perkins of Kennebec, and Billings of Waldo, 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, Fairbanks of Farmington, Wilson of Thomaston, Burleigh of South Berwick, Stetson of Bangor, Holland of Lewiston, and Messer of Portland, joined on the part of the House.

The PRESIDENT announced the following Standing Committees of the Senate :

*On Bills in Second Reading.*

Messrs. Stone of Franklin,  
Hamor of Hancock,  
Chase of Oxford,  
Holbrook of Cumberland,  
Burpee of Knox,  
Porter of Penobscot,  
Smith of Washington,  
Moore of Somerset,  
Mason of York,  
Read of Kennebec,  
Billings of Waldo,  
And one vacancy.

*On Engrossed Bills.*

Messrs. Manson of Penobscot,  
Boynton of Somerset,  
Hobbs of York,  
Hawes of Aroostook,  
Eaton of Waldo,  
Hobson of Lincoln,  
Richardson of Cumberland,  
Hinds of Kennebec,  
Campbell of Washington,  
Denison of Androscoggin,  
Ramsdell of Piscataquis,  
And one vacancy.

A communication was received from Hon. Ephraim Flint, Secretary of State, as follows :

"In response to an order of the Senate of the 3d inst., I have the honor to state that no copies of the revised statutes being, at the date of said order, in the possession of the State, I have procured from the publishers the number of copies therein required, and herewith transmit the same. And I would respectfully recommend that provision be made by the Legislature for the purchase of such additional copies as may be needed for future distribution under the laws of the State," which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. BURPEE announced the death of HON. JOHN B. DUNTON, Senator elect from the Twelfth Senatorial District, and addressed the Senate as follows :

MR. PRESIDENT :—I would take this occasion to announce through you to the Senate, the death of my colleague, Hon. John B. Dunton, member elect to this Board from the county of Knox. He died at his residence in the town of Hope, on the 19th of October last, at the age of 48 years.

His death was quite unexpected to his family and friends, as he had not been considered seriously ill. On the day before he died he was about the house and sat at the table with his family, and retired as usual in the evening. Near midnight he awoke his wife and stated that he had a severe pain in his side. An application was made in hope of giving relief. She watched him until a few minutes after one o'clock, when she spoke to him and found him unconscious. Shortly after he expired without a struggle or a groan. As his colleague at this Board, I have thought it proper for me to make this announcement, and to pay some slight tribute of respect to the character of the deceased. He was born in the town of Hope, May 18th, 1817. His father was one of the early settlers in the town, and purchased a tract of land of which he made a farm ; there he lived and reared a family of seven children—five sons and two daughters. John B. was the youngest son and resided with his parents until their decease, when he came into possession of the homestead, and continued in the business of farming to the time of his death.

The circumstances of his early life imposed upon him the necessity of manual labor, affording him only a portion of his time for study, and his advantages for literary attainments were not beyond

what are possessed by nearly every young man in the State; yet he acquired a degree of culture that would characterize him an educated man, and his ability distinguished him in every position which he filled. He was a respected citizen of the town, and was repeatedly honored with the confidence of the citizens, being elected by them to offices of honor and trust, the duties of which he discharged with fidelity, and to the general satisfaction of his constituents.

I had a personal acquaintance with Mr. Dunton for nearly twenty years, and counted him as one of my friends. He possessed many sterling traits of character: honest and fearless in the discharge of his duty, industrious, faithful, capable, and exemplary in his moral deportment. He was a man of warm and earnest affections in all the domestic and social relations, a strong advocate of temperance, and interested himself in most of the efforts made for social improvement and moral reform. His death will be a great loss to the town, and leave a void in his family circle that can never be filled.

The bed of death brings every human being to his pure individuality; to the contemplation of the most solemn of all relations; the relation between the creature and his Creator. Here it is that fame and honors cannot assist us. This relation—the true foundation of all duty—a relation perceived and felt by conscience and confirmed by revelation, our friend, now deceased, acknowledged. He revered the scriptures of truth, honored the pure morality which they teach, and clung to the hopes of future life which they impart.

He to whom we now pay our last tribute of respect, was called by his constituents to repair to the capitol with ourselves. As his colleague I had anticipated his friendship and counsel in the discharge of our official duties, but it has pleased an all-wise God to summon him to another scene of action. His labors on earth are finished. He has gone to his last and final account. We shall meet him no more in this life. He quietly rests in his narrow house, in the beautiful village cemetery near the home of his childhood days, amid the friends he loved so well. Let it be our pleasure, as it is our duty, to emulate the private virtues of the deceased. And while we do this, let us cherish, with grateful remembrance and honest pride, the thought that he was not only a lover of liberty, a friend of republican institutions and a patriot devoted to the

welfare of his country, but that he was a believer in the Christian religion. Without this praise, the Corinthian column of his character would be deprived of the chief ornament of its capital and the solidity of its base. I fervently hope the lessons we have had of the certainty of death will not be lost upon us. May they loosen our attachment to the pleasures of the world, so rapidly passing away; may they cause those who are in high places of trust and honor to remember, now in the days of health, manhood and prosperity, that

“The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,  
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,  
Await alike th' inevitable hour—  
The paths of glory lead but to the grave!”

I move the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the Senate of Maine have received with sorrow and regret, the intelligence of the death of Hon. John B. Dunton, Senator elect from the Twelfth Senatorial District, and we tender our kindest sympathy to the bereaved family in this their great affliction.

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

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

On motion of Mr. MANSON,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that branch of the decease of Hon. John B. Dunton, Senator elect from the Twelfth Senatorial District.

Mr. Manson was charged with the message, and subsequently reported that he had delivered the same as directed.

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

And the Senate accordingly adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ROWE of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

WHEREAS, sundry rumors have been circulated to the effect that frauds have been committed in the matter of enlistments and credits of towns during the years 1863 and 1864 by persons amenable to the State, therefore

*Ordered*, That a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to investigate the subject and report the facts as they may be found to exist, and said Committee is authorized to send for persons and papers.

With Messrs. Shepley of Portland, Williams of Augusta, Woodman of Bucksport, Stetson of Bangor, Wilson of Thomaston, Dodge of Oxford, and Sawyer of Saco, appointed on the part of the House ;

Was read.

Mr. PERKINS moved to amend the same as per sheet "A" and the amendment was adopted and the order as amended passed.

" Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase revised statutes for the use of the State," introduced in the House, amended and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Communications were received from Messrs. Marshall Pierce, Jeremy W. Porter, Everett W. Stetson, and Hiram Ruggles, Councillors elect, signifying their acceptance of their several trusts, which were read and sent down.

A communication was received from Isaac R. Clark, Land Agent elect, signifying his acceptance of the trust, which was read and sent down.

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. Barker of Penobscot,  
Abbott of Hancock,  
Hinds of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Granger of Calais,  
Woodman of Bucksport,  
Miller of Portland,  
Garnsey of Bangor,  
Wilson of Thomaston,  
Foster of Waterville,  
Holland of Lewiston, *of the House.*

*On Federal Relations.*

Messrs. Abbott of Hancock,  
Holbrook of Cumberland,  
Weld of York, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Shepley of Portland,  
Stevens of Augusta,  
Woodman of Bucksport,  
Stetson of Bangor,  
Houghton of Eastport,  
Fairbanks of Farmington,  
Burbank of Limerick, *of the House.*

*On Military Affairs.*

Messrs. Smith of Washington,  
Boynton of Somerset,  
Hobbs of York, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Miller of Portland,  
Garnsey of Bangor,  
Jones of Lewiston,  
Dodge of Oxford,  
Hersey of Belfast,  
Hight of Scarborough,  
Smith of Phillips, *of the House.*

*On Coast and Frontier Defences.*

- Messrs. Holbrook of Cumberland,  
Southard of Sagadahoc,  
Campbell of Washington, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Houghton of Eastport,  
Jackson of Brunswick,  
Estabrook of Oldtown,  
Sawyer of Saco,  
Parlin of Norridgewock,  
Newhall of Paris,  
Colby of Richmond, *of the House*.

*On Railroads, Ways and Bridges.*

- Messrs. Woodman of Cumberland,  
Manson of Penobscot,  
Ramsdell of Piscataquis, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Shepley of Portland,  
Williams of Augusta,  
Wilson of Rockland,  
Foster of Bangor,  
Milliken of Burnham,  
Hunt of Bath,  
Parlin of Norridgewock, *of the House*.

*On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.*

- Messrs. Manson of Penobscot,  
Holbrook of Cumberland,  
Hobson of Lincoln, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Foster of Bangor,  
Fairbanks of Farmington,  
Sanborn of Kittery,  
Nickels of Searsport,  
Eveleth of Durham,  
Webber of St. Albans,  
Adams of Castine, *of the House*.

*On Education.*

Messrs. Stone of Franklin,  
Richardson of Cumberland,  
Read of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Hathaway of Skowhegan,  
Small of Winterport,  
Jordan of Danville,  
Burbank of Limerick,  
Foster of Hanover,  
Johnson of Charleston,  
Dyer of Strong, *of the House*.

*On Banks and Banking.*

Messrs. Southard of Sagadahoc,  
Perkins of Kennebec,  
Mason of York, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Burleigh of South Berwick,  
Houghton of Eastport,  
Foster of Bangor,  
Hall of Rockland,  
Hunt of Bath,  
Messer of Portland,  
Nickels of Searsport, *of the House*.

*On Agriculture.*

Messrs. Chase of Oxford,  
Read of Kennebec,  
Moore of Somerset, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Lang of Vassalborough,  
Bradford of Turner,  
Cargill of Winthrop,  
Hammond of North Berwick,  
Adams of Wilton,  
Newcomb of Newburg,  
Wescott of Standish, *of the House*.

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*On Manufactures.*

Messrs. Hamor of Hancock,  
Denison of Androscoggin,  
Woodman of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Jones of Lewiston,  
Hoskins of Gardiner,  
Burrill of Corinna,  
Merriam of Camden,  
Hanson of Buxton,  
Hall of Falmouth,  
Knight of Wiscasset, *of the House*.

*On Interior Waters.*

Messrs. Porter of Penobscot,  
Moore of Somerset,  
Hawes of Aroostook, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Chesley of Lincoln,  
Wall of Hallowell,  
Eveleth of Durham,  
Comstock of Passadumkeag,  
Parsons of Waldoborough,  
Ham of Smyrna,  
Moore of Machiasport, *of the House*.

*On State Lands and State Roads.*

Messrs. Peirce of Cumberland,  
Smith of Washington,  
Hawes of Aroostook, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Hopkins of Ellsworth,  
Bliss of Freeport,  
Walker of Newport,  
Haskell of Hodgdon,  
Fenderson of Parsonsfield,  
Bowler of Levant,  
Lawler of Baileyville, *of the House*.

*On Division of Towns.*

- Messrs. Weld of York,  
Denison of Androscoggin,  
Perkins of Kennebec, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Sawyer of Raymond,  
Wakefield of Bath,  
Goodwin of Wells,  
Hamblen of Lovell,  
Chandler of Exeter,  
Jewett of Clinton,  
Haines of Nobleborough, *of the House.*

*On Division of Counties.*

- Messrs. Perkins of Kennebec,  
Peirce of Cumberland,  
Eaton of Waldo, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Sanborn of Kittery,  
Farrington of Fryeburg,  
Newhall of Washington,  
Libby of Limestone,  
Crosby of Albion,  
Wagg of Yarmouth,  
Clark of Tremont, *of the House.*

*On Incorporation of Towns.*

- Messrs. Hinds of Kennebec,  
Mason of York,  
Hawes of Aroostook, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Dawes of Harrison,  
Jordan of Waltham,  
Libby of Limestone,  
Robinson of Litchfield,  
Mathews of Warren,  
Waite of Dixfield,  
Lamb of Carroll, *of the House.*

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*On Fisheries.*

Messrs. Burpee of Knox,  
Hobson of Lincoln,  
Hamor of Hancock, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Davis of Lubec,  
Kenniston of Boothbay,  
Clark of Tremont,  
Hall of Falmouth,  
Estes of Harpswell,  
Gordon of Deer Isle,  
Hills of Northport, *of the House*.

*On Indian Affairs.*

Messrs. Manson of Penobscot,  
Richardson of Cumberland,  
Burpee of Knox, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Estabrook of Oldtown,  
Webber of St. Albans,  
Knight of Wiscasset,  
Sturgis of Gorham,  
Decker of Bowdoinham,  
Hill of Machias,  
Bryant of Dover, *of the House*.

*On Claims.*

Messrs. Richardson of Cumberland,  
Hobbs of York,  
Campbell of Washington, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Milliken of Burnham,  
Libbey of Gray,  
Stilphen of Dresden,  
Morrill of Sumner,  
Walton of Mt. Vernon,  
McKechnie of Alton,  
Coffin of Harrington, *of the House*.

*On Pensions.*

Messrs. Burpee of Knox,  
Barker of Penobscot,  
Read of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ,  
Messrs. Brown of Hampden,  
Minot of Belgrade,  
Libbey of Gray,  
Getchell of Marshfield,  
Whitcomb of Easton,  
Greenwood of Fairfield,  
Parsons of Waldoborough, *of the House*.

*On Insane Hospital.*

Messrs. Billings of Waldo,  
Porter of Penobscot,  
Ramsdell of Piscataquis, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Fulton of Bluehill,  
Stevens of Augusta,  
Otis of St. George,  
Chesley of Lincoln,  
Ham of Newfield,  
Grant of Prospect,  
Weeks of Jefferson, *of the House*.

*On Reform School.*

Messrs. Boynton of Somerset,  
Chase of Oxford,  
Eaton of Waldo, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Hopkins of Ellsworth,  
Comins of Eddington,  
Wilson of Rockland,  
Hanson of Buxton,  
Worcester of Portland,  
Bacon of Rumford,  
Smith of Phillips, *of the House*.

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*On State Prison.*

Messrs. Ramsdell of Piscataquis,  
Billings of Waldo,  
Campbell of Washington, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Hall of Rockland,  
Bradford of Houlton,  
Payson of Westbrook,  
Goodwin of Wells,  
Hamblen of Lovell,  
Bailey of Auburn,  
Gibbs of Glenburn, *of the House*.

*On Public Buildings.*

Messrs. Moore of Somerset,  
Eaton of Waldo,  
Peirce of Cumberland, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Bliss of Freeport,  
Minot of Belgrade,  
Comins of Eddington,  
Sanborn of Chesterfield,  
Pulsifer of Poland,  
Goodspeed of Pittston,  
Leach of Penobscot, *of the House*.

*On Library.*

Messrs. Stone of Franklin,  
Barker of Penobscot,  
Burpee of Knox, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Nickerson of Orrington,  
Hoskins of Gardiner,  
Newhall of South Thomaston,  
Hill of Biddeford,  
Adams of Castine,  
Page of Fort Kent,  
Gordon of Leeds, *of the House*.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE,

*Ordered*, That the returns of votes cast for Senators in the Twelfth Senatorial District for the current political year, be recommit-  
ted to the Committee on Senatorial Votes, and that the Committee be directed to inquire if there is a vacancy existing in said district occasioned by the death of the Hon. John B. Dunton, Senator elect from that district, and if so, to report to the Senate who are the constitutional candidates to fill such vacancy.

On motion of Mr. PEIRCE,

*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. BARKER presented bill "an act to incorporate the Gallatin Land, Coal and Oil Company of West Virginia," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOORE,

*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 12 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. Drew, its Clerk, informing the Senate that the House concurred with the proposition of the Senate for a Convention of both branches of the Legislature for the purposes named in the above proposition of the Senate.

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

A communication was received from Hon. Ephraim Flint, Secretary of State, transmitting the Annual Report of the Directors of the American Asylum at Hartford for the education of the deaf and dumb.

Also, communication transmitting the Annual Reports of the Trustees and Superintendent of the State Reform School, and the Insane Hospital, and Report of the Warden and Inspectors of the State Prison, for the year 1865.

On motion of Mr. HINDS,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish for the use of the Senate, five copies of the Acts and Resolves of the State of Maine from the year 1857 to the year 1864, inclusive.

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. BURPEE of the Senate,

*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 Convention for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon their official duties.

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

Thereupon, Honorables Marshall Pierce, Jeremy W. Porter, Everett W. Stetson, Dennis Moore and Hiram Ruggles, 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 oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

On motion of Mr. WOODMAN of the Senate,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor by the Secretary, informing him of the election and qualification of Messrs. Marshall Pierce, Jeremy W. Porter, Everett W. Stetson, Dennis

Moore and Hiram Ruggles, as Executive Councillors for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

The Convention then dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council by the Secretary, informing them that Hon. Ephraim Flint 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. PORTER presented the petition of Passadumkeag Boom Company for amendment of its charter ;

Also, bill "an act to amend the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company";

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOORE,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate make up the pay and mileage of William F. Blake to and including this day.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY 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 repealing or amending chapter 44 of the revised statutes, relating to hawkers and pedlers, and of chapter 296 of the laws of 1865 in amendment thereof;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so changing the law relating to poll-taxes, approved February 8, 1865, that the amount assessed in one year upon an individual for town, county and state purposes, except highway taxes separately assessed, shall not exceed one dollar and fifty cents :

Was read, and on motion of Mr. BOYNTON, was laid on the table.

Petition of the Judge and Register of Probate for Kennebec county for increase of salaries, was referred to the Delegation from said county, in concurrence.

Petition of Jane P. Thurston of Portland for indemnity for land taken for public uses by the city of Portland and for mal-administration of her husband's estate, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Portland Rolling Mills for an amendment of charter, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, the vote whereby the Senate passed the order relating to frauds in enlistments and credits, was reconsidered.

Same Senator moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Senate adopted amendment "A" proposed by Mr. PERKINS, and

on this question, on motion of Mr. PERKINS, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. MANSON, the Senate reconsidered the vote whereby the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion of Mr. BARKER prevailed.

Mr. ABBOTT moved to amend the amendment as per sheets "C" and "D," which several amendments were adopted.

On the question of adopting the amendment as amended, on motion of Mr. MANSON, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Barker, Billings, Boynton, Burpee, Campbell, Eaton, Hamor, Hawes, Hinds, Hobson, Manson, Mason, Moore, Peirce, Perkins, Porter, Ramsdell, Read, Smith, Southard, Virgin, Woodman—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Holbrook, Richardson—2.

So the amendment was adopted, and the order as amended passed.

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

The Committee on Senatorial votes, who were instructed to ascertain and report the names of the constitutional candidates to fill the vacancy in the Twelfth Senatorial District occasioned by the decease of Hon. John B. Dunton, 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 Roscoe Harlow are the constitutional candidates.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. HINDS,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives by the Secretary, informing that branch that a vacancy exists in the Twelfth Senatorial District and that the constitutional candidates to fill said vacancy are Edward O'Brien and Roscoe Harlow, and proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall this day at 12 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 by Mr. Drew, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the foregoing proposition of the Senate.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported "resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase revised statutes for the use of the State," which was read a second time.

House amendment "A" was adopted.

Mr. PORTER proposed an amendment marked "B," which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. John A. Peters, Attorney General elect, signifying his acceptance of the office, which was read and sent down.

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. HINDS of the Senate,

Messrs. Hinds of Kennebec, Burpee of Knox, of the Senate, and Messrs. Merriam of Camden, Knight of Wiscasset, Newcomb of Newburg, Marble of Woolwich, and Hills of Northport, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Senator to fill the vacancy in the Twelfth Senatorial District.

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

Whole number of votes,	130
Necessary for a choice,	66
Edward O'Brien has	118
Roscoe L. Harlow,	11
Joseph A. Gushee,	1

The report was accepted, and EDWARD O'BRIEN was declared duly elected Senator to fill the vacancy existing in the Twelfth Senatorial District for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON of the Senate,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention notify Edward O'Brien that he has been duly elected a Senator for the Twelfth Senatorial District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. John B. Dunton.

The Convention then dissolved.

## IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. HINDS,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council informing them that Hon. John A. Peters has been duly elected Attorney General for the current political year, and has signified his acceptance of that office.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. HAMOR,

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

On motion of Mr. PORTER,

*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. Porter of Penobscot, Southard of Sagadahoc, and Richardson 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 the Committee joined on the part of the House as follows :

Messrs. Cargill of Winthrop, Jordan of Cape Elizabeth, Wyman of Sebec, Wingate of Cherryfield, Marble of Woolwich, Jenkins of New Portland, and Fowler of Unity.

Mr. HAWES presented the petition of Sidney Cook and others of Presque Isle, for an act of incorporation as the Presque Isle Woollen Manufacturing Company ;

Mr. PORTER presented bill "an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land, Mining and Oil Company";

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH presented the petition of G. W. Gorham of Eastport, for authority to extend his wharf into tide waters of Passamaquoddy Bay, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. JOHNSON of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 4 of the revised statutes as to require the Clerks of cities, towns and plantations in making returns of votes for County Officers, Senators and Representatives to the Legislature, given in at the election on the second Monday of September in each year, to state in such returns the residence of the several persons voted for, thereby furnishing the Secretary of State such official knowledge as may enable him in issuing certificates of election to determine authoritatively the residence of the persons so elected ;

That the same Committee consider what further legislation is necessary to secure a more prompt publication of the Reports of Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of altering, amending or repealing chapter two hundred and sixty-seven of the public laws of 1864, entitled "an act in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices and the place in which Justice actions shall be commenced" ;

That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 45 of the revised statutes, relating to usury ;

That the Committee on Agriculture be requested to inquire into the expediency of establishing "wine measure" as the legal measure for all liquids ;

That all books purchased for the use of the State by order of this Legislature be put into the care of the State Librarian, with

instruction to have them legibly marked on the outside, "*The Property of the State of Maine*"; and that they be loaned to members on the same conditions as other books, except to be returned at the close of the session ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Warren H. Vinton and others of Portland, for an act of incorporation as the Tontogona Petroleum Company, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, the Senate non-concurred with the House and referred the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of L. L. Morrison and others of Skowhegan, for an act of incorporation as the Skowhegan Hall Association ;

Petition of Aaron Hobart and others, County Commissioners of Washington county, for an increase of compensation ;

Petition of Inhabitants of Clinton Gore and vicinity, for a law to enable the County Commissioners of Kennebec county to expend money for repair of a certain bridge over Sebasticook river ;

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

Petition of J. M. Wiswell and others of East Machias, for authority to improve Gardner's stream in East Machias for the passage of logs and timber with a right to assess a toll ;

Petition of Thomas G. Getchell and others of Machias and vicinity, for an act of incorporation as the Middle River Dyke Company ;

Petition of Warren Brown and others, for an act of incorporation as the Union River Log Driving and Dam Company ;

Petition of Warren Brown and others, for an act of incorporation as the Union River Boom Company ;

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

Petition of the Inhabitants of Fort Kent, for an appropriation to repair the bridge across Fish river, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of William W. Quimby for renewal of pension, was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Petition of H. C. Goodenow and others of Lewiston, for aid to Thomas A. Eastman and William H. H. Graham of Lewiston, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Maine Insurance Company for leave to surrender their charter, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of Freeman Harding and others, for an act of incorporation as the Mallison Falls Manufacturing Company ;

Petition of John B. Brown and others, for an increase of the capital stock of the Portland Glass Company ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of Parker Tuck, Judge of Probate for Hancock county, for increase of salary, was referred to the Hancock County Delegation in concurrence.

Petition of Timothy Fuller and others of Lincoln, for an appropriation in aid of Mattanawcook Academy, Lincoln, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Inhabitants of Washington and Somerville for alteration of town lines ;

Petition of John Caswell and others of Bridgton, to be set off from the town of Bridgton and annexed to the town of Harrison ;

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

On motion of Mr. PERKINS,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to ascertain the amount of appropriations in money and lands made by the State for the benefit of Aroostook county and settlers therein, from the date of the incorporation of said county to and including the year 1865, and report the same to this Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,

*Ordered*, That the Adjutant General be directed to distribute one copy of his Report for the year 1863 to each member of the Senate, its officers and reporter.

On motion of Mr. ABBOTT,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 45 of the public laws of 1858, entitled "an act additional to chapter 60 of the revised statutes, relating to divorce."

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BOYNTON introduced "resolve in relation to the crime of treason and the punishment of traitors," which, on motion of Mr. MANSON, was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator introduced "resolve in favor of employment of disabled or injured soldiers who are of sober, temperate and moral habits," which, on motion of Mr. RICHARDSON, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON, the order relating to poll taxes was taken from the table and passed in concurrence.

Mr. SMITH moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Senate passed the order relating to frauds in enlistments and credits, and on this question, on motion of Mr. MANSON, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Barker, Boynton, Hamor, Hobson, Holbrook, Mason, Ramsdell, Richardson, Smith, Virgin, Woodman—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Billings, Burpee, Campbell, Eaton, Hawes, Hinds, Manson, Moore, Peirce, Perkins, Porter, Read—12.

So the motion was lost.

The order was then sent down to the House for concurrence.

Mr. PORTER introduced bill "an act to incorporate the Grand Falls Manufacturing Company," which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CAMPBELL introduced bill "an act in relation to repairs of roads in incorporated townships," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RAMSDELL presented petition of Luther Keen and others of Atkinson and Orneville, that certain land may be set off from

Orneville and annexed to Atkinson, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. READ,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to ascertain what legislation, if any, is necessary or expedient to protect the rights and make valid the acts of towns or other municipalities, which have found it necessary to pay more than the legal rate of interest in procuring and continuing loans of money for the purpose of paying bounties for recruits for the army of the United States during the recent rebellion.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOBSON,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Fisheries be instructed to examine the fishing laws of this State and report such further legislation as may be deemed necessary to protect the interests of the State.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON,

*Ordered*, That a message be conveyed to the Governor and Council, informing them that Isaac R. Clark has been duly elected Land Agent for the current political year and has signified his acceptance of said office.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. ABBOTT,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing that the town expenditures for public ways shall be subject to general rules and principles prescribed by law, and embodied in the warrants of of highway surveyors, which shall be furnished and distributed by the State.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAWES,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the legality of the assessment of the State and County taxes for the years 1860 and 1861 on the town of Ashland.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PEIRCE,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1866.

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 the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by statute that every bill of cost issued from the Supreme Court of this State shall be certified to, on the Clerk's records, by the presiding Judge, and also on a slip of paper containing each item of legal cost, and passed to the judgment debtor or his attorney, before execution can be issued against him ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 1 of chapter 76 of the public laws of 1862, relating to persons liable to be committed by the municipal officers of cities and towns to the Insane Hospital, (who have no legal settlement in this State,) so that the city or town where said persons may be found, shall be liable only for their proportional part of the expense ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law that in all transfers of real estate, all iron stoves shall be considered as personal property and not pass with the realty ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to prevent railroad corporations from imposing prohibitory tariffs for the transportation of wood and other articles ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of James M. Bangs of Lubec, for the repeal of an act approved March 22, 1859, giving authority to Samuel A. Lawrence to maintain a fish weir in Seward's Bay, Lubec ;

Petition of Winslow Bates and others, in aid of the petition of James M. Bangs ;

Petition of Benjamin Fowler for authority to build wharves and fish weirs in the waters of Johnson's Bay in Lubec ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Furbish and others of Brunswick, for the repeal of chapter 44 of the revised statutes, and the act amendatory thereof approved February 15, 1865, relating to hawkers and pedlers ;

Petition of Inhabitants of Glenburn to have the doings of School District No. 8 in said town legalized ;

Petition of the County Commissioners of Franklin county for an increase of pay ;

Petition of James A. Decker and others of Bowdoinham, for authority to sell the " Methodist Free Meeting-house " in said town ;

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

Petition of Thomas Leigh and others of Hallowell, for an act authorizing said city to loan its credit in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to improve the navigation of Kennebec river ;

Remonstrance of William H. Pope and others of East Machias, against the petition of James M. Wiswell and others, for authority to impose a toll on logs and lumber in Gardner's stream ;

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

Petition of Jeremiah Libby and others of Grand Falls plantation ;

Petition of Putnam Rolf and others of Princeton, severally for an appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike ;

Petition of the County Commissioners and others of Somerset county, for an appropriation to build a bridge across Dead river in said county ;

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

Petition of Jonas Hogan and others of Arrowsic, for authority to erect and maintain a dyke ;

Petition of A. D. Brown and others, for an act of incorporation as the International Telegraph Company ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company";

Petition of the European and North American Railway Company for an extension of time in which to complete its line of railway, for further aid from the State, and for other purposes ;

Petition of S. Nickerson and others of Waldo county, for authority to the County Commissioners of said county to lay out a highway across Passagassawakeag river in Belfast ;

Petition of Allen Merry and others of Oxford county, for an act of incorporation as the Bethel and Hanover Toll Bridge Company ;

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

Petition of Stephen W. Hill to be set off from the town of Kennebunkport and annexed to the city of Biddeford, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of T. C. Hersey for an act additional to an act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of Joshua Adams and others of Wilton, to be incorporated as the Trustees of Wilton Academy, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of E. H. Jewett and others of South Berwick, for an act of incorporation as the South Berwick Savings Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Otis, A. S. Sawyer and Lorenzo D. Wilbur, for payment of bounties for services as soldiers, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of R. F. Campbell and others of Hancock county, for an act authorizing a record of discharges from the army and navy to be made by the Register of Deeds for said county, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Mr. SMITH presented the petition of E. B. Harvey and others, for an increase of the salary of the Register of Probate for Wash-

ington county, which was referred to the Delegation from said county.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CAMPBELL presented the remonstrance of John Crocker and others of Marshfield, against the petition of Thomas G. Getchel and others, for authority to build a dyke across Middle river ;

Mr. BURPEE presented the petition of George Gregory and others, for authority to construct a wharf into tide waters in the city of Rockland ;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RAMSDELL presented the petition of E. M. Carter and others, County Commissioners of Oxford county, for an increase of salary, which was referred to the delegation from said county.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMOR,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Fisheries be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 313 of the public laws of 1865, entitled "an act to protect menhaden or porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish one copy of a map of the State of Maine, to be hung up in the Senate Chamber for the use of the Senate.

Mr. HOLBROOK, from the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the Report of the State Treasurer, submitted the following report :

That they have examined the books and accounts in the Treasurer's office, and find them correctly cast, and properly vouched, and that they agree with the balance sheet exhibited to the Legislature, and that the amount of cash on hand December 30th, 1865, was three hundred five thousand, one hundred seventy-five dollars and fifty-four cents, (\$305,175.54) of which one hundred sixty-three thousand, five hundred seventy dollars and eleven cents, (\$163,570.11) was deposited in the banks of this State, and Suf-

folk Bank, Boston, as per schedule annexed, as appears by the returns of their respective cashiers, and the sum of one hundred forty-one thousand, six hundred five dollars and forty-three cents, (\$141,605.43) we found cash in hand. Acting by authority of a resolve of January 24th, 1863, they destroyed by burning all the bonds and coupons paid by the Treasurer during the year 1865, amount of coupons three hundred fourteen thousand, two hundred and fifteen dollars (\$314,215). Amount of bonds, forty thousand dollars, (\$40,000), being bonds Nos. 16, 17 and 18, each for one thousand dollars (\$1000), loan of 1856; Nos. 59, 60, and 61, each for two thousand dollars (\$2000); Nos. 62 and 63, each for three thousand dollars, (\$3000), loan of 1855; and bond No. 3, for twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$25,000), issued to the State of Massachusetts under resolve of Sept. 28, 1853, a record of which has been duly entered on the books of the Treasurer.

They find on hand, not yet negotiated, bonds of this State, authorized by resolve of March 19, 1864, amounting to one hundred sixty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$167,500).

The Treasurer, acting by authority of an act of 1865, to create and establish a sinking fund, has purchased State bonds to the amount of one hundred thousand, five hundred dollars, (\$100,500), which we find stamped "*Sinking Fund of the State of Maine.*"

They further report that they find sundry securities deposited with the Treasurer in trust, under certain acts and resolves of this State as follows, viz:

For School District No. 2, Madison, one thousand dollars (\$1000), Trustees of Bates College, ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000), and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), for Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, said securities being bonds issued by this State.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. A. HOLBROOK,  
G. W. PERKINS,  
A. J. BILLINGS,  
JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS,  
ISAIAH STETSON,  
DANIEL HOLLAND,  
FREDERICK G. MESSER,  
JOHN H. BURLEIGH,  
EDMUND WILSON,

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAWES presented the petition of Robert Wilder and others of Washburn, for an appropriation in aid of building a road in said town which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of the Maine Insurance Company, reported bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Maine Insurance Company";

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to incorporate the Gallatin Land, Coal and Oil Company of West Virginia," reported that the same ought to pass;

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

On motion of Mr. BURPEE,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Fen. G. Barker, leader of the band of the 3d Maine regiment of volunteers, in behalf of himself and the members of said band in relation to the construction of that section of the "ten regiment act," so called, which provides a bounty of two months advance pay to privates, musicians and others, be taken from the files of the last Legislature and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAWES presented the petition of David G. Cook of Presque Isle, for remuneration for money expended by him on Fish river road, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. EATON,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. RANDALL of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Joint Select Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts inquire into the expediency of taking a new State valuation for the purpose of making a new apportionment of the State tax, and report thereon as soon as practicable ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 114 of the statutes of 1862 ;  
Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Ann Wade, widow of Wm. F. Wade, for a deed of a lot of land in Maysville ;

Petition of Mark Trafton and others of Limestone plantation ;

Petition of Isaac Hacker and others of Fort Fairfield ;

Petition of S. E. Phipps and others of Sarsfield plantation ;

Severally for aid to build a bridge across the Aroostook river at Fort Fairfield, were each referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

“ Resolve in favor of the town of Searsmont ;”

Petition of Hiram Hutchinson and others of Burnham ;

Petition of Joshua S. Greene and others of Union ;

Petition of H. K. Bond and others of Jefferson ;

Petition of S. A. Hawes and others of Belfast ;

Petition of Copeland, Duren & Co., and others of Calais ;

Petition of Otis Black and others of Searsport ;

Petition of Jeremiah Grant and others of Prospect ;

Petition of Timothy Mayo and others of Monroe ;

Petition of Carleton Norwood and others of Rockport ;

Petition of Atwood Levensaler and others of Thomaston ;

Petition of J. Adams and others of Camden ;

Petition of R. M. Brookings and others of Wiscasset ;

Petition of Charles Whitney and others of Thorndike ;

Petition of D. Carey and others of Sabattisville ;  
Petition of James Lancaster and others of Northport ;  
Petition of M. Butman and others of Liberty ;  
Petition of Caleb Whitaker and others of Searsmont ;  
Petition of John W. Perkins and others of Lewiston ;  
Petition of Winslow & Austin and others of Waldoborough ;  
Petition of Anthony Luques and other of Kennebunkport ;  
Petition of J. Dingley, Jr., and others of Auburn ;

Petition of E. B. Mayo and others of Rockland ; severally for an amendment of chapter 44 of the revised statutes, entitled "hawkers and pedlers," and the act amendatory thereof, approved February 15, 1865, so that merchants of other States may obtain orders for their goods by exhibiting samples ;

Petition of Israel Putnam, Mayor of Bath, for an amendment of city charter ;

Petition of the Selectmen of Corinth, to have the doings of said town in voting to pay bounties to persons who were drafted and paid commutation ;

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

Petition of Job Foster of Montville, to have that portion of his farm in the town of Knox set off from said town and annexed to Montville ;

Petition of Hiram Johnson and others, to be set off from the town of Waterborough and annexed to the town of Hollis ;

Petition of Samuel Haley, Town Agent of Hollis, for the reestablishment of the town lines between Hollis, Waterborough and Limington ;

Petition of S. E. Phipps and others, to have a portion of township letter D, range 1, in Aroostook county, annexed to Fort Fairfield ;

Petition of James Wall and others, to have that portion of the town of Winslow between Sebasticook and Kennebec rivers be set off and annexed to Waterville ;

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

Petition of John B. Brown and others of Portland ;

Petition of H. S. Hagar and others of Richmond ;

Petition of Oliver Moses and others of Bath ;

Petition of M. W. Farwell and others of Lewiston ;  
Petition of Wm. H. Hemenway and others of Machias ;  
Petition of R. H. Gardiner and others of Gardiner ;  
Petition of Samuel Thing and others of Freeport ;  
Petition of E. H. Banks and others of Biddeford and Saco ;

Petition of J. S. Currier and others of Hallowell ; severally in aid of the petition of A. D. Brown and others, for an act of incorporation as the International Telegraph Company ;

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

Petition of Edward Fox and others of Portland, proprietors of Union wharf, for authority to inclose and extend their wharf ;

Remonstrance of Jacob McLellan and others, Harbor Commissioners of Portland harbor, against the foregoing petition ;

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

Petition of inhabitants of Northport for a reduction of the State valuation of said town, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Francis Cobb and others of Rockland, for a change of the law relating to hoops on lime casks, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of Campbell Bachelder and others for an increase of the compensation of the County Commissioners of Penobscot county, was referred to the Delegation from said county in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of William Tilley” was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Bill “an act to further continue in force the provisions of chapter 71 of the laws of 1862, concerning specie payments,” 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. PORTER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 20 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, concerning probate courts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. READ presented the petition of Lorenzo Clay, County Attorney of Kennebec county, for an increase of salary, which was referred to the delegation from said county.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

“An act to incorporate the Gallatin Land, Coal and Oil Company of West Virginia”;

“An act additional to an act to incorporate the Maine Insurance Company”;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HINDS,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to ascertain what further legislation, if any, is necessary to secure to the holders of bills of banks whose charters have expired, redemption of the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

The order relating to frauds in enlistments and credits came from the House, that branch having concurred in the Senate amendments thereto, and passed the same in concurrence, and Messrs. Woodman of Cumberland, Ramsdell of Piscataquis, and Mason of York, were joined to said Committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. MOORE,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

In the absence of the President, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CALDWELL of Hallowell.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS,

Messrs. Perkins of Kennebec, Porter of Penobscot, and Weld of York, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President *pro tempore* of the Senate.

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

Whole number of ballots,	17
Necessary for a choice,	9
Augustus D. Manson has	17

The report was accepted and Hon. AUGUSTUS D. MANSON was declared duly elected President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

Mr. Manson was conducted to the Chair by Messrs. Moore of Somerset and Smith of Washington, and accepted the office in brief remarks.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to examine the law in reference to taxing personal property kept in an unincorporated township for the purpose of avoiding taxation ;

That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of regulating by law the drainage of salt marsh in this State ;

That the Committees on State Prison, Insane Hospital and Reform School, be authorized to visit those institutions and make report thereon, at any time during the present session of the Legislature ;

That the Committee appointed to investigate into the alleged frauds upon the property of this State, be instructed to lay before

the Attorney General of the State, from time to time, such evidence as in their opinion would lead to the arrest of guilty parties, and the seizure of their property ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Butler and others for a law authorizing plantations to tax all lands within their limits for the support of schools and payment of all debts ;

Petition of Benjamin Williams and others of Freedom ;

Petition of C. B. Black and others of Belmont, severally for amendment of chapter 44 of the revised statutes, and the act amendatory thereof, approved Feb. 15, 1865, relating to hawkers and pedlers ;

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

Remonstrance of Samuel Davis and others against the repeal of "an act to protect menhaden or porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine," approved Feb. 24, 1865, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Thomas Simmons and others of Cranberry and other islands, against being annexed to the town of Friendship or any other town, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of J. A. Dudley and others of Milford, for an appropriation in aid of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Warehouse Company," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

"Resolve concerning postal and other communication between States," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was once read.

Mr. BOYNTON proposed an amendment marked "A."

Mr. ABBOTT proposed an amendment to the amendment marked "B," pending which, on motion of Mr. PORTER, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAWES presented the petition of Joshua Cristy and others of Washburn, that authority may be given the Land Agent to convey a certain lot of land to Thomas Linton, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE presented the following petitions :

Petition of George Warren and others, for a charter for a railroad from Waterville in Kennebec county to some point near Caratunk Falls, in the county of Somerset ;

Petition of Luther Curtis and others ;

Petition of James R. Hilton and others ;

Petition of Jotham C. Metcalf and others ;

Petition of H. F. Butts and others, severally in aid of the petition of George Warren and others ;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PORTER presented bill "an act to increase the compensation of jurors," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council and House of Representatives, by the Secretary, informing said bodies that in the absence of the President, the Senate has made choice of Hon. Augustus D. Manson as President *pro tempore*.

The messages were conveyed by the Secretary.

A message was received from the House through Mr. Stevens of Augusta, informing the Senate that in the absence of the Clerk, the House had made choice of S. J. CHADBOURNE, Esq., of Dixmont, as Clerk *pro tempore*.

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Joint Select Committee on Governor's Address, made the following report :

That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to national affairs, the assumption of State debts, and the reciprocity treaty, be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations ;

That so much as relates to the military history of the State, Adjutant General's Report, and the monument to the soldiers, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs ;

That so much as relates to the European and North American Railway, be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges ;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

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 specie payments";

Which was passed to be enacted in concurrence. And this bill having been signed by the President *pro tempore*, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. HAWES,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That it is the sense of this Legislature that Mondays and Saturdays be considered working days, and that parties having business with the Legislature be requested to govern themselves accordingly ;

That the Committee on Education be authorized to visit the State Normal School at Farmington, examine the condition of the same, and report thereon during the present session of the Legislature ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Leonard Peabody and others of Princeton, for an act legalizing the doings of said town in exempting manufacturing establishments from taxation ;

Petition of William Stuart and others of Princeton, for an amendment of the laws relating to hawkers and pedlers ;

Petition of the Selectmen of Starks and Mercer for an amendment of the law setting off certain territory from Starks and annexing the same to the town of Mercer ;

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

Petition of John Beeman and others, requesting that their names may be erased from the petition of Thomas Leigh and others ;

Remonstrance of Moses B. Lakeman and others of Hallowell, against the petition of Thomas Leigh and others, for authority to said city to loan its credit to improve the navigation of Kennebec river ;

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

Petition of Æneas Wilcox of Lubec, for authority to build a fish weir in the waters of Johnson's bay, Lubec, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of Luke J. Moore and others of Starks, to be set off from said town and annexed to Norridgewock, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of William Day and others of Township No. 8, South Division, Hancock county, for aid in building a school house in said township, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Remonstrance of the municipal authorities of the city of Belfast against the petition of S. Nickerson and others for authority to the County Commissioners of Waldo county to lay out a highway over Passagassawakeag river in Belfast, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

“Resolve relating to the unoccupied land of the United States,” was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing and Water Power Company,” was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Mr. SMITH presented the petition of D. J. Sawyer and others of Jonesport, for amendment of the laws relating to hawkers and pedlers ;

Mr. EATON presented the petition of James Treat and others of Winterport, for the same object ;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Mr. Chadbourne, Clerk *pro tem.*, 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 State Treasurer for the current fiscal year and asking the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate concurred, of which 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. SMITH of the Senate,

Messrs. Smith of Washington, Hobbs of York, of the Senate, and Messrs. Hersey of Belfast, Woodcock of Searsmont, Wakefield of Bath, Otis of St. George, and Leach of Penobscot, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for State Treasurer.

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

Whole number of votes,	134
Necessary for a choice,	68
Nathan G. Hichborn,	127
Charles A. Shaw,	6
Joseph W. Porter,	1

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

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON of the Senate,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify Hon. Nathan G. Hichborn that he has been duly elected State Treasurer for the current fiscal year.

The Convention then dissolved.

## IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FULLER 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 repealing the last clause of section 61, chapter 18, of the revised statutes, or of so amending said chapter that an action for damages may survive in name of administrator, instead of recovery by indictment as now provided ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of a law whereby a purchaser or assignee of any chose in action sold at public or private sale by any bank in this State, may, after such bank has surrendered its charter, sue thereon in his own name, subject to all legal and equitable defence ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what alteration should be made, if any, in chapter 63, section 5, and chapter 64, section 13, of the revised statutes, in order more effectually to protect the rights of widows and heirs in the estates of deceased persons ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire what legislation is necessary to make valid the doings of assessors of towns, who, in conformity to a vote of said towns, have not assessed moneys loaned to said towns by the inhabitants thereof, or having assessed it, have abated the tax thereon ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of any alteration of the law relating to damages in case of tort ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

That the Committee on Federal Relations be instructed to inquire into the expediency of instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives to use their influence to have a law passed by Congress prohibiting all vessels that have been sold and put under foreign flags during the late rebellion, from being restored to the

rights and privileges of vessels of the United States, was read and, on motion of Mr. PERKINS, was laid on the table.

“Resolve in relation to taxation of United States bonds,” was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of William Dyer and others of Waterville and vicinity, for increase of the rate of interest where an agreement to that effect is made in writing between the parties, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, the Senate non-concurred with the House, and referred the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Nickerson and others of Boothbay and vicinity for an act of incorporation as the Mouse Island Marine Railway Company;

Remonstrance of the Maine Telegraph Company against the petition of A. D. Brown and others, for an act of incorporation as the International Telegraph Company;

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

Petition of B. B. Farnsworth and another, for an act of incorporation as the Sabattis River Manufacturing Company;

Petition of C. C. Barrett and others, in behalf of the Bangor Female Orphan Asylum for an amendment of act of incorporation;

Petition of B. B. Farnsworth, Treasurer of the Lisbon Manufacturing Company, for an act changing the name of said company to that of the “Lisbon Paper Company”;

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

Petition of L. G. Smith and others of Starks, asking to be set off from the county of Somerset and annexed to the county of Franklin, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties in concurrence.

Mr. DENISON, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of John B. Brown and others, for an increase of the capital stock of the Portland Glass Company, reported bill “an act addi-

tional to an act to incorporate the Portland Glass Company," approved February 1864 ;

Mr. HAMOR, from the same Committee, on the petition of the Portland Rolling Mills Company, for an amendment of charter, reported bill "an act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills and additional to the same";

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

Mr. HINDS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of inhabitants of Clinton Gore and vicinity, for authority to County Commissioners of Kennebec county to expend money in repairing bridge over Sebacicook river, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges ;

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Claims, on the petition of Jane P. Thurston, for indemnity for land taken by the city of Portland for public uses, and for mal-administration of her husband's estate, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBBS presented "resolve directing that the County Attorneys be furnished with certain acts and resolves," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAWES presented petition of Benjamin Gray of Mapleton plantation, for a deed of a certain lot of land in said plantation ; also,

Petition of F. Winslow and others of Mapleton plantation in aid of the foregoing :

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE presented the following petitions :

Petition of T. F. Paine and others ;

Petition of M. M. Dinsmore and others ;

Petition of James Bailey and others ;

Petition of J. W. Patten and others ;

Petition of Marcellus Steward and others ;

Petition of George A. Fletcher and others ;

Petition of Joseph Merry and others ;

Petition of Moses Green and others ;

Petition of J. W. Gould and others ;

Petition of Wm. H. Brown and others, severally in aid of the petition of Geo. Warren and others, for a railroad charter ;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of empowering Judges of Probate to decree change of name to any person in their counties upon application therefor.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS,

The order relating to the rights and privileges of vessels put under foreign flags during the late rebellion, was taken from the table and passed in concurrence.

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

“Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase revised statutes for the use of the State,” 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. PERKINS,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. TUCKER of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the assumption by the State of all the debts incurred by towns, in paying bounties to volunteers during the late rebellion ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that married women shall be bound by their contracts the same as if sole and unmarried ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary to prevent the unauthorized use of trade marks and names ;

That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in regard to State aid to soldiers' families ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of E. W. White and others of Topsham, for authority to lay down a water pipe across the land of Elijah Doughty, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of Charles E. Hatch of Mapleton plantation, for deed of a certain lot of land in said plantation ;

Petition of Louisa H. Bryant and others of Aroostook county, that a deed of a certain lot of land in said county may be given to said Louisa ;

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

Petition of Dana Brigham and others of Westbrook ;

Petition of S. P. Strickland and others of Bangor, severally in aid of the petition of A. D. Brown and others, for an act of incorporation as the International Telegraph Company ;

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

Petition of Winthrop Baston and another, to be set off from the town of Yarmouth and annexed to the town of Cumberland ;

Remonstrance of David Garland and others of Winslow, against setting off that part of said town lying between the Sebasticook and Kennebec rivers, and annexing the same to Waterville ;

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

Petition of John K. Whitaker and others, for the repeal of "an act to protect menhaden or porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine," approved February 24, 1865 ;

Petition of the Selectmen of Warren, for an amendment of the law regulating the Warren fishery, with resolve accompanying ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of A. M. Roberts and others, for an act of incorporation as the Bangor and Oldtown Association, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, the Senate non-concurred with the House, and referred the same to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of H. N. Bolster and others of Paris, for an amendment of the laws relating to hawkers and pedlers ;

"Resolves in relation to United States bonds and the assumption of war debts";

Bill "an act in relation to the rules of evidence and in addition to an act to amend section 83 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to proceedings in court," approved March 15, 1862 ;

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

Bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money," came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, the Senate non-concurred with the House, and referred the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sangerville Manufacturing Company," was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the Selectmen of Corinth, to have the doings of said town made valid in paying bounties to persons drafted who paid commutation, that petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor through Hon. Ephraim Flint, Secretary of State, transmitting an abstract of the returns of treasurers of cities and towns of this State, showing the financial condition thereof, made agreeably to the requirements of the eighth section of an act entitled "an act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men and substitutes of drafted and enrolled men, and for other purposes," approved February 17, 1865.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, the message and documents accompanying were laid on the table, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. BARKER presented the petition of J. W. Cloudman, for an allowance for services and disbursements in enlisting eight hundred men for the D. C. cavalry;

Same Senator presented petition of same, in behalf of surviving members and heirs of deceased members of Co. D. 1st Reg't D. C. Cavalry, for bounty;

Mr. HAWES presented the petition of Lydia Nichols of Forestville plantation, for bounty due her deceased husband;

Same Senator presented petition of America Bartlett and others of Forestville and Lyndon, in aid of the foregoing;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBSON presented the petition of Henry Ingalls and others of Wiscasset, for an act of incorporation as the Wiscasset Savings Bank, with bill accompanying;

Mr. BURPEE presented the petition of President and Directors of Lime Rock Bank, for an increase of capital stock;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HINDS,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing sections 53 to 62 inclusive, of chapter 51 of the revised statutes, providing for a foreclosure of mortgages, given by railroad corporations to secure the payment of their bonds, and all subsequent bonds relating thereto.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOBBS,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 12 of chapter 126 of the revised statutes, concerning fraud and conspiracies.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 8 of chapter 96 of the revised statutes, concerning replevin of goods, so that persons owning goods exempt from attachment may replevin them.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOORE,

*Ordered*, That on and after Tuesday next the Senate meet at ten o'clock A. M., excepting Saturdays and Mondays, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Washington County Delegation, on the petition of E. B. Harvey and others, reported bill "an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington."

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 the following bills :

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland Glass Company," approved February 1864 ;

"An act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills and additional to the same";

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

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMOR,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CHASE of Hallowell.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Federal Relations inquire whether any expression of opinion on the part of this Legislature be advisable in relation to the location in the State of Maine of the fresh water docks required for the preservation of the iron-clad vessels of the navy ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary to protect our forests from destruction by fire ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending clause one, section 11, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the taxation of logs, timber, &c., by striking out the words, "if the owners occupy any store, shop, mill or wharf thereon, and shall not be taxable where the owners reside";

That the petition of J. S. Hobbs, Register of Probate for Oxford county, for increase of compensation, be taken from the files of last year and referred to the delegation from Oxford county ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of H. N. Bolster and others of Paris, for an act of incorporation as the South Paris Corporation ;

Petition of Charles J. Perkins and others of Bath, for the repeal of chapter 313 of the laws of 1865, relating to menhaden and porgies ;

Petition of N. H. Macomber and others of Bowdoinham ;

Petition of George M. Hager and others of Richmond ;

Petition of Wm. S. Peavey and others of Whitney ;  
Petition of Charles Miles and others of Newport ;  
Petition of J. R. Campbell and others of Cherryfield ;  
Petition of J. C. Nash and others of Harrington ;  
Petition of John Plummer and others of Addison ;  
Petition of James Miller and others of Whitneyville ;  
Petition of James Crandon and others of Columbia ;  
Petition of W. T. Hobart and others of Pembroke ;  
Petition of T. W. Allen and others of Dennysville ;  
Petition of Samuel Staples and others of Lubec ;  
Petition of E. Longfellow and others of Machias ;  
Petition of J. F. Harrison and others of Marshfield ;  
Petition of Wm. McLelland and others of Baring ;  
Petition of J. C. Googins and others of Steuben ;  
Petition of E. Dyer and others of Millbridge ;  
Petition of John F. Staples and others of Baileyville ;  
Petition of W. G. Conant and others of Alfred ;  
Petition of Nahum Clough and others of Standish ;  
Petition of T. R. Sampson and others of Harrison ;  
Petition of Isaac H. Keith and others of New Gloucester ;  
Petition of Bucknam Cobb & Co. of Poland, severally for amendment of the laws relating to hawkers and pedlers ;  
Were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the assumption by the State of the municipal war debts," came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. HOBSON, the bill was laid on the table.

Petition of Ezra Teague and others of New Sharon, for an act of incorporation as the New Sharon Water Power Company, with bill accompanying ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Mills Company";

Were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah P. Churchill and others, for a law regulating the trapping and killing of beaver and other animals ;

Petition of Warren Brown and others, for further legislation to prevent the obstruction of rivers in this State by refuse lumber ;

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

Petition of Richard Perkins and others, for the repeal of "an act to protect menhaden or porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine," approved Feb. 24, 1865, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Selectmen and others of Knox, against the petition of Job Foster to be set off from said town and annexed to the town of Montville, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on petition of T. C. Hersey, with bill an act additional to an act approved February 20, 1864, entitled "an act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of L. L. Morrison and others of Skowhegan, with bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Hall Association";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. HAWES,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of appropriating a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Land Agent in laying out, opening and repairing State roads in the county of Aroostook.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MASON,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education inquire what further legislation is necessary in order to make the grant to the academies of Limerick, Berwick, St. Albans, Presque Isle and Houlton, available.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAWES presented the petition of Eunice B. Elliott of Castle Hill plantation, Aroostook county, for a deed of lot No. 129 in said plantation, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON presented "resolve in relation to foreign vessels acquiring an American register," which was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

"Resolve in favor of employment of disabled or injured soldiers who are of sober, temperate and moral habits," was taken from the table and read twice under a suspension of the rules.

Same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, the resolve was laid on the table.

Mr. MOORE presented the petition of Silas Danforth of Madison, for additional legislation respecting line fences, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator presented petition of Selectmen of Starks for an abatement of State tax for the year 1865, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs take into consideration the importance of showing a just appreciation of the patriotism of those sons of Maine who have fallen in the war to put down the gigantic rebellion and to sustain the Government, whose bodies repose within the District of Columbia, by erecting marble slabs with suitable inscription in place of the boards that now mark the places.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the recording of discharge papers of officers, soldiers and seamen from the army and navy of the United States.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARKER presented the petition of David Wasson and another of Brooksville, for extension of time to build a wharf in

said town, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HINDS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the redemption of bills on banks whose charters have expired, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee on the petition of Fen. G. Barker and others, for a State bounty, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of G. W. Gorham, reported bill " an act to authorize Geo. W. Gorham to extend his wharf into Passamaquoddy bay";

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill " an act to incorporate the Grand Falls Manufacturing Company," reported that the same ought to pass ;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of B. B. Farnsworth and another, reported bill " an act to incorporate the Sabattis River Manufacturing Company."

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

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported bill " an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington," 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 the following bills :

" An act to incorporate the Gallatin Land, Coal and Oil Company of West Virginia ;

" An act additional to an act to incorporate the Maine Insurance Company";

Which were each 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. PERKINS,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on Fisheries report whether an act is required to prevent trawl fishing for the purpose of protecting the cod fisheries on our sea board," was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of J. W. Strout and others of Poland, for authority to repair or rebuild the Methodist meeting-house in East Poland, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Durham, to have certain islands in the town of Lisbon set off from said town and annexed to Durham ;

Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Orneville and others, against the petition of Luther Keen and others, to be set off from said town and annexed to the town of Atkinson ;

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

Petition of Solyman Heath and others, for an act of incorporation as the Ticonic Water Power and Manufacturing Company ;

Petition of English Spinning Roller Company of Biddeford, for an amendment of its charter, with bill accompanying ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of James W. North and others of Augusta, in aid of the petition of A. D. Brown and others for an act of incorporation as the International Telegraph Company ;

Petition of H. H. Johnson and others of Belfast, for a charter to build a free bridge across the tide waters of the Passagassawakeag river in Belfast, and for a grant of all rights of the State in the existing bridge on the expiration of its charter ;

Remonstrance of N. Abbott and others of Belfast, against the petition of S. Nickerson and others for authority to be granted the County Commissioners of Waldo county to locate a highway over tide waters at Belfast ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Arrowsic Stone Dyke Company";

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

Petition of Anna F. Owen of Presque Isle, for a deed of a certain lot of land in Mapleton plantation, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of John T. Smith of Harpswell, for an act of incorporation as "The Proprietors of the Sea-side House," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Maddox and others of Boothbay, for the repeal of chapter 313 of the public acts of 1865, relating to menhaden and porgies, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Sebec Mills Company for an act to enable said corporation to raise their dam ;

Petition of Thomas S. Lang and others of Vassalborough, for authority to extend their wharf in Augusta into tide waters ;

Petition of Henry H. Clark and others of Tremont, for an act of incorporation as the Bass Harbor Salt Marsh Company ;

Petition of Allen Lambard, President of the Kennebec Company, for an increase in the rate of tolls ;

Petition of Isaac M. Bragg and others of Bangor, for a law to prohibit mill owners on the Penobscot river from throwing the refuse of their mills into said river ;

Petition of A. Hayford and others of Belfast ;

Petition of A. T. Palmer and others of Brewer ;

Petition of James Walker and others of Bangor, severally in aid of the foregoing petition of Isaac M. Bragg and others ;

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

Petition of Trustees of North Yarmouth Academy for aid, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to the taxation of personal property in unincorporated townships, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Augusta Bank," reported in the House from the Committee on Finance, was read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

A message from the Governor, transmitting for the consideration of the Legislature the Annual Report of the Railroad Commissioners for the year 1865, came up from the House, was read, and on motion of Mr. BURPEE, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. Samuel F. Perley, declining to accept the office of Councillor, to which he had been elected by the Legislature on the 5th inst., which was read and sent down.

Mr. BARKER presented the petition of John H. Allen, Town Agent of Brownfield, for an act authorizing the Town Treasurer of said town to call in all town orders and notes, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PEIRCE,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent by the Secretary to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at ten o'clock, for the purpose of electing an Executive Councillor to fill the vacancy existing in the Second Councillor District, occasioned by the declination of Samuel F. Perley.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House by Mr.

Drew, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the foregoing proposition of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS,

*Ordered*, That the State Printers be directed to furnish the members of the Board of Agriculture with one copy each of the Daily Kennebec Journal.

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. BOYNTON of the Senate,

Messrs. Boynton of Somerset, Hawes of Aroostook, of the Senate, and Messrs. Jackson of Brunswick, Foster of Hanover, Reynolds of Pembroke, Newhall of Washington, and Clark of Tremont, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for an Executive Councillor.

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

Whole number of votes is	92
Necessary for a choice,	47
George W. Randall has	92

The report was accepted, and GEORGE W. RANDALL was declared duly elected Executive Councillor for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON of the Senate,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify George W. Randall of his election as Executive Councillor for the current political year, and request his immediate attendance.

The Convention then dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

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

An act additional to an act approved Feb. 10, 1864, entitled "an act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company";

"An act to incorporate the Skowhegan Hall Association";

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

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

“An act to incorporate the Grand Falls Manufacturing Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Sabattis River Manufacturing Company”;

“An act to authorize George W. Gorham to extend his wharf into Passamaquoddy bay”;

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill “an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land, Mining and Oil Company,” reported bill “an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company.”

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

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the repeal of chapter 45 of the laws of 1858, relative to divorce, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PERKINS presented the following petitions :

Petition of Ira R. Doolittle and others of Waterville ;

Petition of A. G. Vannah and others of Gardiner ;

Petition of James H. Leigh and others of Hallowell ;

Petition of Leonard & Steward and others of Belgrade ;

Petition of S. W. Collins and others of Carribou ;

Petition of W. S. Hammond and others of Van Buren plantation ;

Petition of Merrill & Hinckley and others of Surry ;

Petition of J. Woodman and others of Leeds ;

Petition of Mayhew & Cram and others of Mt. Vernon ;

Petition of J. W. Parkhurst and others of Unity ;

Petition of Simpson & Lombard and others of Vassalborough ;

Petition of O. R. Small and others of Lisbon ;

Petition of H. M. Eaton and others of Readfield ;

Petition of Henry Burgess and others of Wayne ;

Petition of J. Locke and others of Fryeburg ;

Petition of Andrew Barnard and others of Canton ;  
Petition of C. W. Eustis and others of Dixfield ;  
Petition of Jesse Bradford and others of Turner ;  
Petition of M. Walker and others of Lovell ;  
Petition of Stephen D. Hutchinson and others of Paris ;  
Petition of Henry W. Park and others of Mexico ;  
Petition of H. O. Knight and others of Naples ;  
Petition of H. Baker and others of Oxford ;  
Petition of M. Mason and others of Bethel ;  
Petition of Hiram Hines of Buckfield ;  
Petition of S. Adams and others of Castine ;  
Petition of John Blodget and others of Bucksport ;  
Petition of F. Keyes and others of Orland ;  
Petition of G. Sargent and others of Sedgwick ;  
Petition of John Stevens and others of Bluehill ;  
Petition of Davis Lord and others of Ellsworth ;  
Petition of Dolliff & Beard of Biddeford ;  
Petition of D. F. Stone and others of Hampden ;  
Petition of J. N. Stowe and others of Oldtown ;  
Petition of C. M. Gould and others of Orono ;  
Petition of W. M. Adams and another of Hodgdon ;  
Petition of W. H. Canliffe and others of Fort Kent ;  
Petition of H. Perry and others of Presque Isle ;  
Petition of A. H. Fogg and others of Houlton ;  
Petition of A. P. Williams and others of Sangerville ;  
Petition of E. J. Hale and others of Foxcroft ;  
Petition of H. Douglass and others of the towns of Monson,  
Guilford and Abbot ;  
Petition of D. T. Sanders and others of Greenville ;  
Petition of E. L. Hammond and others of Atkinson ;  
Petition of B. S. Cilley and others of Sebec ;  
Petition of S. P. Brown and others of Dover ;  
Petition of I. Hanscom and others of Milo—all and severally  
praying for a change in the laws relating to hawkers and pedlers ;  
Which were each referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.  
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HARMON of Hallowell.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill additional to section 142, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the collection of taxes in incorporated places, on lands of non-resident owners, by which it shall be made the duty of the assessors of cities, towns and plantations to furnish to the Treasurers thereof, lists of the names and places of residence of such non-resident owners if known to said assessors, and by which the aforesaid Treasurer in advertising said lands for the collection of taxes shall be required to furnish one copy at least of the State Paper, in which such lands are advertised, to the owner thereof, provided his place of residence is known to said Treasurer ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law of the State relating to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices in civil actions ;

WHEREAS, almost the entire wealth of plantations organized for election purposes consists in timber lands owned chiefly by non-residents, and these non-residents are allowed by one law three years in which to pay their taxes ; and whereas the residents of such unincorporated places are prohibited by another law from drawing their school money from the State unless these taxes are paid yearly ; therefore,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending these laws as to afford proper relief to the residents of such plantations.

These orders were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Hannibal Ingalls and others of Mercer ;

Petition of Samuel Wardwell and others of Penobscot ;

Petition of George W. Wheeler and others of Phillips ;

Petition of M. U. Abbott and others of Stetson ;  
Petition of N. E. Wright and another of New Vineyard ;  
Petition of Shaw, Tilson & Co. and others of Winn ;  
Petition of Gardiner and Coburn and others of Patten ;  
Petition of C. E. Messer and others of Lincoln ;  
Petition of George W. Smith and others of Mattawamkeag ;  
Petition of B. H. White and others of Chesterville ;  
Petition of J. W. Johnson and others of Carmel ;  
Petition of O. R. Jose and others of Newport ;  
Petition of Thomas H. Wiggin and others of Levant ;  
Petition of Edwin N. Stevens and others of Farmington ;  
Petition of H. C. Holden and others of Charlestown ;  
Petition of Thomas R. Kingsbury and others of Bradford ;  
Petition of George S. Hill and others of Exeter ;  
Petition of John H. Gilbreth and others of Kendall's Mills ;  
Petition of William Leonard and others of Passadumkeag ;  
Petition of George A. Fletcher and others of North Anson ;  
Petition of A. C. Hall and others of Norridgewock ;  
Petition of D. S. Hooper and others of Cambridge ;  
Petition of Frank R. Webber and others of St. Albans ;  
Petition of Jabez Knowlton and others of Newburgh ;  
Petition of Thomas Lancy and others of Palmyra ;  
Petition of H. C. Judkins and others of Alton ;  
Petition of Hiram B. Keene and others of Canaan ;  
Petition of T. P. Bachelder and others of Kenduskeag ;  
Petition of H. H. Dexter and others of Corinth ;  
Petition of Seth Morse and others of Corrina ;  
Petition of William Eaton and others of Dexter ;  
Petition of Nathan B. Sanders and others of New Portland ;  
Petition of S. Webb and others of Solon ;  
Petition of G. W. Fall and others of Garland, severally for  
amendment to the laws relating to hawkers and pedlers ;

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

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Moses Giddings and others, for an act of incorporation as the Sunkhaze Dam Company, referred from the last Legislature to the present, that petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Finance on the petition of Selectmen of Frankfort, for a reduction in State valuation, referred from the last Legislature to the present, recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Division of Towns, was accepted and the petition referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. WELD,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 51, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, concerning ways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SOUTHARD introduced bill "an act to establish wharf property in the town of Richmond, and to empower the Selectmen of said town to license the construction and extension of wharves into tide waters";

Which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator presented the petition of William R. Schroder and others, for an act of incorporation as the Sagadahoc Plumbago Mining Company, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ABBOTT introduced bill "an act to incorporate the Holbrook's Island Slate Company," which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of B. B. Farnsworth, reported bill "an act to change the name of the Lisbon Manufacturing Company."

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 incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported "resolve in favor of the Augusta Bank," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MASON of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency and feasibility of having the engrossing of bills, &c., done with types instead of in the manner now done ;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Harrington for a reduction in State valuation, was referred to the Washington County Delegation in concurrence.

Petition of Eliphalet Thorp and others of Boothbay, for authority to extend their wharf into Boothbay Harbor, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of Elwell Costelow and others of Dresden, to have the doings of said town in creating school districts numbers 3 and 6 in said town made valid ;

Bill "an act to incorporate Trinity Commandery of Knights Templars";

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

Petition of Charles Spear and others of Augusta, for an act of incorporation for the purpose of running steamers between Bangor, Portland and Boston ;

Petition of Robert Bradley and others, for a law relating to the inspection of flour ;

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

Petition of A. Hayford and others, for the repeal of "an act to protect menhaden or porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine," approved Feb. 24, 1865 ;

Remonstrance of J. B. Crawford and others of Castine, against the repeal of the foregoing act ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Jacob W. Robinson and others of Portland, for a change in the law relating to the standard weight of oats, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of Ira Fish for the remission of settling duties on lot No. 1344 in township No. 4, W. E. L. S., was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Remonstrance of M. B. Lakeman and others of Hallowell, against the repeal of the act incorporating the city of Hallowell, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of Geo. Gregory and another, with bill "an act authorizing the construction of a wharf into tide waters in the city of Rockland," was accepted in concurrence, the bill was once read and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BOYNTON introduced bill "an act relating to sixteen companies of volunteer military cadets, and amending 'an act concerning the militia,'" approved February 23, 1865, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODMAN presented the petition of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company for an enlargement of its powers,

with bill accompanying, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ABBOTT presented the petition of Sylvanus Rich and others, that aid may be granted to the East Maine Conference Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to prohibitory tariffs for the transportation of wood and other freights by railroad corporations, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges ;

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of R. F. Campbell and others, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. Elbridge G. Dunn, Councillor elect, signifying his acceptance of said trust, which was read and sent down.

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

"An act to change the name of Lisbon Manufacturing Company," 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 the following bills ;

"An act to incorporate the Skowhegan Hall Association";

"An act additional to an act approved February 20, 1864, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company'";

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland Glass Company," approved February 1864 ;

Which were each 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. BARKER,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PARKE of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Reform School be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the several acts establishing the State Reform School ;

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the condition of the settlements upon township No. 17, range 7, and if deemed advisable, to report a resolve authorizing the Land Agent to cause the remainder of said township to be located for settlement after the State shall have acquired a good and sufficient title to the undivided half now owned by proprietors ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law in relation to the assessment of taxes as to require the assessors to take all schedules of property and statements relating to the same under oath or affirmation, and such other alterations as shall be necessary to a more just and equal appraisement and taxation ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending section 23, chapter 71 of the revised statutes, as to enable the attaching creditor to perfect his lien in case the sale named in said section is made before said lien is lost by lapse of time ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of R. N. Pierce and others, members of the Rockland Lodge (No. 79) of Free Masons for an act of incorporation as Rockland Lodge No. 79, with bill accompanying ;

Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the city of Portland, for an act relating to foreign paupers, with bill accompanying ;

Bill "an act additional to chapter 17 of the revised statutes, relating to nuisances ;

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

Petition of Richard Palmer and others, for an act of incorporation as the New England Telegraph Company, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Portland Dry Dock Company for an amendment of their charter, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of Lafayette Tuck and others of Glenwood plantation, for an appropriation to complete a road in township No. 2, in Aroostook county, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of Wm. Buxton and others of North Yarmouth, to have a certain part of Cumberland set off and annexed to North Yarmouth ;

Remonstrance of Wm. Buxton and another, in behalf of the town of North Yarmouth, against the petition of Winthrop Baston and another, to be set off from North Yarmouth and annexed to Cumberland ;

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

Petition of Caroline A. Edwards, widow of David W. Edwards, late of Liberty, who was killed while performing his duty as a government officer, for aid from the State ;

Petition of N. Abbott and others of Belfast, in aid of the foregoing petition ;

Petition of David W. Dinsmore and others of Auburn, for compensation for false imprisonment ;

Petition of Selectmen of Milford for reimbursement for bounty money paid into the State Treasury by order of the Adjutant General ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Glendy Moody and others, that authority may be granted to the County Commissioners of Cumberland county to lay out a highway over tide waters near Martin's Point, so called, in said county ;

Petition of Ezra Carter, Jr., and others, in aid of the foregoing petition ;

Bill "an act extending the jurisdiction of the County Commissioners of the county of Cumberland over tide waters near Martin's Point in said county";

Were severally referred to the Cumberland County Delegation in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on the petition of Joshua Adams and others of Wilton, with bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of Wilton Academy," was accepted in concurrence.

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

Remonstrance of Samuel H. Dale and others of Bangor ;

Remonstrance of M. C. Andrews and others of Rockland ;

Remonstrance of F. P. Theobald and others of Richmond ;

Remonstrance of J. M. Larrabee and others of Gardiner ;

Remonstrance of Carleton Norwood & Co. and others of Rockport ;

Remonstrance of Edwin F. Littlefield and others of Winterport ;

Remonstrance of S. J. Burgess and others of Livermore ;

Remonstrance of A. E. Jordan and others of Lisbon ;

Remonstrance of Andrew Fuller and others of Camden ;

Remonstrance of Charles Thompson and others of Kennebunk ;

Remonstrance of J. B. Daggett and others of Farmington ;

Remonstrance of R. B. Fuller and others of Wilton ;

Remonstrance of Nelson Dingley, Jr., and others of Lewiston ;

Remonstrance of William Neal and others of Lisbon ;

Remonstrance of J. H. Foss and others of Saco ;

Remonstrance of Josiah Merrow and others of Bowdoinham ;

Remonstrance of Thomas Eldred and others of Belgrade ;

Remonstrance of Joshua Nye and others of Waterville ;

Remonstrance of Davis & Farnham and others of Sabattisville ;

Remonstrance of Nehemiah Abbott and others of Belfast ;

Remonstrance of Henry M. Brewster and others ;

Remonstrance of Alden Sampson and others of Hallowell, severally against the petition of A. D. Brown and others for a charter as the International Telegraph Company;

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

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing for an agricultural survey of some of the large tracts of unoccupied lands in this State, in order to enable such persons as might wish to settle on such lands to readily know where to find the best locations, and by this means also to aid to retain in Maine as many as possible of those who otherwise would emigrate beyond the limits of the State.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, through Ephraim Flint, Secretary of State, as follows:

"I herewith transmit a communication from S. L. Goodale, Esq., Clerk of the Trustees of State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, to the Governor and Council, announcing the resignations of Hon. Ebenezer Knowlton, Thomas S. Lang and William D. Dana, members of said Board of Trustees. The filling of the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Messrs. Knowlton and Dana devolves upon the Legislature, by the terms of the act creating said board, chapter 532 of the special laws of 1865";

Which was read and sent down.

Mr. PORTER presented the following:

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature, this day at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of administering to Hon. Elbridge G. Dunn, Councillor elect for the Seventh Councillor District, the necessary oaths to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties; also to choose by joint ballot two members of the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Ebenezer Knowlton and Wm. D. Dana, Esq.;

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

On motion of Mr. PORTER,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of administering to Hon. Elbridge G. Dunn, Councillor elect, the necessary oaths to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

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

On motion of Mr. SMITH, the order relating to a Joint Convention was taken from the table.

On motion of the same Senator, the order was amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. RAMSDELL presented the petition of Calvin Chamberlain and others, for an act of incorporation as the Piscataquis Central Park Association, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODMAN presented the remonstrance of N. S. Littlefield and others of Bridgton, against the petition of John W. Caswell and others, to be set off from Bridgton and annexed to the town of Harrison, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. READ presented the petition of the County Commissioners of Kennebec County, for an increase of compensation, which was referred to the Delegation from said county.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAWES presented the petition of the County Commissioners of Aroostook county, for an increase of compensation, which was referred to the Delegation from said county.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PORTER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges

be instructed to inquire into the expediency of an amendment to the Constitution so as to allow the State to loan its credit for a sum not to exceed ten thousand dollars per mile to any railroad corporation to enable the said company to complete its road; said sum to be paid upon the completion of said road, and the State to have a first mortgage as a lien.

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. SMITH of the Senate,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify Hon. Elbridge G. Dunn, Councillor elect, that a Convention of both branches of the Legislature is assembled in the Representatives' Hall, for the purpose of administering to him the official oaths required by the Constitution.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had waited upon Elbridge G. Dunn and delivered the message with which he was charged, and he was pleased to reply that he would attend forthwith upon the Convention for the purpose indicated in the message.

Thereupon, Hon. Elbridge G. Dunn, Councillor elect, came in, and in the presence of both Houses of the Legislature, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE of the Senate,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor, informing him of the election and qualification of Hon. Elbridge G. Dunn as Executive Councillor for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

The Convention then dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

Mr. HAMOR, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the petition of the English Spinning Roller Company, reported bill "an

act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company," approved February 11, 1865.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing and Water Power Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amendment of section 11, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, concerning the taxation of logs and lumber, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBSON, from the Committee on State Printing and Binding, reported that they had entered into a contract with Messrs. Stevens & Sayward to do the printing for the State for the present year, and submitting the contract.

The report was accepted, and the contract read and approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, reported that they had entered into a contract with Messrs. Hartford & Smith to do the binding for the State for the present year, and submitting the contract.

The report was accepted, and the contract read and approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the above contracts came from the House severally approved in concurrence, and were by the Secretary lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported bill "an act authorizing the construction of a wharf into tide waters in the city of Rockland," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolve: "Resolve in favor of the Augusta Bank," 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. PERKINS,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary to protect the rights and ameliorate the condition of the paupers in this State ; and further to consider the justice of restoring to that class of citizens as are not otherwise disqualified, the right of suffrage ;

Was read, and on motion of Mr. WELD, laid on the table.

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the propriety of amending section 83 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to testimony ;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of E. W. Woodbury, Judge of Probate for Oxford county, and another, for increase of salary, was referred to the Delegation from said county in concurrence.

Petition of Simon T. Hart and others of St. George, for authority to build a marine railway on the south side of Tenant's Harbor in said town, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of George Dillingham, Jr., and others of Hampden, in aid of the petition of Isaac M. Bragg and others for a law to prevent mill-owners on Penobscot river from throwing refuse lumber into said river, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Oakes Angier and others, for the repeal of

chapter 313 of the laws of 1865, relating to menhaden and porgies, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

"Resolves making an appropriation for a continuance of the Scientific Survey of the State," were referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Damariscotta Manufacturing Company," was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company for an act of incorporation;

Remonstrance of Charles Drake of Portland;

Remonstrance of J. W. Yates and others of Portland, severally against the petition of the proprietors of Union wharf to extend said wharf into tide waters;

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

Bill "an act additional to chapter 6 of the revised statutes of 1857, and providing for the taxation of shares of stockholders in National Banking Associations";

Bill "an act abolishing the office of Reporter of Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court";

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

Petition of Maria J. Seigers for a deed of a certain lot of land in township number 5, range 3, Aroostook county;

Petition of C. R. Whidden and others of Calais, for an appropriation in aid of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike;

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

A communication was received from Hon. Ephraim Flint, Secretary of State, transmitting "all the County Estimates and accompanying schedules which have been received at this office prior to January 25, 1866," which was read and sent down.

A communication was received from Hon. George W. Randall, Councillor elect, signifying his acceptance of the trust, which was read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. PORTER,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate convey a message to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at eleven o'clock, for the purpose of electing by joint ballot two members of the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignations of Hon. Ebenezer Knowlton and William D. Dana, Esq.; and also for the purpose of administering to Hon. George W. Randall, Councillor elect, the necessary oaths to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Drew, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the foregoing proposition of the Senate.

Mr. SOUTHARD presented the petition of Henry M. Colbath and others, for an act of incorporation as the Richmond Manufacturing Company, which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAWES presented the petition of Lydia Cummings for a deed of a certain lot of land, being No. 19 in Aroostook county, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator presented the petition of George W. Collins and another of Bridgewater, for an amendment of the law relating to hawkers and pedlers, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BOYNTON presented the petition of Obed Foss and others, for an act of incorporation as the Trustees of the Maine Central Institute, with bill accompanying, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

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. HAMOR of the Senate,

Messrs. Hamor of Hancock, Denison of Androscoggin, of the Senate, and Messrs. Colby of Richmond, Bryant of Dover, Bennett of Pittsfield, Weymouth of Belmont, and Getchell of Marshfield, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a member of the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, in place of Hon. Ebenezer Knowlton, resigned.

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

Whole number of votes is	137
Necessary for a choice,	69
Isaac Woodman has	136
Augustus Welt,	1

The report was accepted, and ISAAC WOODMAN was declared duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

On motion of Mr. HINDS of the Senate,

The same Committee was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for a member of the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, in place of William D. Dana, resigned.

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

Whole number of votes is	135
Necessary for a choice,	68
Thomas Brewer has	134
Washington Robbins,	1

The report was accepted, and THOMAS BREWER was declared duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

On motion of Mr. PORTER,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to notify Hon. George W. Randall, Councillor elect, that a Convention of both branches of the Legislature is assembled in the Representatives' Hall, for the purpose of administering to him the oaths required by the Constitution.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had waited upon Hon. George W. Randall and delivered the message with which he was charged and he was pleased to reply that he would attend upon the Convention forthwith, for the purpose indicated in the message.

Thereupon, Hon. George W. Randall, Councillor elect, came in, and in the presence of both branches of the Legislature, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON of the Senate,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to inform the Governor of the election and qualification of Hon. Geo. W. Randall as Executive Councillor for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. SMITH of the Senate,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to inform Isaac Woodman and Thomas Brewer of their election as members of the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

The Convention then dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

Mr. HINDS, from the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act to incorporate Trinity Commandery of Knights Templars," reported that the same ought to pass.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of R. N. Pierce and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the officers and members of Rockland Lodge."

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of James A. Decker and others, reported bill "an act to authorize the sale of the old Methodist Free Meeting-house in Bowdoinham.

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

Mr. HINDS, from the Kennebec County Delegation, on the petition of the Judge and Register of Probate for said county, reported

bill "an act to increase the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Kennebec."

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of the County Attorney of Kennebec county, reported bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Kennebec."

These reports were severally accepted, the bills each once read, and on motion of Mr. PERKINS, Wednesday next was assigned for their second reading.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of John H. Allen, Town Agent of Brownfield, for an act authorizing the Treasurer of said town to call in all town orders and notes, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Charles J. Perkins and others and various other petitions for the repeal of chapter 313 of the public laws of 1865, relating to menhaden or porgies, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to empowering Judges of Probate to decree change of name to parties applying therefor, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of the law concerning the assessment of taxes, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of section 142, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, concerning the collection of taxes in incorporated places on lands of non-resident owners, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of section 8, chapter 96 of the revised statutes, concerning the replevin of goods, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to the protection of forests from destruction by fires, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Silas

Danforth for an amendment of the law relating to line fences, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of the Directors of the Portland Dry Dock Company for an amendment of their charter, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on "resolve directing that the County Attorneys be furnished with certain acts and resolves," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. DENISON, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Luther Keene and others, to have certain lands set off from the town of Orneville and annexed to the town of Atkinson, reported that petitions have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PEIRCE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relating to the amount of appropriation in money and lands made by the State for the benefit of Aroostook county and settlers therein, reported "that for roads and bridges in said county for military and settling purposes, and for facilitating the United States mail service, there has been expended and appropriated the sum of \$54,593.78; that for roads and bridges to facilitate the settlement of the county, the sum of \$29,266.44; that for opening and repairing roads and bridges in said county, the sum of \$15,361.29, amounting in the whole to the sum of \$99,221.51.

There has also been appropriated to Houlton Academy under resolve of July 31, 1847, one half township of land, estimated value, \$3,000.00; money under resolve of March 25, 1864, \$2,000.00; to Presque Isle Academy, under resolve of April 2, 1859, \$200 per annum for five years, \$1,000.00; also under resolve of March 13, 1861, \$500.00; also a sum yet to be derived from sales of timber and lumber under resolve of March 22, 1864."

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

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to Probate Courts, reported bill "an act relating to appeals in Probate Courts."

The report was accepted and the bill laid over to be printed under joint rule.

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

“An act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company,” approved February 11, 1865 ;

“An act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing and Water Power 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 Trustees of Wilton Academy,” which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. MANSON presented the petition of Samuel Veazie, President of the Oldtown and Milford Railroad, in behalf of said Company, for authority to extend its road to navigable waters of Penobscot river and to build piers and wharves into tide waters, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SOUTHARD,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to examine into the expediency of so amending the law regulating the sale of spirituous liquors, as that cities and towns shall not be compelled by law to maintain a liquor agency, unless they elect to do so ;

That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is expedient whereby to fix the time when, there being two or more agricultural societies in the same county, these societies shall severally send delegates to the annual meeting of the Board of Agriculture ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Amos Clark and others of Greene, for an act of incorporation as the Valley Cemetery Company ;

Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Portland, for an amendment of city charter ;

Petition of Hiram B. Conner and others of Pittsfield, for an act of incorporation as the Union Trotting Park Company of Pittsfield ;

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

Petition of Charles J. Gilman and others of Brunswick, for an act of incorporation as the Brunswick Peat Company ;

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shaw and Clark Sewing Machine Company";

Were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of John Benson and others of Newport, for an act of incorporation as the Newport Savings Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of David Stover and others of Harpswell, for authority to build a dam across tide waters in Harpswell, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of T. L. Jennison of Woodland plantation for State aid ;

Petition of Israel Putnam, Mayor of Bath, for reimbursement for State aid furnished by said city to families of soldiers prior to March 8, 1862 ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Dow and others, for a change of the law relating to the rate of interest, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of Warren Gilman and others ;

Petition of C. G. Richardson and others of Burlington, severally for an appropriation in aid of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike ;

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to an amendment of the law concerning poll taxes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of the County Commissioners of Somerset county and others, for an appropriation to build a bridge across Dead river in said county, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of Winthrop Baston and another to be set off from the town of North Yarmouth and annexed to the town of Cumberland, that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice.

Report of the same Committee on the petition of John Matthews and others for the repeal of the act incorporating the city of Hallowell, referred from the last Legislature to the present, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on bill " an act to incorporate the Winthrop Mills Company," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

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

Report of the Hancock County Delegation on the petition of Parker Tuck, with bill "an act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Hancock," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was once read, and on motion of Mr. PERKINS, Tuesday next was assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills Company and additional to the same," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House recommitted to the Committee on Manufactures.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Mr. PERKINS presented bill "an act to extend the time for closing the concerns of the American Bank," which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be required to examine into the expediency of so amending chapter 102 of the public laws of 1859, relative to the competency of witnesses, as to make it apply to criminal as well as to civil causes.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE presented the remonstrance of Joseph Butler and another, against the petition of Luke S. Moore and others, to be set off from Starks and annexed to Norridgewock, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PEIRCE presented the petition of Reuben Higgins and others, for a law requiring a record of the variation of magnetic needle from the year 1820 to the present time, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RAMSDELL presented the petition of A. M. Robinson and others, for a law equalizing the State bounties paid to volunteers

from this State during the rebellion, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Thomas G. Getchell and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Middle River Dyke Company, with authority to erect a Dyke across Middle river above the lower bridge."

Mr. HINDS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Israel Putnam, Mayor of Bath, reported bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Bath."

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company, reported bill "an act in addition to and in amendment of the act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and of an act in addition thereto," approved March 14, 1861.

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

Mr. PEIRCE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Putnam Rolfe and others, and various other petitions, reported "resolves making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike."

The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. SMITH, the resolves were laid on the table and 350 copies of the same together with the statement of facts accompanying, ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

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

"An act to incorporate the officers and members of Rockland Lodge";

"An act to incorporate Trinity Commandery of Knights Templars";

"An act to authorize the sale of the old Methodist Free Meeting-house in Bowdoinham";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. READ,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BLAKE of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 11 of chapter 106 of the revised statutes, relating to the compensation of jurors, by striking out the word "one," and inserting instead thereof the word "two";

That the Committee on State Printing be instructed to inquire whether any further steps are necessary to secure a fair and impartial report of the proceedings of this House ;

That the Committee on Fisheries be instructed to inquire what further legislation is necessary to protect the porgy fishery by setting nets across inlets into bays ;

That the Chaplains of this Legislature be allowed the privileges of the State Library on the same terms with members of the Legislature ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of F. A. Wilson and others, for a renewal of the charter of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company ;

Petition of E. A. Norton and others, for a change in the charter of the Portland Railroad Company ;

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

Petition of the Penobscot Mill Dam Company, for increase of capital stock, and for other purposes ;

Petition of John H. Crandon and others of Columbia, for authority to construct a fish weir ;

Petition of George C. Pickering and others of Bangor, in aid of the petition of James Dunning and others, for authority to supply the city of Bangor with water ;

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

Petition of Robert Mowe, Jr., and others of Eastport, for an act exempting from taxation certain land in said town known as the International Hotel lot;

Petition of the New England Screw Steamship Company, for a change of name to the Portland and New York Steamship Company";

Petition of First Parish in Bluehill, to have the doings of said parish made valid, and for other purposes;

Bill "an act authorizing Mary Ann Tyler to convey real estate";

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

Petition of Benjamin Hawes of Ashland, to have the Land Agent authorized to refund to him certain money collected for stumpage of timber, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of the Portland Labor Reform Association, for amendment of the laws so as to make eight hours a legal day's work, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Scarborough, for a reduction in State valuation, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of Rufus Robertson and others, for an equalization of bounties, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Philip M. Stubbs and others, for an increase of the salary of the Judge of Probate for Franklin county;

Petition of B. F. Atkinson and others, for an increase of the salary of the Register of Probate for Franklin county;

Were severally referred to the Delegation from said county in concurrence.

Petition of the County Commissioners of Knox county for an increase of the salary of the County Attorney of said county, was referred to the Delegation from said county in concurrence.

Remonstrance of R. H. Brigham and others of Brooksville and vicinity, against the repeal of chapter 313 of the laws of 1865, relating to menhaden or porgies;

Petition of Frederick Huntley and others of Cutler, for authority to build a fish weir in Machias bay ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of S. H. Willard and others of Waterville, for an act authorizing School District No. 5, in said town, to choose a Board of Directors, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Communication from Wales Hubbard, Esq., Reporter of Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court, relating to publication of the same, was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges to which was referred the Annual Report of the Railroad Commissioners for 1865, recommending that the same be printed for the use of the Legislature, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on the petition of E. H. Jewett and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the South Berwick Savings Bank";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Lemuel Peabody and others, with bill "an act making valid the doings of the town of Princeton in voting to exempt certain property in said town from taxation for the term of three years";

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on bill "an act to incorporate the Sangerville Factory Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Francis Cobb and others, with bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes, relating to lime and lime casks ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Ezra Teague and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the New Sharon Water Power Company";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

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

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON,

*Ordered*, That five hundred copies of Senate Document No. 2,

being an abstract of the returns of treasurers of cities and towns of this State showing the financial condition thereof, made agreeably to the requirements of the act of February 17, 1865, to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations relative to bounties to volunteers, &c., and communicated to the Legislature, by the Governor, January 18, 1866, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. ABBOTT,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire whether the interests of our common schools do not require that the Eastern Normal School shall be put into operation and the necessary funds for that purpose appropriated.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RAMSDELL presented the following :

*Ordered*, That the Joint Standing Committees be requested to make their final reports on all matters asking for private or public legislation, on or before the tenth day of February next ;

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

Mr. DENISON presented the petition of E. A. Holmes and others of Norway, for an act of incorporation as the Norway Savings Bank, which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WELD presented the petition of Henry Harmon, Town Agent of Buxton, for reimbursements for expenses paid by said town in aid of the family of John Merrill, a soldier in the service of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOLBROOK presented the petition of Andrew Spring and others of Portland, for an amendment of the charter of the Cumberland Bone Company, which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE presented the remonstrance of John S. Tenney and others of Norridgewock, against the petition of Luke S. Moore

and others to be set off from Starks and annexed to Norridgewock, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE presented bill "an act to incorporate Errol Steamboat Company," which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Claims, on the petition of Caroline A. Edwards, reported resolve in favor of Caroline A. Edwards."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act making valid the building of wharves in the town of Richmond," reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

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

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

"An act in addition to and in amendment of the act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and of an act in addition thereto approved March 14, 1861";

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Bath";

"An act to incorporate the Middle River Dyke Company with authority to erect a Dyke across Middle river above the lower bridge";

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 Winthrop Mills Company," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SMITH,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the seventy-first section of the school law, by inserting after the clause, "or in any way disturbing the school," the words "or who shall in any manner insult or designedly injure the teacher, supervisor or committee on their way to or from the school," or something equivalent thereto ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to make valid the doings of municipal officers in procuring money and giving orders and notes for the payment of bounties and contracts entered into by vote of towns ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that persons furnishing labor or materials for the manufacture of bricks may have a lien on the same ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of the Passadumkeag Boom Company, with bill "an act to amend the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company";

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on the petition of Benjamin Fowler, with bill "an act to grant authority to Benjamin Fowler to build wharves and fish weirs in Johnson's bay, in Lubec ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. ABBOTT presented the petition of John W. Dresser and others of Castine, for an act of incorporation as the Castine Marine Railway Company, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

The communication was read and, on motion of Mr. MOORE, the bond was referred to the Joint Select Committee on Treasurer's Accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. Ephraim Flint, Secretary of State, transmitting the Annual Reports of the Bank Commissioners and Superintendent of Common Schools for the year 1865, which was read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. ABBOTT,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 64, section 10, of the revised statutes, concerning foreign wills, and of adding a section to said chapter providing that when an executor, administrator or guardian shall decease, after filing his final account but before settlement, vouchers may be presented by their respective executors and administrators and examined by the Judge of Probate, and, if found correct, their accounts may be allowed as in cases of persons unable to attend court from physical disability.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 40 of the public laws of 1858, concerning reviews in civil actions.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. RAMSDELL,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be required to examine into the propriety of amending chapter 80 of the revised statutes so that it may conform to the accompanying bill.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HINDS presented bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company," which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition

of Eneas Wilcox, reported bill "an act to authorize Eneas Wilcox to build and maintain a fish weir or weirs in the tide Waters of Johnson's bay."

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 the following bill and resolve :

"An act making valid the building of wharves in the town of Richmond";

"Resolve in favor of Caroline A. Edwards";

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 making valid the doings of the town of Princeton in voting to exempt certain property in said town from taxation for the term of three years";

"An act to incorporate the Sangerville Factory Company";

"An act to incorporate the South Berwick Savings Bank";

"An act to incorporate the New Sharon Water Power Company";

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

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes, relating to lime and lime casks," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. PERKINS, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. SMITH, "resolves making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike," were taken from the table, read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

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

"An act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company";

"An act authorizing the construction of a wharf into tide waters in the city of Rockland";

“An act to change the name of the Lisbon Manufacturing Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Sabattis River Manufacturing Company”;

“An act to authorize George W. Gorham to extend his wharf into Passamaquoddy Bay”;

“An act to incorporate the Trustees of Wilton Academy”;

“An act to incorporate the Grand Falls Manufacturing Company”;

Which were each 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. BARKER,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1866.

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 into the expediency of amending the revised statutes relating to the compensation of Selectmen and Assessors, so that the last word but one in the sixth line of section 29, chapter 14, shall be struck out and the word "two" instead thereof shall be inserted ; so that the sixth and following lines shall read as follows, viz : " each Selectman and Assessor shall be paid for his services two dollars for every day he is necessarily employed in the service of the town " ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of making a change in the provisions of chapter 71 of the revised statutes in reference to proceedings in the sale of real estate by executors, administrators and guardians after license from Probate Court, and for the perpetuation of evidence of notice of sales of real estate by Trustees ;

Also, whether section 2 of chapter 67 of the revised statutes should be amended, so that a minor over 14 years of age, living less than ten miles from the place of holding the Court, if unable by reason of infirmity or otherwise to appear before the Judge, may nominate his own guardian before a Justice of the Peace ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of a change of the law relating to the endorsement of writs ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 7, chapter 94 of the revised statutes, so that no writ of possession shall issue in case the defendant appeals ;

That the Committee on the Reform School inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Trustees to contract with the Secretary of the Interior for the confinement and support of juvenile offenders against the laws of the United States, in the Reform School, as provided in the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1865 ;

That the Committee on Agriculture inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to prevent the abuse of domestic animals ;

The Senate concurring, that the State Librarian be directed to distribute to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, one copy of the laws of the United States passed at the 2d Session of the 38th Congress, as contemplated by a resolve entitled, Resolve for the distribution of the laws of the United States, approved April 23, 1852 ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph B. Hall and others of Portland, for an act of incorporation as the Workingmen's Coöperative Association of Portland ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Wood Manufacturing Company ;

Bill "an act to authorize Everett W. Stetson and Joseph H. Stetson to extend a wharf into tide waters of Damariscotta river ;

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

Petition of Charles Beale and others of Hudson and Glenburn, for the repeal of "an act to repeal an act in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Bangor," approved March 6, 1844 ;

Bill "an act relating to appointments and removals of certain officers in cities ;

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

Petition of E. M. Wood and others of Camden, for an act to prevent obstructions in Camden harbor ;

Remonstrance of John E. Green and others, against the petition of Isaac M. Bragg and others, for a law to prevent the throwing of edgings and waste lumber into the Penobscot river ;

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

Petition of Thomas W. Gamage and others of Bristol, for authority to build a bridge from Rutherford's island to a small island adjoining ;

Bill "an act to authorize the consolidation of railroad companies in this State" ;

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

Petition of Nancy L. Toothaker of Eaton Grant plantation, for a deed of a certain lot of land in said plantation ;

Petition of Thomas Goss, for a deed of a certain lot of land in township number 13, range 6, Aroostook county ;

Petition of W. H. Cary and others, for an appropriation in aid of building a road from Seven Islands to Canada line ;

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

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

Remonstrance of Samuel Kimball and others of Waterville ;

Remonstrance of James Warren and others of Winslow, severally against the petition of James Wall and others, to be set off from Winslow and annexed to Waterville ;

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

Petition of S. B. Hume and others of Eastport, for an act of incorporation as the Eastport Gas Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Houlton, for reimbursement of money paid the State for soldiers' bounties on the 9th of August, 1864, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Miles Wilson of Bradford, for further legislation in relation to his claim against the county of Penobscot for building a road for said county, was referred to the Penobscot County Delegation in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of the Selectmen of Starks, for abatement of State tax, that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ;

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of John Relihan, for compensation for grass cut by the Indian Agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe, referred from the last Legislature to the present, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of J. M. Wiswell and others, for authority to improve Gardiner's stream in East Machias, that petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on the petition of Obed Foss and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine Central Institute";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of the Selectmen of Mercer and Starks, with bill "an act to amend chapter 495 of the private acts of the year 1865, setting off a part of the town of Starks and annexing the same to the town of Mercer";

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 Middle River Dyke Company, with authority to erect a dyke across Middle river, above the lower bridge," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

A message was received from the Governor, through Hon. Ephraim Flint, Secretary of State, as follows:

"I herewith transmit a communication from S. L. Geodale, Clerk of the Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, announcing a vacancy in said Board by the resignation of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, the filling of which appears to devolve upon the Legislature."

The communication was read and sent down.

A communication was received from Hon. Ephraim Flint, Secretary of State, transmitting "Returns of Cashiers of Banks and Clerks of Corporations, comprising the names of stockholders, their residence, and the amount of stock owned by each," received at that office prior to this date, which was read and sent down.

Mr. MOORE presented the remonstrance of J. Robbins, Jr., and others of Norridgewock, against the petition of Luke S. Moore and others, to be set off from Starks and annexed to Norridgewock, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SOUTHARD presented the petition of Samuel D. Reed, for certain reforms in judicial proceedings, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODMAN presented the petition of Joseph C. Noyes and Josiah H. Drummond, in behalf of the Superintending School Committee of Portland, for an act to fix the age of scholars entering the primary schools in said city, with bill accompanying, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator presented the petition of A. S. Holden and others of Casco, for an act of incorporation as the Casco Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PORTER presented the petition of Merchants' Mutual Marine Insurance Company, for amendment of charter, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH presented the petition of Selectmen of Eastport, that a duplicate State bond may be issued to E. E. Shed in place of one lost by him, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOBBS,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance inquire into the expediency of providing by law for a tax upon Foreign Insurance Companies having agencies established in this State, based on the amount of premiums collected, which tax shall be appropriated to the support of schools.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to prepare a Legislative Manual for 1866, containing a Diagram of the Senate Chamber and the usual statistical matter, and that three hundred copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

Bill "an act relating to appeals in Probate Courts," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of J. P. Churchill and others, reported bill "an act to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October."

The report was accepted, and the bill laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes, relating to lime and lime casks," was taken from the table.

House amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON, the vote whereby the Senate assigned to-morrow for the second reading of bill "an act to amend chapter 495 of the private laws of the year 1865, setting off a part of Starks and annexing the same to the town of Mercer," was reconsidered.

The bill was then read a second time, the rules being suspended, and recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, the rules were suspended, and the vote whereby the Senate assigned Wednesday next for the second reading of bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Kennebec," was reconsidered.

The bill was then read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator, the rules were suspended, and the vote whereby the Senate assigned Wednesday next for the second reading of bill "an act to increase the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Kennebec," was reconsidered.

The bill was then read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. RAMSDELL, the order directing the Joint Standing Committees to report finally on or before the tenth day of February next, was taken from the table.

Mr. PEIRCE proposed to amend the same by striking out the word "tenth" and inserting the word "thirteenth." The amendment was adopted, and the order, as amended, passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Hancock";

"An act to grant authority to Benjamin Fowler to build wharves and fish weirs in Johnson's bay in Lubec";

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 to authorize Eneas Wilcox to build and maintain a fish weir or weirs in the tide waters of Johnson's bay ;

"Resolves making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike";

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, House amendment "A" adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SMITH,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. RICKER of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be instructed to inquire whether the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad is under lease to any corporation out of this State, and if so, to what corporation, and upon what time, terms and conditions, and whether such lease be authorized by any law of this State, and whether the same be or not injurious to the interests of the people, and of other railroad corporations of this State, with authority to send for persons and papers ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law that minors over the age of eighteen years may dispose of their property by will, only subject to the approval of their guardians ;

That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the school law of the State as to allow such towns as may elect to do so, the right to choose a Supervisor of Schools instead of a School Committee, as now provided ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of W. H. Hemmenway and others of Machias, for an act to prevent mill-owners on Machias river from throwing refuse lumber into said river, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, the Senate non-concurred with the House and referred the same to the Committee on Interior Waters.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Warren and others for an act prohibiting the killing of minks and muskrats at certain seasons of the year, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, the Senate non-concurred with the House and referred the same to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of R. B. Dunn and others, for an act of incorporation as the Waterville Hotel Company ;

Petition of the citizens of Orono, for authority to raise money by loan or taxation to purchase a site for the Agricultural College ;

Petition of Benjamin F. Charles and others, for the removal of James Tibbetts of Rome, from the office of Trial Justice ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Dirigo Gold Mining Company" ;

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

Petition of the Selectmen of Washington for a change in the State valuation of said town ;

Petition of O. B. Cheney and others of Lewiston ;

Petition of James Dingley and others of Auburn, severally for an act to unite the town of Auburn with the city of Lewiston ;

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

Petition of Charles B. Abbott and others of Glenburn and other towns, for a law prohibiting persons from taking fish from Pushaw lake by means of nets ;

Petition of Ephraim K. Smart of Camden, for leave to build a marine railway into tide waters at Camden ;

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

Petition of H. Boynton for reimbursement for expenses incurred in raising and drilling troops in 1861, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Joshua N. Dinsmore of Island Falls, for a deed of a certain lot of land in Aroostook county, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of Hiram Ricker and others of Poland, for an act prohibiting the destruction of fish in Range and Tripp ponds in said town, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of

John H. Crandon and others, that the same be referred to the Committee on Fisheries ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Allen Lambard, President of the Kennebec Company, for an increase in tolls on lumber passing through the locks of Kennebec Dam, that petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," reported in the House from the Committee on Finance, was once read and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BURPEE announced the attendance of Hon. Edward O'Brien, Senator elect from the Twelfth Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified.

Mr. Burpee was directed by the President to conduct Mr. O'Brien, Senator elect, to the Governor and Council, to take and subscribe the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Burpee subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Mr. O'Brien 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. O'Brien thereupon appeared and took his seat at the Senate Board.

On motion of Mr. PEIRCE,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 5, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, respecting taxing money at interest, money on hand and deposited in banks, and notes on interest, or to report an act explanatory of said section as to where personal property shall be taxed where persons are owing more than the value of said property ; also to inquire into the expediency of amending section 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, by striking out the words "with incidental charges," and inserting in lieu thereof, "the County Commissioners may allow costs to the applicant as the costs taxed in the Supreme Judicial Court."

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON,

*Ordered*, That the Governor be requested to lay before the Legislature the Report of the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODMAN presented the petition of Horatio G. Newton and others, for an act of incorporation to promote medical science, with bill accompanying, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON presented the memorial of George M. Weston, relating to the payment of the Agent of Maine at Washington, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EATON presented bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Waldo," which was referred to the Delegation from said county.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of James M. Bangs and others, for the repeal of the act giving authority to Samuel A. Lawrence to build a fish weir, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature, with an order of notice;

Mr. HAWES, from the Aroostook County Delegation, on the petition of the County Commissioners of said county, for an increase of compensation, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Same Senator, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of David G. Cook of Presque Isle, for remuneration for money expended on Fish river road in 1856, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SOUTHARD, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Henry Ingalls and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Wiscasset Savings Bank";

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of E. A. Holmes and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Norway Savings Bank";

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to extend the time for closing the concerns of the American Bank," reported that the same ought to pass;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of the President and Directors of Lime Rock Bank, reported bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Lime Rock Bank";

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act to incorporate the Errol Steamboat Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Mr. HAMOR, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the petition of Henry M. Colbath and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Manufacturing Company."

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

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order and sundry petitions relating to the repeal of the law concerning hawkers and pedlers, reported bill "an act relating to hawkers and pedlers."

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of A. D. Brown and others and sundry petitions in aid thereof, reported bill "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company."

These reports were severally accepted, and the bills each laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. RAMSDELL, from the Committee on State Prison, on an order directing the Committee to visit said institution and report thereon, reported in detail, submitting "resolve in favor of the State Prison"; also "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison"; also bill "an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison."

The report was accepted, and on motion of the same Senator, was laid on the table and 350 copies of the same, together with the accompanying resolves and bill, ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. HOLBROOK, from the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, to which was referred the official bond of Nathan G. Hichborn, 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 the bond approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported bill "an act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine Central Institute," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bill "an act relating to appeals in Probate Courts," which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. ABBOTT, was laid on the table.

Petition of the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad, that, so far as their track extends in this State, they may exercise the rights and privileges of other railroad corporations in this State, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Mr. HAWES presented the following petitions :

Petition of Emily F. Porter, for a deed of a certain lot of land in Castle Hill plantation ;

Petition of Citizens of Castle Hill plantation, in aid of the foregoing ;

Petition of Citizens of Castle Hill plantation, in aid of the petition of Eunice B. Elliot, for a deed of a certain lot of land ;

Petition of Harriet Williams of Castle Hill plantation, for a deed of a certain lot of land in said plantation ;

Petition of Josiah H. Chandler of Mapleton plantation, for a deed of a certain lot of land in said plantation ;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON presented the following petitions :

Petition of Nathaniel D. Newmarch and others of Bangor ;

Petition of E. Trask and others of Bangor ;

Petition of James S. Rowe and others of Bangor ;

Petition of F. Libby and others of Eddington ;  
Petition of Mark Thompson and others of Veazie ;  
Petition of J. S. Bennoch and others of Orono ;  
Petition of J. C. White and others of Bangor ;  
Petition of Greenwood F. Barton and others of Bradley ;  
Petition of H. Richardson and others of Oldtown ;  
Petition of W. Lowden and others of Veazie ;  
Petition of John K. Skinner and others of Brewer ;  
Petition of Wm. McPheters and others of Milford ;

Petition of J. N. Boynton and others of Bangor, severally in aid of the petition of the Penobscot Mill Dam Company, for an increase of capital and for authority to construct a dam at or near Treat's Falls ;

Which were each referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE presented the petition of Joshua Veazie and others, that the doings of plantation number 2, range 2, west of Kennebec river, Bingham's Purchase, may be made valid ;

Mr. SMITH presented the petition of Samuel D. Leavitt and others of Eastport, that a certain lot of land in said town may be exempted from taxation ;

Which were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAMOR presented the petition of F. D. Hodgkins and others, for the repeal of an act relating to menhaden or porgies, approved February 24, 1865, which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON presented bill "an act additional to the acts in relation to the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company," which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CAMPBELL,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. RANDALL of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on State Library inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to procure a complete exchange of public documents with the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia ;

That the Secretary of State be instructed to purchase fifty copies of the public laws of the year 1858 for the use of the State ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire if any amendment of chapter 65 of the revised statutes is necessary to facilitate the settlement of estates in the case of death of an executor or administrator prior to his execution of his trust ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of requiring all Life Insurance Companies issuing policies to citizens of this State, to hold within the State, liable to attachment, property to an amount sufficient to indemnify the insured ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary to secure the mutilation or destruction, and to prevent the circulation or passing of counterfeit bank bills ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of legalizing the doings of cities, towns and plantations, in raising the commutation authorized by act of Congress passed March 3, 1863 ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors, so that all taxes due from the assigning debtor shall be a preferred claim ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 34th section of the 12th chapter of the revised statutes, that it shall not conflict with rules and established usages of any religious bodies or societies ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

That a Joint Select Committee on Sanitary Necessities be appointed to consist of five on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, to report as soon as practicable, what legislation, if any, is necessary for the improvement of the sanitary condition of the State ;

With Messrs. Messer of Portland, Farrington of Fryeburg, Fulton of Bluehill, Colby of Richmond, and Gibbs of Glenburn, appointed on the part of the House ;

Was read and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Hamor of Hancock, and Read of Kennebec, were joined to said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Petition of Aretas Chapen and others of Monson, for an appropriation to complete the Canada road from Moosehead Lake to Canada line ;

Petition of Rodney Forsaith and others, for aid in building a road in townships numbers 3 and 4, range 2, in Franklin county ;

Petition of Nathan Dennett and others for aid in the erection of mills in east half of township number 2, range 5, in Aroostook county ;

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

Remonstrance of the European and North American Railway Company, against the petition of the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad Company ;

Bill "an act additional to an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company ;

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

Petition of John Hanrahan and another of Thomaston, to be set off from said town and annexed to the city of Rockland ;

Petition of John Doherty and another of Thomaston, in aid of the petition of John Hanrahan and another ;

Petition of Joseph Percival and others of Waterville, to have certain land set off from Winslow annexed to Waterville ;

Remonstrance of John W. Bacon and others, against the petition of George D. Bailey and others, to have Unity plantation annexed to the town of Unity ;

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

Petition of Albert Cushman of Hebron ;

Petition of Adam Richardson of Hebron, severally for compensation for loss of stock by contagious disease ;

Petition of the Selectmen of Smyrna, for reimbursement of money paid the State by reason of an error in the assignment of said town's quota ;

“ Resolve in favor of the heirs of David Y. Kallock ” ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Charles R. Kitridge of Winthrop, for a pension, was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph H. Hammond and others of Nobleboro' and other towns, for an act to protect their rights in the fisheries of Damariscotta river ;

Petition of James Erskine and others, citizens of Lincoln county, for the repeal of “ an act to protect menhaden or porgies in the waters of the coast of Maine,” approved February 24, 1865 ;

Remonstrance of Cyrus Leach and others of Penobscot, against the repeal of the foregoing law ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Charles P. Kimball and others of Portland, for an act of incorporation as the Portland File Company ;

Petition of J. B. Besse and others of Albion, for an act of incorporation as the Albion Manufacturing Company ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of Hezekiah Ames and others of North Haven, that the doings of said town in voting money to persons drafted who furnished substitutes, may be made valid ;

Petition of the Municipal Officers of Glenburn, to have school district number 3 separated from the town of Kenduskeag ;

Petition of William Sparrow and others of Brownville, in aid of the petition of Charles Beale and others of Hudson, for the repeal of an act in addition to an act incorporating the city of Bangor ;

Petition of J. H. Hillard and others of Oldtown, for an act authorizing said town to raise money by taxation or otherwise, to

aid in the purchase of lands in Orono for the location of the Agricultural College;

Remonstrance of J. F. Eveleth and others of Bluehill, against the petition of the First Parish in Bluehill, to have its doings legalized;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Petroleum Company";

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Newburg";

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

Petition of J. H. Lynde and others, for an act of incorporation as the Penobscot Mining Company;

Bill "an act to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company;

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

Petition of Daniel Steward and others, Selectmen of Newport, for reimbursement of State bounties advanced by said town, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Trustees of Gorham Seminary for aid to enable them to educate gratuitously the children of soldiers who have died in the service, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of R. C. Hanson and another, for an act of incorporation as the Pawner's Bank of Portland, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of A. C. Phillips, County Attorney of Franklin county, for an increase of salary, was referred to the Delegation from said county in concurrence.

Bill "an act to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate for Penobscot county," was referred to the Delegation from said county in concurrence.

Petition of R. H. Patten and others of Hampden, for the establishment of Courts of Reconciliation, &c., came from the House referred to a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, with Messrs. Brown of Hampden, Colby of Richmond, and Farrington of Fryeburg, appointed said Committee on the part of the House.

The Senate joined to said Committee, Messrs. Boynton of Somerset and Hawes of Aroostook, and referred the petition in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of Thomas Leigh and others, for an act authorizing the city of Hallowell to loan its credit to improve the navigation of the Kennebec river, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of Luke S. Moore and others of Starks, to be set off from said town and annexed to Norridgewock, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. Ephraim Flint, Secretary of State, transmitting the Annual Report of Attorney General of this State for the year 1865, which was read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. WELD,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 83, sections 7, 8 and 9 of the revised statutes, relating to appeals from Trial Justices.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAWES,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to investigate the equity of the claim of R. G. Kallock of Ashland to two lots of land under the late treaty with Great Britain.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOLBROOK,

*Ordered*, That a message be conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor and Council, informing them that Nathan G. Hichborn has been duly elected Treasurer of State for the current political year ; that he has signified his acceptance of the office 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.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to inquire if any further legislation is necessary, additional

to, or amendatory of, chapter 316 of the public laws of the year 1865.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BILLINGS presented the petition of the Maine Medical Association for such action on the subject of vaccination as shall secure its universal adoption by all the inhabitants of the State, with bill accompanying, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PEIRCE presented the petition of Henry Tuttle of Bridgton to be set off from the town of Bridgton and annexed to the town of Harrison, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SOUTHARD presented the petition of C. H. and T. J. Southard for an act of incorporation as the Richmond Tannery and Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBSON presented bill "an act to amend the charter of the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company," which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PORTER presented bill "an act to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch," which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BOYNTON presented "resolve in favor of the survey of some of the large tracts of unsettled lands in this State," which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SOUTHARD presented the petition of Searsport Bank for an extension of time for taking up the stock of said bank, which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STONE presented the petition of Louisa S. F. Mower for State aid, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE presented the following petitions :

Petition of John M. Wood and others ;

Petition of Samuel G. Wethern and others ;

Petition of T. P. Spooner and others ;

Petition of Mark H. Hilton and others ;

Petition of John Elder and others ;

Petition of Abner Dinsmore and others ;

Petition of John P. Hodgdon and others ;

Petition of Edward Webster and others ;

Petition of S. S. Gould and others ;

Petition of Obed Allen and others ;

Petition of T. M. Parker and others ;

Petition of John Carney and others ;

Petition of Joshua Gray and others ;

Petition of J. H. Pattee and others ;

Petition of Joshua Quint and others ;

Petition of Isaac N. Pinkham and others ;

Petition of J. J. Walker and others ;

Petition of C. D. Morrill and others, severally in aid of the petition of George Warren and others for a railroad charter ;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. STONE presented " resolve extending an invitation to Gen. Oliver O. Howard to visit the Legislature," which was read and unanimously adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator, " resolves in relation to the assumption of the State and municipal war debts by the general government," were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate inclose a copy of the

resolve just passed in relation to General Howard to his address at Farmington, Maine, forthwith.

On motion of Mr. HOBSON, bill "an act for the assumption by the State of the municipal war debts," was taken from the table and to-morrow assigned for its further consideration.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on "resolve in favor of the town of Searsmont," reported that the same be referred to the Committee on the Library.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act additional to chapter 17 of the revised statutes, relating to nuisances," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Thomas Butler and others, for an act authorizing plantations to tax all lands within their limits for the support of schools, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of the First Parish in Bluehill, for an act legalizing the doings of said Parish, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of J. W. Strout and others, for authority to repair or rebuild the Methodist Meeting-house in Poland, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of section 12 of chapter 126 of the revised statutes, concerning frauds and conspiracies, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of section 71 of the laws concerning schools, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of chapter 80 of the revised statutes, relating to jails and jailors, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the Penobscot County Delegation, on the petition of Campbell Bachelder and others, for increase of fees of County Commissioners, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PERKINS, from the Committee on Division of Counties, on the petition of L. G. Smith and others of Starks, to be set off from

Somerset county and annexed to Franklin county, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. READ, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the petition of Jacob W. Robinson and others, for a change in the law relative to the standard weight of oats, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. MOORE, from the same Committee, on the petition of E. W. White and others, for authority to lay down a water pipe through land of Elijah Doughty, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of S. Nickerson and others, for an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Waldo county to lay out a highway over Passagassawakeag river in Belfast, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Chas. B. Abbott and others of Glenburn and vicinity, for an act to prevent the taking of fish from Pushaw lake by nets, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House by Mr. DREW, its Clerk, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at twelve o'clock, for the purpose of electing a member of the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, to fill the vacancy existing therein by the resignation of Hannibal Hamlin.

The Senate concurred, of which 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. RAMSDELL of the Senate,

Messrs. Ramsdell of Piscataquis, Eaton of Waldo, of the Senate, and Messrs. Houghton of Eastport, Bradford of Turner, Adams of Wilton, Lamb of Carrol, and Goodwin of Wells, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes

for a member of the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

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

Whole number of votes,	134
Necessary for a choice,	68
Benjamin P. Gilman has	134

The report was accepted, and BENJAMIN P. GILMAN was declared duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE of the Senate,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to inform Benjamin P. Gilman of his election as a member of the Board of Trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

The Convention then dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

Mr. BILLINGS, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, on the Report of the Trustees and Superintendent of said Institution, made a report in detail, submitting "resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital."

The report was accepted, and on motion of the same Senator, was laid on the table and 350 copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Eastport to exempt certain property from taxation," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. RAMSDELL, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad, reported bill "an act to enable the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad to exercise the powers and to become subject to the duties of other railroads in this State."

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Agriculture, on the petition of Calvin Chamberlain and others, reported bill an act to incorporate the Piscataquis Central Park Association."

Mr. VIRGIN, from the Oxford County Delegation, on the peti-

tion of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Oxford, reported bill "an act to increase the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Oxford."

These reports were severally 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 bill :

"An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

"An act to extend the time for closing the concerns of the American Bank."

"An act to incorporate the Errol Steamboat Company";

"An act to incorporate the Norway Savings Bank";

"An act to incorporate the Wiscasset Savings Bank";

"An act to incorporate the Richmond Manufacturing Company";

"An act to increase the capital stock of the Lime Rock Bank";

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company," was read once, and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN, Tuesday next was assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. ABBOTT, bill "an act relating to appeals in Probate Courts," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act to incorporate the Winthrop Mills Company";

"An act to amend the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company";

“An act to incorporate Trinity Commandery of Knights Templars”;

“An act to incorporate the Maine Central Institute”;

“An act in addition to and in amendment of the act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and of an act in addition thereto approved March 14, 1861”;

Which were each 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. BOYNTON,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1866.

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 be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter 302 of the public laws of 1865, by inserting the words “or school district” after the word “town,” wherever the same may occur in said section ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the propriety of so amending chapter 159 of the laws of 1862, so that any judgment received in any court of this State may, under the provision of the revised statutes, be enforced against any and all property of the judgment debtor within the State ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire if any further legislation is necessary to make plain the words in section 2, chapter 94 of the revised statutes, “but if no rent is due when a rent is payable, it shall not be terminated except at the option of the tenant until rent shall become due”;

That the Committee on the Library be directed to inquire into the

expediency of repealing the resolve of 1865 relating to the printing and distributing of the Adjutant General's Report for 1864 ;

That the Committee on the Library be directed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to secure the equitable distribution of the Adjutant General's Report for 1865 ;

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that a knowledge of political economy shall be one of the requisite qualifications for a teacher of common schools ;

That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to inquire into the expediency of adding to the pay of the night watch of the State House, one hundred dollars per year ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of E. H. Jewett and others of South Berwick, for an act of incorporation as the South Berwick Boot, Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of John Butterfield of Presque Isle, for a deed of a certain lot of land, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of William Spear and others of Limestone plantation, for an appropriation in aid of schools in said plantation ;

Petition of Seth May and another, to have the name of Lewiston Falls Academy changed to "The Edward Little Institute";

Bill "an act to change the name of the Lewiston Falls Academy";

Were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of John May and others of Winthrop, for the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds ;

Petition of Drummond Sprowl and others of Bristol, for the repeal of the law passed February 24, 1865, for the protection of menhaden or porgies ;

Petition of William Porter and others of Orneville, for the preservation of certain fish in the ponds and streams in said town ;

Bill "an act to prevent the catching of certain fish during their spawning season";

Were severally referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Charles A. Dow and others of Waterville, for a change in the pauper laws ;

Petition of Franklin Simonds of Portland, for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony ;

Petition of Samuel H. Dale, Mayor of Bangor, for an amendment of city charter ;

Remonstrance of the same against the petition of Charles B. Abbott and others for the repeal of an act additional to the act incorporating the city of Bangor ;

Remonstrance of Philip F. Houdlette of Dresden ;

Remonstrance of William Chisam and others of Dresden, severally against the petition of Elwell Costellow and others to have the doings of said town in dividing school district number 6, made valid ;

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Machias";

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

Petition of James Wakefield and another of Bath, that authority may be granted said city to appropriate money for a soldiers' monument ;

Petition of John Benson of Newport, for renumeration for services performed by his late son, W. R. Benson, as Assistant Surgeon of the 8th Maine Volunteers ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of the Town Agent of Kennebunkport, for a reduction in the State valuation of said town ;

Petition of Charles L. Dunning and others of Brownville, for an act of incorporation as the Brownville Mill and Water Power Company ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Swan Creek Union Oil and Mining Company of Ohio";

Bill "an act to incorporate the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Land and Mining Company";

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pleasant Ridge Slate Company";

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

Petition of the Presumpscot Land and Water Power Company, for amendment of its charter ;

Remonstrance of the Harbor Commissioners of Portland harbor, against the foregoing petition ;

Remonstrance of John H. Williams and another of Portland, against the foregoing petition ;

Petition of Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad Company, for a change in the law relating to railroad crossings ;

Petition of Lyman Rawson and others of Rumford, for additional corporators to the Rumford Bridge Company ;

Petition of John M. Frye and others, in aid of the petition of George Warren and others, for a railroad charter ;

Petition of George K. Jewett and others of Bangor ;

Petition of Arad Thompson and others of Bangor ;

Petition of Henry Little and another of Bangor ;

Petition of J. S. Wheelwright and others of Bangor, severally for an act authorizing the city of Bangor to further loan its credit to the European and North American Railway Company ;

Bill "an act to extend the act entitled an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway";

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location of the Aroostook Railroad";

Bill "an act additional to chapter 35 of the laws of 1858 in relation to railroads";

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to further aid the construction of the European and North American Railway";

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

Petition of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, for an appropriation to repair their church ;

Petition of the same, for an appropriation to aid them in farming";

Petition of the same, for an appropriation from their fund for the support of the priest ;

Petition of the same, for a law requiring the rent of the shores of their islands to be distributed among them the same as the interest on their fund ;

Petition of the same, for an appropriation in aid of schools ;

Petition of Newell Neptune and others of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, for a grant of money ;

Credentials of Joseph Lewis, as a Delegate from the Penobscot tribe of Indians ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

Memorial of George M. Weston, referred by the Senate to the Committee on Claims, came from the House, that branch having non-concurred in the reference and referred the same to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of Charles Otis and others, for payment of bounties for services as soldiers, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of D. W. Dinsmore and others, for renumeration for injuries suffered by false imprisonment, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to the legal settlement of insane paupers, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of James Walker and others, to have a part of the town of Winslow set off and annexed to the town of Waterville, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to payment of taxes in plantations organized for election purposes, that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on bill "an act to incorporate the Holbrooks Island Slate Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shaw and Clark Sewing Machine Company," approved February 11, 1865, that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on the petition of the Directors of North Bank, Rockland, for an increase of capital stock, with bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the North Bank at Rockland";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act in relation to the rules of evidence in addition to an act to amend section 83 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to proceedings in court," approved March 15, 1862, 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 message was received from the Governor, through Hon. Ephraim Flint, Secretary of State, transmitting, in compliance with an order of the Legislature, the report of the agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the year 1865;

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. MANSON, the report was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to hawkers and pedlers," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. PEIRCE, the rules were suspended, and the vote whereby the Senate accepted the Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of the County Commissioners of Somerset county, for an appropriation to build a bridge over Dead river, giving petitioners leave to withdraw, was reconsidered, and the report was recommitted to the Committee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Sidney Cook and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Presque Isle Woollen Manufacturing Company."

Mr. HOLBROOK, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Wood Manufacturing Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. STONE, from the Franklin County Delegation, on the petitions of B. F. Atkinson and others and P. M. Stubbs and others,

reported "resolve increasing the salary of the Register of Probate of Franklin county"; also, "resolve increasing the salary of the Judge of Probate of Franklin county."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Ephraim K. Smart and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway Company."

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Ephraim K. Smart and others, reported bill "an act to authorize Ephraim K. Smart and his associates and assigns to extend a marine railway and wharf into the tide waters of Camden Harbor."

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of E. M. Wood and others, reported bill "an act to prevent obstructions in Camden Harbor and authorizing said Camden to choose Harbor Masters."

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of J. H. Hilliard and others, reported bill "an act to authorize Oldtown to grant aid to the Agricultural College."

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of citizens of Orono, reported bill "an act to authorize Orono to grant aid to the Maine Agricultural College."

Mr. BARKER, from the same Committee, on the petition of Miles Wilson, reported bill "an act to provide for the payment of the claim of Miles Wilson against the county of Penobscot."

Mr. READ, from the Committee on Pensions, on the petition of Charles R. Kittridge, reported "resolve in favor of Charles R. Kittridge of Winthrop."

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

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Henry H. Clark and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate Bass Harbor Salt Marsh Company, with authority to erect and maintain a dam or dyke across Bass Harbor, Marsh Creek."

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

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of William R. Schroder, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Plumbago Mining Company."

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Robert Bradley and others, reported bill "an act to regulate the inspection of flour."

The report was accepted, and the bill laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of S. D. Leavitt and others to have a certain lot of land in Eastport exempted from taxation for ten years, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of the lien laws, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of the Proprietors of Union Wharf of Portland for leave to extend their wharf, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act to increase the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Oxford";

"An act to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Eastport to exempt certain property from taxation";

"An act to enable the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad to exercise the powers and to become subject to the duties of other railroads in this State";

"An act to incorporate the Piscataquis Central Park Association";

"An act to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October";

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act making valid the doings of the town of Princeton in voting to exempt certain property in said town from taxation for the term of three years."

The question being on the passage of the bill to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. HOBBS, the rules were suspended, and the vote whereby the Senate passed the same to be engrossed was reconsidered.

Same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted.

As amended the bill was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills:

"An act making valid the building of wharves in the town of Richmond";

"An act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company," approved February 11, 1865;

"An act to grant authority to Benjamin Fowler to build wharves and fish weirs in Johnson's bay, Lubec";

"An act to authorize the sale of the old Methodist Free Meeting-house in Bowdoinham";

"An act to incorporate the South Berwick Savings Bank";

"An act to incorporate the Sangerville Factory Company";

"An act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing and Water Power Company";

"An act to incorporate the New Sharon Water Power Company";

"An act to incorporate the officers and members of Rockland Lodge";

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Bath";

"An act to amend section 3 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes, relating to lime and lime casks";

"An act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Hancock";

Which were each 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. RAMSDELL,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BROWN of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges inquire into the expediency of requiring that locomotives shall give notice, before crossing streets in cities, towns and villages, by bell, instead of the steam whistle ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing section 10 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes, relating to demand on notes payable at a place certain ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of the Selectmen of Starks, for an abatement of State tax, that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on the petition of Solyman Heath and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Ticonic Water Power and Manufacturing Company";

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, to which was recommended bill "an act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills Company, and additional to the same," with the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Charles J. Gilman and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Brunswick Peat Company";

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of Allen Merry and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Bethel and Hanover Toll Bridge Company";

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of F. A. Wilson and others, with bill "an act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to incorporate the

Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company," approved March 5, 1861 ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Joseph Nickerson and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Mouse Island Marine Railway Company";

Report of the Cumberland County Delegation on the petition of Glendy Moody and others, and the petition of Ezra Carter, Jr., and others, with bill "an act extending the jurisdiction of the County Commissioners of the county of Cumberland over tide waters near Martin's Point, in said county";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

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

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on the petition of John Benson and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Newport Savings Bank," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was once read, and on motion of Mr. PORTER amended as per sheet "A," and Monday assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE, the vote whereby the Senate assigned to-day for the second reading of "resolve in favor of Chas. R. Kittridge of Winthrop," was reconsidered, and the same was recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMOR, the vote whereby the Senate accepted the report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of Charles Otis and others for bounty, giving petitioners leave to withdraw, was reconsidered, and the report recommitted to the Committee.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAWES,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary to enable creditors to enforce executions against the inhabitants of plantations organized for election purposes.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARKER presented bill "an act to amend chapter 264 of the public laws of 1864, entitled 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," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of H. M. Payson and others, reported bill "an act additional concerning the redemption of railroad mortgages."

The report was accepted and the bill laid over to be printed under the joint rule.

Mr. MANSON, from the same Committee, on the petition of Lyman Rawson and others, reported bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company," approved February 16, 1865.

Mr. RAMSDALL, from the same Committee, on bill "an act additional to an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. HOLBROOK, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of the Directors of Portland Dry Dock Company, reported bill "an act additional to an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company."

Mr. PEIRCE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Ira Fish, reported "resolve authorizing the remission of settling duties in part on certain lots of land."

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

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

"An act to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway Company";

"An act to authorize Ephraim K. Smart and his associates and assigns to extend a marine railway and wharf into tide waters of Camden harbor";

"An act to authorize Oldtown to grant aid to the Agricultural College";

"An act to prevent obstructions in Camden harbor, and authorizing said Camden to choose harbor masters";

"An act to authorize Orono to grant aid to the Maine Agricultural College";

"An act to incorporate the Bangor Wood Manufacturing Company";

"An act to incorporate the Presque Isle Woollen Manufacturing Company";

"An act to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company";

"Resolve increasing the salary of the Register of Probate of Franklin county";

"Resolve increasing the salary of the Judge of Probate of Franklin county";

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 to increase the capital stock of the North Bank at Rockland";

"An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shaw and Clark Sewing Machine Company," approved February 11, 1865 ;

"An act to incorporate the Holbrooks Island Slate Company";

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

Bill "an act relating to hawkers and pedlers," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. HAMOR, was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to provide for the payment of the claim of Miles Wilson against the county of Penobscot," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BARKER, was laid on the table.

Bill "an act in relation to the rules of evidence in addition to an act to amend section 83 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to proceedings in court," approved March 15, 1862, reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

House amendments "A" and "B" were severally adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Order from the House :

That a Committee of four on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be raised to make arrangements for the reception of Major General O. O. Howard who is expected to be in Augusta next Tuesday ;

With Messrs. Granger of Calais, Shepley of Portland, Hopkins of Ellsworth, and Stevens of Augusta, appointed on the part of the House ;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

And Messrs. Stone of Franklin, Smith of Washington, and Boynton of Somerset, were joined to said Committee on the part of the Senate.

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

“An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the county of Kennebec”;

“An act to increase the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Kennebec”;

“An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government”;

“An act to authorize Eneas Wilcox to build and maintain a fish weir or weirs in the tide waters of Johnson’s bay”;

Which were each 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. PEIRCE,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. MAGRATH of Gardiner.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Petition of Eben'r Webster and others of Orono, for the repeal of an act approved July 13, 1847, restricting the powers of the County Commissioners in regard to the city of Bangor, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate non-concurred with the House and referred the same to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was recommended bill "an act to amend chapter 495 of the private laws of the year 1865, setting off a part of the town of Starks and annexing the same to the town of Mercer," with the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on the petition of J. H. Lynde and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Land and Mining Company";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of John T. Smith, with bill "an act to incorporate the Seaside Hotel Company";

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the Tontogona Petroleum Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Joseph B. Hall and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Workingmen's Coöperative Association of Portland and vicinity";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of C. C. Barrett and others, with bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act to establish the Bangor Female Orphan Asylum," approved April 1, 1836;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on an order relating to expenditures for public ways, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Education on bill "an act to establish the Department of Public Instruction," referred from the last Legislature to the present, that the same ought not to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to regulate the inspection of flour," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. RAMSDELL,

Bill "an act relating to the discipline of the State Prison";

"Resolve in favor of the State Prison";

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison";

Were severally taken from the table, read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. BILLINGS, "resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital" was taken from the table, read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. RAMSDELL presented bill "an act to aid in the construction of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad," which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on Federal Relations, on "resolve concerning postal and other communication between States," reported "resolve in relation to freedom of commerce and travel between States";

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

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Fisheries, on an order relating to the protection of the cod fisheries on our seaboard, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petitions of Benjamin Gray, Anna F. Owen, Charles E. Hatch, Thomas Goss, and F. Winslow and others, severally for

deeds of certain lots of land in Aroostook county, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act to incorporate the Bethel and Hanover Toll Bridge Company";

"An act to incorporate the Brunswick Peat Company";

"An act to incorporate the Ticonic Water Power and Manufacturing Company";

"An act to incorporate the Newport Savings Banks";

"An act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills Company and additional to the same";

"An act extending the jurisdiction of the County Commissioners of the county of Cumberland over tide waters near Martin's Point in said county";

"An act to incorporate the Mouse Island Marine Railway Company";

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

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolve :

"An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company," approved February 16, 1865 ;

"An act additional to an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company";

"An act additional to an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company";

"Resolve authorizing the remission of settling duties in part on certain lots of land";

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company," approved March 5, 1861, reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. RAMSDELL proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAWES,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending the law that towns may be authorized to raise money, by taxation or otherwise, to pay additional bounties to the volunteers of 1861 and 1862 ;

That so much of the Treasurer's Report as relates to the bonds in his office authorized to be issued under resolve approved March 19, 1864, but which have not been negotiated, be referred to the Joint Select Committee on Treasurer's Report, with instructions to cancel and destroy so many thereof as they may deem it expedient to cancel, and to make such record and report of their doings as is required to be made of like proceedings under resolve approved January 24, 1863 ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Dexter S. Morse and others of Thomaston, against the petition of John Hanrahan and others to be set off from Thomaston and annexed to Rockland, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Bill " an act to increase the fees of Clerks of the Judicial Courts," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of R. F. Campbell and others, with bill " an act providing for the record-

ing of certificates of discharges of soldiers and seamen from the service of the United States";

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to the unauthorized use of trade-marks and names, with bill "an act for the prevention of the unauthorized use of trade-marks and names";

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of Simon T. Hart and others, with bill "an act authorizing the construction of a marine railway at Tenant's Harbor, in the town of St. George;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on the petition of John H. Crandon and others, with bill "an act to authorize William M. Dumphe and John H. Crandon to construct a fish weir in the town of Jonesport";

Report of the Committee on Education on the petition of Seth May and others, with bill "an act to change the name of the Lewiston Falls Academy";

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 inhabitants of the town of Eastport to exempt certain property from taxation," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Mr. READ, from the Committee on Education, on an order directing said Committee to visit the State Normal School at Farmington, reported "resolve in favor of the Committee on Education."

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 bills:

"An act additional to an act entitled an act to establish the Bangor Female Orphan Asylum," approved April 1, 1836;

"An act to incorporate the Tontogona Petroleum Company";

"An act additional to aid in amendment of chapter 495 of the private acts of the year 1865 setting off a part of the town of Starks and annexing the same to the town of Mercer";

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

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolves :

- "An act relating to the discipline of the State Prison";
- "An act to regulate the inspection of flour";
- "Resolve in favor of the State Prison";
- "Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison";
- "Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital";
- "Resolve in relation to freedom of commerce and travel between States";

Which were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Land and Mining Company," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. PORTER proposed amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Workingmen's Coöperative Association of Portland and vicinity," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

House amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Seaside Hotel Company," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. HOLBROOK proposed amendments marked "A" and "B," which were severally adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. RAMSDELL moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, pending which, Mr. WOODMAN moved to amend the same as per sheet "A," and on the question of adopting the amendment, on motion of Mr. RAMSDELL, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Barker, Billings, Boynton, Burpee, Camp-

bell, Denison, Hamor, Hawes, Hinds, Hobbs, Holbrook, Manson, Mason, Moore, O'Brien, Peirce, Perkins, Porter, Read, Smith, Southard, Virgin, Woodman—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Hobson, Ramsdell—2.

So the amendment was adopted.

The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. RAMSDELL to indefinitely postpone the bill, on motion of Mr. PORTER, the same was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. SMITH,

*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 half-past three o'clock, for the purpose of receiving Major Gen. Oliver O. Howard as an invited guest.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently, a message was received from the House by Mr. DREW, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the foregoing proposition of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, bill "an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington," was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. SMITH, the rules were suspended, and the vote whereby the Senate passed the bill to be engrossed was reconsidered.

Same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODMAN presented the remonstrance of James P. Webb and other legal voters of the town of Bridgton, against the petition of John W. Caswell and others, to be set off from said town and annexed to the town of Harrison, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet this afternoon at three o'clock.

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

“An act to increase the capital stock of the Lime Rock Bank”;  
“An act to incorporate Errol Steamboat Company”;  
“An act relating to appeals in Probate Courts”;  
“An act to extend the time of closing the concerns of the American Bank”;  
“An act to increase the capital stock of the North Bank at Rockland”;  
“An act to incorporate the Richmond Manufacturing Company”;  
“An act to increase the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Oxford”;  
“An act making valid the doings of the town of Princeton in voting to exempt certain property in said town from taxation for the term of three years”;  
“An act relative to the rules of evidence in addition to an act to amend section 83 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to proceedings in court,” approved March 15, 1862;  
“An act to incorporate the Wiscasset Savings Bank”;  
“An act to incorporate the Holbrooks Island Slate Company”;  
“An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Shaw and Clark Sewing Machine Company,” approved Feb. 11, 1865;  
Which were each 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. BARKER,  
The Senate adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON.

Senate met according to adjournment.

The hour assigned for the Convention for the purpose of receiving Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall where a Convention was formed.

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council and Heads of Departments, informing them that a Joint Convention of the Legislature is assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of receiving Major General Oliver O. Howard, and inviting them severally to be present.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary, who 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 say that they accepted the invitation and would attend upon the Convention forthwith for the purposes indicated in the message.

Thereupon, the Governor and Council and Heads of Departments came in.

Mr. STONE announced the presence of Major General Howard, and that he would forthwith attend upon the Convention.

Thereupon, General Howard, attended by the Committee of Arrangements of the two branches of the Legislature, came in, and was introduced by Mr. Stone to the President of the Convention, who made an address of welcome and introduced General Howard to the Convention.

Thereupon, General Howard addressed the Convention.

Having concluded his address, General Howard, the Governor and Council and Heads of Departments retired, and the Convention was dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

On motion of Mr. MASON,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what law is necessary to allow any associated number of citizens in any city or town in this State to erect monuments to the memory of soldiers who fell in battle, or deceased while in the military or naval service of the United States ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 12 of chapter 126 of the revised statutes, by inserting after the word "another" the words "or to deprive another of his property," or words to that effect ;

That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enlarging the powers and duties of the Railroad Commissioners of the State, and of so extending the same as to include the regulation of all lines of telegraph within the State ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to the engrossing of bills and resolves, with "resolves directing the manner of engrossing the acts and resolves and for preserving the same";

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on an order relating to the establishment of wine measure for all liquids, with bill "an act to regulate measure, sale and inspection of milk";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The resolve and bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

“Resolve increasing the salary of the Judge of Probate of Franklin county”;

“Resolve increasing the salary of the Register of Probate for Franklin county”;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House recommitted to the Franklin County Delegation.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House in recommitting the resolves.

Bill “an act to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October,” passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet “A,” and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of Joseph Warren and others, for an act to prevent the killing of certain animals, that petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Hiram Emery and others;

Remonstrance of J. W. Pearsons and others;

Remonstrance of Jacob Barker and others;

Remonstrance of James J. Norris and others;

Remonstrance of W. C. Dorr and others, severally against the passage of an act to prevent mill-owners on Penobscot river from throwing refuse lumber into said river;

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

Bill “an act additional concerning the redemption of railroad mortgages,” was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BOYNTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of A. M. Robinson and others for the enactment of a law to equalize State bounties, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. DENISON, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Job Foster to be set off from the town of Knox and annexed to the town of Montville, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice.

Mr. HAMOR, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the petition of the Portland Labor Reform Association, that eight hours labor may be considered a legal day's work, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of Lydia Nichols and others, in aid thereof, for a bounty claimed to be due her late husband, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Pensions, on an order relating to the recording of discharge papers of soldiers and seamen from the United States service, reported, asking to be discharged from its further consideration.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PERKINS presented the petition of R. H. Gardiner and others, for the repeal of sections 53 to 62, inclusive, of chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroad corporations, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HAMOR, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the petition of J. B. Besse and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Albion Manufacturing Company."

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Charles P. Kimball and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Portland File Company."

Mr. READ, from the Committee on Pensions, to which was recommended "resolve in favor of Charles R. Kittridge of Winthrop," reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Wm. W. Quimby of Bucksport, reported "resolve in favor of William W. Quimby of Bucksport."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of the Penobscot Mill Dam Company, reported bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Mill-dam Company."

Mr. BURPEE, from the Knox County Delegation, on the petition of the County Commissioners of said county, reported bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Knox."

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

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

"An act authorizing the construction of a marine railway at Tenants Harbor, in the town of St. George";

"An act to change the name of the Lewiston Falls Academy";

"An act to authorize William M. Dumphe and John H. Crandon to construct a fish weir in the town of Jonesport";

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 to incorporate Bass Harbor Salt Marsh Company, with authority to erect and maintain a dam or dyke across Bass Harbor Marsh Creek";

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on Education";

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act for the prevention of the unauthorized use of trademarks and names," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. ABBOTT proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act providing for the recording of certificates of discharge of soldiers and seaman from the service of the United States," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. BOYNTON proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, bill "an act to provide for the payment of the claim of Miles Wilson against the county of Penobscot," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOORE, the vote whereby the Senate assigned to-morrow for the second reading of bill "an act to regulate the measure, sale and inspection of milk," was reconsidered.

On motion of the same Senator, the rules were suspended, and the bill read a second time.

House amendments "A" and "B" were severally adopted, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOBSON,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 10 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes, so as to authorize the jailer to administer the oath to any convict sentenced to pay a fine and costs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HINDS, bill "an act relating to hawkers and pedlers," was taken from the table.

Same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted.

Same Senator proposed amendments marked "B," "C," "D," "E" and "F."

Pending the consideration of amendment "B," on motion of Mr. RAMSDELL the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, bill "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company," was taken from the table.

The question being on the motion of Mr. RAMSDELL to indefinitely postpone the bill, after debate.

Mr. PORTER moved that the bill be laid upon the table.

On this question, on motion of Mr. RAMSDELL, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Burpee, Campbell, Hobson, Manson, O'Brien, Porter, Ramsdell, Richardson, Virgin—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Barker, Billings, Boynton, Denison, Hamor, Hawes, Hinds, Hobbs, Holbrook, Mason, Moore, Peirce, Read, Southard, Weld, Woodman—16.

So the motion was lost.

The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. RAMSDELL to indefinitely postpone the bill, the motion was lost.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

Mr. PORTER gave notice that to-morrow he should move a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Senate passed the foregoing bill to be engrossed.

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

“An act to incorporate the Mouse Island Marine Railway Company”;

“An act to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills Company and additional to the same”;

“An act to incorporate the Brunswick Peat Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Norway Savings Bank”;

“An act extending the jurisdiction of the County Commissioners of the county of Cumberland over tide waters near Martin’s Point, in said county”;

“An act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Plumbago Mining Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Piscataquis Central Park Associa-

“An act to incorporate the Ticonic Water Power Manufacturing Company”;

Which were each 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. RAMSDELL,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1866.

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 the Committee on the Judiciary inquire if any change is necessary in the laws of this State relating to ways ;

That the Committee on Public Buildings inquire into the expediency of defining the duties and fixing the pay of the Superintendent of Public Buildings ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Henry Fry and others of Milford ;

Remonstrance of E. O. Weed and others of Oldtown ;

Remonstrance of J. L. Hunt and others of Oldtown ;

Remonstrance of A. L. Folsom and others of Oldtown, severally against the passage of an act prohibiting mill owners on Penobscot river from throwing refuse lumber into said river ;

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

Remonstrance of Dexter Farrow and others of Waldo county ;

Remonstrance of J. Stevens, Jr., and others, severally against the repeal of the law for the protection of porgies or menhaden ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Remonstrance of E. T. Little and others of Auburn, against the petition of James Dingley and others, that the town of Auburn and the city of Lewiston may be united, was referred to the Committee on Divisions of Towns in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to payment of taxes in plantations organized for election purposes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on an order relating to authorizing towns to raise additional bounties to volunteers of 1861 and 1862, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Rufus Robertson and others, that bounties may be paid to soldiers of the U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Fen. G. Barker and others, for a bounty of two months, provided by the "Ten Regiment Act," that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to maintenance of actions by assignees of choses in action, with bill "an act to aid in the settlement and disposal of assets of banks after the surrender or expiration of their charters";

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on bill an act to extend the act entitled "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid in the construction of the European and North American Railway," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations on "resolve relating to the unoccupied lands of the United States," that the same in a new draft ought to pass ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills and resolve were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve in favor of Thomas P. Cleaves";

"Resolve in favor of Horace Stilson," severally reported in the House from the Committee on Finance ;

Were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve in favor of Caroline A. Edwards," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of H. H. Johnson and others of Belfast, reported bill "an act to enable the city of Belfast to build and maintain a free bridge over tide waters."

Mr. HINDS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to incorporate the Winthrop Petroleum Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Claims, on the petition of Edward E. Shed, referred from the last Legislature to the present, and also on the petition of the Selectmen and others of Eastport, reported "resolve in favor of Edward E. Shedd."

Mr. STONE, from the Franklin County Delegation, to which was recommitted "resolve establishing the salary of the Judge of Probate for Franklin county," also "resolve establishing the salary of the Register of Probate for Franklin county," reported bill "an act establishing the salaries of the Judge of Probate and the Register of Probate of Franklin county."

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relating to a survey of unoccupied lands of the State, reported "resolve in favor of an agricultural survey of some of the large tracts of unsettled lands in this State."

Mr. HAWES, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on bill "an act to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. SOUTHARD, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of Searsport Bank, reported bill "an act additional to chapter 515 of the private and special laws approved February 24, 1865, entitled an act to increase the capital stock of the Searsport Bank."

Mr. HAWES, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petitions of Robert Wilder and others, and Lafayette Tuck and others, reported "resolve making appropriations in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook."

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

Mr. WELD, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of William Buxton and others to have certain land set off from the town of Cumberland and annexed to the town of North Yarmouth, 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 Stephen W. Hill to be set off from the town of Kennebunkport and

annexed to the city of Biddeford, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Frederick Huntley and others for an act authorizing said Huntley to build a fish weir into tide waters of Machias Bay, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. RAMSDELL, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of Isaac I. York and others for aid in building a road in the town of Grafton, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relating to amendment of section 3, chapter 23 of the revised statutes, referred from the last Legislature to the present, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on "resolve making an appropriation for a continuance of the Scientific Survey of the State," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Claims, on the petition of Henry Harmon, Town Agent of Buxton, for reimbursement of supplies furnished the family of John Merrill, a soldier in the U. S. service, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of T. L. Jennison, for State aid, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Mr. HAWES, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Joshua Cristy and others, that the Land Agent may be authorized to deed to Thomas Linton a lot of land, being number 6 in section 8 in the county of Aroostook, reported that the same be referred to the Governor and Council.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to the claim of R. G. Kallock, for certain lots of land under the late treaty with Great Britain, reported that the same be referred to the Governor and Council.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves;

"An act to incorporate the Portland File Company";

"An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Knox";

"An act to incorporate the Albion Manufacturing Company";

"An act additional concerning the redemption of railroad mortgages";

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Mill-dam Company";

"Resolve in favor of William W. Quimby of Bucksport";

"Resolve in favor of Charles R. Kittridge of Winthrop";

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following :

"Resolves directing the manner of engrossing the acts and resolves, and for preserving the same," which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

House amendment "A" was adopted.

Pending the consideration of House amendment "B," the bill was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAWES,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to examine into the condition of the settlement on Chesuncook lake, and to determine whether it should be granted to construct mills for the convenience of the people of the settlement.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PORTER moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed bill "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company," and the same was reconsidered.

Same Senator proposed an amendment marked "B," which was adopted.

Pending the question of the passage of the bill to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. SMITH, the Senate took a recess of five minutes and repaired to the Representatives' Hall, for the purpose of extending a welcome to the officers and members of the Eleventh Maine Veteran Volunteers.

Having returned, the Senate was called to order by the President, and proceeded to the consideration of the bill under discus-

sion at the time of taking the recess, and the same was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HOBSON presented the memorial of Edward P. Burnham of Saco, relating to the taxation of foreign insurance companies, having offices in this State, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. RAMSDELL, bill "an act relating to hawkers and pedlers," was taken from the table.

Mr. HINDS withdrew his proposed amendments, marked "B," "C," "D," "E" and "F."

On motion of Mr. BARKER, the Senate reconsidered its vote adopting amendment "A."

Mr. ABBOTT proposed amendments marked "G," "H" and "I."

Pending the consideration of amendment "G," on motion of Mr. BARKER, 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 an act entitled "an act to establish the Bangor Female Orphan Asylum," approved April 1, 1836;

"An act additional to and in amendment of chapter 495 of the private acts of the year 1865, setting off a part of the town of Starks and annexing the same to the town of Mercer";

"An act to incorporate the Workingmen's Coöperative Association of Portland and vicinity";

"An act to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Eastport to exempt certain property from taxation";

"An act to authorize the increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company";

"An act to authorize Ephraim K. Smart and his associates and assigns to extend a marine railway and wharf into the tide waters of Camden Harbor";

"An act to incorporate the Newport Savings Bank";

"An act to incorporate the Bethel and Hanover Toll Bridge Company";

Which were each 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. EATON,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. QUINBY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Orders from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation may be necessary to protect the rights of creditors against the embezzlement of property by insolvent debtors or their administrators ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 51 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes that jailors may in all cases require creditors to secure or pay in advance the board of debtors committed to jail on mesne process, or execution in civil suits ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary report if any additional legislation is necessary to chapter 270 of the public laws of 1864 relating to duties and salaries of Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of changing the law, so that administrators shall sell and account for all personal property, instead of having the power to hold it at the appraisal ;

That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be directed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary, as to the liability of common carriers for goods and merchandise left in their possession, where no demand or claim for damage is made by the owner of said merchandise after loss or damage claimed ;

That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire

into the expediency of enacting a law, that no soldier incapacitated by injuries received in the discharge of his duty, while in the military service, who shall require aid from any town, shall thereby become a pauper or be subjected to any disabilities in consequence ;

Were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes in relation to the maintenance of guide posts," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on bill "an act additional to chapter 35 of the laws of the year 1858 in relation to railroads," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Reform School on an order relating to the repeal of the several acts establishing the State Reform School, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on the petition of William Tilley for a bounty due his late son, George M. Tilley, that the same be referred to the Governor and Council ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of George D. Bacon and others, that Unity plantation may be annexed to the town of Unity, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Joseph Warren and others to have certain islands in Androscoggin river set off from the town of Lisbon and annexed to the town of Durham, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on an order relating to settlements upon township number 18, range 7, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Education on an order relating to amendment of the school laws so as to allow towns to choose Supervisors, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to qualifications of teachers of common schools, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Claims on "resolve in favor of the heirs of David Y. Kalloch," that the same be referred to the Governor and Council ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on bill "an act to incorporate the Damariscotta Manufacturing Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Tannery and Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the South Berwick Boot, Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Seward B. Hume and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Eastport Gas Company";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Reuben B. Dunn and others, with bill "an act to amend chapter 58 of the private laws of 1857, entitled an act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company";

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of Inhabitants of Clinton Gore, with bill "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of the county of Kennebec to appropriate money to rebuild or repair a bridge over the Sebasticook river in Clinton Gore ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of H. N. Bolster and others, with bill "an act creating the South Paris Village Corporation";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to regulate the holding of session of the Supreme Judicial Court for the trial of criminal cases," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HAWES presented the following :

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to examine into the situation of certain lots of land in township number 4, range 4, W. E. L. S., and determine whether it shall be for the interest of the State to sell any lots to settlers thereon exceeding the quantity as now sold to settlers, which was read and passed under a suspension of the joint order.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Claims, on the petition of the Town Agent and others of Kennebunkport, for a reduction in State valuation of said town, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Henry Boynton for reimbursement for expenses and services in raising troops in 1861, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relating to abuse of domestic animals, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the Maine Medical Association, that such action on the subject of vaccination may be had as shall secure its universal adoption, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. HOLBROOK, from the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts, to which was referred the order of the Legislature instructing them to cancel and destroy so many of the bonds in the Treasurer's office authorized to be issued under resolve approved March 19, as they may deem it expedient, ask leave to report, that they have destroyed by burning, bonds amounting to one hundred fifty-one thousand and five hundred dollars (\$151,500), being Nos. 3084 to 3120 inclusive, of one thousand dollars each, and Nos. 3152 to 3380 inclusive, of five hundred dollars each. They further report that there now remain in the Treasurer's office bonds of said loan amounting to sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000), which they deem it inexpedient to destroy, as they may be needed to meet the requirements of resolves of the present Legislature.

A record of their doings has been duly entered upon the Treasurer's books.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Warren Brown and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Union River Boom Company."

Mr. PERKINS, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of S. E. Phipps and others, reported bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield."

Mr. HAMOR, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the

petition of Charles L. Dunning, and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Brownville Mill and Water Power Company."

Mr. HINDS, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the Selectmen of Avon, referred from the last Legislature to the present, reported bill "an act to legalize the records of the town of Avon."

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "an act additional to the acts in relation to the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. BARKER, from the Penobscot County Delegation, on bill "an act to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Penobscot," reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices, reported bill "an act in relation to the jurisdiction of Trial Justices."

Mr. SOUTHARD, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on an order relating to the amendment of chapter 316 of the laws of 1865, concerning banks, reported bill "an act extending the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills."

These reports severally accepted, and the bills each laid over to be printed under the joint rule.

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

"An act additional to chapter 515 of the private and special laws, approved, February 24, 1865, entitled "an act to increase the capital stock of the Searsport Bank";

"An act to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch";

"An act to enable the city of Belfast to build and maintain a free bridge over tide water";

"An act establishing the salaries of the Judge of Probate and Register of Probate of Franklin county";

"An act to incorporate the Winthrop Petroleum Company";

"Resolve in favor of an agricultural survey of some of the large tracts of unsettled lands in this State";

"Resolve in favor of Edward E. Shedd";

"Resolve making appropriation in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook";

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolves:

"An act to extend the act entitled an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway";

"An act to aid in the settlement and disposal of assets of banks after the surrender or expiration of their charters";

"Resolve in favor of Thomas P. Cleaves";

"Resolve in favor of Horace Stilson";

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

"Resolve relating to the unoccupied lands of the United States," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BOYNTON, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. HOBSON, bill "an act for the assumption by the State of the municipal war debts," was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

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

"An act to incorporate the Presque Isle Woollen Manufacturing Company";

"An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company," approved March 5, 1861";

"An act to change the name of Lewiston Falls Academy";

"An act additional to an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company";

"An act to incorporate the Bangor Wood Manufacturing Company";

"An act to enable the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad to exercise the powers and to become subject to the duties of other railroads in this State";

“An act to authorize Orono to grant aid to the Maine Agricultural College”;

“An act to incorporate the Tontogona Petroleum Company”;

“An act to authorize William M. Dumphe and John H. Crandon to construct a fish weir in the town of Jonesport”;

“An act authorizing the construction of a marine railway at Tenants Harbor, in the town of St. George”;

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported “resolve authorizing the remission of settling duties in part on certain lots of land,” which was finally passed in concurrence.

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

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CALDWELL of Hallowell.

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 with reference to the jurisdiction of Police and Municipal Judges;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of H. C. Newhall and others of Fairfield ;

Remonstrance of Henry Loring and others of Somerset county, severally against the passage of an act prohibiting the throwing of refuse lumber into Kennebec river ;

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

Communication from the Governor of New Hampshire relative to migratory fish in Saco, Connecticut and Merrimac rivers, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of H. D. Chapman and others of Portland, for an act establishing eight hours as a legal day's work, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of Louisa S. F. Mower for State aid, that petitioner have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on the petition of S. H. Willard and others, with bill "an act respecting school district number 5 in Waterville";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Joseph C. Noyes and Josiah H. Drummond, in behalf of the Superintending School Committee of Portland, with bill "an act to confer certain powers upon the city of Portland";

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on the petition of

Freeman Harding and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Mallison Falls Manufacturing Company";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of R. B. Dunn and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Waterville Hotel Company";

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of George Warren and others, with bill "an act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Somerset Railroad Company," approved March 19, 1860;

Report of the Androscoggin County Delegation on the petition of George S. Woodman, Register of Probate for said county, with bill "an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Androscoggin";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

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

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on the petition of the Portland Labor Reform Association, that eight hours may be made a legal day's work, giving petitioners leave to withdraw, accepted by the Senate, came from the House, that branch non-concurring in the acceptance of the report, and recommitting the same to the Committee.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Bill "an act to change the name of certain persons," reported in the House from the Committee on Change of Names, was read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SOUTHARD, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of John H. Williams and others, for a Pawner's Bank in the city of Portland, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of John W. Cloudman, in behalf of surviving members and heirs of deceased members of Company D., 1st Regiment D. C. Cavalry, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Education, on the petition of Horatio G. Newton and others, for an act of incorporation as the Maine Eclectic Medical Society, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the endorsement of writs, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. HOLBROOK, from the Committee on Treasurer's Accounts on an order relating to a new valuation of the State, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of David Wasson and others, for authority to extend their wharf in the town of Brooksville, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. READ, from the Committee on Education, on the petition of Timothy Fuller and others, for an appropriation in aid of the Mattanawcook Academy, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Claims, on the petition of the Selectmen of Houlton, that certain moneys paid by said town to the State for soldiers' bounties may be refunded, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of E. A. Norton and others, reported bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company," approved March 19, 1860.

Mr. BOYNTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of John Benson, reported "resolve in favor of John Benson."

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

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to testimony, reported bill "an act in relation to evidence."

The report was accepted and the bill laid over to be printed under the joint rule.

Mr. HAMOR, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Joseph Maddox and others, and various other petitions, reported bill "an act to protect menhaden and other fish in the waters of Maine."

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

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

“An act to incorporate the South Berwick Boot, Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Eastport Gas Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Richmond Tannery and Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company”;

“An act to regulate the holding of sessions of the Supreme Judicial Court for the trial of criminal cases”;

“An act to amend chapter 58 of the private laws of 1857, entitled an act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Damariscotta Manufacturing Company”;

“An act creating the South Paris Village Corporation”;

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

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

“An act additional to the acts in relation to the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Brownville Mill and Water Power Company”;

“An act to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Penobscot”;

“An act to incorporate the Union River Boom Company”;

“An act additional to an act to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield”;

“An act to legalize the records of the town of Avon”;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “an act to authorize the County Commissioners of the county of Kennebec to appropriate money to rebuild or repair a bridge over the Sebasticook river in Clinton Gore,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. BILLINGS proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, the vote whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed bill "an act to aid in the settlement and disposal of assets of banks after the expiration of their charters," was reconsidered.

Same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. RICHARDSON presented the following :

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to the Common School Fund a part or all of the unappropriated lands in Franklin and Oxford counties ;

Which was read and referred to the next Legislature under the joint order.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAWES, the vote whereby the Senate accepted the report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of the Selectmen of Houlton, was reconsidered, and the report laid on the table.

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 Rumford Bridge Company," approved February 16, 1865 ;

"An act to authorize Oldtown to grant aid to the Agricultural College";

"An act to prevent obstructions in Camden Harbor, and to authorize said Camden to choose Harbor Masters";

"An act additional to an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company";

"An act to incorporate the Seaside Hotel Company";

"An act to incorporate the Penobscot Land and Mining Company ;

"An act to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway Company";

"An act for the prevention of the unauthorized use of trade marks and names";

“An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Washington”;

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves :

“Resolve directing the manner of engrossing the acts and resolves and for preserving the same”;

“Resolve in favor of Caroline A. Edwards”;

“Resolve in relation to freedom of commerce and travel between States”;

Which were each 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. MANSON,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Memorial of S. L. Goodale in behalf of the Board of Agriculture, relative to the contagious disease now prevailing among the cattle of Europe, the joint order being suspended, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Resolves in favor of a reciprocity treaty between this country and the British Provinces ;

Resolve in relation to the defence of the northeastern frontier, the joint order being suspended, was each referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of John A. Poor, for an act authorizing the European and North American Railroad Company to construct a telegraph line, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on an order relating to the powers of Railroad Commissioners, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of Rodney Forsaith and others, for an appropriation to aid in building a road in townships numbers 3 and 4, range 2, in Franklin county, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of W. H. Cary and others for an appropriation to aid in building a road from Seven Islands to the Canada line, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Aretas Chapen and others for an appropriation to complete the Canada road, so called, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to an amendment of section 1, chapter 302 of the public laws of 1865, relating to schools, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on the memorial of George M. Weston, relating to the repeal of a resolve of the Legislature, approved March 19, 1860, relating to the payment of the State Agent of Maine at Washington, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on an order relating to the erection of marble slabs in place of the boards that now mark the graves of Maine soldiers buried within the District of Columbia, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Education on the petition of Wm. Spear and others, for an appropriation in aid of schools in Limestone plantation, that petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on an order relating to the tariffs of railroad corporations for transporting wood and other property, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on the petition of Charles B. Abbot and others, with bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Pushaw lake by nets";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of John May and others, with bill "an act for the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds";

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "an act to incorporate the Swan Creek Union Oil and Mining Company of Ohio," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Land and Mining Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the Pleasant Ridge Slate Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the credentials of Sawpiel Gabriel, with "resolve in favor of Sawpiel Gabriel";

Report of the same Committee on the credentials of Joseph L. Orono, with "resolve in favor of Joseph L. Orono";

Report of the same Committee on the credentials of Peol Sockis, with "resolve in favor of Peol Sockis";

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of

Warren Brown and others, with bill "an act to prevent Union river from obstructions";

Report of the Committee on Education on an order relating to the sale of lands selected for the benefit of Normal Schools, with "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land and timber to M. S. Drummond and David Fuller";

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on the petition of Andrew Spring and others, with bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Machias," that the same ought to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills and resolves were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolves abating State tax of Starks and assessing the same upon the town of Mercer";

Bill "an act to provide for the payment of the war loan of eight-hundred and sixty-one";

Severally reported in the House from the Committee on Finance, were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve in favor of William Fitzgerald," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill an act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Salt Marsh Company, with authority to erect and maintain a dam or dyke across Bass Harbor Marsh Creek," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

A communication from the Governor transmitting a communication from Governor Bradford of Maryland, with accompanying papers, in relation to a Soldiers' Cemetery at Antietam;

Also, resolves of the States of Rhode Island and Vermont upon the subject of reconstruction of States lately in rebellion;

A communication from the President of the Lincoln National Monument Association of Illinois ;

Report of the Commissioner for sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Came up from the House, was read, and so much as relates to the Soldiers' Cemetery at Antietam, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Davis of Lubec, informing the Senate that in the absence of its Speaker the House had made choice of JAMES F. MILLER, Esq., of Portland, as Speaker *pro tem*.

A communication was received from Hon. Ephraim Flint, Secretary of State, transmitting an abstract of the semi-annual returns of the several banks in this State for January, 1866, which was read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON, the joint order introduced by the same Senator on Saturday, relating to the unappropriated lands in Franklin and Oxford counties, was amended as per sheet "A" and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act extending the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills," was read twice, the rules being suspended.

Mr. PERKINS proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAWES, the report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of the Selectmen of Houlton, was taken from the table.

On motion of the same Senator, the report was recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of the Sebec Mills Company, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company."

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Warren Brown and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Union River Dam Company."

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of W. H. Hemmenway and others, reported bill "an act additional to chapter 30 of the acts of the Legislature, approved March 3, 1840, relating to obstructions in Machias river."

Mr. WELD, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of John W. Caswell and others, reported bill "an act to set off a part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to Harrison."

Mr. EATON, from the Waldo County Delegation, on bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Waldo, reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of William Porter and others, reported bill "an act to prevent the destruction of fish in ponds and streams in the town of Orneville."

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Hiram Ricker and others, reported bill "an act to regulate the taking of fish in the Range and Tripp ponds and their tributaries in the town of Poland."

Mr. PEIRCE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relating to the settlement at Chesuncook lake, reported "resolves in aid of building mills at Chesuncook lake, in the county of Piscataquis."

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

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the city of Portland, reported bill "an act relative to the introduction of foreign paupers in this State."

The report was accepted and the bill laid over to be printed under the joint rule.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the authority of minors to make wills, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to an increase in the compensation of Selectmen, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to the erection of monuments to deceased soldiers by any associated number of citizens, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of section 5, chapter 63, and section 13, chapter 64, of the revised statutes, concerning estates of deceased persons, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to the mutilation or destruction of counterfeit bank bills, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of section 27, chapter 94, of the revised statutes, concerning writs of possession, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. ABBOTT, from the same Committee, on an order relating to certifying bills of costs in civil actions, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on bill "an act relating to sixteen companies of volunteer military cadets, and amending an act concerning the militia," approved February 23, 1865, reported that the same ought to pass.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of J. W. Cloudman, for reimbursement for expenses and services in enlisting eight hundred men, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petitions of Emily F. Porter, John Butterfield, John D. Porter and others, that the Land Agent may be authorized to convey to them certain lots of lands, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of the Selectmen of Warren, for the passage of an act regulating Warren fishery, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature, with an order of notice.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company," approved March 19, 1860, which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills :

“An act to confer certain powers upon the city of Portland”;

“An act to incorporate the Mallison Falls Manufacturing Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Waterville Hotel Company”;

“An act respecting school district number 5 in Waterville”;

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

“Resolve in favor of John Benson,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BURPEE was laid on the table. .

“Resolve to provide for the payment of expenses incurred by the Committee on alleged frauds in the matter of enlistments,” introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. MANSON,

*Ordered*, That the Report of the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians be printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill : “An act to provide for the payment of the claim of Miles Wilson against the county of Penobscot,” which was passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves :

“Resolve in favor of Thomas P. Cleaves”;

“Resolve in favor of Horace Stilson”;

Which were each finally passed in concurrence.

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

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FULLER of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Petition of John H. Eveleth and others of Greenville;

Petition of P. S. Merrill and others of Shirley, severally for an appropriation to complete the Canada road, so called;

Were each referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to the assumption of debts incurred by towns in paying bounties to volunteers, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad for authority to extend their road to tide waters, that petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Education on the petition of the Trustees of North Yarmouth Academy for aid from the State, that petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of S. Rich and others, Trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary for aid from the State, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act to incorporate the Middle River Dyke Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to transfers of real estate, with bill "an act relating to certain fixtures";

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to amendment of chapter 65 of the revised statutes, concerning estates of deceased persons, with bill "an act additional to chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of estates real and personal, and of lands held in mortgage and taken on execution";

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of

Eliphalet Thorp and another, with bill "an act to authorize Eliphalet Thorp and Frank Thorp to extend their wharf in the town of Boothbay";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of David Stover and others, with bill "an act authorizing the erection of a dam in the town of Harpswell";

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on an order relating to aid to soldiers' families, with bill "an act explanatory of an act to provide support to the families of soldiers," approved February 24, 1865;

Report of the Committee on the Library on "resolve in favor of the town of Searsmont," that the same ought to pass;

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 change the names of certain persons," reported in the House from the Committee on Change of Names, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to extend the act entitled an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway," came up from the House on its passage to be enacted, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the House amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act in relation to the jurisdiction of trial justices";

Bill "an act in relation to evidence";

Were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. HAMOR, bill "an act to protect menhaden and other fish in the waters of Maine," was taken from the table, read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. PERKINS, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the remonstrance of Thomas Simmons against being annexed to Friendship or any other town, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on the

petition of Henry Boynton for reimbursement for services and expenses in raising and drilling troops in 1861, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Mr. DENISON, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Hiram Johnson and others to be set off from the town of Waterborough and annexed to the town of Hollis, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. PEIRCE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of B. Hawes that the Land Agent may be authorized to refund to him money collected for stumpage of timber cut upon proprietors' land, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on Federal Relations, on "resolves in favor of a reciprocity treaty between this country and the British Provinces," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on "resolves in relation to the defences of the northeastern frontier," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on an order relating to common carriers and their liabilities, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to medals for soldiers, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amendment of chapter 70 of the revised statutes, concerning assignments for benefit of creditors, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of the municipal officers of Glenburn for a school district organization separate from the town of Kenduskeag, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of sections 5 and 55 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, concerning taxation of money at interest, &c., reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to the expediency of requiring Foreign Life Insurance Companies to

hold property within this State to indemnify the insured, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to the repeal of section 10, chapter 32 of the revised statutes, concerning demand on notes payable at a place certain, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of the law regulating appeals from Trial Justices, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of C. A. Dow and others for a change in the pauper law, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Samuel D. Reed for reform in the Judiciary of the State, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Courts of Reconciliation.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of the law concerning the sale of spirituous liquors, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Liquor Commissioner's Report.

Mr. HAMOR, from the Committee on Manufactures, 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 Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, made a similar report.

Mr. PEIRCE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, made a similar report.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of Portland and Rochester Railroad Company, reported bill "an act to enlarge the powers of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company and for other purposes."

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Thomas W. Gamage and others, reported bill "an act to authorize Thomas W. Gamage to build a bridge in the town of Bristol."

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on Library, on the Annual Report of the State Librarian, reported the following resolves:

“resolve to provide for the yearly expenses of the State Library”;  
“resolve for the purchase of books for the State Library.”

Mr. MANSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of John W. Dresser and others, reported bill “an act to incorporate the Castine Marine Railway Company.”

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill “an act to amend an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company,” reported that the same ought to pass.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill “an act to authorize Everett W. Stetson and Joseph H. Stetson to extend a wharf into the tide waters of the Damariscotta river,” reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. HAMOR, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the petition of A. S. Holden and others, reported bill “an act to incorporate the Casco Boot and Shoe Company.”

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to legalizing the doings of towns, reported bill “an act to make valid the doings of the municipal officers of the town of Lebanon.”

Mr. READ, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relating to the representation of county agricultural societies in the State Board of Agriculture, reported bill “an act amendatory of the statute in relation to the representation of county agricultural societies in the State Board of Agriculture.”

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of A. M. Roberts and others, reported bill “an act to incorporate the Bangor and Oldtown Association.”

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Thomas S. Lang and another, reported bill “an act to authorize Thomas S. Lang and Charles Osborne to extend their wharf into tide waters.”

Mr. HOBBS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on so much of the Governor’s communication to the Legislature of January 9, as relates to the soldiers’ cemetery at Antietam, reported “resolve in favor of the Antietam National Cemetery Association.”

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

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on Federal Relations, on an order relating to fresh water docks for the preservation of iron-

clads, reported in detail, with "resolve in favor of a fresh water basin for iron-clads, at Portland."

The report was accepted, and on motion of the same Senator, was laid on the table and 350 copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petitions of Isaac M. Bragg and others, and various other petitions, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Pending the acceptance of the report, on motion of Mr. PORTER, the same was laid on the table.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amendment of chapter 264 of the laws of 1864, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 264 of the public laws of 1864, entitled 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."

The report was accepted, and the bill laid over to be printed under the joint rule.

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

"An act to incorporate the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Land and Mining Company";

"An act to incorporate the the Pleasant Ridge Slate Company";

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company";

"An act to protect Union River from obstructions";

"An act to make valid the doings of the town of Machias";

"An act to incorporate the Swan Creek Union Oil and Mining Company of Ohio";

"An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Androscoggin";

"An act to change the names of certain persons";

"An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Somerset Railroad Company," approved March 19, 1860;

"An act to provide for the payment of the war loan of 1861";

"Resolve in favor of William Fitzgerald";

“Resolve in favor of Sawpiel Gabriel”;

“Resolve in favor of Joseph L. Orono”;

“Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis”;

“Resolve to provide for the payment of expenses incurred by the Committee on Alleged Frauds in the matter of enlistments”;

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land and timber to M. S. Drummond and David Fuller”;

“Resolves abating State tax of Starks and assessing the same upon the town of Mercer”;

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

The same Committee also reported the following bills:

“An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Waldo”;

“An act to set off a part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to Harrison”;

“An act additional to chapter 30 of the acts of the Legislature approved March 3, 1840, relating to obstructions in Machias river”;

“An act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Union River Dam Company”;

“An act to prevent the destruction of fish in ponds and streams in the town of Orneville”;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve in aid of building mills at Chesuncook Lake in the county of Piscataquis,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BARKER, was laid on the table.

Bill “an act to regulate the taking of fish in the Range and Tripp ponds and their tributaries in the town of Poland,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. PEIRCE proposed an amendment marked “A,” which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “an act for the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. PEIRCE proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Pushaw Lake by nets," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. PEIRCE proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. Ephraim Flint, Secretary of State, transmitting the Returns of Insurance Companies received at that office prior to February 13, 1866, which was read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, bill "an act relating to hawkers and pedlers," was taken from the table.

The question being on the adoption of amendment "G," proposed by Mr. ABBOTT, the same was rejected.

Amendments "H" and "I," proposed by the same Senator, were severally adopted.

Mr. HINDS proposed amendments "J" and "K," which were severally adopted.

Same Senator proposed amendment "L," pending which, on motion of Mr. BARKER, the same was amended as per sheet "M," and as amended adopted.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, the bill was then laid on the table and 350 copies of the same as amended 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 incorporate the South Berwick Boot, Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company";

"An act to incorporate the Eastport Gas Company";

"An act to regulate the holding of sessions of the Supreme Judicial Court for trial of criminal cases";

"An act to amend chapter 58 of the private laws of 1857, entitled an act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company";

"An act creating the South Paris Village Corporation";

"An act to incorporate the Damariscotta Manufacturing Company";

Which were each 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. RAMSDELL,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. TUCKER of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of Israel Putnam, Mayor of Bath, for reimbursement for aid furnished by said city to soldiers' families prior to March 8, 1862, that petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Albert Cushman for compensation for loss of stock by contagious disease, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Adam Richardson for compensation for loss of stock by contagious disease, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on Manufactures to which was recommended the report of the same Committee on the petition of the Portland Labor Reform Association for a law making eight hours a legal day's work, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of John Hanrahan and others to be set off from the town of Thomaston and annexed to the city of Rockland, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of S. P. Billings and others to be set off from the town of Brooksville and annexed to the town of Sedgwick, referred from the last Legislature to the present, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Henry Tuttle to be set off from the town of Bridgton and annexed to the town

of Harrington, that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Inhabitants of the towns of Washington and Somerville for alteration of town lines, that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice ;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on an order relating to the taxation of Foreign Insurance Companies, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the Silver Spring Company," referred from the last Legislature to the present, that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Finance on the petition of the Selectmen of Oldtown for an abatement of State tax, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of the Selectmen of Washington for an abatement of State tax, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of Richard Palmer and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the New England Telegraph Company";

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on the petition of James Wakefield and another, with bill "an act to authorize the city of Bath to erect a monument in memory of deceased soldiers";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve for the preservation of flags, guidons and war trophies deposited with the State," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations on "resolve in relation to the crime of treason and the punishment of traitors," that the same ought not to pass, came from the House accepted.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON, the report was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. SMITH, the vote whereby the Senate accepted

the final report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was reconsidered, and the same laid on the table.

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on the Library, reported that said Committee had disposed of all matters referred to them, and ask to be discharged from further duty.

The report was read, and on motion of Mr. SMITH was laid on the table.

Mr. PERKINS, from the Committee on Division of Counties, made a similar report, which was read, and on motion of Mr. SMITH was laid on the table.

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on Federal Relations, made a similar report, which was read, and on motion of Mr. SMITH was laid on the table.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of J. H. Chandler, reported "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a parcel of Land to J. H. Chandler."

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Joshua N. Dinsmore, reported "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Joshua N. Dinsmore."

Mr. READ, from the Committee on Education, on an order relating to the establishment of the Eastern Normal School, reported "resolve in relation to the Eastern Normal School."

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act additional to an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, in relation to the maintenance of guide posts," reported bill "an act relating to guide posts."

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petitions of Lydia Cummings, Nancy L. Toothaker, Anna Wade, Louisa H. Bryant and Eunice B. Elliot, reported "resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows and children of deceased soldiers."

Mr. HAMOR, from the Committee on Fisheries, on bill "an act to prohibit the catching of certain fish during their spawning season," reported bill "an act to prevent the catching of trout and pickerel in the Piscataqua river and its tributaries."

Mr. HAWES, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Harriet Williams, reported "resolve au-

thorizing the Land Agent to convey a certain lot of land to the widow and children of a deceased soldier."

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

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amendment of section 12 of chapter 126 of the revised statutes, relating to frauds and conspiracies, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to changing the law concerning administration of estates, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of section 10 of chapter 135 of the revised statutes, concerning poor convicts, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to embezzlement of property by insolvent debtors, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of section 51 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to the board of poor debtors in jail, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of R. H. Gardiner and others for the repeal of section 53 to section 62, inclusive, of chapter 51 of the revised statutes concerning railroads," reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Claims, to which was recommitted the report of the same Committee on the petition of the Selectmen of Houlton for reimbursement of certain money paid the State as soldiers' bounties, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the petition of Joseph H. Hammond and others for an act to protect them in catching smelts in Damariscotta river, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Mr. WELD, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of O. B. Cheney and others to have the town of Auburn united with the city of Lewiston, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice.

Mr. DENISON, from the same Committee, on the petition of the Selectmen of Frankfort for a transfer of a portion of the State valuation of said town to the town of Monroe, and for abatement of State tax, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Public Buildings, on an order relative to increasing the pay of the night watch of the State House to one hundred dollars, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to the duties and pay of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported that said Committee had disposed of all matters referred to them, and asked to be discharged from further duty.

Mr. WELD, from the Committee on Division of Towns, made a similar report.

Mr. RAMSDELL, from the Committee on State Prison, made a similar report.

Mr. HINDS, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, made a similar report.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Public Buildings, made a similar report.

Same Senator, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a similar report.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

“An act relating to certain fixtures”;

“An act additional to chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of estates real and personal, and of lands held in mortgage and taken on execution”;

“An act authorizing the erection of a dam in the town of Harpswell”;

“An act to incorporate the Middle River Dyke Company”;

“An act explanatory of an act to provide support to the families of soldiers,” approved February 25, 1865 ;

“An act to change the names of certain persons”;

“Resolve in favor of the town of Searsmont”;

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

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolves :

“An act to enlarge the powers of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company and for other purposes”;

“An act to amend an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company”;

“An act to authorize Thomas W. Gamage to build a bridge in the town of Bristol”;

“An act to authorize Thomas S. Lang and Charles Osborne to extend their wharf into tide waters”;

“An act to make valid the doings of the municipal officers of the town of Lebanon”;

“An act to authorize Everett W. Stetson and Joseph H. Stetson to extend a wharf into the tide waters of the Damariscotta river”;

“An act in relation to evidence”;

“An act amendatory of the statute in relation to the representation of County Agricultural Societies in the State Board of Agriculture ;

“An act to incorporate the Castine Marine Railway Company”;

“An act to authorize Eliphalet Thorp and Frank Thorp to extend their wharf in the town of Boothbay”;

“An act in relation to the jurisdiction of trial justices”;

“An act to incorporate the Casco Boot and Shoe Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Bangor and Oldtown Association”;

“Resolve in favor of Antietam National Cemetery Association”;

“Resolve to provide for the yearly expenses of the State Library”;

“Resolve for the purchase of books for the State Library”;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “an act to protect menhaden and other fish in the waters of Maine,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. HAMOR proposed an amendment marked “A,” which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PERKINS presented the following :

*Ordered*, That the Investigating Committee be directed to report on or before Saturday the 17th instant ;

Which was read.

Mr. READ proposed an amendment by adding thereto the following words, "if in the opinion of the Committee such report be not inconsistent or incompatible with the object of the investigation," which was adopted, and the order as amended passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ABBOTT,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State cause to be printed 300 copies of the Report of the Inspector General of Fish.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON, the vote whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed bill "an act to provide for the payment of the war loan of eighteen hundred and sixty-one," was reconsidered, and the bill laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, bill "an act to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October," was taken from the table.

On motion of the same Senator, the Senate non-concurred with the House in adopting amendment "A."

Same Senator proposed an amendment marked "B," which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on the petition of the Trustees of Gorham Seminary for aid from the State for the purpose of giving gratuitous instruction to children of deceased soldiers, that petitioners have leave to withdraw, came from the House re-committed to the Committee with instructions to report, if they deem it expedient, some provision for the education at the expense of the State, of the poor and destitute children of deceased soldiers from this State.

The Senate re-committed the report in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill : "An act to incorporate the Richmond

Tannery and Boot and Shoe 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. WELD,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. CHASE of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

"Resolve in relation to the compensation of the Engrossing Clerks employed in the Secretary of State's office during the present session of the Legislature," 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 James Newhall," reported in the House from the Committee on Pay Roll, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, amounting to one million two hundred thirty-nine thousand sixty-two dollars fourteen 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 the Judiciary on bill "an act to make valid the doings of the town of Newburg," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of Jonas Hagan and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Arrowsic Stone Dyke Company";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was recommended bill "an act in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships," with the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to amendment of chapter 256 of the public laws of 1864, with bill "an act to amend chapter 256 of the public laws of the year 1864";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Elwell Costello and others, with bill "an act to make valid certain doings of the town of Dresden dividing school district number 6 in that town";

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of David Spratt, referred from the last Legislature to the present, with bill "an act to set off the homestead farm of David Spratt from the town of Etna and to annex the same to the town of Carmel";

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on the petition of the Merchants' Mutual Marine Insurance Company, with bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Merchants' Mutual Marine Insurance Company";

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on an order relating to drainage of salt marsh, with bill "an act to regulate the drainage of salt marsh";

Report of the same Committee on the memorial of S. L. Goodale in behalf of the Board of Agriculture, with "resolve in regard to cattle disease";

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of Nathan Dennett and others, with resolve in aid of building mills in the east half of township number 2, range 5, in the county of Aroostook";

Report of the Committee on Education on the petition of William Day and others, with "resolve authorizing the inhabitants in township number 8, in the county of Hancock, to use certain funds for the erection of a school-house";

Report of the Committee on the Library on an order relative to an exchange of State documents with the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, with "resolve in relation to exchanging State documents with the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia";

Report of the Franklin County Delegation on the petition of

Andrew C. Phillips, with bill "an act to establish the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Franklin";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills and resolves were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on bill "an act to supply the inhabitants of the city of Bangor with pure water," referred from the last Legislature to the present, with the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was once read, and on motion of Mr. MANSON was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 264 of the public laws of 1864, entitled 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," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act relative to the introduction of foreign paupers," was read once, and on motion of Mr. HINDS was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. MOORE, the vote whereby the Senate accepted the final report of the Committee on Public Buildings, was reconsidered, and the report was laid on the table.

On motion of the same Senator, the vote whereby the Senate accepted the report of the Committee on Public Buildings on an order relating to the pay and duties of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was reconsidered, and the report laid on the table.

Mr. BOYNTON, from the Committee on Reform School, on the report of the Trustees and Superintendent of said Institution, reported bill "an act to amend an act additional to chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School."

The report was accepted, and the bill laid over to be printed under the joint rule.

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Education, on the petition of Reuben Higgins and others, reported bill "an act to

provide for ascertaining the variation of the compass in this State”;

Also, “resolve in relation to the variations of the Magnetic Needle.”

The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. PORTER was laid on the table and 350 copies of the same, with bill and resolve accompanying, were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. PORTER presented the petition of Jonathan Darling and others for an act of incorporation as the Eskutassis Dam Company, which was referred to the next Legislature under the joint order.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the inhabitants of North Haven, reported bill “an act to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations relating to bounties to and for volunteers and for other purposes.”

Mr. BARKER, from the same Committee, on an order relating to amendment of section 10, chapter 64 of the revised statutes, relating to foreign wills, reported bill “an act in addition to chapter 64 of the revised statutes, in relation to foreign wills.”

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to obligations of married women, reported bill “an act additional to chapter 61 of the revised statutes and to the laws additional thereto, relating to married women.”

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to repeal of chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862, reported bill “an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862.”

These reports were severally accepted, and the bills each laid over to be printed under the joint rule.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on the petition of the Presumpscot Land and Water Power Company for an amendment of its charter, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, reported that they had disposed of all matters referred to them, and ask to be discharged from further duty.

Mr. STONE, from the Committee on Education, made a similar report.

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Claims, made a similar report.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON, bill "an act to provide for the payment of the war loan of 1861," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE, "resolve in favor of John Benson," was taken from the table.

Mr. SMITH proposed an amendment marked "A," pending which, on motion of Mr. HINDS, the bill was laid on the table.

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

"An act relating to guide posts";

"An act to prevent the catching of trout and pickerel in the Piscataqua river and its tributaries";

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to the widow and children of a deceased soldier";

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a parcel of land to J. H. Chandler";

"Resolve in relation to the Eastern Normal School";

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to Joshua N. Dinsmore";

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows and children of deceased soldiers";

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolve:

"Resolve for the preservation of flags, guidons and war trophies deposited with the State," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bath to erect a monument in memory of the deceased soldiers of that city," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

House amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the New England Telegraph Company," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

House amendment "A" was adopted.

Mr. WELD proposed an amendment marked "B," which was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARKER, from the Penobscot County Delegation, on bill "an act to establish the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Penobscot," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Same Senator, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Benjamin F. Charles and others for the removal of James Tibbetts of Rome, from the office of Trial Justice, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to the enforcement of executions against plantations, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Franklin Simonds for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony between him and Sarah Simonds, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the petition of Hiram B. Connor and others, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Union Trotting Park Company."

Mr. RICHARDSON, from the Committee on Education, on an order relating to the unappropriated State lands, reported "resolve in aid of the Permanent School Fund."

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee on Public Buildings, on an order relating to the duties and compensation of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, reported bill "an act to define the duties of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and fixing his pay."

Mr. SOUTHARD, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate Norway Savings Bank," reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

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

Order from the House, that the Report of the State Liquor Commissioner be referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of seven on the part of the House with such as the Senate may join, with Messrs. Hersey of Belfast, Worcester of Portland, Hathaway of Skowhegan, Woodcock of Searsmont, Jordan of Cape Elizabeth, Pulsifer of Poland, and Otis of St. George, appointed on the part of the House ;

Was read, and on motion of Mr. PORTER laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet this afternoon at half past two o'clock.

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

"An act to incorporate the Pleasant Ridge Slate Company";

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company";

"An act establishing the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the county of Franklin";

"An act to amend an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company";

"An act to incorporate the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Land and Mining Company";

"An act additional to chapter 515 of the private and special laws approved February 24, 1865, entitled an act to increase the capital stock of the Searsport Bank";

"An act to confer certain powers on the city of Portland";

"An act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Salt Marsh Company, with authority to erect and maintain a dam or dyke across Bass Harbor Marsh Creek";

"An act to incorporate the Waterville Hotel Company";

"An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Somerset Railroad Company," approved March 19, 1860;

"An act to incorporate the Portland File Company";

"An act to aid in the settlement and disposal of assets of banks after the surrender or expiration of their charters";

"An act to incorporate the Mallison Falls Manufacturing Company";

"An act to incorporate the Albion Manufacturing Company";

"An act respecting school district number 5 in Waterville";

"An act to make valid the doings of the town of Machias";

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following resolves:

"Resolves making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike";

"Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis";

"Resolve to provide for the payment of expenses incurred by the Committee on alleged frauds in the matter of enlistments";

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land and timber to M. S. Drummond and David Fuller";

"Resolve in favor of William Fitzgerald";

"Resolve in favor of Edward E. Shedd";

"Resolve abating State tax of Starks and assessing the same upon the town of Mercer";

Which were each 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. BARKER,

The Senate adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON.

Senate met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. HINDS, bill "an act relating to hawkers and pedlers," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HINDS, bill "an act relative to the introduction of foreign paupers," was taken from the table.

On motion of the same Senator, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator, "resolve in favor of John Benson," was taken from the table.

Mr. SMITH withdrew his proposed amendment marked "A."

Mr. HINDS proposed an amendment marked "B," which was adopted, and the resolve as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, the report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of Isaac M. Bragg and others, and various other petitions, for an act to prohibit mill-owners on Penobscot river from throwing refuse lumber into said river, that the same be referred to the next Legislature with an order of notice, was taken from the table and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, the order relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on the State Liquor Commissioner's Report was taken from the table and passed in concurrence.

And Messrs. Southard of Sagadahoc, Barker of Penobscot, and Eaton of Waldo, were joined to said Committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, "bill an act to supply the inhabitants of the city of Bangor with pure water," was taken from the table and read a second time.

Mr. BARKER moved that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters, pending which, on motion of Mr. MANSON, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch," came up from the House on its passage to be enacted, amended as per sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed.

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

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

"An act to incorporate the Union River Boom Company";

"An act to incorporate the Brownville Mill and Water Power Company";

"An act explanatory of an act to provide support to the families of soldiers," approved February 25, 1865;

"An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Androscoggin";

"An act to legalize the records of the town of Avon";

"An act to incorporate the Swan Creek Union Oil and Mining Company";

"An act additional to the acts in relation to the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company";

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield";

"An act to change the names of certain persons";

"An act to extend an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway";

"An act to incorporate the Winthrop Petroleum Company";

"An act to incorporate the Middle River Dyke Company";

"An act authorizing the County Commissioners of the county of Kennebec, to appropriate money to rebuild or repair a bridge over the Sebasticook river in Clinton Gore";

"An act to provide for the payment of the war loan of 1861";

"An act authorizing the erection of a dam in the town of Harpswell";

"An act additional to chapter 65 of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of estates real and personal, and lands held in mortgage and taken on execution";

"An act relating to certain fixtures";

"An act to change the names of certain persons";

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves :

"Resolve in favor of Sawpiel Gabriel";

"Resolve in favor of William W. Quimby of Bucksport";

"Resolve in favor of Joseph L. Orono";

"Resolve in favor of the town of Searsmont";

Which were each 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. MANSON,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on an order relating to the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad Company, that the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad Company is under a lease to corporations out of the State, and that said lease does not appear to have been authorized by the laws of this State or ratified by the Legislature, but no evidence was submitted to enable the Committee to determine whether the lease is or is not prejudicial to the interests of the State; and the Committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amendment of chapter 40 of the public laws of 1858, concerning reviews in civil actions, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the petition of the Penobscot tribe of Indians for an act authorizing the distribution of the rent of the shores of their islands the same as the interest on their fund, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, for an appropriation for the repair of their church on Oldtown Island, that petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the same Committee that they had 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 bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Warehouse Company," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Charles Spear and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Steam Navigation Company";

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition

of the Selectmen of Scarborough, with bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act to set off part of the town of Scarborough and annex the same to the town of Gorham";

Report of the Committee on Education on an order relating to the grants of land to certain academies, with "resolves for the purpose of carrying into effect chapters 325, 332, 339, 341, 350 and 370 of the resolves of 1864, in favor of the academies of Limerick, Berwick, St. Albans, Houlton and Presque Isle";

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of the County Commissioners of Somerset county, recommitting to said Committee, with "resolve in aid of building a bridge over Dead river in the county of Somerset";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills and resolves were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to further aid the construction of the European and North American Railway," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended.

House amendment "A" adopted, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of Samuel Haley, Town Agent of Hollis, with bill "an act to establish the dividing line between the towns of Hollis and Waterborough," was accepted in concurrence.

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

Report of the Committee on the Library on an order relating to the repeal of a resolve approved February 24, 1865, relating to printing and distributing the Adjutant General's Report of 1864; also on an order relating to distributing the Report of 1865, with "Resolve relating to the distribution of the Adjutant General's Report of 1864 and 1865," was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve was twice read, the rules being suspended.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, the Senate non-concurred in House amendment "A."

Same Senator proposed an amendment marked "B," which was adopted, and the resolve as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Bill "an act to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the month of May and October," came from the House, that branch non-concurring in Senate amendment "B," and insisting on its vote passing the bill as amended to be engrossed.

The Senate insisted on its vote passing the bill as amended by the Senate to be engrossed.

Sent down.

Bill "an act extending the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills," amended and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House, Senate amendment having been adopted, further amended as per sheet "B," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Bill "an act additional concerning railroad mortgages," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Bill "an act to amend an act additional to chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

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

"An act to incorporate the Union Trotting Park Company";

"An act to amend an act to incorporate Norway Savings Bank";

"An act to amend chapter 264 of the public laws of 1864, entitled 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 define the duties of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and fixing his pay";

"Resolve in aid of the Permanent School Fund";

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolves :

“An act to incorporate the Arrowsic Stone Dyke Company”;

“An act to establish the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Franklin”;

“An act in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships”;

“An act to amend chapter 256 of the public laws of the year 1864”;

“An act to set off the homestead farm of David Spratt from the town of Etna, and to annex the same to the town of Carmel”;

“An act to make valid certain doings of the town of Dresden, dividing school district number 6, in that town”;

“Resolve in relation to exchanging State documents with the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia”;

“Resolve in relation to cattle disease”;

“Resolve authorizing the inhabitants in township number 8, in the county of Hancock, to use certain funds for the erection of a school house”;

“Resolve in favor of James Newhall”;

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

“Resolve in aid of building mills in the east half of township numbered 2, range 5, in the county of Aroostook,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. HAMOR, was laid on the table.

Bill “an act to regulate the drainage of Salt Marsh,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BOYNTON, was laid on the table.

Mr. BOYNTON, from the Committee on the Reform School, submitted a report in detail, which was accepted, and on motion of the same Senator was laid on the table, and 350 copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on the Report of the Trustees and Superintendent of the State Reform School, reported “resolve in favor of the State Reform School.”

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Trustees and Superintendent of the State Reform School, reported "resolve in favor of the State Reform School."

These reports were severally accepted.

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

Mr. SOUTHARD, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, 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.

Order from the House :

The Senate concurring, that the Legislature adjourn Friday the twenty-third day of February current, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and that so much of the order which passed the House January 5, 1866, as fixed an earlier day for such final adjournment, be rescinded ;

Was read, and on motion of Mr. PORTER, amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act to protect Union river from obstructions";

"An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1866, amounting to one million two hundred thirty-nine thousand sixty-two dollars and fourteen cents";

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison," 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. PORTER,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. HARMON of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

The Senate concurring, that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report forthwith to the Legislature upon the bill entitled "an act for the assumption by the State of the municipal war debts," referred to that Committee ;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amendment of the act establishing the Police Court of the city of Rockland, with bill "an act amending section 3, of chapter 78 of the acts and resolves of 1861, establishing the Police Court of the city of Rockland";

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the State of Maine Gold Mining Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs to which was referred the Report of the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, with "resolve in relation to the duties of Indian Agents";

Report of the same Committee to which was referred the Report of the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, with "resolve in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians";

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges to which was referred the Railroad Commissioners' Report for 1865, with bill "an act to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad Company, with bill "an act in relation to the running of trains on the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad";

Report of the Committee on Reform School on an order relative to juvenile offenders against the laws of the United States in the Reform School, with bill "an act additional in relation to the Reform School";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

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

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on an order relative to locomotives crossing streets in cities and villages, with bill "an act to amend chapter 228 of the public laws of 1864," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, amended as per sheet "A" on motion of Mr. PORTER, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State," reported in the House from the Committee on County Estimates, was read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the municipal officers of the town of Lebanon," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Bill "an act to protect menhaden and other fish in the waters of Maine," amended as per sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House, Senate amendment having been adopted, further amended as per sheets "B," "C" and "D," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862," was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and on motion of Mr. PORTER was laid on the table.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 61 of the revised statutes and to the laws additional thereto, relating to married women";

Bill "an act in addition to chapter 64 of the revised statutes in relation to foreign wills";

Were each once read and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations relating to bounties to and for volunteers and for other

purposes," was read once, and on motion of Mr. WOODMAN, Tuesday next was assigned for its second reading.

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

"An act additional to an act entitled an act to set off part of the town of Scarborough, and annex the same to the town of Gorham";

"An act to amend an act to incorporate the Merchants' Mutual Marine Insurance Company";

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Dead river in the county of Somerset";

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

"Resolve for the purpose of carrying into effect chapters 325, 332, 339, 341, 350 and 370 of the resolves of 1864, in favor of the academies of Limerick, Berwick, St. Albans, Houlton and Presque Isle," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

House amendment "A" was adopted, and the resolve as amended, passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Commercial Warehouse Company," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

House amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend an act additional to chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BOYNTON, was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Penobscot Steam Navigation Company," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

House amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bill, "an act to extend the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills," 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. ABBOTT, "resolve in favor of a fresh water basin for iron clads at Portland," was taken from the table, read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMOR, "resolve in aid of building mills in the east half of township numbered 2, range 5, in the county of Aroostook," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS,

*Ordered*, That the Librarian, under the direction of the Governor and Council, be directed to sell all useless documents now in the State Library and pay the proceeds into the State Treasury.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SMITH,

*Ordered*, That the State Printers cause to be published three thousand additional copies of the Adjutant General's Report of 1864 and 1865, excepting so much of the same as is comprised in Appendix "D," already published.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, bill "an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862," was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON, "resolve relating to the unoccupied lands of the United States," was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HINDS introduced "resolve in favor of Increase Blake," which was read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Mr. MANSON introduced "resolve in favor of Stevens and Say-

ward," which was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on "resolves in relation to taxation of United States bonds," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to increase the fees of Clerks of the Judicial Courts," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on "resolve in relation to taxing public stocks," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act additional to chapter 6 of the revised statutes of 1857, and providing for the taxation of shares of stockholders in National Banking Associations," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, on "resolves in relation to United States bonds and the assumption of war debts," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Fisheries, on the communication of the Governor of New Hampshire relative to migratory fish in Saco and other rivers, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BOYNTON, from the Committee on Reform School, on an order directing said Committee to visit that Institution, reported "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Reform School."

The report was accepted, the resolve once read and Monday assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor requesting a return to the Senate of bill "an act to extend the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills," 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, transmitting the above entitled bill.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, the vote whereby the Senate passed said bill to be enacted, was reconsidered. Also, the vote passing said bill to be engrossed.

Same Senator proposed an amendment marked "C," which was adopted, and the bill as amended, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HAMOR,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Journal of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on State Liquor Commissioner's Report on an order relating to amendment of the law regulating the sale of spiritous liquors, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on bill "an act to extend the time for the location of the Aroostook Railroad," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amendment of the laws concerning ways, with bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, concerning ways";

Report of the Washington County Delegation on the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Harrington, with "resolve relating to the valuation of the town of Harrington, in the county of Washington";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills and resolve were each once read and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve for the appointment of Commissioners to the World's Fair in Paris," introduced in the House, amended, and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice under a suspension of the rules. House amendment "A" was adopted, and the resolve as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act providing for the recording of certificates of discharge of soldiers and seamen from the service of the United States," amended and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House, Senate amendment having been adopted, further amended as per sheet "A" and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

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

"An act in addition to chapter 64 of the revised statutes in relation to foreign wills";

"Resolve in favor of Increase Blake";

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Reform School";

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following bills and resolves:

"An act additional in relation to the Reform School";

"An act to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes";

"An act in relation to the running of trains on the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad";

"An act amending section 3 of chapter 78 of the acts and resolves of 1861, establishing the Police Court in the city of Rockland";

"An act to incorporate the State of Maine Gold Mining Company";

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State";

"Resolve in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians";

"Resolve in relation to the duties of Indian Agents";

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

Bill "an act additional to chapter 61 of the revised statutes and to the laws additional thereto, relating to married women," reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. RAMSDELL was laid on the table.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amendment of chapter 102 of the public laws of 1859, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 102 of the public laws of 1859, relative to the competency of witnesses."

The report was accepted, and the bill laid over to be printed under the joint rule.

Mr. PEIRCE, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relative to selling certain lots of land in township number 4, range 4, W. E. L. S., reported bill an "act authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township number 4, range 4, W. E. L. S."

Mr. PORTER, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of the Penobscot Mill Dam Company, reported bill "an act in relation to the Penobscot Mill Dam Company."

These reports were severally accepted, the bills each twice read under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, the vote whereby the Senate passed an order relative to the disposal of useless documents in the State Library, was reconsidered.

Same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the order as amended passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of the same Senator, "resolve in favor of employment of disabled or injured soldiers who are of sober, temperate and moral habits," was taken from the table.

On motion of the same Senator, the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PEIRCE, "resolve in aid of building mills at Chesuncook Lake, in the county of Piscataquis," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOORE, bill "an act to regulate the drainage of salt marsh," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. MANSON introduced bill "an act in relation to the rule of damages in actions of tort," which was read once, the rules being suspended, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, "resolve in favor of the State Reform School";

Also, "resolve in favor of the State Reform School";

Were severally taken from the table, read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

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

"An act relating to the discipline of the State Prison";

"An act to enlarge the powers of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company and for other purposes";

"An act to establish the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Franklin";

"An act authorizing any city or town to erect a monument in memory of deceased soldiers";

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Mill Dam Company";

"An act to amend chapter 256 of the public laws of 1864";

"An act to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch";

"An act in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships";

"An act to prevent the taking of fish from Pushaw Lake by nets";

"An act for the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds";

"An act to set off the homestead farm of David Spratt from the town of Etna and annex the same to the town of Carmel";

"An act to incorporate the Arrowsic Stone Dyke Company";

"An act to make valid certain doings of the town of Dresden, dividing school district number 6, in said town";

"An act to establish the dividing line between the town of Hollis and Waterborough";

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves :

“ Resolve in relation to the compensation of the Engrossing Clerks employed in the Secretary of State’s office during the present session”;

“ Resolve in relation to cattle disease”;

“ Resolve in favor of the Committee on Education”;

“ Resolve in favor of James Newhall”;

“ Resolve authorizing the inhabitants of township number 8, in the county of Hancock, to use certain funds for the erection of a school-house”;

“ Resolve making appropriation in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook”;

“ Resolve in favor of the State Prison”;

“ Resolve for the preservation of flags, guidons and war trophies deposited with the State”;

Which were each 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. HOBBS,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. FULLER of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Bill "an act to revive chapter 68 of the public laws of 1859," introduced in the House, and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs on the Report of the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, with "resolve in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amendment of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, with bill "an act amending section 17 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The resolve and bill were each once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of the European and North American Railway, with bill "an act to extend the time for the completion of the European and North American Railway, and to enlarge the powers of said Company, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read under a suspension of the rules, House amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to the unoccupied lands of the United States," indefinitely postponed by the Senate, came from the House, that branch insisting on its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS the Senate adhered to its vote indefinitely postponing the resolve.

Sent down.

Bill "an act to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October," came from the House, that branch adhering to its vote passing the bill as amended by that branch to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862, relating to costs in court in certain cases," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to enable the city of Belfast to build and maintain a free bridge over tide waters," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON, "resolve in relation to the variations of the magnetic needle," was taken from the table, 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 to provide for ascertaining the variations of the compass in this State," was taken from the table, read twice, and on motion of Mr. PEIRCE was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BURPEE, from the Committee on Pensions, reported that said Committee had disposed of all matters referred to them, and ask to be discharged from further duty.

Same Senator, from the Committee on Fisheries, made a similar report.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bill, "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, concerning ways," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves:

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School";

“Resolve in favor of the State Reform School”;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “an act to extend the time for the location of the Aroostook Railroad,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, House amendment “A” was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill “an act in relation to the rule of damages in actions of tort,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. MANSON proposed an amendment marked “A,” which was adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve relating to the valuation of the town of Harrington in the county of Washington,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations relating to bounties to, and for volunteers, and for other purposes,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time.

Mr. WOODMAN moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, and on this question, on motion of Mr. PEIRCE, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. SMITH proposed an amendment to the bill marked “A,” and on the question of its adoption, on motion of Mr. HAMOR, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barker, Boynton, Burpee, Campbell, Denison, Eaton, Hobbs, Holbrook, Manson, Mason, Peirce, Porter, Ramsdell, Richardson, Smith, Virgin, Weld, Woodman—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbott, Billings, Hamor, Hinds, Hobson, Moore, O’Brien, Perkins—8.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. BARKER proposed an amendment marked “B,” and on the question of its adoption, on motion of the same Senator, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barker, Boynton, Burpee, Campbell, Denison, Hobbs, Holbrook, Manson, Mason, Peirce, Porter, Ramsdell, Richardson, Smith, Virgin, Weld, Woodman—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbott, Billings, Eaton, Hamor, Hinds, Hobson, Moore, O'Brien, Perkins—9.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. ABBOTT proposed an amendment marked "C."

Mr. PERKINS proposed an amendment to the amendment marked "D," pending which, on motion of Mr. BARKER, the bill was laid on the table and the amendments ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. SMITH, the Final Reports of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, Federal Relations, Division of Counties, and Library, were severally taken from the table and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CAMPBELL, the vote whereby the Senate indefinitely postponed "resolve relating to the valuation of the town of Harrington in the county of Washington," was reconsidered, and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, bill "an act to supply the inhabitants of the city of Bangor with pure water," was taken from the table.

The question being on the motion of Mr. BARKER to recommit the bill, the Senate refused to recommit.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Hon. S. E. Spring and others in behalf of the Executive Committee of the Portland Freedman's Aid Association and the Executive Committee on the Fair, extending to the members and officers of the Senate an invitation to be present at the opening of the Fair to be held in that city on the 26th instant, which was read.

On motion of Mr. WELD,

*Ordered*, That on and after Wednesday, February 21, the Senate meet at 9 o'clock A. M., until otherwise ordered.

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

“An act to prevent the catching of trout and pickerel in the Piscataqua river and its tributaries”;

“An act to incorporate the Bangor and Oldtown Association”;

“An act to make valid the doings of municipal officers of the town of Lebanon”;

“An act additional to an act entitled an act to set off part of Scarborough, and annex the same to the town of Gorham”;

“An act to authorize Thomas S. Lang and Charles Osborne to extend their wharf into tide waters”;

“An act to incorporate the Union River Dam Company”;

“An act to authorize Thomas W. Gamage to build a bridge in the town of Bristol”;

“An act in relation to evidence”;

“An act to authorize Everett W. Stetson and Joseph H. Stetson to extend a wharf into tide waters of Damariscotta river”;

“An act to extend the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills”;

“An act to authorize Eliphalet Thorp and Frank Thorp to extend their wharf in the town of Boothbay”;

“An act to authorize the city of Bangor to further aid in the construction of the European and North American Railway”;

“An act additional to chapter 30 of the acts of the Legislature, approved March 3, 1840, relating to obstructions in Machias river”;

“An act to incorporate the Commercial Warehouse Company”;

“An act to incorporate the New England Telegraph Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Penobscot Steam Navigation Company”;

“An act amendatory of the statutes in relation to representation of County Agricultural Societies in the State Board of Agriculture”;

“An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Waldo”;

“An act to incorporate the Castine Marine Railway Company”;

“An act to amend an act to incorporate the Merchants' Mutual Marine Insurance Company”;

“An act to prevent the destruction of fish in ponds and streams in the town of Orneville”;

“An act to incorporate the Casco Boot and Shoe Company”;

“An act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company”;

“An act additional concerning the redemption of railroad mortgages”;

“An act in relation to the jurisdiction of trial justices”;

“An act to set off a part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to the town of Harrison”;

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves:

“Resolve in aid of building mills in the east half of township numbered 2, range 5, in the county of Aroostook”;

“Resolve for the purpose of carrying into effect chapters 325, 332, 339, 341, 350 and 370 of the resolves of 1864, in favor of the academies of Limerick, Berwick, St. Albans, Houlton and Presque Isle”;

“Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital”;

“Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Dead river in the county of Somerset”;

“Resolve in relation to exchanging State documents with the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia”;

Which were each 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. PORTER,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amendment of the law concerning damages in actions of tort, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was read, and on motion of Mr. BARKER, was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on the petition of the Selectmen of Newport, for reimbursement of State bounties, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relating to amendment of sections 53 to 62 inclusive, of chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroad mortgages, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of the Selectmen of Smyrna, for reimbursement of money paid the State, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of the Selectmen of Milford, for reimbursement of money paid the State, that petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Charles Beale and others, and various other petitions, with bill "an act relating to public highways in the cities of this State," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and on motion of Mr. MANSON was laid on the table.

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act relating to appointments and removals of certain officers in cities," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

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

Report of the Committee on Agriculture to which was recommended bill "an act to regulate the measure, sale and inspection of milk," with the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read under a suspension of the rules, House amendments "A," "B" and "C" were adopted, and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of the Inhabitants of the town of Northport, with "resolve establishing the valuation of the town of Northport," was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve was twice read under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in aid of the Permanent School Fund," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Bill "an act relating to hawkers and pedlers," amended and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House, Senate amendments "H" and "I" having been adopted, Senate amendments "J," "K" and "L" rejected, and further amended as per sheets "M," "N" and "O."

On motion of Mr. HINDS, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company," amended and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House, Senate amendments having been adopted, further amended as per sheets "C" and "E."

The Senate reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted House amendments, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on an order relating to amendment of chapter 45 of the revised statutes, relating to usury, with bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and on motion of Mr. MANSON, was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the amelioration of the condition of indigent disabled soldiers; also on an order relating to pauper disabilities, with bill "an act authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and on motion of Mr. PERKINS, was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relative to amendment of section 61, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, with bill "an act to regulate the liabilities of towns for damages caused by defective highways," was accepted in concurrence.

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

Report of the same Committee on various petitions for increase of fees, with bill "an act to increase the fees of jurors, deputy sheriffs, witnesses and county commissioners," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended.

House amendments "A," "B," "C" and "D," were severally adopted.

Mr. PEIRCE proposed an amendment marked "E," which was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the same Committee on an order relating to amendment of section 61, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, with bill "an act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and on motion of Mr. BARKER, was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to repeal section 3 of chapter 247 of the private acts of 1863, relating to tolls on the Milford and Princeton Turnpike," introduced in the House, amended and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read twice, the rules being suspended.

House amendments "A" and "B" were severally adopted and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 102 of the public laws of 1859,

relative to the competency of witnesses," was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ABBOTT,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to make up the pay roll of Hon. E. M. Hamor for the session, and that he be excused from further attendance after this day.

On motion of the same Senator, the joint order was suspended, and the same Senator presented bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Maine Telegraph Company, passed in the year 1848," which was read once, and on motion of Mr. PERKINS, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. HOBBS, the joint order was suspended, and the same Senator presented bill "an act to incorporate the Colorado River Navigation and Mining Company," which was read, and on motion of Mr. PERKINS, was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON, bill "an act to amend an act additional to chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. RAMSDELL, bill "an act additional to chapter 61 of the revised statutes and to the laws additional thereto, relating to married women," was taken from the table.

Same Senator moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. MANSON proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted.

Mr ABBOTT proposed an amendment marked "B," which was adopted.

The question then recurring on the motion of Mr. RAMSDELL to indefinitely postpone the bill, on motion of the same Senator the yeas and nays were ordered thereon, which being taken resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Denison, Eaton, Manson, Mason, Perkins, Ramsdell, Southard, Virgin—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Barker, Billings, Burpee, Campbell, Hamor, Hawes, Hinds, Hobbs, Hobson, Holbrook, O'Brien, Peirce, Porter, Read, Richardson, Smith, Weld, Woodman—18.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WOODMAN, from the Joint Select Committee on Fraudulent Enlistments and Credits, submitted the following Report:

The Joint Select Committee to which was referred the following order—

WHEREAS, sundry rumors have been circulated to the effect that frauds have been committed in the matter of enlistments and credits to towns, during the years 1863 and 1864, by persons amenable to the State; and whereas the people are desirous of a full investigation into the matter of frauds committed upon the property of the State by any of its citizens, or upon the National Government during the progress of the late rebellion by any citizen of our State, therefore,

*Ordered*, That a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to investigate the subject and report the facts as they may be found to exist; and said Committee is authorized to send for persons and papers, and clothed with all the power of this Legislature to collect evidence in all directions, and to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to sit during the recess of the Legislature, if necessary, and to employ all the clerical or other aids necessary to accomplish the end in view, and to report to this or to the next Legislature.

Have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to Report, that immediately upon entering upon their duties, they caused to be published in most of the newspapers of this State a notice, of which the following is a copy:

#### NOTICE.

The Committee of Investigation into alleged frauds in enlistments, will meet in the Senate Chamber on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at seven o'clock. All persons having knowledge of any facts connected with the subject matter of the inquiry are hereby requested to communicate the same to the chairmen, or to appear before the Committee.

GEO. W. WOODMAN, }  
GEO. F. SHEPLEY, } Chairmen.

The Committee have carefully interrogated all persons whose testimony they supposed might furnish any information of value upon the subject matter of the order. They have also examined such papers in the possession of His Excellency the Governor, or of the Adjutant General, as they supposed might throw any light upon the subject of this investigation. They have fully conferred with the Governor, with the Adjutant General, and other Heads of Departments, all of whom have evinced a disposition to furnish any information called for by the Committee, and freely to exhibit any documents in their possession. The Committee are unable to discover any evidence that any fraud has been committed by the State, or any of its officers, or by any citizen of the State, upon the National Government, in the matter of enlistments or credits to the State, during the progress of the late rebellion. After the fullest investigation they have been enabled to make into the matter of enlistments and credits to towns, they are fully satisfied, and accordingly report, that the evidence before them does not tend to implicate any officer of the State in any transaction, in connection with enlistments or credits to the State, or any district or sub-district in the State, inconsistent with his official duty.

The Committee have not considered it within the scope of their duties under the order, to investigate the fraudulent acts of substitute brokers, or agents to fill the quotas of towns, where there was no allegation of any knowledge or complicity on the part of any officer of the State.

The testimony of the witnesses examined by the Committee has been reduced to writing, and is herewith submitted.

GEO. W. WOODMAN,  
J. M. MASON,  
J. H. RAMSDELL,  
G. F. SHEPLEY,  
CHAS. C. SAWYER,  
EDMUND WILSON,  
JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS,  
THEO. C. WOODMAN,  
WM. S. DODGE,  
WM. H. CHESLEY.

The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. PERKINS 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 bill and resolve :

“An act amending section 17 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies”;

“Resolve in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians”;

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

Bill “an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862, relating to costs in court in certain cases,” reported from the same Committee, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. BARKER was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, the joint order was suspended, and the same Senator introduced bill “an act to incorporate the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum,” which was twice read under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. HINDS, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill “an act to amend chapter 389 of the private laws of 1860”;

Bill “an act to enable the city of Bangor to receive and hold certain trust funds”;

Severally introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, were each read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Order from the House :

That a Joint Select Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of the Legislature commemorating in some manner in this year of peace, 1866, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, to report before the adjournment this morning.

With Messrs. Stevens of Augusta, Jones of Lewiston, Foster of Bangor, Burbank of Limerick, and Wakefield of Bath, appointed on the part of the House ;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

And Messrs. Abbott of Hancock, and Smith of Washington, were joined on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns it be to meet this afternoon at half-past two o'clock.

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

“An act to amend chapter 228 of the public laws of 1864”;

“An act amending section 3 of chapter 78 of the acts and resolves of 1861, establishing the police court of the city of Rockland”;

“An act to regulate the taking of fish in the Range and Tripp ponds and their tributaries in the town of Poland”;

“An act to incorporate the State of Maine Gold Mining Company”;

“An act to amend chapter 264 of the public laws of 1864, entitled 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 Peace, Justices of the Peace and Quorum, Trial Justices, and Notaries Public”;

“An act to regulate the taking of menhaden and other fish in the waters of Maine”;

“An act to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes”;

“An act additional in relation to the Reform School”;

“An act to amend an act to incorporate Norway Savings Bank”;

“An act to regulate the drainage of Salt Marsh”;

“An act in relation to the running of trains on the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad”;

“An act providing for the recording of certificates of discharge of soldiers and seamen from the service of the United States”;

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves :

“Resolve in relation to the duties of Indian Agents”;

“Resolve in relation to the Penobscot Tribe of Indians”;

“Resolve for the appointment of Commissioners to the World's Fair in Paris”;

Which were each 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. PORTER,  
The Senate adjourned.

## AFTERNOON.

Senate met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, bill "an act relating to public highways in the cities of this State," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HINDS, bill "an act to incorporate the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum," was taken from the table.

Same Senator proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted.

Mr. PORTER proposed an amendment marked "B," which was adopted.

On the passage of the bill to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. PEIRCE, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Barker, Boynton, Burpee, Eaton, Hinds, Hobbs, Hobson, Holbrook, Manson, Perkins, Porter, Richardson, Smith, Virgin, Weld, Woodman—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Billings, Denison, Hamor, Hawes, Mason, Moore, O'Brien, Peirce, Ramsdell—9.

So the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ABBOTT, from the Joint Special Committee on Celebration of Washington's Birth Day, reported recommending that the two branches of the Legislature assemble in Joint Convention in the Hall of the House of Representatives, with the Governor and Council, at 12 o'clock noon, and that addresses appropriate to the day be made, and a salute of one hundred guns be fired.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HINDS, bill "an act relating to hawkers and pedlers," was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. HINDS, the Senate receded from its vote passing the bill as amended to be engrossed, and insisted on its vote adopting amendment "J."

The Senate also insisted on its vote adopting amendments "K" and "L," adopted House amendments "M," "N" and "O," and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, bill "an act authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen," was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON, the Senate non-concurred in House amendment "A," and concurred in amendments "B" and "C."

On motion of Mr. SMITH, the vote whereby the Senate non-concurred in House amendment "A" was reconsidered, and the amendment adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MANSON,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to make up the pay of Hon. Benjamin Hawes for the session, and that he be excused from further attendance after to-morrow.

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

"An act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company";

"An act in relation to the Penobscot Mill Dam Company";

"An act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, concerning ways";

"An act to extend the time for the location of the Ardoostook Railroad";

"An act relating to guide posts";

"An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Knox";

"An act to incorporate the Union Trotting Park Company";

"An act to define the duties of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and fixing his pay";

"An act to enable the city of Belfast to build and maintain a free bridge over tide waters";

"An act to revive chapter 68 of the public laws of 1859";

"An act to extend the time for the completion of the European and North American Railway and to enlarge the powers of said company";

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves:

"Resolve in favor of Stevens and Sayward";

"Resolve laying a tax on the several counties in this State";

“Resolve for a fresh water basin for iron clads in Portland”;  
Which were each 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. MANSON,  
The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Petition of Joseph Clark and others of Somerset county, for an appropriation for repair of Canada road, was referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Bill “an act extending the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company”;

Bill “an act to incorporate the National Patent Company”;

Bill “an act to incorporate the Carmel Mutual Trade Company”;

Bill “an act to incorporate the Fairbanks Mill Company”;

Bill “an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Excelsior Works”;

Bill “an act to incorporate the Lewiston Petroleum and Mining Company”;

Bill “an act to supply the people of Portland with pure water”;

“Resolve for the expenditure of money for war purposes”;

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 Indian Affairs on the petition of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, with “resolve in favor of Penobscot tribe of Indians”;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, with "resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, with "resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for educational purposes";

Report of the same Committee on the petition of the Penobscot tribe of Indians for various purposes, with "resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians";

Report of the Committee on Education on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the State Normal School at Farmington, with "resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Farmington";

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The resolves were each twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of Mark Trafton and others, with "resolve in favor of building a bridge over Aroostook river at Fort Fairfield," was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve was twice read, the rules being suspended, House amendment "A" adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of the Selectmen of Washington, with "resolve relative to the valuation of the town of Washington and the town of Somerville," was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve was twice read, the rules being suspended, House amendment "A" adopted, and the resolve as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the erection of monuments to deceased soldiers, with "resolve relating to a Soldier's Monument," was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve was once read, and on motion of Mr. MANSON was laid on the table and 350 copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Courts of Reconciliation on the petition of R. H. Patten and others, with bill "an act relating to jury trials," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and on motion of Mr. HINDS was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Education on an order directing said Committee to visit the State Normal School at Farmington and report thereon, with "resolve for the purchase of books of reference for the Normal School at Farmington," was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve was twice read, the rules being suspended, House amendment "A" was adopted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 61 of the revised statutes and laws additional thereto, relating to married women," came from the House, Senate amendment "A" having been adopted, Senate amendment "B" rejected, further amended as per sheet "C."

On motion of Mr. BARKER, the Senate receded and concurred with the House.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, the Report of the Committee on Fraudulent Enlistments and Credits, was taken from the table.

On motion of the same Senator, the vote whereby the Senate accepted said report was reconsidered, and the same laid on the table and to-morrow at nine o'clock assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. HAMOR, bill "an act to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations, relating to bounties to and for volunteers and for other purposes," was taken from the table.

Amendment "D" proposed by Mr. PERKINS to Mr. Abbott's amendment was adopted.

Same Senator proposed an amendment to Mr. Abbott's amendment marked "E," which was adopted.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment of Mr. Abbott as amended, the same was rejected.

On motion of Mr. SMITH, the bill was laid on the table.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following, bill "an act relating to appointments and removals of cer-

tain officers in cities," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported bill "an act to regulate the liabilities of towns for damages caused by defective ways," which was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. BURPEE, the Senate non-concurred in House amendment "A."

On motion of the same Senator, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, the joint order was suspended, and the same Senator presented "resolve approving the action of our Senators in Congress":

*Resolved*, That this Legislature cordially approve and endorse the action of the Senators of this State in voting to pass the Freedmen's Bureau bill, notwithstanding the President's veto, as being in accordance with the sentiments of their constituents and the principles upon the support of which alone this government can be sustained ;

Which was read twice under a suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ABBOTT,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor and Council and the Heads of Departments, informing them that there will be a Joint Convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the Representatives' Hall, this day at 12 M., for the purpose of celebrating the birthday of George Washington, and inviting their attendance.

The message was conveyed by Mr. Abbott.

On motion of Mr. BILLINGS,

*Ordered*, That Hon. Parker G. Eaton, after to-morrow, be excused from further attendance, and that the Secretary make up his pay to the close of the session.

The hour assigned for the Convention for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, having

arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

#### IN CONVENTION.

The Governor and Council and Heads of Departments came in, and the Governor took the Chair, as President of the day, and addressed the Convention.

Addresses were made by Messrs. Hersey of Belfast, Smith of Washington, Payson of Westbrook, and Stone of Kennebunk.

The Governor and Council and Heads of Departments then withdrew, and the Convention dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

“Resolve on the pay roll of the House of Representatives”;

“Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate”;

Were each read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Order from the House :

The Senate concurring, that this Legislature adjourn finally on or before 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on Saturday, February 24, 1866, and that so much of an order passed by this Legislature on Friday, February 16, 1866, as fixed an earlier day for such final adjournment, be rescinded ;

Was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to aid in the construction of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad," referred by the Senate to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, came from the House, that branch non-concurring in the Senate reference, and referring the same to the next Legislature.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Bill "an act to establish the annual allowance of the Superintendent of Common Schools for travelling expenses," introduced in the House and indefinitely postponed, was read once and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on bill "an act to authorize the consolidation of railroad companies in this State," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, House amendment "A" adopted, and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Sanitary Necessities on an order relating to the sanitary condition of the State, with bill "an act additional to provide for vaccination," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, amended on motion of Mr. BILLINGS, as per sheets "A" and "B," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to amendment of section 2, chapter 94 of the revised statutes, with bill "an act to amend chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies";

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations on "resolves relating to the assumption by the general government of the war debts of loyal States, cities and towns," with the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to repeal of chapter 150 of the laws of 1862, with bill "an act to repeal chapter 150 of the laws of 1862," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Courts of Reconciliation on the petition of R. H. Patten and others, with bill "an act providing for jury trials before trial justices and prescribing their mode of procedure and jurisdiction," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to the unoccupied lands of the State," indefinitely postponed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON, the resolve was laid on the table.

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company," approved March 19, 1860, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

"Resolve in favor of an agricultural survey of some of the large tracts of unsettled lands in this State," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON, the resolve was laid on the table.

"Resolve relating to the distribution of the Adjutant General's Report for 1864 and 1865," amended and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House, Senate amendment having been adopted, further amended as per sheet "C," and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred in House amendment "C."

Mr. PERKINS proposed an amendment marked "D," which was adopted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Charles R. Kittridge of Winthrop," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Colorado River Navigation and Mining 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 directing the Treasurer of State to notify cities, towns and plantations of the amount of State aid, when the same is ready for distribution," 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.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on bill "an act for the assumption by the State of the municipal war debts," that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was read and referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Fryeburg Mutual Fire Insurance 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 abating State tax of the town of Harrington," 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. BOYNTON, the joint order was suspended, and the same Senator introduced "resolve relating to the Adjutant General's Report," which was read once and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Maine Telegraph Company," passed in the year 1848, was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. READ, bill "an act to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations, relating to bounties to and for volunteers and for other purposes," was taken from the table.

The question being on the motion of Mr. WOODMAN, to indefinitely postpone the bill, the yeas and nays were taken thereon and resulted as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Burpee, Denison, Holbrook, Mason, Peirce, Richardson, Woodman—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbott, Barker, Billings, Boynton, Campbell, Eaton, Hinds, Hobbs, Hobson, Manson, O'Brien, Perkins, Porter, Read, Smith, Southard, Weld—17.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON, bill "an act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862, relating to costs in Court in certain cases," was taken from the table and, on motion of Mr. DENISON, was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, the report of the Committee on Fraudulent Enlistments and Credits, was taken from the table.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOORE,

*Ordered*, That the Librarian be required to distribute the Adjutant General's Report and other documents by express or otherwise, as per order of the Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HINDS, the joint order was suspended, and the same Senator introduced bill "an act to make valid the doings of the Trustees and Pewholders of the Methodist Meeting-house, in Monmouth," which was once read, and, on motion of Mr. BARKER, referred to the next Legislature, with an order of notice.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOBBS,

*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, seventy-five of which shall be bound, 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 Senators for 1867, the Governor and Council, Heads of Departments and Collegiate Institutions, and deposit the remaining copies in the State Library.

On motion of Mr. PORTER, "resolve relating to a soldiers' monument," was taken from the table and read a second time.

House amendment "A" was rejected.

On motion of Mr. MANSON, the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve abating State tax of the town of Northport," 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.

Bill "an act to provide for the education of children of deceased and disabled soldiers and seamen from this State," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once and on motion of Mr. PERKINS, this afternoon at three o'clock was assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. SMITH,

*Ordered*, That Hon. Charles J. Abbott be excused from attendance in the Senate after to-day, and that the Secretary make up his pay for the session.

On motion of Mr. ABBOTT,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to make

up the pay of Hon. Alexander Campbell for the session, and that he be excused from further attendance after to-day.

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

"An act to enable the city of Bangor to receive and hold certain trust funds";

"An act to regulate the inspection of flour";

"An act to amend chapter 389 of the laws of 1860";

"An act relating to public highways in the cities of this State";

"An act in addition to chapter 64 of the revised statutes in relation to foreign wills";

"An act amending section 17 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies";

"An act to change the name of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike";

"An act to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate for the county of Penobscot";

"An act authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township number 4, range 4, W. E. L. S.";

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves:

"Resolve to provide for the yearly expenses of the State Library";

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to John N. Dinsmore";

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Reform School";

"Resolve in favor of Increase Blake";

"Resolve in favor of John Benson";

"Resolve in aid of building mills at Chesuncook Lake in the county of Piscataquis";

"Resolve in aid of the Permanent School Fund";

"Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate";

"Resolve on the pay roll of the House of Representatives";

"Resolve in favor of the Antietam National Cemetery Association";

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a parcel of land to J. H. Chandler";

“Resolve relative to the Penobscot Indians”;

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows and children of deceased soldiers”;

“Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey a lot of land to the widow and children of a deceased soldier”;

“Resolve in relation to the Eastern Normal School”;

“Resolve for the purchase of books for the State Library”;

“Resolve establishing the valuation of Northport”;

“Resolve relating to the valuation of Harrington”;

Which were each 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. SMITH,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns it be to meet this afternoon at half past two o'clock.

On motion of Mr. SOUTHARD,

The Senate adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Report of the Committee on Education to which was recommit-  
ted the Report of the same Committee on the petition of Trustees  
of Gorham Seminary, with certain instructions, with “resolve in  
behalf of the gratuitous instruction of the children of fallen and  
disabled heroes of the State,” was accepted in concurrence.

The resolve was twice read, the rules being suspended, and re-  
ferred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Bath Military and Naval Orphan  
Asylum,” amended and passed to be engrossed by the Senate,  
came from the House, Senate amendments having been adopted,  
further amended as per sheet “C” and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the fol-  
lowing bill, “an act to provide for the education of children of  
deceased and disabled soldiers and seamen from this State,” which  
was read a second time.

Mr. MASON moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, pending which, Mr. PORTER proposed an amendment marked "A," which was adopted.

The bill was then indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of William H. Shaw and others, for a law regulating salmon fisheries in Denny's river, was referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to repeal of chapter 495 of the laws of 1852, with bill "an act to amend chapter 495 of the special laws of 1852, entitled an act to incorporate the town of Kenduskeag," was accepted in concurrence.

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

On motion of Mr. PORTER, bill "an act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money," was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. BARKER, the Senate non-concurred with the House in refusing the bill a passage, and passed the same to be engrossed.

Mr. HOBBS moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Senate passed the foregoing bill to be engrossed.

Mr. BARKER moved that the motion be laid upon the table, and on this question, on motion of the same Senator, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barker, Billings, Burpee, Denison, Hinds, Hobson, Holbrook, Manson, Peirce, Perkins, Porter, Ramsdell, Read, Richardson, Smith, Southard, Virgin, Weld, Woodman—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Boynton, Hobbs, Mason, Moore—4.

So the motion of Mr. Hobbs was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to the duties and salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court, with bill "an act to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court," was accepted in concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to provide for the expenditures of government," reported in the House from the Committee on Finance," was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Maine Telegraph Company," passed in the year 1848, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House referred to the next Legislature.

The Senate receded and concurred with the House.

On motion of Mr. HOBSON, the joint order was suspended, and the same Senator introduced "resolve in favor of the assumption of the municipal expenditures of the State for war purposes," which was once read, and on motion of Mr. PERKINS, to-morrow at nine o'clock was assigned for its second reading.

Mr. HOBSON presented the petition of Moses H. Tibbetts and others, to have the town of Woolwich set off from the county of Sagadahoc and annexed to the county of Lincoln, which was referred to the next Legislature under the joint order.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BOYNTON,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be instructed to furnish to each officer and member of the Senate and House of Representatives one copy of the acts and resolves of the year 1866.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. SOUTHARD,

*Ordered*, That the Messenger be authorized to receive from Messrs. Hartford and Smith, binders for the State, those copies of the Adjutant General's Report to which each officer and member of the Senate is entitled, as soon as the same are ready for distribution, and that he carefully pack and plainly mark to the address of each member and officer, and forward the same by express, without delay; also those numbers of the rules and orders and printed Journals to which each Senator is entitled.

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

"An act extending the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company";

- “An act authorizing pensions for soldiers and seamen”;
- “An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company,” approved March 19, 1860 ;
- “An act to incorporate the Fairbanks Mill Company”;
- “An act to incorporate the Colorado River Navigation and Mining Company”;
- “An act in relation to the rule of damages in actions of tort”;
- “An act relating to the appointment and removal of certain officers in cities”;
- “An act to supply the people of Portland with pure water”;
- “An act to incorporate the Fryeburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company”;
- “An act to incorporate the Skowhegan Excelsior Works”;
- “An act additional to chapter 61 of the revised statutes, and to the laws additional thereto, relating to married women”;
- “An act to incorporate the National Patent Company”;
- “An act to amend chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies”;
- “An act to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October”;
- “An act to incorporate the Carmel Mutual Trade Company”;
- “An act relating to hawkers and pedlers”;
- “An act to incorporate the Lewiston Petroleum Company”;
- “An act to amend chapter 102 of the public laws of 1859, relative to the competency of witnesses”;
- “An act to increase the fees of Jurors, Deputy Sheriff, Witnesses, County Commissioners, and Selectmen and Assessors”;
- “An act to increase the salaries of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court”;
- “An act to incorporate the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum”;

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves :

- “Resolve in favor of the State Reform School”;
- “Resolve for the expenditure of money for war purposes”;
- “Resolve for the purchase of books of reference for the Normal School at Farmington”;
- “Resolve abating State tax of the town of Harrington”;
- “Resolve in relation to the valuation of the town of Washington and town of Somerville”;

“Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians”;  
“Resolve in favor of Charles R. Kittridge of Winthrop”;  
“Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Farmington”;  
“Resolve directing the Treasurer of State to notify cities, towns and plantations of the amount of State aid, when the same is ready for distribution”;

“Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for educational purposes”;

“Resolve in favor of the State Reform School”;

“Resolve in favor of Penobscot tribe of Indians”;

“Resolves relating to the assumption by the General Government of the war debts of the loyal States, cities and towns”;

“Resolve in relation to the magnetic needle”;

“Resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians”;

“Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Aroostook river at Fort Fairfield”;

Which were each 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. BOYNTON,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns it be to meet this evening at eight o'clock.

On motion of the same Senator,

The Senate adjourned.

#### EVENING.

Senate met according to adjournment.

Order from the House :

That the Adjutant General furnish the Legislature at the commencement of the next ensuing session, a schedule or exhibit containing the number of men credited to the quota of each city, town and plantation in this State during the rebellion, and the period of his term of enlistment, with the amount of town and State bounties paid each man, as ascertained by him from the several municipalities during the vacation ;

Was read, and on motion of Mr. PERKINS was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in relation to the interior fisheries of Maine," introduced in the House and passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read once, and on motion of Mr. PERKINS, to-morrow at 12 o'clock was assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to provide for the education of children of deceased and disabled soldiers and seamen from this State," indefinitely postponed by the Senate, came from the House, that branch insisting on its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposing a conference, with Messrs. Farrington of Fryeburg, Goodwin of Wells, and Holland of Lewiston, appointed conferees on its part.

On motion of Mr. PERKINS, the Senate adhered to its vote indefinitely postponing the bill.

Sent down.

"Resolve approving the action of our Senators in Congress," passed to be engrossed by the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheets "A" and "B," and passed to be engrossed.

The Senate receded and rejected House amendment "A," concurred in amendment "B," and passed the resolve to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to National Affairs, with "resolves in relation to the equality of civil and political rights," was accepted in concurrence.

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

Bill "an act additional to provide for vaccination," came from the House on its final passage indefinitely postponed.

The bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

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

"An act to amend an act additional to chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School";

"An act to amend chapter 495 of the special laws of 1852, entitled "an act to incorporate the town of Kenduskeag";

"An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government";

"An act to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations, relating to bounties to and for volunteers, and for other purposes";

Which were each passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same Committee also reported the following resolves :

“ Resolves abating State tax of the town of Northport ”;

“ Resolve relating to the distribution of the Adjutant General’s Report for 1864 and 1865 ”;

Which were each 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. BARKER,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns it be to meet to-morrow morning at eight o’clock.

On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON,

The Senate adjourned.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1866.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No chaplain present.

Reading of yesterday’s Journal dispensed with.

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

“ Resolve approving the action of our Senators in Congress ”;

“ Resolve in relation to the equality of civil and political rights ”;

Which were each 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. BOYNTON,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate has disposed of all business before it, and is now ready to adjourn without day.

The message was conveyed by Mr. Boynton.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Miller of Portland, informing the Senate that the House has

disposed of all business before it, and is now ready to adjourn without day.

On motion of Mr. BARKER,

*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 both branches of the Legislature, having acted on all matters before them, are now ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

And Messrs. Barker of Penobscot, Weld of York, and Smith of Washington, were appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the order was returned from the House passed in concurrence, with Messrs. Shepley of Portland, Williams of Augusta, Fairbanks of Farmington, Hopkins of Ellsworth, Wilson of Thomaston, Hersey of Belfast, and Woodman of Bucksport, joined to said Committee on the part of the House.

Mr. BARKER, from the foregoing Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had waited upon the Governor and discharged the duty assigned them, and the Governor was pleased to say that he would communicate to the two Houses forthwith through the Secretary of State.

Thereupon, the Secretary of State, Hon. Ephraim Flint, came in, and laid before the Senate the following message from the Governor :

*To the Senate*:—I herewith transmit a list of the Acts and Resolves passed by the Legislature at its present session which have received my approval, being 222 acts and 77 resolves.

I have no further communication to make.

Mr. PORTER then rose in his place and said :

Mr. SECRETARY :—After a short session the labors of this Senate are now closed, and its members about to retire from their active duties here ; how well we have discharged those duties the people will judge. I hope our labors will meet with their cordial approval.

Our intercourse with each other has been cordial and kind, and the friendships we have formed here will remain among our most pleasant remembrances.

Our deliberations have been presided over by the President of the Senate in such a manner as to reflect credit upon the Senate and himself.

I ask leave to lay upon the table the following resolve :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to the Hon. William Wirt Virgin for the ability and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties of presiding officer of the Senate during this session.

Mr. WOODMAN spoke as follows :

Any remarks of mine could add nothing to the high position of our presiding officer. I am sure that the members of this branch of the Legislature will all agree with me in saying that our presiding officer has performed the arduous duties of his position with impartiality, with kindness and accuracy ; preserving the dignity and decorum of the Senate, and conducting its labors with great propriety and great success. He has our kindest wishes. Our respect will follow him through his journey of life. He has endeared himself to us while we have associated with him in our legislative labors, and although we have had doubts and perplexing matters, yet the path out of them has been made clear under his able lead.

I cannot separate from these associations without expressing my regrets. It has been the happiest session to me that I have known since I have been a legislator. I have formed many new associations, and I feel, as I meet you here, and survey these heads at this board, the speaking intellects, that I shall look back to these associations as among the happiest of my life.

The resolution was then unanimously adopted, the vote being taken by rising.

Mr. VIRGIN, President of the Senate, responded as follows :

SENATORS :—Our labors as legislators for this year have closed. That they have been "*well done*" it is not for you or me to say. That we have acted our several parts conscientiously and without waste of time, is our greatest reward.

I thank you sincerely for your kind and formal words ; but your daily acts of kindness and urbanity will live fresh in my heart long after your parting words shall have faded from my memory.

Mr. PERKINS presented the following :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to Thomas P. Cleaves, Esq., Secretary of the Senate, and to Whiting S. Clark, 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 adopted.

Mr. HINDS presented the following :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to Increase Blake, Esq., Messenger, Edgar M. Robbins, Assistant Messenger, and Herbert M. Heath, Page, for the alacrity and courtesy with which they have performed their duties.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The President then declared the Senate adjourned *without day*.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary*.

# TITLES OF ACTS

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1866.

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## PUBLIC LAWS.

- An act to further continue in force the provisions of chapter seventy-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-two, concerning specie payments.
- to increase the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Hancock.
- to amend section three of chapter thirty-nine of the revised statutes, relating to lime and lime casks.
- to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Kennebec.
- to increase the salaries of the judge and register of probate for the county of Kennebec.
- in relation to the rules of evidence in addition to "an act to amend section eighty-three of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes relating to proceedings in court," approved March, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.
- to increase the salaries of the judge and register of probate for the county of Oxford.
- relating to appeals in probate courts.
- to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Washington.
- for the prevention of the unauthorized use of trade marks and names.
- to regulate the holding of sessions of the supreme judicial court for the trial of criminal cases.
- to aid in the settlement and disposal of assets of banks, after the surrender of their charters.

An act establishing the salaries of the judge and the register of probate of Franklin county.

to provide for the payment of the war loan of eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

relating to certain fixtures.

additional to chapter sixty-five of the revised statutes, relating to the distribution of estates, real and personal, and of lands held in mortgage and taken on execution.

explanatory of "an act to provide support to the families of soldiers," approved February twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

to increase the salary of the register of probate for the county of Androscoggin.

to authorize any city or town to erect a monument in memory of deceased soldiers.

relating to the discipline of the state prison.

to amend chapter two hundred fifty-six of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred sixty-four.

in relation to repairs of roads in unincorporated townships.

to establish the salary of the county attorney for the county of Franklin.

extending the time within which certain banks shall redeem their bills.

additional concerning the redemption of railroad mortgages.  
amendatory of the statute in relation to the representation of county agricultural societies in the state board of agriculture.

in relation to the jurisdiction of trial justices.

in relation to evidence.

to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Waldo.

to regulate the taking of menhaden and other fish in the waters of Maine.

providing for the recording of certificates of discharge of soldiers and seamen from the service of the United States.

to amend chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes.

additional in relation to the reform school.

to regulate the drainage of salt marsh.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and sixty-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "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."

to amend chapter two hundred and twenty-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

to define the duties of the superintendent of public buildings and fixing his pay.

to revive chapter sixty-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

to amend chapter eighteen of the revised statutes concerning ways.

relating to guide posts.

to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Knox.

to establish the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Penobscot.

to regulate the inspection of flour.

amending seventeenth section of chapter twelve of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies.

authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in township number four, range four, W. E. L. S.

in addition to chapter sixty-four of the revised statutes in relation to foreign wills.

relating to public highways in the cities of this state.

authorizing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen.

relating to appointments and removals of certain officers in cities.

relating to hawkers and pedlers.

in relation to the rule of damages in actions of tort.

additional to chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes and to the laws additional thereto, relating to married women.

to amend chapter one hundred and two of the public laws of eighteen hundred fifty-nine, relative to the competency of witnesses.

- An act to increase the fees of jurors, deputy sheriffs, witnesses and county commissioners, selectmen and assessors.
- to prevent the killing of fur-bearing animals between the months of May and October.
  - to amend chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to forcible entry and detainer, and tenancies.
  - to amend an act additional to chapter one hundred forty-two of the revised statutes, relating to the reform school.
  - to increase the salaries of the justices of the supreme judicial court.
  - to make valid the doings of cities, towns and plantations relating to bounties to and for volunteers and for other purposes.

#### PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

- An act additional to an act to incorporate the Maine Insurance Company.
- to incorporate the Gallatin Land, Coal and Oil Company of West Virginia.
  - additional to an act approved February twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "an act to incorporate the Forest City Sugar Refining Company."
  - to incorporate the Skowhegan Hall Association.
  - additional to an act to incorporate the Portland Glass Company, approved February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.
  - to incorporate the trustees of Wilton Academy.
  - authorizing the construction of a wharf into tide waters in the city of Rockland.
  - to authorize George W. Gorham to extend his wharf into Passamaquoddy bay.
  - to incorporate the Sabattis River Manufacturing Company.
  - to incorporate the Grand Falls Manufacturing Company.
  - to change the name of the Lisbon Manufacturing Company.
  - to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company.
  - to incorporate the Winthrop Mills Company.
  - to amend the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company.
  - to incorporate Trinity Commandery of Knights Templars.

An act in addition to and in amendment of the act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and of an act in addition thereto, approved March fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine Central Institute.  
to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing and Water Power Company.

additional to "an act to incorporate the English Spinning Roller Company," approved February eleventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

to incorporate the South Berwick Savings Bank.

to incorporate the New Sharon Water Power Company.

to incorporate the Sangerville Factory Company.

to grant authority to Benjamin Fowler to build wharves and fish weirs in Johnson's bay in Lubec.

to incorporate the officers and members of Rockland Lodge.  
to authorize the sale of the old Methodist Free Meeting-house in Bowdoinham.

making valid the building of wharves in the town of Richmond.

additional to "an act to incorporate the city of Bath."

to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

to authorize Eneas Wilcox to build and maintain a fish weir, or weirs, in the tide waters of Johnson's bay.

making valid the doings of the town of Princeton, in voting to exempt certain property in said town from taxation for the term of three years.

to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Shaw and Clark Sewing Machine Company," approved February eleventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

to increase the capital stock of the North Bank at Rockland.

to incorporate the Holbrook's Island Slate Company.

to incorporate the Richmond Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Wiscasset Savings Bank.

to incorporate Errol Steamboat Company.

to extend the time for closing the concerns of the American Bank.

to increase the capital stock of the Lime Rock Bank.

to incorporate Norway Savings Bank.

An act to incorporate the Ticonic Water Power and Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Mouse Island Marine Railway Company. extending the jurisdiction of the county commissioners of the county of Cumberland over tide waters, near Martin's Point, in said county.

to amend the charter of the Portland Rolling Mills Company and additional to the same.

to incorporate the Brunswick Peat Company.

to incorporate the Piscataquis Central Park Association.

to incorporate the Sagadahoc Plumbago Mining Company.

to incorporate the Newport Savings Bank.

to incorporate the Bethel and Hanover Toll Bridge Company.

additional to, and in amendment of chapter four hundred and ninety-five of the private acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, setting off a part of the town of Starks and annexing the same to the town of Mercer.

additional to an act entitled an act to establish the Bangor Female Orphan Asylum, approved April first, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

to incorporate the Workingman's Co-operative Association of Portland and vicinity.

to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Eastport to exempt certain property from taxation.

to authorize Ephraim K. Smart and his associates and assigns to extend a marine railway and wharf into the tide waters of Camden harbor.

to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Portland Steam Packet Company.

to incorporate the Tontogona Petroleum Company.

to incorporate the Bangor Wood Manufacturing Company.

to incorporate the Presque Isle Woollen Manufacturing Company.

to extend the provisions of an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company," approved March fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

to authorize Orono to grant aid to the Maine Agricultural College.

- An act to authorize William M. Dumphe and John H. Crandon to construct a fish weir in the town of Jonesport.
- to change the name of the Lewiston Falls Academy.
- authorizing the construction of a marine railway at Tenant's harbor, in the town of St. George.
- additional to "an act to amend former acts to incorporate the Penobscot, Lincoln and Kennebec Railroad Company."
- to enable the Portsmouth, Great Falls and Conway Railroad, to exercise the powers and to become subject to the duties of other railroads in this state.
- to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway Company.
- to authorize Oldtown to grant aid to the Agricultural College.
- to prevent obstructions in Camden harbor and authorizing said Camden to choose a harbor master.
- to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company," approved February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.
- to incorporate the Penobscot Land and Mining Company.
- additional to an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Portland Dry Dock Company.
- to incorporate the Seaside Hotel Company.
- to provide for the payment of the claim of Miles Wilson against the county of Penobscot.
- to incorporate the Eastport Gas Company.
- to incorporate the South Berwick Boot, Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company.
- creating the South Paris Village Corporation.
- to incorporate the Damariscotta Manufacturing Company.
- to amend chapter fifty-eight of the private laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, entitled "an act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company."
- to incorporate the Richmond Tannery and Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company.
- to incorporate the Albion Manufacturing Company.
- to incorporate the Portland File Company.
- to incorporate the Bass Harbor Salt Marsh Company, with authority to erect and maintain a dam or dyke across Bass Harbor Marsh Creek.

- An act to incorporate the Waterville Hotel Company.  
respecting school district number five in Waterville.  
to incorporate the Mallison Falls Manufacturing Company.  
to confer certain powers on the city of Portland.  
to extend the provisions of an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Somerset Railroad Company," approved March nineteenth, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty.  
additional to an act to incorporate the Cumberland Bone Company.  
to incorporate the Pleasant Ridge Slate Company.  
to incorporate the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Land and Mining Company.  
additional to chapter five hundred fifteen of the private and special laws, approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, entitled "an act to increase the capital stock of the Searsport Bank."  
to amend "an act to incorporate the Androscoggin Land and Petroleum Company."  
to extend the act entitled "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to aid the construction of the European and North American Railway."  
to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Kennebec to appropriate money to rebuild or repair a bridge over the Sebasticook river in Clinton Gore.  
to make valid the doings of the town of Machias.  
to change the names of certain persons.  
to incorporate the Swan Creek Union Oil and Mining Company of Ohio.  
to incorporate the Winthrop Petroleum Company.  
authorizing the erection of a dam in the town of Harpswell.  
to change the names of certain persons.  
to incorporate the Middle River Dyke Company.  
to legalize the records of the town of Avon.  
additional to an act to incorporate the town of Fort Fairfield.  
to incorporate the Brownville Mill and Water Power Company.

An act additional to the acts in relation to the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

to incorporate the Union River Boom Company.

for the assessment of a state tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, amounting to one million two hundred thirty-nine thousand sixty-two dollars four-teen cents.

to protect Union river from obstructions.

to authorize the Milford and Princeton Turnpike Company to build a branch.

to prevent the taking of fish from Pushaw lake by nets.

for the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds.

additional to an act to incorporate the Penobscot Mill-dam Company.

to set off the homestead farm of David Spratt from the town of Etna and annex the same to the town of Carmel.

to make valid certain doings of the town of Dresden dividing school district number six in that town.

to incorporate the Arrowsic Stone Dyke Company.

to enlarge the powers of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

to establish the dividing line between the towns of Hollis and Waterborough.

to incorporate the Bangor and Oldtown Association.

to make valid the doings of the municipal officers of the town of Lebanon.

to authorize the city of Bangor to further aid the construction of the European and North American Railway.

to authorize Everett W. Stetson and Joseph H. Stetson to extend a wharf into the tide waters of the Damariscotta river.

to prevent the destruction of fish in ponds and streams in the town of Orneville.

to authorize Thomas W. Gamage to build a bridge in the town of Bristol.

to authorize Eliphalet Thorp and Frank Thorp to extend their wharf in the town of Boothbay.

to set off part of the town of Bridgton and annex the same to Harrison.

An act to authorize Thomas S. Lang and Charles Osborne to extend their wharf into tide waters.

additional to chapter thirty of the acts of the legislature approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty, relating to obstructions in Machias river.

to incorporate the Castine Marine Railway Company.

to incorporate the Union River Dam Company.

to incorporate the Casco Boot and Shoe Company.

to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company.

to incorporate the Penobscot Steam Navigation Company.

to incorporate the Commercial Warehouse Company.

to amend an act to incorporate the Merchants Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

additional to an act entitled "an act to set off part of the town of Scarborough and annex the same to the town of Gorham."

to incorporate the New England Telegraph Company.

to prevent the catching of trout and pickerel in the Piscataqua river and its tributaries.

to regulate the taking of fish in the Range and Tripp ponds and their tributaries in the town of Poland.

in relation to the running of trains on the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad.

to incorporate the State of Maine Gold Mining Company.

amending section three of chapter 78 of the acts and resolves of eighteen hundred sixty-one, establishing the police court of the city of Rockland.

to amend "an act to incorporate the Norway Savings Bank."

to incorporate the International Telegraph Company.

to enable the city of Belfast to build and maintain a free bridge over tide waters.

to incorporate the Union Trotting Park Company.

to extend the time for the location of the Aroostook Railroad.

to extend the time for the completion of the European and North American Railway and to enlarge the powers of said company.

in relation to the Penobscot Mill Dam Company.

to change the name of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike.

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An act to enable the city of Bangor to receive and hold certain trust funds.

to amend chapter three hundred eighty-nine of the private laws of eighteen hundred and sixty.

to incorporate the Fairbanks Mill Company.

extending the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company.

to incorporate the Colorado River Navigation and Mining Company.

additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Forest Avenue Railroad Company, approved March nineteen, eighteen hundred and sixty.

to incorporate the Lewiston Petroleum and Mining Company.

to incorporate the Skowhegan Excelsior Works.

to incorporate the Carmel Mutual Trade Company.

to incorporate the National Patent Company.

to supply the city of Portland with pure water.

to incorporate the Fryeburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

to amend chapter four hundred eight-five of the special laws of eighteen hundred fifty-two, entitled "an act to incorporate the town of Kenduskeag."

to incorporate the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

## TITLES OF RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1866.

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- Resolve authorizing the secretary of state to purchase revised statutes for the use of the state.  
in favor of Augusta Bank.  
authorizing the remission of settling duties in part on certain lots of land.  
in relation to freedom of commerce and travel between states.  
in favor of Caroline A. Edwards.
- Resolves directing the manner of engrossing the acts and resolves and for preserving the same.
- Resolve in favor of Thomas P. Cleaves.  
in favor of Horace Stilson.
- Resolves making appropriation in aid of the construction of the Milford and Princeton Turnpike.
- Resolve in favor of Peol Sockis.  
authorizing the land agent to convey certain lots of land and timber to M. S. Drummond and David Fuller.  
to provide for the payment of expenses incurred by the committee on alleged frauds in the matter of enlistments.  
in favor of William Fitzgerrald.  
in favor of Edward E. Shed.  
in favor of Sawpiel Gabrel.  
in favor of Joseph L. Orono.
- Resolves abating state tax of Starks and assessing the same upon the town of Mercer.
- Resolve in favor of the town of Searsmont.  
in favor of William W. Quinby of Bucksport.  
in favor of the joint standing committee on the state prison.  
in favor of the committee on education.  
for the preservation of flags, guidons and war trophies deposited with the state.  
in favor of the state prison.

Resolve making appropriations in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Aroostook.

in relation to the compensation of the engrossing clerks employed in the secretary of state's office during the present session of the legislature.

authorizing the inhabitants in township number eight in the county of Hancock, to use certain funds for the erection of a school-house.

in favor of James Newhall.

in regard to cattle disease.

in relation to exchanging state documents with the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

in aid of building a bridge over Dead river in the county of Somerset.

in favor of the insane hospital.

in aid of building mills in the east half of township numbered two, range five, in the county of Aroostok.

for the purpose of carrying into effect chapters three hundred and twenty-five, three hundred and thirty-two, three hundred and thirty-nine, three hundred and forty-one, three hundred and fifty and three hundred and seventy of the resolves of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, in favor of the academies of Limerick, Berwick, St. Albans, Houlton and Presque Isle.

in relation to the duties of Indian agents.

for the appointment of commissioners to the World's Fair in Paris.

in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

laying a tax on the several counties in this state.

in favor of a fresh water basin for iron clads at Portland.

in favor of Stevens and Sayward.

in aid of the permanent school fund.

relating to the valuation of the town of Harrington in the county of Washington.

establishing the valuation of the town of Northport.

Resolves in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve authorizing the land agent to convey a parcel of land to J. H. Chandler.

authorizing the land agent to convey a lot of land to the widow and children of a deceased soldier.

authorizing the land agent a lot of land to Joshua N. Dinsmore.

Resolve in favor of Increase Blake.

in favor of building mills at Chesuncook lake in the county of Piscataquis.

in relation to the Eastern Normal School.

Resolves in favor of the Antietam National Cemetery Association.

Resolve in favor of John Benson.

for the purchase of books for the state library.

to provide for the yearly expenses of the state library.

authorizing the land agent to convey certain lots of land to the widows and children of deceased soldiers.

in favor of the joint standing committee on state reform school.

in favor of Penobscot tribe of Indians.

for the expenditure of money for war purposes.

in favor of Penobscot tribe of Indians.

in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

in favor of the state normal school at Farmington.

in aid of building a bridge over Aroostook river at Fort Fairfield.

in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, for educational purposes.

relative to the valuation of the town of Washington and the town of Somerville.

for the purchase of books of reference for the normal school at Farmington.

in relation to the variations of the magnetic needle.

in favor of the state reform school.

in favor of the state reform school.

in favor of Charles R. Kittridge of Winthrop.

directing the treasurer of state to notify cities, towns and plantations of the amount of state aid, when the same is ready for distribution.

abating state tax of the town of Harrington.

relating to the assumption by the general government of the war debts of loyal states, cities and towns.

abating state tax of the town of Northport.

relating to the distribution of the adjutant general's report for eighteen hundred sixty-four and five.

Resolves in relation to equality of civil and political rights.

Resolve approving the action of our senators in congress.

on the pay roll of the house.

on the pay roll of the senate.

# APPENDIX.

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	2.	" Jacob W. Robinson and others.
Claims.	3.	" Israel Putnam, Mayor of Bath.
	4.	" Jane P. Thurston.
	5.	" H. C. Goodenow and others.
	6.	" Henry Harmon, Town Agent of Buxton.
	7.	" T. L. Jennison.
	8.	" Charles Otis and others.
	9.	" D. W. Dinsmore and others.
Division of Towns.	10.	" Town Agent of Kennebunkport and others.
	11.	" Selectmen of Houlton.
	12.	" Selectmen of Smyrna.
	13.	" Selectmen of Milford.
	14.	" John Hanrahan and others.
	15.	" John Matthews and others.
	16.	" Luther Keene and others.
	17.	" Luke S. Moore and others.
	18.	" James Wall and others.
	19.	" L. G. Smith and others.
	20.	" George D. Brown and others.
Education.	21.	" Jos. Warren and others, Selectmen of Durham.
	22.	" Hiram Johnson and others.
	23.	" L. P. Billings and others.
	24.	" Timothy Fuller and others.
	25.	" Horatio G. Newton and others.
	26.	" Trustees of North Yarmouth Academy.
	27.	" William Spear and others.
Finance.	28.	" Selectmen of Oldtown.
	29.	" Selectmen of Washington.
Fisheries.	30.	" Frederick Huntley and others.
Indian Affairs.	31.	" Penobscot Tribe of Indians.
Interior Waters.	32.	" David Wasson and another.
	33.	" J. M. Wiswell and others.
Judiciary.	34.	" Thomas Leigh and others.
	35.	" Moses Giddings and others.
	36.	" S. D. Leavitt and others.
	37.	" Charles A. Dow and others.
	38.	" Maine Medical Association.
	39.	" Franklin Simonds.
	40.	" Charles J. Perkins and others.
	41.	" John H. Allen, Town Agent of Brownfield.
	42.	" Silas Danforth.

## Leave to Withdraw, (Continued.)

Committee.	No.	
Judiciary, (Con.)	43.	On petition of First Parish in Bluehill.
	44.	" J. W. Strout and others.
	45.	" Thomas Butler and others.
	46.	" R. H. Gardiner.
	47.	" Selectmen of Corinth.
Manufactures.	48.	" Portland Labor Reform Association.
Mercantile Affairs.	49.	" Proprietors of Union Wharf.
Military Affairs.	50.	" Lydia Nichols and others.
	51.	" J. W. Cloudman.
	52.	" Henry Boynton.
	53.	" Selectmen of Newport.
	54.	" Fen. G. Barker and others.
	55.	" Rufus Robertson and others.
R., W. and Bridges.	56.	" John A. Poor.
	57.	" Isaac I. York and others.
	58.	" Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad.
	59.	" Presumpscot Land and Water Rower Company.
State Lds. and St. Rds.	60.	" Benj. Gray, Anna F. Owen, Charles E. Hatch, Thomas Goss and B. A. Thompson.
	61.	" Rodney Forsaith and others.
	62.	" W. H. Carey and others.
	63.	" Emily F. Porter and others.
	64.	" Benjamin Hawes.
	65.	" David G. Cook.
Aroostook Co. Deleg'n.	66.	" County Commissioners of Aroostook County.

## PACKAGE NUMBER TWO.

## Legislation Inexpedient.

Agriculture.	1.	On an order relating to abuse of domestic animals.
	2.	" " amendment of section 3, chapter 23, revised statutes.
Claims.	3.	" and petition of Louisa S. F. Mower.
Education.	4.	" relating to qualifications of school teachers.
	5.	" " amendment of school laws.
Fisheries.	6.	" " smelts in Damariscotta river.
	7.	" " cod fishery on our sea-board.
Finance.	8.	" " school money belonging to plantations.
	9.	On resolves relating to the defence of the N. E. Frontier.
Federal Relations.	10.	On an order and petition of Joseph Warren and others, relating to mink, &c.
	11.	" relating to section 5, chapter 63, and section 13, chapter 64 of the revised statutes, concerning the rights of widows in estates of deceased persons.
Judiciary.	12.	" " monuments to deceased soldiers.
	13.	" " sec. 7, chap. 94 revised statutes, concerning writs of possession.
	14.	" " counterfeit bank bills.
	15.	" " certificates of bills of cost.
	16.	" " wills made by minors.
	17.	" " endorsement of writs.
	18.	" " sec. 1, chapter 302 of public laws of 1865.
	19.	" " compensation of selectmen.
	20.	" " Foreign Life Insurance Companies.
	21.	" " repeal of sec. 10, chap. 32, R. S., concerning demand on notes.

## Legislation Inexpedient, (Continued.)

Committee.	No.	
Judiciary, (Con.)	22.	On an order relating to appeals from trial justices.
	23.	“ “ chapter 70, rev. statutes, relating to assignments for benefit of creditors.
	24.	“ “ sec. 5, chap. 6 rev. stat., concerning taxation of money at interest.
	25.	“ “ assumption by the State of town war debts.
	26.	“ “ embezzlement of property so as to protect rights of creditors.
	27.	“ “ sec. 51, chapter 113 revised statutes, concerning poor debtors.
	28.	“ “ administration on estates.
	29.	“ “ sec. 12, chap. 126 revised statutes.
	30.	“ “ protection of forests from fire.
	31.	“ “ enforcement of executions against plantations.
	32.	“ “ reviews in civil actions.
	33.	“ “ sec. 10, chap. 135 rev. stat., concerning poor convicts.
	34.	“ “ law of lien.
	35.	“ “ chap. 80 revised statutes, concerning jails and jailers.
	36.	“ “ sec. 12, chap. 12 rev. statutes, concerning frauds and conspiracies.
	37.	“ “ disturbance of schools.
	38.	“ “ legal settlement of insane paupers.
	39.	“ “ law of divorce.
	40.	“ “ taxation of logs and lumber.
	41.	“ “ poll taxes.
	42.	“ “ taxation of property in unorganized plantations.
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	45.	“ “ sec. 152, chap. 6 rev. statutes, concerning non-resident taxes.
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Military Affairs.	49.	“ “ taxation of foreign ins. companies.
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		“ “ medals for soldiers.
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		“ “ tariff for freight on railroads.
		“ “ expenditures on highways.
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		“ “ repeal of several acts establishing State Reform School.
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**PACKAGE NUMBER THREE.****Indefinitely Postponed.**

Committee.	No.	
Agriculture.	1.	An act to regulate the measure and inspection of milk.
Education.	2.	An act to provide for ascertaining the variations of the compass in this State.
Interior Waters.	3.	An act to supply the inhabitants of the city of Bangor with pure water.
Judiciary.	4.	An act to repeal chapter 150 of the laws of 1862.
		An act relative to the introduction of foreign paupers.
	5.	An act to regulate the liabilities of towns for damages caused
	6.	by defective ways.
Sanitary Necessities.	7.	An act additional to provide for vaccination.
No. Committee.	8.	An act to establish the annual allowance of the superintendent of common schools for travelling expenses.
	9.	Resolve in favor of employment of disabled or injured soldiers who are of sober, temperate and moral habits.

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| 10. | An act to provide for the education of children of deceased and disabled soldiers and seamen from this State. |
| 11. | An act to repeal chapter 114 of the public laws of 1862, relating to costs in court in certain cases.         |

**PACKAGE NUMBER FOUR.****Ought not to pass.**

Agriculture.	1.	Resolve making an appropriation for a continuance of the Scientific Survey of the State.
Education.	2.	An act to establish the Department of Public Instruction.
Federal Relations.	3.	Resolves in favor of a Reciprocity Treaty between this country and the British provinces.
Mercantile Affairs.	4.	An act to incorporate the Silver Spring Company.
Military Affairs.	5.	An act relating to sixteen companies of volunteer military cadets, and amending an act concerning the militia, approved February 23, 1865.
Penobscot Co. Del.	6.	An act to establish the salary of the register of Probate for Penobscot county.
R., W. and Bridges.	7.	An act additional to chapter 35 of the laws of the year 1858, in relation to railroads.
Judiciary.	8.	An act to make valid the doings of the town of Newburg.
	9.	An act additional to chapter 6 of the revised statutes of 1857, and providing for the taxation of shares of stockholders in National Banking Associations.
	10.	An act to increase the fees of clerks of the judicial courts.
	11.	An act additional to chapter 17 of the revised statutes, relating to nuisances.
	12.	Resolves directing that the county attorneys be furnished with certain acts and resolves.
	13.	Resolve in relation to taxing government stocks and shares in National Banks.
	14.	Resolves in relation to United States bonds and assumption of war debts.
	15.	Resolve in relation to taxation of U. S. bonds.

## PACKAGE NUMBER FIVE.

## Next Legislature.

Committee.	No.	
	1.	Petition of William H. Shaw and others for a law regulating salmon fisheries in Denny's river.
	2.	Petition of Moses H. Tibbetts and others to have the town of Woolwich set off from the county of Sagadahoc and annexed to the county of Lincoln.
	3.	Petition of Joseph Clark and others for an appropriation to repair the Canada road, so called.
	4.	Petition of Jonathan Darling and others for an act of incorporation as the Eskutapsis Dam Company.
	5.	Petition of P. S. Merrill and others; petition of John H. Eveleth and others, each for an appropriation to complete the Canada road from Moosehead lake to Canada line.
	6.	An act to amend an act to incorporate the Maine Telegraph Company, passed in the year 1848.
	7.	An act to aid in the construction of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad.
	8.	An act to make valid the doings of the trustees and pew-holders of the Methodist meeting-house in Monmouth.
Banks and Banking.	9.	Petition of John H. Williams and others for an act of incorporation as The Pawner's Bank.
Claims.	10.	Petition of Albert Cushman;
	11.	Petition of Adam Richardson, each for compensation for loss of stock by contagious disease.
	12.	Petition of John Relihan for compensation for grass cut by the Indian agent of Penobscot tribe.
Crts of Reconciliation.	13.	An act providing for jury trials before trial justices and prescribing their mode of procedure and jurisdiction.
Division of Towns.	14.	Petition of Job Foster to have his land set off from the town of Knox and annexed to the town of Montville.
	15.	Petition of Winthrop Baston and Tristram D. Pittee to be set off from the town of North Yarmouth and annexed to the town of Cumberland.
	16.	Petition of Stephen W. Hill to be set off from the town of Kennebunkport and annexed to the city of Biddeford.
	17.	Petition of Henry Tuttle to be set off from the town of Bridgton and annexed to the town of Harrison.
	18.	Petition of O. B. Cheney and others, and James Dingley and others to have the town of Auburn annexed to and united with the city of Lewiston.
	19.	Petition of William Buxton and others to have certain lands set off from the town of Cumberland and annexed to the town of North Yarmouth.
	20.	Petition of selectmen of Frankfort for an abatement of State tax, and for transfer of valuation from said town to town of Monroe.
	21.	Petition of inhabitants of the towns of Washington and Somerville for a change in town lines.
Education.	22.	Petition of S. Rich and others, trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary for aid from the State.
	23.	Resolve in behalf of the gratuitous instruction of children of fallen and disabled heroes of the State.
Fisheries.	24.	Petition of selectmen of Warren for an amendment of the law regulating Warren fishery.
	25.	Petition of James M. Bangs and others for the repeal of an act approved March 22, 1859, authorizing Samuel A. Lawrence to build a fish weir in Seward's bay, Lubec.
	26.	Communication from Governor of New Hampshire, relating to sea fish in Saco and other rivers.
Interior Waters.	27.	Petition of Isaac M. Bragg and others for a law to prevent mill owners on Penobscot river from throwing refuse lumber into said river.

## Next Legislature, (Continued.)

Committee.	No.	
Interior Waters, (Con.)	28.	Petition of Allen Lambard, President of Kennebec Company for an increase of tolls on boats, &c., passing through locks at Kennebec Dam.
	29.	An act to supply the inhabitants of the city of Bangor, with pure water.
Judiciary.	30.	Petition of municipal officers of Glenburn for a school district organization separate from the town of Kenduskeag.
	31.	Petition of Benjamin F. Charles and others for the removal of James Tibbetts of Rome, from the office of trial justice.
	32.	Petition of George M. Weston for the repeal of the resolve approved March 19, 1860, relating to the payment of the agent of Maine at Washington.
Military Affairs.	33.	Petition of A. M. Robinson and others for an act to equalize State bounties paid to volunteers during the rebellion.
	34.	Resolve relating to a soldiers' monument.
R., W. and Bridges.	35.	Petition of S. Nickerson and others for an act authorizing the county commissioners of Waldo county to lay out a highway over Passagassawakeag river in Belfast.
	36.	An act to authorize the consolidation of railroad companies.
St. Lds. and St. Roads.	37.	Petition of Aretas Chapen and others for an appropriation to complete the Canada road.

## PACKAGE NUMBER SIX.

## Referred to Governor and Council.

Claims.	1.	Resolve in favor of the heirs of David Y. Kallcock.
St. Lds. and St. Roads.	2.	Order relating to the claim of R. G. Kallcock to two lots of land under the late treaty with Great Britain.
	3.	Petition of Joshua Cristy and others that the Land Agent may be authorized to deed to Thomas Linton a lot of land being No. 6, in section 8, in the county of Aroostook.
Military Affairs.	4.	Petition of William Tilley that State bounty claimed to be due his late son, George M. Tilley, may be paid to him.

## PACKAGE NUMBER SEVEN.

## On table when Senate adjourned.

	1.	Order relating to the salary of the register of probate of Franklin county.
	2.	Order relating to the rights of paupers in this State.
	3.	Order relating to Lippencott's Pronouncing Gazetteer for the Senate.
	4.	Resolve relating to the distribution of the additional copies of the Adjutant General's Report ordered by the Legislature.
	5.	Resolve in favor of the assumption of the municipal expenditures of the State for war purposes.
	6.	Resolves in relation to the interior fisheries of Maine.
Agriculture.	7.	Resolve in favor of an agricultural survey of some of the large tracts of unsettled lands in this State.
Ct's of Reconciliation.	8.	An act relating to jury trials.
Federal Relations.	9.	Resolve in relation to the crime of treason and the punishment of traitors.
	10.	Resolve relating to the unoccupied lands of the United States.
Judiciary.	11.	An act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways.

## On table when Senate adjourned, (Continued.)

Committee.	No.	
Judiciary, (Con.)	12.	Report of Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to damages in actions of tort.
Merc. Affs. and Ins.	13.	An act to enable parties to written contracts to agree upon the rate of interest for money.

## PACKAGE NUMBER EIGHT.

## Miscellaneous.

1. Report of Committee on Gubernatorial Votes.
2. " " Senatorial Votes.
3. " " Treasurer's Accounts.
4. " " Governor's Message.
5. Report of Committee on Treasurer's Accounts on an order relating to the destruction of bonds on coupons not negotiated, issued under resolve approved March 19, 1864.
6. Report of Committee on Reform School on an order directing said committee to visit that institution and report thereon.
7. Report of Committee on Fraudulent Enlistments and Credits on an order relating to that subject.
8. Report of Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on an order relating to the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad Company.
9. Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on an order relating to appropriations for the benefit of Aroostook county.
10. Report of Committee on celebrating Washington's birth-day.
11. Resolve extending an invitation to Gen. Oliver O. Howard to visit the Legislature.
12. Communications from the Governor.
13. Communications from the Secretary of State.
14. Communications from State officers signifying their acceptance.
15. Communication from Hon. Samuel F. Perley, declining the office of Councillor.
16. Communication from N. G. Hichborn, transmitting Treasurer's Report for 1865.
17. Order directing Secretary of State to print 300 copies of report of inspector general of fish.
18. Order directing Secretary of State to purchase 50 copies of the laws of 1858.
19. Order directing the Secretary of State to furnish members of the Legislature with copies of acts and resolves of 1866.
20. Order directing Secretary of State to furnish acts and resolves from 1857 to 1864 inclusive, for the use of the Senate.
21. Order to make up pay of Wm. F. Blake as Page.
22. Order to make up pay of certain Senators excused.
23. Order for committees to visit State institutions.
24. Order inviting clergymen.
25. Order directing distribution of laws of United States.
26. Order directing the sale of worthless documents in the State Library.
27. Order directing publication of Senate Register.
28. Order directing publication of Legislative Manual.
29. Order directing publication of Senate Journal.
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