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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, January 21, 1881.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary prepare and cause to be printed under his supervision and direction, the usual number of copies of the Journal of the proceedings of the present session of the Senate.

CHARLES W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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AUGUSTA, }  
WEDNESDAY, January 5, 1881. }

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Maine, the Senators elect to the Sixtieth Legislature, convened in the Senate Chamber, and were called to order by CHARLES W. TILDEN, Secretary of the Senate of 1880.

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

The following communication was read by the Secretary :

STATE OF MAINE, }  
Office of the Secretary of State. }

*To the Secretary of the Senate:*

In compliance with section 21 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, I hereby certify that the following are the names and residences of the Senators elect to the Sixtieth Legislature, as appears by the report of the Governor and Council, under the date of November 26th, A. D. 1880, to wit:

*First Senatorial District—YORK.*

GEORGE H. WAKEFIELD, South Berwick,  
JASON W. BEATFY, Saco,  
CHARLES F. SANBORN, Parsonsfield.

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*Second Senatorial District—CUMBERLAND.*

JOSEPH A. LOCKE, Portland,  
HENRY C. BREWER, Freeport,  
ALBERT F. NUTTING, Otisfield,  
TOBIAS LORD, JR., Standish.

*Third Senatorial District—OXFORD.*

AUGUSTUS H. WALKER, Lovell,  
GEORGE D. BISBEE, Buckfield.

*Fourth Senatorial District—ANDROSCOGGIN.*

JEREMIAH DINGLEY, JR., Auburn,  
GEORGE PARCHER, Leeds.

*Fifth Senatorial District—FRANKLIN.*

GEORGE R. FERNALD, Wilton.

*Sixth Senatorial District—SAGadahoc.*

EDWIN D. LAMSON, Richmond.

*Seventh Senatorial District—KENNEBEC.*

COLBY C. CORNISH, Winslow,  
JOSEPH S. BERRY, Wayne.

*Eighth Senatorial District—SOMERSET.*

CHANDLER BAKER, Bingham,  
NATHANIEL B. BUXTON, Anson.

*Ninth Senatorial District—PISCATAQUIS.*

LEVI C. FLINT, Monson.

*Tenth Senatorial District—PENOBSCOT.*

JOSEPH L. SMITH, Oldtown,  
STEPHEN JENNINGS, Bangor,  
FRANCIS W. HILL, Exeter,  
HENRY C. FRIEND, Etna.



*Eleventh Senatorial District—LINCOLN.*

JAMES W. CLARKE, Nobleborough.

*Twelfth Senatorial District—KNOX.*

DAVID N. MORTLAND, Rockland.

*Thirteenth Senatorial District—WALDO.*

JAMES R. TABER, Unity,  
CALVIN W. SHERMAN, Islesborough.

*Fourteenth Senatorial District—HANCOCK.*

NAHUM T. HILL, Bucksport,  
LUCILIUS A. EMERY, Ellsworth.

*Fifteenth Senatorial District—WASHINGTON.*

EZRA L. PATTANGALL, Pembroke,  
VORANUS L. COFFIN, Harrington.

*Sixteenth Senatorial District—AROOSTOOK.*

DAVID DUDLEY, Presque Isle.

[L. S.] In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed, at Augusta, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and fifth.

(Signed) S. J. CHADBOURNE,  
*Secretary of State.*

And the roll being called the foregoing Senators elect responded to their names:

Messrs. Baker, Berry, Brewer, Buxton, Clarke, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Locke, Lord, Mortland, Nutting, Parcher, Sanborn, Sherman, Smith, Taber, Wakefield, Walker.

Subsequently Messrs. Beatty, Bisbee, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings and Pattangall were announced as present, and responded to their names.

And a quorum of Senators elect was present.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH of Kennebec,

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. Cornish subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and the Governor was pleased to reply, that he would attend upon the Senators elect forthwith, for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the Constitution.

Thereupon the Governor, attended by the Council and Heads of Departments, came in, before whom the Senators elect took and subscribed to the oaths required by the Constitution.

The Governor and suite then withdrew.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,  
Clarke of Lincoln,  
Hill of Hancock,

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 :

The whole number of votes is.....	29
Necessary for a choice.....	15
Joseph A. Locke has .....	21
Joseph L. Smith .....	8

On motion by Mr. SMITH, the election of Hon. Joseph A. Locke was made unanimous.

The report was accepted, and Hon. Joseph A. Locke declared duly elected President of the Senate for the term consisting of the political years of 1881 and 1882.

Mr. Locke was conducted to the chair by Mr. Smith of Penobscot, and Mr. Berry of Kennebec, and thereupon addressed the Senate as follows :

SENATORS :—In accepting the position which your kindness and partiality assign me, I recognize on the one hand the honor, and on the other the responsibility which accompanies it. For the former I sincerely thank you, and I trust and believe your kind forbearance

and support will lighten the latter, and make the duties of the chair a pleasure rather than a burden.

We are about entering upon the duties of an important session of the Legislature. It is the first session under the amendment to our State constitution adopting biennial elections. This change will necessarily entail upon us a large amount of work. The report of the Commissioners of Valuation will soon be made, upon which, and the doings of the Legislature, depends the rate of taxation for State purposes. The people of the State for the last few years have struggled under a heavy burden of taxation, not, however, heavier with us than in many other States; they have felt that some relief ought to be furnished, that the burden should be lightened, and that State expenditures and Legislative appropriations should be cut down to the lowest figure consistent with the public interest. To do this, and at the same time see that the Commonwealth suffers no harm, is the work of wise statesmanship. Grave constitutional questions may arise at once, upon which no one should act hastily or inconsiderately; and from the well known reputation and high standing, in their several communities and throughout the State, of the Senators composing this branch of the legislative department of the government, no one can doubt but that such a course of proceeding will be decided upon, and such measures adopted, as shall be right, proper, just and legal, and such as will stand the test of the judicial crucible. Within the last few years several amendments to our State constitution have been presented to the people. The frequent tinkering of the constitution is a matter of doubtful expediency. The constitution is, or should be, but the outline or framework of political government; and, as a distinguished writer has said, "should not be made to embrace within its iron grasp those subjects, in regard to which the policy or interest of the State, or of its people may vary from time to time, and which are, therefore, more properly left to the control of the Legislature, which can more easily and speedily make the required changes."

Again thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, and promising you my best endeavors to perform the duties pertaining to the chair in an impartial manner, relying upon your indulgence, and trusting that if in the course of our deliberations the chair makes an error in ruling, the Senators will kindly pardon, the chair is now ready to attend to the business of the session.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

Messrs. Wakefield of York,

Jennings of Penobscot,

Parcher of Androscoggin,

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 :

The whole number of votes is.....	30
Necessary for a choice.....	16
Charles W. Tilden has .....	22
Albert G. Andrews.....	8

The report was accepted, and Charles W. Tilden of Hallowell, declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate for the term consisting of the political years of 1881 and 1882.

Mr. Tilden signified his acceptance of the office, and,

On motion by Mr. COFFIN,

Messrs. Coffin of Washington, and Friend of Penobscot, were appointed a Committee to conduct the Secretary elect to the Council Chamber for the purpose of taking and subscribing the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Coffin subsequently reported that the Committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor and Council being temporarily absent, administering the oaths of office to the Representatives' elect in the Representatives' Hall, Charles W. Tilden had, before James R. Milliken, Esq., authorized by *dedimus potestatem*, taken and subscribed the necessary oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Whereupon Mr. Tilden entered upon the discharge of his official duties.

CHARLES W. TILDEN,

*Secretary of the Senate of 1880.*

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY,

Messrs. Dudley of Aroostook,

Fernald of Franklin,

Lamson of Sagadahoc,

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 :

The whole number of votes is.....	26
Necessary for a choice.....	14
George E. Minot has .....	23
H. J. A. Simmons .....	3

The report was accepted, and George E. Minot of Belgrade, was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Minot subsequently appeared and took and subscribed to the oaths of office, before James R. Milliken, Esq., authorized by *dedimus potestatem*.

On motion by Mr. BREWER,

Messrs. Brewer of Cumberland,  
Mortland of Knox,  
Clarke 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 :

The whole number of votes is.....	27
Necessary for a choice.....	14
Charles H. Lovejoy has.....	19
James Devine .....	8

The report was accepted, and Charles H. Lovejoy of Sidney, was declared duly elected Messenger of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. TABER,

Messrs. Taber of Waldo,  
Lord of Cumberland,  
Hill of Hancock,

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 :

The whole number of votes is.....	29
Necessary for a choice.....	15
F. E. Voter has .....	22
L. P. Toothaker .....	7

The report was accepted, and F. E. Voter of Farmington, was declared duly elected Assistant Messenger of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

*Ordered*, That the President be authorized to appoint a Page for the Senate.

The PRESIDENT appointed William H. Prescott of Wayne, Page.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND of Knox,

That Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing the Executive Department that the Senate is duly organized by the choice of Hon. Joseph A. Locke as President, and Charles W. Tilden as Secretary.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER of Androscoggin,

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. Joseph A. Locke as President, and Charles W. Tilden as Secretary.

A communication was received from Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, transmitting the returns of votes for Senators in the Sixtieth Legislature of Maine.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH,

*Ordered*, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the President, to whom returns of votes for Senators for the political years of 1881 and 1882, shall be referred for examination and report, and

Messrs. Cornish of Kennebec,

Lamson of Sagadahoc,

Beatty of York,

Smith of Penobscot,

Lord of Cumberland,

Fernald of Franklin,

Buxton of Somerset,

were appointed said Committee.

A communication was received from Hon. S. J. Chadbourne, Secretary of State, transmitting the returns of votes of Governor for the term consisting of the political years of 1881 and 1882, which was read and sent down.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

*Ordered*, That the returns for Governor given in the several cities, towns and plantations of this State for the political years of 1881 and 1882, be referred to a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, and

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,  
Mortland of Knox,  
Dingley of Androscoggin,  
Hill of Penobscot,  
Walker of Oxford,  
Pattangall of Washington,  
Clarke of Lincoln,

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order was returned from the House, with

Messrs. Morrill of Augusta,  
Parker of Lewiston,  
Verrill of Portland,  
Dickey of Fort Kent,  
Linscott of Farmington,  
McAlister of Bucksport,  
Hall of Rockland,  
Fisher of Boothbay,  
Marble of Paris,  
White of Levant,  
Flint of Dover,  
Goss of Bath,  
Goodale of Hartland,  
Harding of Waldo,  
McKusick of Calais,  
Emery of Saco,

joined by that branch.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

*Ordered*, That the Rules and Orders of 1880 be the Rules and Orders of this Senate until otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Joint Rules and Orders of 1880 be adopted as the Joint Rules and Orders of this Legislature until otherwise ordered.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate procure the printing of 100 diagrams of the Senate Chamber, for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State be directed to place in the hands of the Secretary of the Senate, for the use of the Senate, four copies of the Revised Statutes, one copy of Cushing's Law and Practice of Parliamentary Assemblies, and one copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, and that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate to have the same returned to the Secretary of State at the close of the session.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to furnish to each Senator, and officer of the Senate, one copy of the Kennebec Journal, and one other daily paper published in this State, such as each member may select.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Hatch of Bangor, informing the Senate that the House had been duly organized by the choice of Hon. L. H. Hutchinson as Speaker, Oramandal Smith as Clerk and Frank L. Patten as Assistant Clerk.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of State provide each officer and member of the Senate, one copy of the Acts and Resolves of 1880.

The following communication was received from S. T. Hinks, Chairman of the Valuation Commission :

AUGUSTA, January 4, 1881.

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

The Commission, appointed under a resolve of the Legislature, approved February 12th, 1880, to prepare a full, just and equal valuation of the estates and an enumeration of the polls, subject to be taxed, as a basis of taxation for State purposes, submit the following report in accordance with a requirement of said resolve, viz :

That the preparation of said valuation and enumeration, has required more time and labor than was anticipated by the Commission and is not yet completed, but they have proceeded so far in the work that they will be able to report finally at an early day.

By order of the Commission.

(Signed)

S. T. HINKS, *Chairman*.

Read and sent down.



On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

*Ordered*, That the Senate proceed to elect a Chaplain of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,  
Pattangall of Washington,  
Baker of Somerset,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Chaplain of the Senate.

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

Whole number of votes is . . . . . 27

Necessary for a choice . . . . . 14

Nathaniel Butler has . . . . . 27

The report was accepted, and Rev. Nathaniel Butler declared duly elected Chaplain of the Senate for the political years of 1881 and 1882.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings forthwith procure and place upon the floor of the Senate Chamber a new and suitable carpet, and also procure and place in the Senate Chamber, new and suitable chairs for the use of the Senators.

Read and passed.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. CLARKE of Lincoln, the vote whereby the foregoing order received a passage, was reconsidered.

Mr. DUDLEY of Aroostook, moved to indefinitely postpone the order, which was disagreed to.

Mr. HILL of Hancock, offered the following amendment: Strike out all after the word "carpet."

Disagreed to.

Mr. DINGLEY moved the passage of the order as offered by Senator Emery of Hancock.

The motion was agreed to and the order passed.

The following order was received from the House :

The Senate concurring, that when this House adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow, Thursday, at 4 o'clock P. M.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

The order was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

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

On motion by Mr. FLINT,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Order from the House :

That all petitions or orders for private or special legislation shall be presented on or before Wednesday, the 20th of January, 1881, and that this order be published in the Daily Kennebec Journal, Portland Press, Daily Eastern Argus, Daily Portland Evening Advertiser, Daily Lewiston Evening Journal, Daily Bangor Whig and Courier, Belfast Journal, Aroostook Republican, Bangor Daily Commercial, Calais Advertiser, Rockland Free Press, Union and Journal, and Eastport Sentinel.

Read, and on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table.

Mr. CORNISH of the Committee to whom was referred the examination and counting of Senatorial votes, submitted the following report :

FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

George H. Wakefield has.....	7,353
Jason W. Beatty.....	7,331
Charles F. Sanborn .....	7,340
Ichabod Cole .....	7,167
John T. Wedgwood.....	6,924
John Q. Dennitt.....	7,172
John F. Wedgwood.....	267
Scattering.....	15

And George H. Wakefield, Jason W. Beatty and Charles F. Sanborn having received a plurality of votes cast, are elected and entitled to seats.

## SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Joseph A. Locke has.....	9,734
Henry C. Brewer.....	9,735
Albert F. Nutting.....	9,754
Tobias Lord, Jr.....	9,745
Daniel W. True.....	9,731
William R. Field.....	9,724
Spencer Decker.....	9,686
William F. Eaton.....	9,079
W. F. Eaton.....	566
Leonard B. Chapman.....	52
Richard Mayberry.....	54
James H. Doughty.....	54
Coleman Harding.....	56
Scattering.....	17

And Joseph A. Locke, Henry C. Brewer, Albert F. Nutting and Tobias Lord Jr. having received a plurality of votes cast, are elected and entitled to seats.

## THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Augustus H. Walker has.....	4,465
George D. Bisbee.....	4,450
Lewis W. Child.....	3,700
Charles B. Smith.....	4,280
Lewis M. Child.....	3
Lewis W. Chiles.....	91
Sumner Kimball.....	35
Joseph M. Edgecombs.....	1
Lewis W. Child.....	507
Charles R. Smith.....	21
John M. Edgecomb.....	20
Joseph M. Edgecomb.....	14
W. D. Bolster.....	1
Samuel Kimball.....	1

And Augustus H. Walker and George D. Bisbee having received a plurality of votes cast, are elected and entitled to seats.

## FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Jeremiah Dingley, Jr., has.....	4,819
George Parcher .....	4,821
G. Frank Evans.....	4,474
W. W. Sanborn.....	4,476
Albert T. Chase.....	40
Albion K. P. Edwards.....	39
Scattering .....	2

And Jeremiah Dingley Jr. and George Parcher having received a plurality of the votes cast, are elected and entitled to seats.

## FIFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

George R. Fernald has.....	2,359
Parmenas Dyer .....	2,303
George R. Fernal.....	6
Scattering.....	3

And George R. Fernald having received a plurality of the votes cast, is elected and entitled to a seat.

## SIXTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Edwin D. Lamson has .....	2,714
John F. Williams.....	1,732
Reuben S. Hunt.....	49
E. D. Lamson .....	2
John H. Humphreys .....	2

And Edwin D. Lamson having received a plurality of the votes cast, is elected and entitled to a seat.

## SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Colby C. Cornish has .....	7,452
Joseph S. Berry.....	7,457
Japheth M. Winn .....	5,701
James D. White.....	5,701
Emery O. Bean.....	1
C. C. Cornish.....	9
Wilber Lord .....	1
L. M. Winn.....	1
John Ware.....	2

And Colby C. Cornish and Joseph S. Berry having received a plurality of the votes cast, are elected and entitled to seats.

#### EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Orin S. Haskell has .....	3,974
Chandler Baker .....	4,127
Simon S. Brown.....	4,112
Nathaniel B. Buxton.....	4,316
O. S. Haskell.....	75
Orin Haskell. ....	64
Scattering .....	3

And Chandler Baker and Nathaniel B. Buxton having received a plurality of the votes cast, are elected and entitled to seats.

#### NINTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Levi C. Flint has .....	1,952
Andrew J. Chase.....	1,640

And Levi C. Flint having received a plurality of the votes cast, is elected and is entitled to a seat.

#### TENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Thomas H. Wentworth has .....	8,220
John L. Cutler .....	8,229
Samuel Libbey .....	8,218
James W. Rogers .....	8,224
Joseph L. Smith .....	8,625
Stephen Jennings.....	8,637
Francis W. Hill.....	8,613
Henry C. Friend ..	8,646
George Hovey .....	5
Samuel Snow.....	5
Franklin Friend.....	5
William Dunbar.....	5

And Joseph L. Smith, Stephen Jennings, Francis W. Hill and Henry C. Friend having received a plurality of the votes cast, are elected and entitled to seats.

## ELEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Elbridge G. Baker has.....	2,663
James W. Clarke .....	2,958
James W. Clark.....	19
Elbridge Baker.....	3
Elbridge C. Baker.....	1

And James W. Clarke having received a plurality of the votes cast, is elected and entitled to a seat.

## TWELFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

David N. Mortland has.....	2,822
Atwood Levensaler.....	1,597
Wilder W. Perry.....	2,643
George W. Morse.....	5

And David N. Mortland having received a plurality of the votes cast, is elected and entitled to a seat.

## THIRTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Joseph R. Mears has.....	3,021
Alfred E. Nickerson.....	3,027
James R. Taber.....	4,516
Calvin W. Sherman.....	4,508
J. R. Mears.....	2

And James R. Taber and Calvin W. Sherman having received a plurality of the votes cast, are elected and entitled to seats.

## FOURTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Nahum T. Hill has .....	4,401
Lucilius A. Emery.....	4,375
Charles A. Spofford.....	3,730
Hiram S. Bartlett .....	3,757
Charles J. Smith .....	26
Joseph H. Whitmore.....	26

And Nahum T. Hill and Lucilius A. Emery having received a plurality of the votes cast, are elected and entitled to seats.

## FIFTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Voranus L. Coffin has.....	4,500
Ezra L. Pattangall.....	4,477

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James R. Talbot .....	4,356
John T. Wallace, Jr. ....	4,299
V. L. Coffin ...	1
John T. Wallace .....	64
William Martin .....	1
John R. Talbot .....	12
Varanus Coffin .....	9

And Voranus L. Coffin and Ezra L. Pattangall having received a plurality of the votes cast, are elected and entitled to seats.

#### SIXTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Levi Sears has .....	3,120
David Dudley. ....	3,584

And David Dudley having received a plurality of the votes cast, is elected and entitled to a seat.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. C. CORNISH,	} Committee.
J. W. BEATTY,	
J. L. SMITH,	
TOBIAS LORD, JR.,	
G. R. FERNALD,	
N. R. BUXTON,	

Read and accepted.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,	}
Augusta, January 5, 1881.	

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity with the provisions of section XI, part I, article V of the Constitution, I herewith communicate a list embracing every case of reprieve, remission of penalty, commutation or pardon, granted by me, with the advice and consent of the Council, in the year 1880, stating the name of the convict, the date of reprieve, remission, commutation or pardon, and the condition, if any, upon which the same was granted.

DANIEL F. DAVIS.

Read and sent down.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

*Ordered*, That a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to contract with some suitable person or persons to do the State printing and binding for the political years of 1881 and 1882.

Read and passed, and

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,

Hill of Hancock,

Wakefield of York,

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BREWER,

*Ordered*, That a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to negotiate for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book.

Read and passed, and

Messrs. Brewer of Cumberland,

Lamson of Sagadahoc,

Taber of Waldo,

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

11.10 O'CLOCK.

On motion by Mr. EMERY of Hancock,

*Ordered*, That the Senate take a recess until 11.45.

11.45 O'CLOCK.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

On motion by Mr. FERNALD,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary make up the pay of A. B. T. Chadbourne, as Assistant Messenger of the Senate, at three dollars per day for ten days, with the usual mileage.

Read and passed.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. SMITH, its Clerk, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature, in the Representatives' Hall forthwith, for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Adjutant General, and seven Executive Councillors, and asking the concurrence of the Senate.



On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

The Senate concurred in the foregoing proposition for a Convention, of which the Secretary informed the House by message.

The Senate then proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

### IN CONVENTION.

On motion by Mr. HILL,

Messrs. Hill of Hancock,  
Beatty of York, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Rowell of Hallowell,  
Marble of Paris,  
Purinton of Bowdoin,  
Parker of Lewiston,  
Redlon of Portland, of the House,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Secretary of State.

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

Whole number of votes is . . . . .	165
Necessary for a choice . . . . .	83
Joseph O. Smith has . . . . .	103
Prince A. Sawyer . . . . .	62

The report was read and accepted, and Hon. Joseph O. Smith declared duly elected Secretary of State for the current political years of 1881-82.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

Messrs. Parcher of Androscoggin,  
Jennings of Penobscot, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Donnell of Biddeford,  
Lord of Bangor,  
Pitcher of Belfast.  
Hutchinson of Houlton,  
Ritchie of Winterport, of the House,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for Attorney General.

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

Whole number of votes is .....	162
Necessary for a choice .....	82
Henry B. Cleaves has .....	102
David R. Hastings.. ..	60

The report was read and accepted, and Hon. Henry B. Cleaves declared duly elected Attorney General for the current political years of 1881-82.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

Messrs. Wakefield of York,  
Sherman of Waldo, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Emery of Saco,  
Bradstreet of Bridgton,  
Goss of Auburn,  
Sweat of Brownfield,  
Wheeler of Etna, 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 votes is .....	157
Necessary for a choice .....	79
Gen. George L. Beal has ... ..	102
Melville M. Folsom .....	55

The report was read and accepted, and Gen. George L. Beal declared duly elected Adjutant General for the current political years of 1881-82.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,  
Smith of Penobscot, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Kendall of Freeport,  
Joy of Union,  
Linscott of Farmington,  
Smith of Mt. Vernon,  
Staples of Parsonsfield, of the House,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count votes for seven Executive Councillors.

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

Whole number of votes is.....	162
Necessary for a choice.....	82
Roscoe L. Bowers has.....	101
Frederick Robie.....	101
Joseph T. Hinckley.....	101
William Wilson.....	101
James G. Pendleton.....	101
Lewis Barker.....	102
Samuel N. Campbell.....	101
J. F. Dearborn.....	61
Charles H. Chase.....	61
John B. Redman.....	61
D. H. Thing.....	61
Ezra Manter.....	61
John B. Foster.....	60
Charles R. Whidden.....	61

The report was accepted, and the Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell were declared duly elected Executive Councillors for the current political years of 1881-82.

On motion by Mr. HATCH of the House,

*Ordered,* That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to inform Joseph O. Smith of his election as Secretary of State, Henry B. Cleaves of his election as Attorney General, George L. Beal of his election as Adjutant General, and Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell of their election as Executive Councillors.

The Convention then dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

*Ordered,* That the Secretary make up the pay of George E. Brackett, as Assistant Secretary of the Senate, for ten days at three dollars per day, with the usual mileage.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that one of the Joint Rules and Orders of the two Houses, be amended, by adding to the list of Joint Standing Committees, a Committee on the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

On motion by Mr. JENNINGS of Penobscot, the order was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. SMITH of Penobscot,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Orders from the House :

That the order relating to the time for presenting petitions for private and and special legislation, be published in the Daily Morning News of Portland, in addition to the papers already ordered, was read, and on motion by Mr. FLINT, laid on the table.

Communications were received from Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell, Executive Councillors elect, signifying their acceptance.

Also from Gen. George L. Beal, Adjutant General, and Hon. Joseph O. Smith, Secretary of State, signifying their acceptance of the offices to which they were severally elected, which were read and sent down.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

*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, forthwith, for the purpose of administering to Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker

and Samuel N. Campbell, Councillors elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties, and asking the concurrence of the House therewith.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, informing the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the foregoing proposition of the Senate.

Thereupon the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

### IN CONVENTION.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND of the Senate,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention notify Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell, Councillors elect, 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 the discharge of their official duties.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and the Councillors elect were pleased to say that they would attend upon the Convention forthwith for the purposes indicated in the message.

Thereupon Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell, Councillors elect, came in, and in presence of of both branches 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 by Mr. LAMSON,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Governor by the Secretary, informing him of the election and qualification of Hons. Roscoe L. Bowers, Frederick Robie, Joseph T. Hinckley, William Wilson, James G. Pendleton, Lewis Barker and Samuel N. Campbell, as Executive Councillors for the years 1881 and 1882.

The Councillors then retired and the Convention dissolved.

## IN SENATE.

On motion by Mr. BREWER,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare a Register of the Senate in the usual form, and that three hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. DUDLEY of Aroostook, informed the Senate that at an early day in the session he should introduce a bill so to amend the Constitution of the State, as to confer the privilege of elective franchise on all its citizens, without regard to sex.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the Senate adjourns it be to meet on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back from that branch concurred in.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

*Ordered*, That a Committee of three be appointed on Leave of Absence, to whom any Senator desiring to be absent one or more sessions, shall report and obtain consent therefor, save in cases of emergency, and

Messrs. Wakefield of York,  
Hill of Penobscot,  
Bisbee of Oxford,

were appointed said Committee.

On motion by Mr. FLINT,

*Ordered*, That a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed, to whom all matters relating to temperance and prohibitory laws shall be referred.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1881.

The constitutional question being raised that the Legislature has no legal right to adjourn over to Tuesday afternoon, in accordance with a joint order passed in the Senate Friday, January 7th, 1881, until a Governor was elected, the Senate met at 10 o'clock A. M.

No quorum being present,

The PRESIDENT declared the Senate adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock A. M.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*

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MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1881.

Senate met according to adjournment.

No quorum present.

In the absence of the President, the Secretary declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday at 10 o'clock A. M.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1881.

No Chaplain present.

Journal of Friday was approved.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet this P. M.  
at 4 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. FLINT,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of this forenoon was approved.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday P. M. was approved.

Communications were received from the Secretary of State, transmitting the annual reports of the Board of Managers of the Industrial School for Girls, Trustees, Resident Officers and Visiting Committee of the Maine Insane Hospital; also the sixty-fourth annual report of the Directors and Officers of the American Asylum at Hartford, Conn.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, the above communications with the several reports were laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to have printed appropriate heads upon the paper and envelopes furnished the Senate.

Mr. BERRY, of the Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, submitted the following report:

## STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, January 12, 1881.

The Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, have attended to their duty, and ask leave to report that the whole number of votes returned for Governor is.....147,802

Harris M. Plaisted had.....	73,713
Daniel F. Davis .....	73,544
Joshua Nye.....	309
William P. Joy. . . . .	124
Harrison M. Plaisted.....	57
Scattering .....	55

And Harris M. Plaisted having a plurality of all the votes returned, is duly elected Governor for the current political term of 1881-82.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

J. S. BERRY,  
A. H. WALKER,  
J. W. CLARKE,  
J. DINGLEY, Jr., *of the Senate.*

A. P. MORRILL,  
BYRON D. VERRILL,  
O. G. HALL,  
G. C. GOSS,  
GEO. C. GOODALE,  
G. W. MCALISTER,  
GEO. A. EMERY,  
W. DICKEY,  
J. G. HARDING,  
JOHN WHITE,  
JOHN J. LINSKOTT,  
I. N. PARKER,  
J. C. MARBLE, *of the House.*

Mr. MORTLAND, from the same Committee, submitted a minority report.

#### STATE OF MAINE.

In SENATE, January 12, 1881.

The Minority of the Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Votes, have attended to their duty and ask leave to make the following report, to wit:

That the whole number of votes cast for Governor at the election held on the 13th day of September, A. D. 1880, was .... 147,802

Harris M. Plaisted had .....	73,713
Daniel F. Davis .....	73,544
Joshua Nye.....	309
William P. Joy. . . . .	124
Harrison M. Plaisted.....	57
And there were scattering .....	55

And whereas, the Constitution of Maine, Art. 5th, Sect. 3d, in force on the day of said election, provided that a majority of all the

votes returned should be necessary to constitute an election of Governor by the people, and it appears to your Committee that no person had received a majority of all the votes returned as cast at said election, we cannot concur in the conclusion arrived at by the majority of the Committee.

And whereas, the Constitution, Art. 6, Sec. 3, provides that the Supreme Judicial Court may be required by the Governor, Council, Senate or House of Representatives, to give their opinion upon important questions of law and upon solemn occasions, we believe it to be the duty of the Senate and House, or either, to require of the Court to give their opinion as to whether or not the constitutional amendment providing for the amendment of Art. 5, Sec. 3, by striking out the word "majority" wherever it occurs, and inserting in place thereof the word "plurality," applied to the election held on the said 13th day of September.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) D. N. MORTLAND,  
M. N. McKUSICK,  
EPHRAIM FLINT.

Mr. MORTLAND of Knox, in presenting the minority report, moved the majority report be amended by substituting the minority report, which was defeated, yeas 3, nays 27.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Fernald, Flint, Mortland—3.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Brewer, Buxton, Clarke, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Emery, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings, Lamson, Lord, Nutting, Parcher, Pat-tangall, Sanborn, Sherman, Smith, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—27.

So the amendment was defeated.

The question then returned on the report submitted by the majority of the Committee.

Mr. EMERY of Hancock, offered the following amendment marked "A."

That the majority report be amended by adding the votes reported as returned for Harrison M. Plaisted to those reported as returned for Harris M. Plaisted, which was rejected, yeas 9, nays 20.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Clarke, Dudley, Emery, Friend, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings, Sherman, Smith—9.

Those who voted in negative are :

Messrs. Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Brewer, Buxton, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Fernald, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Lord, Nutting, Parcher, Pattangall, Sanborn, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—20.

So the amendment was rejected and the majority report was accepted as reported from the Committee.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Penobscot,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

The reports of the Committee on Gubernatorial Votes was returned from the House, that branch concurring in the acceptance of the majority report of the Committee in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. JENNINGS,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the first joint rule of the two houses be and the same is hereby amended, by adding to the Joint Standing Committees a Committee on Mines and Mining.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

The order relating to a Joint Standing Committee on the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, was taken from the table.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

*Resolved*, That the same be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

*Ordered*, That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Hon. Harris M. Plaisted, and inform him he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political years of 1881 and 1882, and

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,  
Coffin of Washington,  
Hill of Penobscot,

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, with

Messrs. Morrill of Augusta,  
Dickey of Fort Kent,  
Cook of Lewiston,  
Folsom of Oldtown,  
Hersom of Berwick,  
Freeman of Cherryfield,  
Leighton of Westbrook,

joined by that branch.

Mr. BERRY, of the foregoing, subsequently reported that the Committee had waited upon the Governor elect and informed him of his election, and he was pleased to reply that he accepted the office, and would attend upon the Legislature at such time as may be assigned, for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution, to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a convention of both branches of the Legislature this day at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Hall of Representatives, for the purpose of administering to Harris M. Plaisted, Governor elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Secretary conveyed the message.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Mr. Smith its Clerk, concurring in the above proposition.

The hour assigned for the Convention for the purpose of administering to Hon. Harris M. Plaisted, Governor elect, the oaths of office, having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

Messrs. Parcher of Androscoggin,

Friend of Penobscot,

Walker of Oxford, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Strout of Portland,

Wentworth of Gardiner,

Buck of Orland,

Sweat of Brownfield,

Lord of Bangor,

Lang of Palmyra,

Staples of Biddeford, of the House,

were appointed a Committee to wait upon Hon. Harris M. Plaisted, 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 qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Parcher subsequently reported that the Committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor elect requested them 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 Executive Council and Heads of Departments, 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 for the discharge of his official duties.

Hon. S. J. CHADBOURNE, 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 plurality thereof were given to Harris M. Plaisted, 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 HARRIS M. PLAISTED 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:*

Called by the voice of the people and the voice of law, to assume the responsibilities and undertake the duties of Chief Magistrate of our State, I avail myself of this presence to express my grateful thanks to my fellow citizens, to whose partiality I am indebted for this distinguished honor. I should be, indeed, something more, or less, than human, if so distinguished a mark of public favor did not command my gratitude and my devotion, and fill me with a profound sense of the trust reposed.

A public trust is the most sacred of all trusts, and one that should bear, with the greatest weight of obligation, upon every right-thinking mind. The betrayal of a high public trust is more than treason, and admits of no excuse or palliation, and no mercy or pity for him who betrays it. For, be it remem-

bered, that, after all the safeguards human wisdom and human prudence can devise for the security of our most sacred interests, we must repose at last, for that security, upon the simple honesty of man. No sure foundation but this hath society or government.

While it is with no little distrust of my own abilities, it is not without some confidence, that I assume the trust to which I am called of my fellow citizens, and to the faithful discharge of which I have just pledged myself by the most solemn sanctions; for the people are never unreasonably exacting of their public servants. Brilliant talents and great abilities are held by them in comparatively light regard; but faithful public services, when rendered by moderate abilities, never fail of their reward in the appreciation and gratitude of the people. The short comings and mistakes of a public servant, in the highest station, even, are forgiven and overlooked, provided he has done his best. Indeed, so little exacting, and so indulgent are the people, it would seem as if they were quite ready to impute it to him for righteousness if a public servant does not betray his trust. This is a sad reflection, it it be true, and yet one that should inspire each of us, entering upon this term of service, with a zeal to do his best for the commonwealth, and, at the same time, to lament that he is not able to do more.

I shall not be able, gentlemen, to furnish you with any detailed statement of the affairs of the departments and institutions of the State. I have not had access to the official Reports of the last year; they have not yet been published. Besides, owing to the uncertainty as to the election—the declaration of the result—I have not made such examination of these affairs of the State as I might otherwise have felt it my duty to make. Hence, for needed information respecting the affairs of the several departments and the condition and wants of our State institutions, I have to refer you to the official Reports, which will be laid before you at an early



day ; confining myself in the main, to such general reflections and suggestions, concerning them, as seem to me appropriate.

#### FINANCES.

Upon the subject of the State finances I give you such information as I have been able to obtain from the Treasurer's office :

Receipts for 1880.....	\$1,672,395 13
Expenditures .....	1,581,469 96
Sinking fund, Jan. 1, 1881.....	1,307,857 75
Bonded debt.....	5,883,900 00

The estimates for 1881 are not yet completed. For these and all other details as to the finances of the State, I refer you to the Treasurer's Report.

#### TAXATION.

Taxation is the one subject of universal and vital interest to the people of this State. It will receive from you, I doubt not, that earnest attention which its supreme importance demands. I wish it were permitted me to say, that none of our people were oppressed by debt and taxation ; that none looked to the future with gloomy forebodings, seeing no way out of the toils of debt and taxation ; that none, under the weight of these burdens, either succumbed to despair or left their homes to try their fortunes in a new country ; but, rather, that all were prosperous, contented and happy. It would be far more agreeable to me and more in accordance with the customary language of this occasion.

The truth is, the people of this State are oppressed by the burdens they bear,—the burdens of debt and taxation. Taxation falls heavily upon some, because it does not fall equally upon all. Too large a proportion of the public burdens falls upon real estate. This is especially true of all farm property. The property of the farmer, both real and personal, is all visible and exposed to assessment. Besides, no account is taken of his mortgages, though his farm may be mortgaged

for all that it is worth. It approximates the truth, to say that none of his property escapes taxation "according to the just value thereof." Of this the farmer does not complain, but when other classes of property, in vast amounts, are permitted to escape taxation, in whole or in part, he does complain, and has a right to complain of the injustice of his government. For he is thus made to bear, not his own burdens only, but the burdens of others. This is injustice. Taxation and protection are reciprocal. It is the spirit of our institutions to be equal as well as free, equal rights and equal benefits; equal protection and equal burdens; special privileges to none.

It will devolve upon you, the legislative branch of the government, to devise and pursue such measures of relief from unequal taxation as shall seem to you the most appropriate. It will be your pleasure, as well as your duty, I doubt not, to reduce the current expenses of the government, if it can be done by the practice of a severe, not parsimonious, economy.

But it is not in the economical expenditure of the public revenue, so much as in seeking new sources of revenues and in equalizing the burdens of taxation, that you will be able to compass such reforms and such relief as will gladden the hearts and cheer the hopes of our people. The public burdens are unequally borne. When all the property in the State is reached and taxed as real estate and all property of farmers, "according to the just value thereof," the rate of taxation will be reduced one half. Then will taxation fall lightly and be borne cheerfully, because it will fall equally upon all. True it is, that absolute equality in taxation can never be attained. A disproportionate share of the public burdens will always be thrown on certain kinds of property because they are visible and tangible. The best system to be sought is that which, in its practical operation, approximates nearest to equality.

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EXEMPTIONS.

The legislature in its discretion, has always exercised the power of exempting certain kinds of property from taxation. On the theory that taxation and protection are reciprocal, no exemptions can be defended. As all property receives the equal protection of the laws, all should be made to bear its proportionate share of the public burden. The exemption of any species of property is not equal taxation, and can only be defended on the ground of a subsidy; for it is the same thing as granting, to the owners of the exempted property, a considerable sum out of the public treasury.

## MONEY AT INTEREST.

While there is a large amount of property in the State exempt by law from taxation, an amount much larger, in the form of bonds and notes—money at interest, is practically exempt because not reached by the assessors. How can this property be reached? Most of the States in the Union require the inventory to be made under oath. Experience has shown that the pains and penalties of perjury are not without an immense moral influence in bringing personal property within the reach of the assessors, and there would seem to be no valid reason why these should not be invoked to secure that end. As the law now stands, it is left to the discretion of the assessors whether they will require the taxpayers to give in their inventory under oath. There would seem to be good and obvious reasons why this requirement should not be left to the discretion of the assessors, but made imperative in all cases; and in case of refusal or neglect, on the part of any tax payer, to give in such sworn statement, then the assessors should assess such persons, from the best knowledge within their reach, adding thereto a heavy doom-age. It cannot be doubted that by this means the aggregate mass of taxable property, brought within the reach of the assessors, would be greatly increased, the rate of taxation lessened, and individual burdens lightened.

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TAXATION OF RAILROADS.

Prior to the law of 1880, providing for the taxation of railroad corporations, the capital stock only, of these corporations, in other words the right of redemption only, was taxable. Property of more than \$20,000,000 in value, therefore, escaped with trifling taxes compared with other kinds of property in the State. Hence, the law of last winter was passed providing for the assessment by the Governor and Council of one per cent. on the road-ways, rolling-stock and franchises of the several roads—leaving “the lands, buildings and fixtures outside of the road-ways to be taxed by the town” where situated.

Under this act the several railroads were assessed by the Governor and Council, and the assessments have been paid by the several corporations assessed, excepting the Maine Central, the Boston and Maine, and the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroads. These corporations resist the payment on the ground that the Act of last winter is unconstitutional. Actions to recover the taxes of these corporations have been commenced by the Attorney General; the cases have been made up and are now in the hands of the Court. An early decision is hoped for, and expected before the close of this session.

The taxes levied upon the corporations contesting the legality of the tax, are as follows: Maine Central, \$22,000; Boston and Maine, \$18,000; Portland, Saco and Portsmouth, \$12,000; assessed upon a valuation of \$2,200,000, \$1,800,000, and \$1,200,000, respectively; being at the rate per mile of \$7,000, \$38,000, and \$24,000, respectively.

It is possible that these corporations may escape the payment of their assessments, through defects of the law in the mode of imposing the tax. The assessments may not be sustained, either as a property or an excise tax. The constitution is over all, corporations and individuals alike, and, in a case of doubtful constitutionality, it is the right and duty of

the management of these corporations to test the validity of the tax. They have seconded the efforts of the Attorney to the State, in seeking the decision of the Court at the earliest possible day.

As to your power to tax these corporations, you need only to be reminded that you are clothed with the sovereign functions of legislation, and that the only question for your determination is: what is the just and effective mode of imposing the tax. The power of taxation is an incident of Sovereignty, a State necessity, and the only power which our constitution, in express terms, declares that "the Legislature shall never in any manner suspend or surrender." All subjects therefore, over which the sovereign power of the State extends, are in its discretion legitimate subjects of taxation in one form or another; either as a property or an excise tax or license; and this may be carried to any extent to which the government may choose to carry it, provided the constitutional limitation, as to equality, is observed.

#### SUCCESSION TAX.

As all property should bear its just and equal proportion of taxation, it would seem but reasonable that all legacies and inheritances should not go untaxed. The propriety of an inheritance tax, distinguishing between lineal and collateral inheritance, is approved by the soundest political economists; nor can there be any doubt of the legal and moral right of the Legislature to impose it. The conditions that make such a tax just and desirable, are, that a large amount of personal property that passes by bequest—particularly Government bonds—will escape taxation altogether, unless taxed when it comes to the light in its transfer from the dead to the living. Besides, it would seem but just and proper that this class of property should be made to contribute to the cost of maintaining Courts of Probate and of Probate Records, established and maintained for the sole benefit thereof. Then, again, the expenses attending the collection of this tax would

be but trifling, and the burden of the tax would fall lightly upon those who pay it, because it would be deducted from what was never in their possession. The State of Pennsylvania derives an annual income of over \$300,000 from collateral inheritances and bequests, and in addition thereto a revenue of over \$100,000 from a tax on wills, writs, deeds, etc.

#### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

When the burdens of taxation shall fall equally upon all, they will bear lightly and be paid cheerfully by all. This equalization of the public burdens, so devoutly to be wished and so earnestly to be sought, is a subject that should command your especial attention. Without the determination of values for the purpose of taxation, there can be no equalization of the public burdens. Values should be readjusted oftener than once in ten years. State boards of equalization, or tax commissioners, have been created, in many of the States of the Union, for the determination and readjustment of values, and the discovery of new sources of revenue for purpose of taxation. The Attorney General, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer are the officers usually selected to constitute these boards, in States where there is no Executive Council. Any expense necessary to secure a result of such vital and universal interest as the determination of values for the purposes of taxation, will be an expenditure in the line of true economy.

#### RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The railroads of our State are of great public utility, and should be objects of public favor; but though the property of these corporations is of private ownership, they are public highways, the creatures of the law—created to promote, not private interests, but the public good, and it is the bounden duty of the Legislature to see to it that their franchises are *used* to that end.

The almost unlimited control these corporations have over their rates, the power to change them at pleasure, raise or lower them, and levy discriminating rates, places the industries of our State at their mercy. For it is in the power of the few individuals, controlling their management, to tax production and commerce at will, and practically dictate what reward the farmer, manufacturer and merchant shall receive for their labor. The public interests involved in the management of these highways of traffic, require that their management should be regulated and controlled by the sanctions of law. It may be said the railroads of Maine have been managed upon business principles only ; that they can be trusted, and should be trusted. So they can be—to look after their own interests, but not to look after the public interests altogether. For the protection of these interests, the State can be trusted, and trusted, also, to do no wrong to private interests, but even and exact justice to both. We have to-day more than one thousand miles of railroad in operation in this State, and one hundred thousand miles in the United States. Certain it is that unless the railroads of the country are subjected to legislative supervision, the legislation of the country will soon be subjected to railroad supervision.

The railroad commissioners should be invested with ample power to supervise the management of railroads in respect to rates, with full power to revise and establish them. The law providing for the appointment of the commissioners implies as much. While one only of the commissioners is required to be an engineer, the law expressly declares that two of them shall be experienced in the "management," as well as construction of railroads. This requirement of the law has not been observed in the construction of the board ; while the board is composed of two engineers of well-known experience and skill in the construction of railroads, and one lawyer, I am not aware that it has ever contained even one member experienced as a railroad-manager.

## STATE COLLEGE.

The administration of the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts for the past two years has been of very economical character, but by very close work on the part of the instructors, its efficiency, it is believed, has been fully maintained.

The value of the farm, buildings, apparatus, stock, etc., which the State holds in this Institution is about \$145,000, and the endowment is \$131,300, yielding an annual revenue of between \$7,000 and \$8,000; a revenue unfortunately much too small for the wants of the College. The Burnside's bill, which has recently passed the Senate, provides for an annual appropriation for the support of the State Colleges of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts. Should the bill become a law, it is hoped that this institution need be of no further charge to the State.

The number of graduates is 134; and the number that has been connected with the college for periods ranging between one term and three and a half years, is 186, giving a total of 320. This does not include the 104 now in the institution. Of the 310 graduates and former students, the vocations of 230, who may be regarded as established in the work of life, are known. Of these, 27 per cent. are in agricultural pursuits, and 27 per cent. in the mechanic arts. Only 11 per cent. are in the so-called professions; 89 per cent. being engaged in pursuits of non-professional character. It is very obvious that the college is training its pupils for the industries of life rather than for the professions.

I believe that the college is filling a necessary and important place in our educational system; that its affairs are judiciously managed; that its work is carried forward with efficiency, and that it is worthy of hearty and liberal support. I am free to say, that the knowledge I have of this institution, and of its discipline, and particularly of the character of the young men gathered there, has given me a most favor-



able opinion of its advantages. These advantages, I believe, are not surpassed, in many respects, by those of any sister institution in this State. Then, as to the necessary expenses to the student, I am able to state from actual knowledge, that they need not exceed, or even reach, \$150 a year. Hence it may be truly said that the inestimable advantages of a liberal education are within the reach of every young man in the State who possesses only the ordinary resources of the farmer's boy—pluck and muscle.

#### INSANE HOSPITAL.

The condition and treatment of the insane in the State demand very careful consideration. Statistics clearly show that insanity is greatly on the increase, both in this State and throughout the country.

The dictates of ordinary humanity require that the best care and treatment possible should be given to this most unfortunate and helpless class. They should be placed under the most skillful and efficient superintendence; and the highest ability and intelligent experience should be secured for this purpose. As these patients are among the most difficult cases that come under medical practice, the best medical skill at command should have them under their care. Modern science is making a more thorough diagnosis of insanity, seeking more fully to learn its causes and how to reach it with a remedy. The Insane Hospital of Maine ought not to be behind others in the progress that is making in this direction.

Many States have a permanent Board of Commissioners in Lunacy, who have the general oversight of all insane institutions, both public and private, in the State.

Nearly one-half of the patients in our Hospital are women. In many cases their insanity is the result of diseases incident to their sex, and all of them require medical attention. There are many thoroughly educated women physicians, who have made the treatment of their own sex a specialty. A

growing public sentiment favors the employment of a woman physician at the Hospital. There are now several women physicians, successfully occupying such positions in different hospitals for the insane in the United States.

The increase of insanity in the State demands more hospital room for the insane. The hospital at Augusta is already crowded, so that it would seem to be impossible to have proper classification of the patients; and patients are constantly associated in an improper manner, so that the recovery of hopeful cases is greatly retarded, if not rendered impossible.

Previous Legislatures have authorized the trustees to erect another building and appropriated funds for the purpose. No such building has been erected. The two systems of hospital buildings, viz: the massive, expensive, castle-like and prison-like structures, and what is known as the "cottage system," deserve careful consideration and investigation.

There appears to be a question whether the Hospital has an adequate supply of water. This is a matter of such grave importance, the people will rest satisfied with nothing less than absolute certainty that the water supply is abundant and at command, at all seasons of the year. The Legislature, through its committee, can settle this question, and secure what is of such vital importance. If there be any of our fellow citizens whose condition should touch our sympathies, and command our most considerate care and protection, they are these wards of the State, deprived of both reason and liberty. This subject is full of pathos. All other calamities that can befall humanity, are but light afflictions, and it would seem as if some were made to bear the accumulated woes of our race, lest man should become wholly unmindful of his absolute dependence. Unacquainted as I am with the peculiar needs and demands of this institution, I can do no more than refer you to the official reports of its officers, and to pledge myself to discharge, so far as in me lies, my duties concerning it.

### REFORM SCHOOL.

The Reform School will command, as it deserves, your especial attention. All who have boys, and know how they love liberty, and must have it, cannot but feel a deep sympathy for the class of unfortunates detained here. True, they have been committed, and are detained by sentence of the court, but not so much for their own, as the fault of their parents and of society. When we consider their tender years, a large proportion of them not in their teens, and orphans, committed for "Truancy," "Malicious mischief," "Sabbath-breaking," "Idle, and disorderly conduct," and other petty misdemeanors, this school must be regarded by every humane person as a part of our Educational System, and not as a State prison for boys. But it must be admitted, that such is the impression upon the public mind; due, not to the treatment its inmates receive, but to the name the institution bears. Every boy who leaves this institution has a feeling, and is looked upon as such, that he is a graduate of the State prison for boys, and this feeling he must carry with him through life. If he learn a trade, it is a constant reminder of the misfortune of his youth. It is the skeleton in his house from which legislation should relieve him, by changing the name of the institution to that of Industrial School for Boys. We have a kindred institution for girls. No one ever thought of giving to that institution the name of Reform School for Girls. Why should not the boys be treated with equal consideration and humanity? The general affairs of the institution will be laid before you in the report of the superintendent and trustees.

### INSURANCE.

Every public officer, holding public funds, should be required to give the usual bond. There would seem to be no good reason why the Insurance Commissioner should be made an exception to this general rule.

As to the insurance of our public buildings, I can see no valid reason why the State should not exercise the common prudence of business men, and insure such property.

#### STATE PRISON.

The duties now devolved upon the Warden of the State Prison seem to me to require qualifications rarely found united in one person. If this institution is to be made self-sustaining, I believe its business and financial affairs must be separated from the duties of warden, and devolved upon a business agent of the very best business capacity and qualifications. When the business affairs of the institution are managed upon strict business principles, by the best skill and ability attainable, it will pay its way. No doubt of it.

The management of the State Prison and all other State institutions, should be taken out of politics—wholly. While Inspectors and Trustees of these institutions are all given to one party, we may expect them to be a burden to the taxpayers; for they can hardly fail to be run, not on business, but on political principles. It should be required by law that Inspectors and Trustees of all our State institutions should be representatives of the different political parties.

#### MILITIA.

The report of the Adjutant General will furnish you with the full information as to the military organizations of the State, and the expenditures for military purposes during the year.

The well considered Act of last winter provides for a complete and efficient military system. First, the enrollment, biennially, of all able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 (not exempt) to be known as the enrolled militia of Maine, not to be subject to active duty except in case of war. Second, the Reserve Militia—companies organized from the enrolled military, uniformed at their own expense, the State furnishing arms and equipments. Third, the

Active or Volunteer Militia, regularly enlisted for five years, consisting of not more than three regiments of infantry, one battery of artillery and one squadron of cavalry. On a peace footing the whole force is limited to 2025 enlisted men, uniformed, and when on duty paid by the State.

Under the provisions of this Act two regiments of infantry, one company of artillery and one company of cavalry have been organized as the active military of the State, armed and equipped and uniformed at the expense of the State, comprising in the aggregate 1034 enlisted men and commissioned officers. The work of organization under this act has proceeded *de novo*. The whole force has been enlisted, officered, and organized without regard to the previously existing military establishment. The Adjutant General has discharged his duties with great ability and faithfulness. It has been to him a labor of love, in the results of which he may indulge a just pride. The completeness and efficiency of organization and supervision, if maintained and perfected by practice, will give to Maine a military establishment of surpassing excellence.

The expenditures for military purposes during the year have not yet been reported.

The estimated cost to the State for maintaining the present military establishment, will require an annual appropriation of \$15,000. As the law now stands, the expenditures for military purposes are limited only by the discretion of the Executive. Section 156 of the Militia Act provides as follows: "and to carry into full effect the provisions of this law, the Governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant from time to time on any funds in the Treasury not otherwise expended, for the purposes thereof."

So large a discretion should not be imposed on the Executive. It is a responsibility that belongs to the Legislature. The amount of annual expenditures for military purposes should be limited by law.

*Cui bono publico?* For what are we training these citizens in the art of war, in the practice of arms?

Undoubtedly military exercises and military discipline, when maintained at a high standard of excellence, should be accounted, even in time of peace, as among the most effective agencies for the moral and physical training of our young men. For such military training cannot fail to impart to our citizen soldiers a spirit of manly independence and pride, a love of order and neatness, and habits of subordination. Besides, they serve to keep alive, in old and young, the spirit of patriotism. Reminded of the past glorious achievements of our citizen soldiers in defence of their country, they will covet the honors of those who have deserved well of their country, and lament that they had not lived in the heroic days of the Republic, and had part in the war of the Revolution, or the great struggle for the vindication and preservation of the work of our fathers. A true military spirit is a patriotic spirit.

These are considerations which should recommend, and justify, the requirements, by law, of military drill and discipline as a part of our educational system for the moral and physical training of young men in our colleges. But whether they are sufficient to justify the annual appropriation necessary to maintain a military establishment beyond the small number of highly disciplined companies, scattered over the State, to supplement the police force, you will judge and determine.

The great Republic has passed that period of its existence when it was thought arms might be necessary to vindicate national honor or preserve national interests against a foreign foe. The Geneva Arbitration settled that point, and forever.

Our dangers are not from without; they are all from within. And yet, thank God, we are not training these soldiers for another sectional war. The conditions for such a conflict no longer exist. That great barrier between the sections—Slavery—that barred all intercourse and made us

strangers, hence enemies, is removed. A chasm is left, but that will be filled. Then, again, it is no longer true that,

—"Mountains interposed  
Make enemies of nations, which had else  
Like kindred drops been mingled into one."

For, by the agencies of steam and electricity, all our mountain barriers are removed, and space, that severs and estranges, is annihilated. So that now the dwellers upon the Atlantic and Pacific slopes are neighbors as well as fellow citizens, and the most distant portions of our widely extended Republic are brought into the closest relations, commercial and social, as well as political. We are now one people, of one country, with one constitution and one destiny. Nor need we train soldiers to sustain a "Strong Government"—a government of force to be felt only in its power, in its control, and not in its protection, in its beneficence. For the now fifty millions, and the untold future millions, of this Republic cannot be governed. They must govern themselves or the Republic itself cease to be; for force is ever the immediate parent of despotism.

Our dangers are all from within; and our chief danger is that which we share in common with all governments—the peril attending the transfer of power from the hands of one to the hands of another. "Wars of successions" have desolated all lands but ours, and even our experience has rendered us sensible of this peril to our institutions. But we need not train soldiers for this contingency; for our exemption from civil war—a war of succession—depends not upon the presence of military force at the Capital, but rather upon their absence; so liable are armed men, like concealed weapons, to be used when the blood is up.

In the days of the Roman Republic her legions were not permitted to approach the Capital, not permitted to cross the Rubicon. Cæsar crossed it and the Roman Republic fell. Is it possible that the American people can contemplate, with indifference, the proposed gathering of militia of the States at

the National Capital on the 4th day of March next? True, the result of this election is not in dispute, but the result of the next election may be disputed, and then the gathering of the military forces, at the inauguration of General Garfield, may prove a fatal precedent, the very Rubicon of our Republic. If the President-elect has the instinct of a patriot, he will signalize his inauguration by placing his veto upon this proffered courtesy, and imitate the simplicity of the third President, who, without pomp and circumstance, almost unattended, walked to the Capitol and took the oath of his great office. By a wise provision of our Constitution the militia of Maine cannot be marched out of the State by the commander-in-chief, without the consent of the Legislature.

Recent events, in our own State, have taught us that we are not exempt from this common danger, attending the transfer of the Government from the hands of one to the hands of another. We should look this danger square in the face, and apply such remedy as wisdom and patriotism demand of us.

If the framers of our Constitution failed, in any respect, to guard perfectly and at all points, the citadel of constitutional liberty, it was in this precise particular. Their great patriotism seems to have rendered them incapable of appreciating this great peril. They never dreamed that the American people could ever become so blinded by party zeal as to sink the patriot in the partisan, and be ready to tear down the very temple of liberty itself if public offices were not occupied by men of their choice. This danger dawned upon the mind of the Father of our country, and in his farewell address he gave us solemn warnings against it.

And Jefferson, having in view this great peril to our institutions, lays down this rule as the vital principle of all republics, viz: "Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority!" But this rule does not touch the point of our difficulties. One element is wanting. Who shall decide? Who shall canvass the returns, and determine the result? No



man shall be a judge in his own case. Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, *as determined by the tribunal constituted, by law, for that purpose*;—this is the vital principle, to which the attention of the people should be directed; the essential condition of the orderly conduct of the Government; the only safe-guard against civil strife and bloodshed.

The powers of our Government are distributed into three Departments: Legislative, Executive and Judicial, each independent of the other. While it belongs to the Executive Department to canvass the votes, returned for Senators and Representatives, and certify the *prima facie* result, it is made the duty of the Legislature to canvass the returns for Governor, determine the result and declare it. And from that decision there is no appeal except to force. The Governor and Council may err in certifying who "appear" to be elected members of the Legislature; the Legislature may err in determining who is elected Governor; but in either case, there is no appeal except to force. So, possibly, either of these departments in the discharge of these official duties, may act corruptly and fraudulently, and decide in favor of a candidate not elected; yet there is no appeal except to force. All possible frauds that may thus be committed, better be borne for a time, than to plunge the State into the horrors of civil war.

The provision of our constitution which permits the Executive, or Legislature, to call upon the Court on any occasion, solemn or otherwise, for its opinion, seems to me as wrong in principle, as dangerous in practice. Under this provision, questions are referred to the Court not for decision, only for opinions, which the Executive or Legislature may take for what they are worth, follow them or disregard them at will, as has sometimes happened in our history. If these opinions are to be regarded as decisions binding the conscience and free will of the other branches of the government, where is the boasted independence of these co-ordinate branches,

which has ever been deemed the peculiar beauty of our system, and as fundamental as the reserved rights of the State?

As the Court has not the responsibility of *deciding* such questions, its opinions partake of the character of opinions generally. We all know how cheap our opinions are when we are not responsible for them. We never know quite what we ought to do, any more than what we can do, until brought face to face with our responsibilities. For responsibility is the true inspirer that gives us wisdom and courage equal to our day,—the wisdom to discern the path of duty, and the courage to pursue it.

In the Constitutional Convention of 1787, John Adams proposed to engraft upon our National Constitution this provision of his own State Constitution—whence we derived it; but fortunately for the Republic, his proposition was rejected. If, in an evil moment, it had been adopted, can it be doubted that our Constitution would have contained a dangerous, if not fatal, provision;—that the Supreme Court would have become the overshadowing power in the Government, and, in the hands of a weak or wicked President, been used to sustain Executive usurpations, destructive of the Government itself?

It may be asked, is there, then, no remedy against possible fraud and corruption, in matters of such vital importance? Yes, wait for the righteous and certain vengeance of the ballot box; and, as to the guilty perpetrators of the fraud—traitors to a public trust—let their punishment be as swift as was his of old, who laid his hand upon the Ark of the Covenant.

#### IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

The increase of population in this State, during the last decade, is between three and four per cent. This increase, for the most part, is limited to two counties, Androscoggin and Aroostook, and is due chiefly to the manufacturing interests of the one, and the agricultural attractions of the other. Thousands of our citizens have left the State, during

the decade, to escape their burdens of debt and taxation, hoping to better their chances in a new country.

Why is it that the West is making such drafts upon our population, upon the bone and muscle and intelligence of our people? A prosperous people do not emigrate; only those who are in distress. This is true of emigration from one State to another, as well as of emigration from the old countries to this.

One of the most efficient causes tending to drive citizens from the State, is the law of imprisonment for debt, as all must admit who know anything of its operation. This law is made the means of great oppression. Demands are cut up into small amounts, ten or fifteen dollar notes given, execution taken out upon each, and the debtor is pursued, harassed and oppressed, until he is forced to leave the State to preserve his personal liberty. The poor debtor in this State is deprived of the benefits of the statute exempting his property from attachment, for it must go, if it be his last cow or shoat, to pay the fees and costs of his disclosure. It is a shame that the personal liberty of the citizen should be held more cheaply than the collection of a ten dollar demand. Maine is now about the only State that retains upon its statute books this relic of barbarism.

The act of last winter, giving justices of the peace and of the quorum jurisdiction throughout the State, adds to the abomination of this law; for, in cases of disclosure, the creditor may now take his justice from the most distant part of the State, at the expense of the debtor.

#### USURY.

Then, in aid of the law of imprisonment for debt, we have a statute which limits the interest, which the creditor may exact only by his greed and the necessities of the debtor. Under this law, whatever the exactions by the money-lender, in the form of interest, they are not regarded as usury or extortion, only as a business transaction. The evil effects of

the law develop slowly but surely. They tend not only to transfer the property of the many to the pockets of the few, but to paralyze and blight all productive industries, by rendering the trade of the money-lender the most profitable as well as the most favored business in the State.

The evil effects of this law have been most conspicuous in the disasters it has brought upon our savings institutions. All have suffered by it, and many been brought to the verge of ruin. The managers of these institutions are of the best men in our State, and yet, in the management of funds not their own, and under the restraints of legislative supervision, such was their passion for high rates of interest, these men neglected their first duty to the depositors and loaded the banks with investments of such doubtful character that banks holding six millions of deposits, suspended payment. If these insolvent banks had gone into the hands of receivers, instead of having their liabilities scaled down under the wise provisions of our law, the result would have been disastrous indeed. If good men—the best in the State—handling trust funds, are so anxious to make money for others, what may we not expect, under the license of this law, from men who are governed in their rates of interest, only by their greed to make money for themselves?

This law also tends to aggravate, immensely, far greater evils—those resulting from the non-taxable Government bond.

#### GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Debt, public and private ; debt and taxation are slowly but surely undermining our free institutions. Government bonds not only escape taxation themselves, but they furnish a cover for all other kinds of evidences of debt that *are* taxable. This double iniquity must be borne so long as United States bonds are endured. It would seem that the proposition to refund the seven or eight hundred millions of United States bonds now maturing, could meet with but little favor by the mass of the people in this State ; that their interests demanded

that these bonds should be paid, not refunded to remain a burden for a generation at least, and perhaps for generations. Then that other proposition, before the American Congress, to retire and destroy the 346,000,000 of legal tender notes,—burn them, so that out of their ashes may arise a like amount of interest-bearing bonds to further tax the labor and industry of the country! Would it not be more in accordance with the interest of the toiling masses in this country, to require the National Banks to retire their currency, some over three hundred millions, and replace it with United States legal tenders, and thereby pay off a like amount of United States bonds, burn them up and thus relieve the people of so much burden of interest, and above all, from the baneful influence of these bonds upon the currency and business of the country?

The Treasurer of the United States in his last report says: “Instead of the volume of the circulation being regulated by the business needs of the country, it is governed by the price of United States bonds! Within the last year a large reduction of bank circulation has taken place in the face of an active demand for money, simply because a good profit could be made by withdrawing and selling the four per cents deposited as security for circulation. Nearly twenty-five million dollars in four per cent. bonds were thus withdrawn during the last fiscal year.” The power that controls the volume of the people’s money is certain to control the people’s destinies.

This question of the currency is one about which honest men may honestly differ. It is an important question. Its decision will be of far-reaching consequence. If the bank currency win the whole field of circulation, then we shall have a never-ending national debt, maintained by the banks as the basis of their existence; yes, fostered by them as “a national blessing”—to the banks, ever increasing in number and power as the country increases in wealth and population, and certain to become, if not so already, a political machine,

hostile to free government, mingling in the elections and legislation of the country, corrupting the press and exerting its influence in the only way known to the money power—by corruption.

But it is claimed that this bond policy is demanded in the interest of idle capital; that it is necessary to furnish “an opportunity for the safe investment of idle capital.” These safe investments for idle capital are destructive, not only of the industries, but of the morals of the people. As they render the trade of the money lender the most profitable business, they tend to create a race of idlers, misers and cowards who will never take any chances with labor in the productive industries, while this opportunity, for safe investment and exemption from taxation, is open to them. They take no risks. The Vanderbilts, with tens of millions of United States bonds, spending the interest in Europe, and the tens of thousands of lesser bondholders, who produce nothing and do nothing except clip coupons, what are they to this country and its industries, but a class of gilded paupers supported by the labor of the country.

If this bondholding policy shall continue, judging by the rapid accumulation of property in the hands of the few, during the last fifteen years, how long will it be before we shall see, in this country, the same condition of things as in England, where one hundred and sixty persons own one-half of all the soil of England, and two-thirds of Scotland; or, as in Ireland, where only one person in ten hundred and fifty-eight, owns one foot of mother earth? Order reigns at Dublin to-day; so it did at Warsaw.

We have in this country 5,000 persons who own and possess 5,000 millions of property, mostly accumulated within the last fifteen years, and that, too, through unequal laws. Twenty years ago a millionaire in this country, was as rare as a prince, and so was a tramp.

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CORPORATE POWER.

According to Poor's Manual on Railroads, the number of miles of railroads in operation in this country, increased from 9,000 in 1851, to 86,500 miles in 1879; and the gross earnings from \$36,000,000 in 1851 to \$529,000,000 in 1879. These facts serve to illustrate the most startling development of the age—the development of corporate power.

The presidents of the great trunk lines in this country control property, three of them, valued at \$1,818,000,000; and three others, property valued at \$943,000,000.

These great trunk lines have been in the habit of combining, and raising and lowering rates, not according to business principles, but according to their selfish interests. It is notorious that the change of these rates in a single week recently added \$5,000,000 per week to the burdens of the people, and put many times that amount into the hands of Eastern holders of grain, some of whom were Railroad Directors. Continue for another thirty years the present power of corporations to tax the public, and we shall have a moneyed aristocracy in this country, such as the world has never seen, and with all the attendant phenomena of venal legislators, and corruption in high places, which has caused the downfall of all republics in history.

How, then, can any reflecting mind, any patriot, contemplate without anxious concern, the tendency of the legislation of this country to create such rapid accumulation of property in the hands of the few at the expense of the many?

"The freest government," says Webster, "cannot long endure, where the tendency of the laws is to create a rapid accumulation of property in a few hands, and to render the masses of the people poor and dependent."

Universal suffrage and great landed estates cannot long exist together, for either the owners of the estates must restrict the right of suffrage, or that right of suffrage will in the end divide their estates.

Is it not time we paused in our career, and reviewed our principles?

#### FREEHOLDS.

Our institutions were founded upon equality, or rather, grew out of equality—that condition of comparative equality as to property, that characterized the early settlers of New England. They brought with them no great capitals, and, fortunately for humanity, there was nothing here productive, to tempt investments. If one millionaire had come over in the Mayflower, he would have blasted the prospects of a continent: for ours, then, would have been a government not to protect labor but capital. Capital would have shaped it. Our ancestors came here all upon an equality as to property, or rather as to poverty. But the lands were all open and free to them. They entered into possession and established the town system, the hundred acre lot system, the district school system, and upon this foundation they builded their free and Christian republic. All were tillers of the soil, farmers—not tenant farmers, but freeholders, having absolute dominion over their acres, recognizing no man as lord or master, no power between them and the God they worshipped. They were lords and sovereigns themselves, and if we are a nation of sovereigns to-day, it is only so far as we are a nation of freeholders. When these sovereigns got together to form a government what kind of a government could they form? Only that under which all were equals, all were sovereigns. They could not have formed any other if they had tried. It was this necessary act of parceling out the land into small freeholds, says Webster, “that fixed the future frame and form of their government.”

Our New England ancestors not only began their system of government under a condition of comparative equality as to property, but all their laws were of a nature to favor and perpetuate that equality. This is undoubtedly the true principle of legislation. Any system of legislation, therefore, that tends to destroy this happy equality, wipe out the small free-



holds and centralize the ownership of land in the hands of the few, not only destroys the prosperity and independence of the people, but strikes at the very foundation of our republic. There is nothing in this country so sacred as the freehold. It was the immediate parent of our free-school system and constitutes the essential condition of its existence, for in a country of great landed estates the district school system is as impossible as it is unknown.

#### CONCLUSION.

At the foundation of our free system, therefore, lies the principle of EQUALITY, and it is only upon that principle it can be preserved; for it can rest in the love of all only as it rests in the interests of all. Move it from this basis of equality and our temple of liberty falls, and then who shall raise up its shapely columns again? It was only by a happy concurrence of the most fortunate circumstances, our Constitution was framed and adopted. No other people, no other country, no other age were equal to the work. How far above the powers of the American people to-day is such an achievement? We should know, since we are not able to supply its one little defect, in relation to counting the electoral votes. The wisdom and patriotism of Congress is unequal to the task, though urged to it by every consideration of public safety. No, if our experiment of free government shall fail from the earth, it will be the knell of popular liberty the world over and for all time.

Cicero, in one of his orations, is led off into a panegyric upon the Roman Constitution. How apt are his words, when applied to our immaculate charter, the crowning glory of the Revolution,—that master-piece of human invention, at once the wonder and hope of the world,—the Constitution under which we live! for, says the great orator, "O wonderful system and discipline of government which we have received from our fathers!—LET US PRESERVE IT."

HARRIS M. PLAISTED.

At the conclusion of the address, the Governor and suite retired, and the Convention dissolved.

IN SENATE.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

*Ordered*, That the business of the last Legislature referred to this, be taken from the files and referred to the appropriate Committees.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. JENNINGS,

*Ordered*, That five hundred copies of the Governor's Message be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by same Senator,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that a Joint Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to consider the Governor's Message, and report a reference of its several subjects to appropriate Committees.

Read and passed, and

Messrs. Jennings of Penobscot,

Emery of Hancock,

Bisbee of Oxford,

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT announced the Standing Committees of the Senate, as follows :

*On Bills in the Second Reading.*   ■

Messrs. Fernald of Franklin,

Walker of Oxford,

Emery of Hancock,

Beatty of York,

Nutting of Cumberland,

Clarke of Lincoln,

Lord of Cumberland,

Pattangall of Washington,

Wakefield of York,

Taber of Waldo,

Baker of Somerset,

Friend of Penobscot.

*On Engrossed Bills.*

Messrs. Parcher of Androscoggin,  
Brewer of Cumberland,  
Lamson of Sagadahoc,  
Bisbee of Oxford,  
Berry of Kennebec,  
Mortland of Knox,  
Hill of Hancock,  
Sanborn of York,  
Buxton of Somerset,  
Coffin of Washington,  
Jennings of Penobscot,  
Sherman of Waldo.

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

*On the Judiciary.*

Messrs. Emery of Hancock,  
Mortland of Knox,  
Bisbee of Oxford, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Strout of Portland,  
McKusick of Calais,  
Hall of Rockland,  
Flint of Dover,  
King of Caribou,  
Talbot of East Machias,  
Hutchinson of Houlton, *of the House.*

*On Legal Affairs.*

Messrs. Walker of Oxford,  
Dingley of Androscoggin,  
Cornish of Kennebec, *of the Senate* ;  
Messrs. Verrill of Portland,  
Parker of Lewiston,  
Freeman of Cherryfield,  
Emery of Saco,  
Sprague of Phippsburg,  
Swan of Minot,  
Bridgham of Buckfield, *of the House.*

*On Financial Affairs.*

- Messrs. Cornish of Kennebec,  
Hill of Hancock,  
Beatty of York, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Hatch of Bangor,  
Morrill of Augusta,  
True of Portland,  
Goss of Bath,  
Jordan of Auburn,  
Jones of Winthrop,  
Ritchie of Winterport, *of the House*.

*On Federal Relations.*

- Messrs. Nutting of Cumberland,  
Coffin of Washington,  
Dudley of Aroostook, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Jordan of Auburn,  
Glidden of St. George,  
Averill of Prentiss,  
Parsons of New Portland,  
Foss of Danforth,  
Chadbourne of Waterborough,  
McKellar of South Thomaston, *of the House*.

*On Education.*

- Messrs. Parcher of Androscoggin,  
Cornish of Kennebec,  
Nutting of Cumberland, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Thompson of Brunswick,  
Marble of Paris,  
Perley of North Yarmouth,  
Purington of Bowdoin,  
Hatch of Bangor,  
Keegan of Van Buren,  
Estes of Troy, *of the House*.

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*On Railroads.*

- Messrs. Beatty of York,  
Lamson of Sagadahoc,  
Smith of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Bradstreet of Bridgton,  
Fisher of Boothbay,  
Wentworth of Kittery,  
Buck of Orland,  
Seavey of West Gardiner,  
Goodwin of Hudson,  
Staples of Eliot, *of the House*.

*On Commerce.*

- Messrs. Coffin of Washington,  
Wakefield of York,  
Sherman of Waldo, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Goss of Bath,  
Lord of Bangor,  
Bragdon of Sullivan,  
Nickels of Searsport,  
Harris of York,  
Benner of Waldoborough,  
Cummings of Jonesport, *of the House*.

*On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.*

- Messrs. Lamson of Sagadahoc,  
Lord of Cumberland,  
Sanborn of York, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Buck of Orland,  
Redlon of Portland,  
Bird of Rockland,  
Boody of Windham,  
Sweat of Brownfield,  
Marston of Glenburn,  
Strout of Cape Elizabeth, *of the House*.

*On Banks and Banking.*

Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,  
Lord of Cumberland,  
Hill of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Lord of Bangor,  
True of Portland,  
Wyman of Augusta,  
Clark of Tremont,  
Kimball of Rumford,  
McKellar of South Thomaston,  
Elder of Gray, *of the House*.

*On Manufactures.*

Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,  
Friend of Penobscot,  
Pattangall of Washington, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Heath of Waterville,  
Shaw of Lisbon,  
Lord of Kennebunk,  
Burnell of Baldwin,  
Goodale of Hartland,  
Goodwin of Shapleigh,  
Crosby of Norridgewock, *of the House*.

*On Agriculture.*

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,  
Sanborn of York,  
Hill of Penobscot, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Andrews of Norway,  
Mallett of Topsham,  
Tarbox of Phillips,  
Norris of Monmouth,  
Haskell of Turner,  
Staples of Parsonsfield,  
Partridge of Bristol, *of the House*.

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*On Military Affairs.*

- Messrs. Fernald of Franklin,  
Flint of Piscataquis,  
Buxton of Somerset, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Goss of Auburn,  
Shaw of Lisbon,  
Heath of Waterville,  
Kendall of Freeport,  
Libby of Carthage,  
Freeman of Lincolnville,  
Rowe of Peru, *of the House*.

*On Interior Waters.*

- Messrs. Wakefield of York,  
Nutting of Cumberland,  
Berry of Kennebec, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Dickey of Fort Kent,  
Twitchell of Bethel,  
Burnham of Sherman,  
Leland of Skowhegan,  
Nickerson of Brewer,  
Hilton of Kingsbury,  
Gilbert of Kingfield, *of the House*.

*On State Lands and State Roads.*

- Messrs. Flint of Piscataquis,  
Baker of Somerset,  
Clarke of Lincoln, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Cook of Lewiston,  
Burnham of Sherman,  
Hilton of Kingsbury,  
Berry of Garland,  
White of Levant,  
Ware of Athens,  
Bradstreet of Palermo, *of the House*,

*On Ways and Bridges.*

Messrs. Hill of Hancock,  
Hill of Penobscot,  
Coffin of Washington, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Nickerson of Linneus,  
Nutter of Corinna,  
Wentworth of Gardiner,  
Chase of Newcastle,  
Vinal of Thomaston,  
Doore of Charleston,  
Leighton of Westbrook, *of the House*.

*On Fisheries and Game.*

Messrs. Brewer of Cumberland,  
Jennings of Penobscot,  
Wakefield of York, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Thatcher of Bangor,  
Leavitt of Deering,  
Eastman of Dennysville,  
Torrey of Surry,  
Wilder of Pembroke,  
Smith of Buxton,  
Webb of Deer Isle, *of the House*.

*On Counties.*

Messrs. Mortland of Knox,  
Brewer of Cumberland,  
Taber of Waldo, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Bragdon of Sullivan,  
Cook of Lewiston,  
Maxcy of Portland,  
Eldred of Belgrade,  
Bartlett of Hope,  
Waters of Patten,  
Packard of Searsmont, *of the House*.



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*On Towns.*

- Messrs. Smith of Penobscot,  
Berry of Kennebec,  
Walker of Oxford, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. McAlister of Bucksport,  
Twitchell of Bethel,  
Kendall of Freeport,  
Sargent of Sedgwick,  
Achorn of China,  
Trafton of Newport,  
Wheeler of Etna, *of the House.*

*On Indian Affairs.*

- Messrs. Jennings of Penobscot,  
Pattangall of Washington,  
Parcher of Androscoggin, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Cushman of Ellsworth,  
Blanchard of Eastport,  
Joy of Union,  
Donnell of Biddeford,  
Folsom of Oldtown,  
Crosby of Whiting,  
Loud of Hampden, *of the House.*

*On Claims.*

- Messrs. Baker of Somerset,  
Parcher of Androscoggin,  
Sherman of Waldo, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Wyman of Augusta,  
Pitcher of Belfast,  
Varney of Winslow,  
Goodall of Sanford,  
Bean of Denmark,  
Livermore of Bradley,  
Sturdivant of Cumberland, *of the House.*

*On Pensions.*

Messrs. Sanborn of York,  
Friend of Penobscot,  
Flint of Piscataquis, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Parker of Lewiston,  
Nickerson of Linneus,  
McAllister of Bucksport,  
Burnham of Sherman,  
Wheeler of Easton,  
Brown of Sebago,  
Dennis of Passadumkeag, *of the House*.

*On Insane Hospital.*

Messrs. Pattangall of Washington,  
Hill of Hancock,  
Dudley of Aroostook, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Morrill of Augusta,  
Goss of Auburn,  
Wentworth of Kittery,  
Sargent of Sedgwick,  
Linscott of Farmington,  
Marble of Paris,  
Eaton of Camden, *of the House*.

*On Reform School.*

Messrs. Lord of Cumberland,  
Fernald of Franklin,  
Taber of Waldo, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Rowell of Hallowell,  
Smith of Mt. Vernon,  
Burr of Mercer,  
Smith of New Sharon,  
Boothby of Gorham,  
Goodwin of Hudson,  
Edgcomb of Limington, *of the House*.

*On State Prison.*

- Messrs. Bisbee of Oxford,  
Brewer of Cumberland,  
Buxton of Somerset, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Maxcy of Portland,  
Wentworth of Gardiner,  
Means of Machias,  
Leland of Skowhegan,  
Hersom of Berwick,  
Lang of Palmyra,  
Staples of Biddeford, *of the House*.

*On Public Buildings.*

- Messrs. Sherman of Waldo,  
Lamson of Sagadahoc,  
Baker of Somerset, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Keegan of Van Buren,  
Kenniston of Williamsburg,  
Wardwell of Otisfield,  
Trufant of Harpswell,  
Jones of Bridgton,  
Staples of Dayton,  
Folsom of Oldtown, *of the House*.

*On Library.*

- Messrs. Clarke of Lincoln,  
Emery of Hancock,  
Fernald of Franklin, *of the Senate*;  
Messrs. Noyes of Jefferson,  
Sprague of Phippsburg,  
Harding of Waldo,  
Hopkins of Trenton,  
Allen of Dresden,  
Bragg of Wales,  
Ashford of Windsor, *of the House*.

The PRESIDENT announced as the Joint Select Committee on Temperance and Prohibitory Law, on the part of the Senate,

Messrs. Flint of Piscataquis,

Berry of Kennebec,

Taber of Waldo.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Hancock,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

The order relating to the amendment of the first Joint Rule of the two Houses, by adding to the Joint Standing Committees, a Committee on Mines and Mining, came back from the House, that branch concurring in the passage of the order.

A communication was received from Hon. S. A. Holbrook, Treasurer of State, transmitting the annual statement and amount of receipts and expenditures of all public money for the year ending December 31, 1880.

The report was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also from Hon. H. B. Cleaves, signifying his acceptance of the office of Attorney General, for the years of 1881 and 1882.

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be requested to inquire into the rights of Peter McKenzie of Maysville, to a portion of a lot of land in said Maysville, in the County of Aroostook, of which by evident mistake, either in the Land Office, or in the Aroostook Registry, he appears

to have no valid recorded title thereof, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

*Ordered*, That the Committees on Education, State Prison, Insane Hospital, Reform School, Agriculture and Military Affairs, be authorized to visit the various institutions they represent.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That there be appointed a Committee of five, consisting of one from each Congressional District in the State, on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, for the purpose of making a new apportionment of the State into proper districts for members of Congress, if expedient and necessary at this session, and for the purpose of making a new apportionment of the State for Senators and Representatives to the Legislature for the next decade, on the basis of our last enumeration of the inhabitants of this State, and for the purpose of a new arrangement of the Councilor Districts of the State, if expedient and necessary for the next decade, with the proper assignment to each county in said Councilor Districts.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, the vote whereby the foregoing order received a passage, was reconsidered, and

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, That the same be laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary prepare and cause to be printed under his supervision and direction. the usual number of copies of the journal of the proceedings of the present session of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to common

schools as to make it the duty of superintending school committees to employ teachers in all cases, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, That at 12 o'clock meridian, Tuesday the eighteenth day of January instant, that being the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization of this Legislature, the Senate proceed in accordance with the laws of the United States, to vote for a Senator in Congress, for the Senatorial term, beginning on the fourth day of March, A. D. 1881.

Mr. WAKEFIELD presented petition of citizens of the town of Berwick, to be set off from said town and annexed to the town of South Berwick; also

Petition of the citizens of South Berwick, that the petition of the citizens of Berwick be granted;

Which were referred to the Committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY presented petition of G. M. Ogden and others, for the incorporation of the Mt. Desert Reading Room Association;

Mr. BERRY presented petition of H. P. Torsey, Principal, and others of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, and of the Calliopean Society in said school, for a charter for the Calliopean Society;

Which were referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLINT presented petition of Benjamin Chase and others, for legislation providing for a bounty on bears, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented petitions of John F. Sprague and others, to incorporate the Piscataquis Game and Fish Protective Society, with bill accompanying, which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY presented petition of N. W. Dutton and others of Lewiston, for a charter for an Eclectic Medical College, with bill accompanying ; also

Petition of R. Blake and others of Cornish ;

Petition of J. F. Cobb and others of Auburn ;

Petition of Minard Roberts and others of Hallowell ;

Petition of O. Currier and others of Hallowell ;

Petition of G. E. Newcomb and others of Addison ;

Petition of W. H. Hatch and others of Deering ;

Petition of J. Chandler and others of Gardiner ;

Petition of C. W. Fuller and others of Livermore ;

Petition of T. S. Murry and others of Portland ;

Petition of A. C. Cushman and others of Auburn, severally in aid of same ;

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT announced the Joint Standing Committee on Mines and Mining, as follows :

Messrs. Jennings of Penobscot,

Emery of Hancock,

Lord of Cumberland,

on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

*Ordered*, That the reports of the Trustees, Resident Officers and Visiting Committee of the Maine Insane Hospital, be taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital ; also the report of the Directors and Officers of the American Asylum at Hartford, for the education of Deaf and Dumb, be referred to the Committee on Education ; also the report of the Board of Managers of the Industrial School for Girls, be referred to the Committee on Reform School.

The foregoing reports were severally referred to the above Committees.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following order was received from the House :

The Senate concurring, that when the Legislature adjourn this day, it be to meet on Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. JENNINGS,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Friday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by statute for the election of selectmen of towns in the same manner as superintending school committees are now chosen ; also that the same Committee inquire into the expediency of providing by statute for the abolition of imprisonment for debt ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the charter of the Ocean Street Railroad Company, that the par value of the shares shall be \$25 instead of \$50, as now provided by chapter 249, section 7 of the private laws of 1880 ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 174 of the laws of 1877, relating to administrators, executors and trustees, by adding after the word " executors," the word " guardians ;"

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what legislation is necessary in relation to the equity practice in the courts of this State ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending section 15 of the insolvency law, that it shall apply to the property of debtors who have absconded or removed from the State ;

Were each read and referred to the several Committees in concurrence.



The order introduced in the Senate for the appointment of a Joint Select Committee to negotiate for the Maine State Year Book, came back from the House concurred in, with

Messrs. Heath of Waterville,

Pitcher of Belfast,

Goodale of Sanford,

Burnell of Baldwin,

Sweat of Brownfield,

Staples of Elliot,

Foss of Danforth,

joined by that branch.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company;'"

"Resolve relating to taxes assessed upon railroads for the year eighteen hundred and eighty;"

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of Putnam Wilson and others, for an act of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of T. W. Egery and others, to amend the charter of the Katahdin Dam Company;

Petition of F. Shaw and Brothers, for a charter to erect dams and to make other improvements on Scagg Rock and Jimmy Brook, so called;

Petition of Augustus Stevenson and others, for charter for steam ferry from Kittery to Portsmouth, N. H.;

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

Petition of M. G. White, President of the Boston and Maine Railroad, for the passage of the accompanying bill, "an act to enable the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Orchard Beach Railroad;"

Petition of Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company, for amendment of their charter, with bill accompanying;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of F. Shaw and Brothers and others, to divide the town of Eaton, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of Nathan R. Dyer and others, for charter to build a marine railway in tide waters at Cape Elizabeth, was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Park Association," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Dyer Library Association," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin W. Pickett and others, for an act of incorporation under the name of the Eclectic Medical College of Maine, came from the House referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

Senate non-concurred in the action of the House, and referred same to Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Amos L. Allen and others of Alfred, for an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Messabesic pond and its outlet, for a period of two years, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bills of A. J. Cameron for binding for the State, disallowed by the Executive Council of 1880, on grounds that they had no legal authority to settle the same, were referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, the order relating to the making a new apportionment of the State into proper districts for members of Congress, Senators and Representatives to the Legislature and Executive Councillors, was taken from the table and withdrawn by the same Senator who presented it.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That there be appointed a Committee of five, consisting of one from each Congressional District in the State, on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, for the purpose of making a new apportionment of the State with proper Districts for members of Congress, if expedient and necessary, at this session.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

*Ordered*, That a Committee consisting of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed for the purpose of making a new arrangement in the Councillor Districts of the State for the next decade, if expedient, together with the assignment to each county in said Councillor Districts.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

*Ordered*, That a new apportionment of the State for Senators and Representatives to the Legislature is expedient, and that a Joint Select Committee of seven on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to take into consideration the enumeration of the inhabitants of this State, as a basis for such apportionment.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

*Ordered*, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be and hereby is instructed to furnish a suitable number of waste baskets for use of the Senate.

Mr. LORD presented petition of C. O. Webster and others, for an appropriation for instruction in rifle practice, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BAKER presented petition of S. W. Baker and others, for change in the law conferring upon superintending school committees power to employ teachers, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY presented petition of N. W. Farwell and others, for an act of incorporation as the Pejepscot Manufacturing Company, with bill accompanying, which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BREWER presented petition of George R. Skofield and others of Harpswell, for a division of said town and incorporation of a new town, which was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, the petition of Catharine M. Crowell, for a bounty on foxes, referred by the Legislature of 1880 to this Legislature, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE presented petition of F. C. Barker, for renewal of charter to navigate by steam Mooselucmeguntic and Cupsuptic lakes ; also

Petition of J. H. Kimball and others ;

Petition of T. L. Page and others ;

Petition of Silvanus Poor and others ;

Petition of Thomas McCard and others, severally in aid of same ;

Which were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FERNALD presented petition of Baker Tufts and others, for legislation prohibiting all winter fishing in Rangely lake, and fishing with spawn in September ;

The same Senator presented petition of Samuel Farmer and others, in favor of legislation as set forth in above petition ;

Which were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY presented petition of E. W. Gross, for an act of incorporation for the purpose of conducting steam for heating, which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BAKER presented petition of C. F. Briggs and others, for aid in building a road in Carrying Place, which was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

In accordance with the order of the Senate fixing an hour for voting for a Senator in Congress of the United States from this State, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March next, and this being the day designated in sections 14 and

15 of chapter 1, title II of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in relation to the election of Senators, the Senate proceeded openly and by a *viva voce* vote of each member present, to name a person for Senator in Congress from this State, for a term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March next. And the roll being called

The whole number of votes was .....	31
Necessary for a choice .....	16
Eugene Hale had .....	22
Joseph L. Smith .....	8
Harris M. Plaisted .....	1

And Hon. Eugene Hale had a majority of the whole number of votes.

The Senators who voted for Hon. Eugene Hale are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Locke, Lord, Mortland, Nutting, Parcher, Pattangall, Sanborn, Wakefield, Walker—22.

The Senators who voted for Joseph L. Smith are :

Messrs. Buxton, Clarke, Dudley, Friend, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings, Sherman, Taber—8.

The Senator who voted for Harris M. Plaisted was Joseph L. Smith.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, The House of Representatives concurring, that the members of the two houses of the Legislature convene in joint assembly, in the hall of the House of Representatives, at 12 o'clock meridian, of Wednesday, the nineteenth day of January, instant, for the purpose of having read the journal of each house relating to the vote for a Senator in Congress for the term beginning on the fourth day of March next, and for such other proceedings in the matter of the election of such Senator in Congress as are required by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Maine.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

*Ordered*, The Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Library be directed to see what rules and legislation are necessary for the better regulation and protection of the State Library, and report the same to this Legislature.

Read and passed in concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by enactment for the holding of one term annually of the Supreme Judicial Court at Caribou in the County of Aroostook.

Read and passed in concurrence.

*Ordered*, The Senate concurring, that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, as far as practicable, by general laws, for all matters usually appertaining to special or private legislation.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 275 of the private and special laws of 1863, relating to Evergreen Cemetery ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Island Cottage Company ;"

Petition of L. G. Downs and others, in relation to deeding certain real estate to the Calais National Bank ;

Petition of F. M. Drew and others ;

Petition of Nelson Dingley, Jr. and others ;

Petition of W. Woodbury and others, severally for a change of the divorce law ;

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

Bill "an act making cemeteries or burying grounds public ;"

Petition of Thomas Leading and others, in aid of petition of W. M. Dutton for a charter for an Eclectic Medical College ;

Petition of L. B. Waldron and others, relating to the jurisdiction of trial justices in the town of Dexter ;

Petition of S. O. Snipe of Bath, in regard to the manufacture of vinegar ;

Petition of J. P. Moore and others, pertaining to the sale of vinegar ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of members of Company A, Second Regiment Maine Volunteer Militia and others, for an appropriation for the Maine Rifle Militia ;

Petition of John F. Fitz and others, for an appropriation for an annual encampment of the State Militia ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Certificate of election of Joseph Nicolar as Representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians ;

Petition of Penobscot tribe of Indians, for certain appropriation for their benefit ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of M. C. Kelley and others ;

Petition of George H. Emerson and others ;

Petition of Abner Phipps and others, severally for a change of law conferring upon superintending school committees authority to employ teachers ;

Petition of the Selectmen of the town of Washington for reimbursement of school fund of 1880 ;

Petition of N. T. Talbot and others, for an act for the benefit of public schools in Rockport and Camden, with bill accompanying ;

Petition of Henry A. Sprague and others of Penobscot and Washington counties, for the establishment of a school at the expense of the State, for the education of certain children ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Peter A. Sponburg, for redress relating to a lot of land in New Sweden ;

Petition of citizens of Patten and Mount Chase, for an appropriation in aid of repairing road known as the Shin Pond road in Mount Chase ;

Petition of Alonzo E. Ricker of Oakfield, for reimbursement of money paid the State for stumpage on State lands ;

Petition of Andrew Wiren and others, relative to State property in New Sweden ;

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

Petition of David H. Toothaker and others, for a bounty on bears ;

Petition of Henry A. Sprague and others, for a bounty on hawks ;

Petition of L. M. Locke and others, for a bounty on bears ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Aroostook River Railroad ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland and Rochester Railroad ;"

Bill "an act to revive the charter of the Brownville and Sebec Railroad Company ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of G. H. Vose and others, for State pension in favor of John M. Nutt ;

Petition of Alonzo M. Bartlett and others, asking for a State pension in favor of A. M. Bartlett ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel L. Davis and others, for legislation as to what shall constitute a barrel of herring ;

Petition of Francis P. Emerson of York, to have exclusive right of Barrell's pond, and to stock the same with fish ;

Petition of Nathan Carsley and others, for protection of trout in brooks in the town of Harrison ;

Petition of Robert McClain and others, to prohibit the taking of mackerel with seines ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Edward R. Hitchcock, ex-County Treasurer of Franklin county, and David H. Chandler, Clerk of Courts of said county,



for re-assessment of county taxes, with bill, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of the towns of Shirley and Blanchard, relating to rims of heavy wagon wheels ;

Petition of the County Commissioners and others of Franklin county, for aid in repairing road leading from Kingfield to Eustis ;

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

Petition of Melville D. Marshall, for change of name to Melvin D. Lawry, was referred to the Committee on Change of Name in concurrence.

Petition of I. C. Stedman and others, for permission to dyke in a certain marsh in Georgetown ;

Petition of Charles G. Sterns and others, for an amendment of charter of Sebois Dam Company ;

Petition of Edwin Pinkham and others, for an act incorporating Pleasant Cove Ice and Water Company ;

Petition of J. S. Jenness, to build wharves into tide waters in the town of Hampden ;

Petition of F. L. Farnham and others, for aid in construction of a bridge in the town of Washburn ;

Petition of J. P. Small and others, in aid of same ;

Petition of Charles H. Brown and others, for a grant to dyke a certain marsh in Georgetown ;

Petition of John G. Remick and Elkanah Remick, for charter for Flood Pond Stream Dam Company ;

Petition of Samuel Sylvester, for dam over Pemaquid river in the town of Bristol ;

Petition of Dennis B. Gove and others ;

Petition of Albert C. Sproul and others ;

Petition of Eugene Sproul and others ;

Petition of Charles P. Tibbetts and others, severally in aid of same ;

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

Petition of W. S. Cram and others, to be set off from the town of Trescott and annexed to the town of Whiting ;

Petition of Wilbert L. Robbins and William L. Wagner, to be exempted from taxes for town purposes, in the town of Islesborough ;

Petition of Ephraim Grant and others, to be set off from Columbia to Cherryfield ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of Harford H. Weed and others, for permission to dredge and navigate Winnecook lake ;

Petition of George H. Boardman and others, in reference to pilotage laws, Hell Gate, New York ; also

Petition of Isaiah Blaisdell and others, relating to same ;

Petition of George W. Caldwell and others, for right to build and maintain a wharf on the eastern shore of Muscongus bay ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Petition of George A. Hopkins and others ;

Petition of R. E. Wallace and others ;

Petition of James A. Milliken ;

Petition of Charles P. Nickells and others ;

Petition of H. H. Bowles and others ;

Petition of Erastus Redman and others ;

Petition of D. B. Byther and others ;

Petition of Jeremiah Wooster and others ;

Petition of John P. Gordon and others ;

Petition of B. F. Sumner and others ;

Petition of A. H. Joy and others ;

Petition of C. B. Hodgkins and others ;

Petition of M. C. Stanley and others ;

Petition of E. B. Wyman and others ;

Petition of F. Gerrish and others ;

Petition of Jno. H. Stinson and others ;

Petition of Eugene J. Swan and others ;

Petition of A. Sherman and others ;

Petition of A. W. Cushman and others, severally for a charter to Charles H. Allen, to maintain a steam ferry across Sullivan river in tide waters ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Memorial of Albert W. Paine, for amendment of insurance laws, so as to require annual reports to be made to the Insurance Commissioners, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of J. A. Mahan and others of Washington county, for repeal of the cider law of 1880, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate non-concurred in its reference to said Committee, and referred same to the Committee on Temperance.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

*Ordered*, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be and hereby is instructed to furnish suitable letter and paper balances for the use of the Messenger of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of further limiting the power of abatement of taxes by assessors, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DUDLEY presented petition of W. T. Spear and others, for bounty on bears, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented bill "an act conferring the privilege of elective franchise on women," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE presented petition of W. H. Atwood and others, relating to the sale of vinegar, which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, presented bill "an act to exempt the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad from taxation," which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND presented bill "an act to protect fish in Hosmer's pond in the town of Camden;"

Mr. JENNINGS presented petition of inhabitants of Bangor and Brewer, in relation to taking of Salmon in Penobscot river;

Which were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY presented petition of R. B. Abbott and others, for amendment of charter for steam ferry across Sullivan river;

Mr. COFFIN presented petition of Albert M. Nash and others, to memorialize the General Assembly of New York to repeal the Hell Gate Pilot Laws;

Which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLINT presented petition of Omar Clark and others, for appropriation to open a road in Somerset and Piscataquis counties, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY presented remonstrance of E. E. Church and others, against the petition of John G. Remick and others;

Mr. WALKER presented petition of Cyrus Andrews and others, for reduction of toll on slippage of lumber as per laws of 1869 and 1875;

Which were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLINT presented petition of S. H. Stevens and others of Guilford, providing for an encampment of militia and rifle practice, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred bill "an act to make women eligible to any office," reported that the same ought not to pass, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY, from the same Committee, to whom was referred petition of G. M. Ogden for an act to incorporate the Mount Desert Reading Room, submitted bill "an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Mount Desert Reading Room.'"

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

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

The order relating to the reception of petitions and orders for private and special legislation, was taken from the table.

The same Senator offered the following amendment marked "A," to strike out the words "twentieth day of January," and inserting the words, "the first day of February."

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

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, at 11.15 o'clock, the Senate took a recess until 11.50 o'clock.

11.50 O'CLOCK.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

The hour of 12 o'clock meridian, having arrived, the time fixed by section 15 of chapter 1, title II of the Revised Statutes of the United States, for the two houses of the Legislature to convene in joint assembly for the purposes therein mentioned, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a Convention was formed.

### IN CONVENTION.

The journal of each house for the preceding day, relating to the election of United States Senator was read, and Hon. Eugene Hale, having received a majority of all the votes in each house, was declared duly elected Senator to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth of March next.

Mr. EMERY of the Senate, presented the following :

### STATE OF MAINE.

In Convention of the two houses of the Legislature, convened in joint assembly at 12 o'clock meridian, on Wednesday, January 19, A. D. 1881.

The journal of each house relating to the votes cast for a Senator in Congress, having been read, and it appearing that Eugene Hale has received a majority of all the votes in each House, therefore

*Ordered*, That Hon. Eugene Hale be and hereby is declared duly elected Senator in Congress for the term of six years, beginning on the fourth day of March, A. D. 1881 ; and be it further

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention forthwith inform the Governor of the election and declaration thereof by the Legislature, of Hon. Eugene Hale, as Senator in Congress for the term beginning on the fourth day of March, A. D. 1881.

The Secretary conveyed the message.

The Convention then dissolved and the Senate retired.

#### IN SENATE.

On motion by Mr. CLARKE,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to prevent double taxation ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution of this State, as to provide that the biennial State elections shall be held on Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, instead of the second Monday in September ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 22 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, so as to include persons found in places not incorporated ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law for the better protection of persons whose signatures upon notes shall be fraudulently obtained ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be required to inquire into the expediency of enacting a statute requiring town clerks to pre-

serve the ballots cast at any State election for the period of six months after said election ;

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire what changes, if any, are necessary in the law regulating the selection and supply of text books in our public schools ;

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to carry into effect the fourth item of section 71, chapter 11 of the revised statutes ;

Were each read and passed in concurrence.

The Senate concurring, that the several joint standing committees be instructed to report legislation inexpedient upon all applications referred to them, whether by bill, petition, or otherwise, for special or private legislation, or for the formation of corporations, except for municipal purposes, and where the objects of such corporations cannot be otherwise obtained, was read, and on motion by Mr. LAMSON, laid on the table.

That the Secretary of State be and is hereby instructed to furnish the Library with maps of those counties of which it is deficient.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Senate order appointing a Joint Select Committee to consider the Governor's Message, came from the House with

Messrs. Talbot of East Machias,  
Purinton of Bowdoin,  
Hilton of Kingsbury,  
Staples of Parsonsfield,  
Clark of Tremont,  
Burrill of Baldwin,  
Gilbert of Kingfield,

joined by that branch.

Petition of John B. Farrell and others of northern Aroostook, for aid in building a bridge across the St. John river at Van Buren, was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Petition of Rev. J. S. Cogswell and others of Auburn, for an amendment to the law relating to divorce ;

Petition of William Forsyth and others, in relation to a change in the divorce laws ;

Petition of Warren W. Rice, late Warden of the State Prison, for reimbursement of money paid for damages and costs incurred in the

proper performance of his official duties, under section 40, chapter 140 of the revised statutes ;

Petition of I. Record of Houlton and 50 others, for legislation in regard to the laws of divorce ;

Petition of H. N. Fairbanks and others, to incorporate the Norombega Sporting Club ;

Petition of Ezekiel Vose and others of Washington County. for change of law of 1879, regarding compensation of jailers for board of prisoners in county jails ;

Petition of W. A. DePew and 28 others, for change in the divorce laws ;

Bill "an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset county to re-assess certain taxes ;"

Petition of Rev. J. S. Richards and others of Waterford, for amendment of divorce laws ;

Remonstrance of A. G. Farrar and 41 others, against giving jurisdiction to trial justices and officers outside of Somerset county, to act in Ripley ;

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

Petition of A. M. Hopkins and others of Ellsworth, for an act incorporating the Bar Harbor Gas Light Company, to supply Eden and Mt. Desert with gas ;

Petition of John W. Perry and others of Brunswick, to prevent the destruction of pigeons at shooting matches ;

Bill "an act to amend section 48, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to highway taxes ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 67 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes ;"

Bill "an act to establish a reasonable maximum rate of fare for transportation of passengers, and to prevent an unjust discrimination in charges for transportation of freight on railroads ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Memorial of John T. Gilman and others, for aid to the Maine General Hospital, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of George W. Page and 33 others, for change in school laws relating to employment of teachers ;



Petition of citizens of Mattawamkeag, for a law empowering superintending school committees to employ teachers ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Charles H. Cole and others, for an act authorizing the construction of a bridge in tide waters across Spinney's creek in Elliot and Kittery ;

Bill " an act for a bridge in Southport ;" and

Petition of John R. Sidney and others, in aid of same ;

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

Petition of Ephraim Stevens and 61 others, to prohibit the taking of mackerel in seines within the jurisdiction of this State ;

Petition of Daniel Gilbert and 45 others ;

Petition of Joseph W. Farrar and 36 others ;

Petition of Lyman Curtis and 48 others, severally in aid of same ;

Petition of O. M. Brown and 23 others of Sebago, relating to fishing in Sabbath Day pond ;

Petition of A. J. Darling and others, for protection of smelts in Cold Stream pond and tributaries ;

Bill " an act to amend chapter 200 of private and special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes' pond in Hermon ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Mrs. M. J. Baldwin for herself and others, to be reimbursed for over-payment of money to the State for township number 7, range 9, N. W. P., purchased by them from the State by deed dated November 27, 1867 ;

Petition of inhabitants of Oakfield plantation, for an appropriation to repair, in part, damage caused by a hail storm ;

Petition of Thomas W. Porter, to be paid for enlisting men for the 14th Regiment Maine Volunteers, in 1861 ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of George S. Bunker and 44 others, for exclusive franchise to Charles H. Allen to maintain a steam ferry across Sullivan river ;

Petition of William Hill and 41 others ;

Petition of O. C. Donnell and 38 others ;

Petition of H. Winterbotham and 16 others ;

Petition of O. B. Foss and 21 others, severally in aid of same ;

Petition of C. W. Robinson and 60 others of Machiasport, to memorialize the General Assembly of New York to repeal the Hell Gate Pilot Law ;

Petition of Edwin O. Clark and others of Waldoborough, in aid same ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Petition of city government of Biddeford, Company G, 1st Regiment, M. V. M., and others, for an appropriation for instruction in rifle practice and an annual encampment ;

Petition of inhabitants of Hartland and Palmyra, in aid of same ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Lee, in relation to pensioning the daughter of Almyra E. Cobb ;

Petition of Samuel Webb, a soldier of the Aroostook war, for a pension ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Petition of Peter Sabattis and others ;

Credentials of Newell Joseph ; and

“Resolve relating to the purchase of land by the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Lothrop L. Crocket, for permission to raise the dam at the outlet of Trickey pond in Naples ;

Petition of Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, to extend wharves into tide waters ;

Petition of Levi W. Weston and others, for the right to construct a boom across the Kennebec river at Skowhegan ;

Petition of C. L. Leighton and 57 others, for an act to authorize the erection of a dam across the Sheepscot river ;

Petition of T. N. Egery and others, to amend the charter of the Bangor Boom Company ;

Petition of Samuel Sullivan and others, for a dam in the town of Bristol ;

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

Petition of Virgil P. Hall and 12 others of Mayfield, relating to chapter 76 of the resolves of 1878 ;

Petition of citizens of Patten, in favor of John P. Leslie ;

Petition of inhabitants of Macwahoc plantation, for aid to build a bridge in said plantation ;

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

Petition of inhabitants of Van Buren, to be incorporated into a town by the name of Van Buren ;

Petition of J. G. Record, to be set off from Crystal plantation and annexed to Sherman ;

Petition of Mary G. Perley, to be set off from Bridgton Village Corporation ;

Remonstrance of C. H. Eaton and others, against division of the town of Eaton ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of George B. Page and others of Houlton, for relief and protection of mill property on the Medeuwnakege river and its tributaries, was referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the expediency of codifying all constitutional and statutory provisions touching elections, for the use of municipal officers, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of same Committee, on an order inquiring into the expediency of amending the charter of the city of Calais, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of same Committee, on an order to inquire into expediency of amending the charter of the city of Augusta, that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of same Committee, on an order relating to an amendment of the Constitution in regard to certificates of election of representatives, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of same Committee, on an order relating to amending the election laws, so as to allow soldiers who are public beneficiaries to vote in the towns and cities in which they reside, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of same Committee, on an order relating to amending the Constitution of the State abolishing the Executive Council, and electing a State Auditor, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Communication from Hon. Joseph O. Smith, Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Attorney General for the year 1880, was read, and the report referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Commissioners of Fisheries and Game for the year 1880, which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALKER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 6, section 169 of the revised statutes, relating to the sale of lands of resident owners for taxes.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire what legislation is necessary, if any, in order to give additional relief to poor debtors, under chapter 113 of the revised statutes, and to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending or repealing chapter 106 of the laws of 1879, relating to travel and attendance of parties recovering costs in the Supreme Court of this State.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to regulate the travel and fees of trial justices and justices of the peace and of the quorum.

Severally read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

*Ordered*, That the President of the Senate be instructed to appoint John R. Flint of Monson, as Folder, at one dollar per day without mileage.

Mr. EMERY presented petition of E. T. Homer and others ; also

Petition of Haskell Derby and others ;

Petition of T. C. Woodman and others ;

Petition of O. M. Shaw and others ;

Petition of G. M. Ogden and others, severally for incorporation of  
a water company at Bar Harbor ;

Mr. DINGLEY presented petition of R. Dunning and others, in  
aid of petition of N. W. Dutton for an Eclectic Medical College of  
Maine ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE presented bill "an act relating to the taxation of  
railroads," which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LORD presented petition of S. O. Paine and others, to pro-  
hibit the taking of fish in Great Watchic pond in Standish, which  
was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLINT presented petition of A. D. Sherman and others, for  
an appropriation for an annual encampment of militia ;

Mr. LORD presented petition of J. J. Lynch and others, members  
of Company E, 1st Regiment M. V. M., for an appropriation for  
instruction in rifle practice and an annual encampment ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the fol-  
lowing bills :

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mt. Desert Reading Room at  
Bar Harbor, in the town of Eden," which was read the second time  
and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BREWER,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Joint Standing Committee on Insane Hospital be instructed to ascertain and report for the information of this House, how many inmates of the Insane Hospital are State wards, justly chargeable to the State, and from what towns said wards were committed ; also the same facts as regards those inmates of the hospital not chargeable in full to this State ;

That the Committee on Interior Waters be directed to inquire into the necessity of some appropriation to rebuild the bridge on the old State road, over Fish river, near the south line of Eagle Lake plantation ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of enacting a law for the improvement of salt marshes, and that the law may be in accordance with the general law of Massachusetts, chapter 148 ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation is necessary for the prevention of injuries to persons getting on and off the cars whilst in motion ;

Were each read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of W. W. Thomas and others, for school suffrage for women ;

Petition of Frank Wilson and 169 others of Sanford, in favor of the amendment asked for to the Square Pond Reservoir Company ;

Petition of B. C. Robinson and others, for power to sell the Baptist meeting-house in Mt. Vernon ;

Bill “ an act to preserve and enforce attachments in certain cases on estates of deceased insolvent debtors ;”

Bill “ an act to amend and as additional to section 127, chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to renewal of alias and pluries executions ;”

Petition of Amos Wheeler and others of Winthrop, for repeal of chapter 137 of the public laws of 1872, relating to flowing highways ;

Petition of W. H. Wing and others of Manchester ;

Petition of C. M. Bailey and 240 others, for same ;

Petition of John O. Fiske and 15 others of Bath, for amendment of divorce law ;

Petition of Rev. S. L. Bowler and 51 others, for legislation in regard to the divorce laws ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of J. C. Holbrook and others of Brewer, for a law empowering the county commissioners of Penobscot county to take and appropriate land in said town for a ferry landing ;

Petition of C. C. Spaulding and 96 others, for a law regulating the sale of vinegar ;

Bill "an act relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies ;"

Bill "an act to amend sections 1 and 4, chapter 63 of the public laws of 1877, relating to loiterers ;"

Bill "an act relating to actions against insolvent estates ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Memorial of the Portland Female Orphan Asylum, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of J. R. Bodwell of Hallowell and 193 others, against the seining of smelts in the Kennebec or its tributaries ;

Petition of B. A. Cox and 223 others of Pittston, to prevent smelts being taken from the Kennebec river except by hook and line ;

Petition of John Berry and 313 others of Gardiner, to prevent the taking of smelts from the Kennebec river except by hook and line ;

Petition of Isaac W. Smith and others, for an act to protect fish in Lufkin's pond in Phillips, and in favor of Seward Dill, who is to stock said pond with white fish ;

Petition of Nahum Warren and 150 others of Veazie, for equal rights in catching salmon in Penobscot river ;

Petition of John P. Swasey of Canton and others, to prohibit the taking of fish from Bog brook for the term of five years ;

Petition of Joseph Lamb and 56 others, for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon in Cupsuptic and Kennebago streams in Rangely ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Lewis Freeman and 16 others, to construct a wharf in the tide waters of Bass harbor ;

Petition of Francis Cobb and 66 others, asking the Legislature to memorialize the General Assembly of New York to modify or repeal the Hell Gate pilotage laws ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Petition of John P. Perley and others, for extension of railroad charter, was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Dyer Brook plantation, for aid, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Hersey, for an appropriation on bridge across Mattawamkeag stream, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to the Maine Central Institute," was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Lolah and others, for division of certain lands deeded to Passamaquoddy Indians ;

Remonstrance of Mitchell Neptune and 41 others, against the taking of land for a way around Oldtown Island ;

Remonstrance of Solomon Frances and others, against the division of Indian lands at Pleasant point ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Oliver C. Clark and 43 others, for appropriation for instruction in rifle practice and for an annual encampment of the State militia ;

Petition of Frank E. Clarkson and 39 others ;

Petition of A. A. Martin and 25 others, in aid of same ;

Petition of D. C. Palmer and 39 others of Gardiner, for an appropriation for an annual encampment of the militia of the State ;

Petition of Henry Richards and 40 others of Gardiner, for same ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.



Petition of W. W. Thomas, the Rev. Dr. Carruthers and 769 others of Portland, for a constitutional amendment forever prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes and for the arts, was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to incorporate the Dyer Library Association," that the same ought to pass, was accepted, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, That the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the Maine Press Association on Wednesday evening, January 26th, for the purpose of holding their annual meeting, and also to the same body on Thursday afternoon, January 27th, for holding the public literary exercises.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourn it be to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of a revision of the laws for the formation of corporations by general law.

On motion by same Senator,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of a revision of the laws relating to tax sales and titles.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be requested to inquire into the rights of Thomas Loveley, in relation to a lot of land in Mapleton plantation, the deed of which it withheld only in consequence of a clerical error, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND presented bill "an act to amend section 22 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to certificates of witnesses in civil actions ;"

Mr. DINGLEY presented petition of F. W. Bakeman and others, for a change in the divorce law ;

Which were each referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PARCHER presented petition of citizens of Searsmont ; also  
Petition of citizens of Damariscotta ;

Petition of citizens of Deering ;

Petition of citizens of Topsfield, severally for a change in the law relating to the employment of teachers ;

Which were each referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY presented petition of E. H. Gregory and others, for the appointment of a chemist for testing commercial fertilizers, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LAMSON presented petition of Benjamin Nutter, for State aid, with statement of facts, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of Henry A. Sprague and others, for bounty on squirrels, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. BERRY, from the same Committee, on petition of Mrs. Catharine M. Crowell and others, for bounty on foxes, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Education, on petition of Henry A. Sprague and others, for the establishment of a school for the education of certain children in Washington and Penobscot counties, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of Henry A. Sprague and others, for a bounty on hawks, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order to inquire into the expediency of repealing the present law and re-enacting the death penalty, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

These several reports were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Samuel Sylvester and others, to construct a dam across the Pemaquid river in the town of Bristol, reporting bill "an act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a dam across the Pemaquid river," and that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of G. W. Gross, for an act of incorporation, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Steam Heating Company."

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

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of E. L. Whitehouse and others, to be incorporated as the Winnecook Lake Steam Navigation Company, referred by last Legislature to this, reporting bill "an act for the navigation of Winnecook lake in the county of Waldo," and that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read once, and on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table to be printed.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Park Association," that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted in concurrence, bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PATTANGALL,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1881.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GROSVENOR of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 170, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, in relation to costs in sale of resident real estate ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 215 of the public laws of 1880, that justices of the peace appointed and commissioned prior to said act, may exercise their powers and duties in each and every county in the State ;

That the Committee on Fisheries inquire into the expediency of enacting a law giving a bounty on dog-fish ;

Were each read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Frank Bean and 37 others of Aroostook county, for amendment to chapter 45, section 1 of the revised statutes, so that it shall read, " the legal interest shall be six per cent. per annum."

Petition of Dexter Lodge No. 28, I. O. G. T., for authority to convey property to the selectmen of Dexter, with bill accompanying ;

Petition of E. N. Smith and 49 others, for amendment of the divorce laws ;

Petition of Thomas Hill and others, relating to the divorce laws ;

Bill " an act to amend section 19, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to public and private ways ;"

Bill " an act to incorporate the Maine Sportsmen's Association ;"

Bill " an act to incorporate the Saco Gas Light Company ;"

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

Bill " an act relating to suits to enforce liens ;"

Petition of A. K. P. Buffam and 36 others of Gardiner, for a law relating to the sale of vinegar ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin and Frank R. Conant of Auburn, for the right to erect a boom across the Little Androscoggin river in Androscoggin county, with bill accompanying, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of A. E. Adams and others, relating to rifle practice and encampment of the militia, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of John Estes and 169 others of Penobscot county, that railroad fare and freight rates be fixed and regulated by law, was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of Elden Burkett and others, for remuneration to Benjamin Smith of Appleton, for permanent injuries received while doing military service for the State, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of M. L. Stevens, of the Women's Temperance Union Association of Deering, to submit the question of prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors to the people, by an amendment to the constitution ;

Bill "an act to amend sections 22 and 25, chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 215 of the public laws of 1877, and sections 2 and 3, chapter 247, public laws of 1880 ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of J. D. Teague and others, relative to a reduction of tolls on buckwheat ;

Petition of C. F. Gilbert and 105 others of Kingfield, for a bounty on bears ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of B. Lincoln and others of Dennysville and Edmunds, for amendment of section 2, chapter 578 of the special laws of 1868, relating to the taking of alewives in Dennys river ;

Petition of N. S. Allen and others of Dennysville and Edmunds,

for an amendment to section 2, chapter 578 of the special laws of 1868, relating to the taking of salmon in Dennys river;

Petition of Joseph F. Burgess and 34 others of South Gardiner, in relation to smelt fishing in the Kennebec river;

Were each referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order to amend section 22 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, so as to include persons found in places not incorporated, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on an order for the better protection of persons whose signatures upon notes shall have been fraudulently obtained, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Warren W. Rice, late Warden of the State Prison, for reimbursement for money paid for damages and costs incurred in the proper performance of his official duties, that they be discharged from further consideration of the same and that the petition be referred to the Committee on Claims.

The report was accepted, and the petition referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Report of same Committee, on "resolve relating to taxes assessed upon railroads for the year 1880," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Mining Exchange," that the same be referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

Report accepted, and the bill referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining in concurrence.

Report of same Committee, on order from the last Legislature, relating to the expediency of amending section 40 of chapter 69 of the revised statutes, reducing the poll tax, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on petition of Samuel Webb, for a State pension, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of Newell Joseph, Representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians ;”

“Resolve in favor of Joseph Nicolar, Representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians ;”

Which were read and passed to be engrossed in the House, were each read twice under suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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

Bill “an act to incorporate the Dyer Library Association,” which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported :

Bill “an act to incorporate the Auburn Steam Heating Company,” which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to properly fit up the Senate wash room.

On motion by the same Senator,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet at four o'clock P. M., Monday next.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of defining by statute, the duties of auditor of accounts.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by enactment, that deeds of minors shall be unavoidable if not disaffirmed within a reasonable time after the grantor shall attain his majority ;

That the Committee on Ways and Bridges be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 44, chapter 18 of the public laws, relating to the duties of surveyors of highways, by striking out the last clause in said section ;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of George Mitchell and others of Cambridge, against granting jurisdiction to trial justices and other officers outside of the county to act in said town, came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate non-concurred and referred the same to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of G. A. Washburn and others of Brewer, for the enactment of a law empowering the county commissioners of Penobscot, to take and appropriate land for the purpose of a ferry landing in said town, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of James Adams, Clerk of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company, for an amendment of charter, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of Col. Fifield and others, for an appropriation for instruction in rifle practice and an annual encampment of the militia of Maine, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.



Petition of E. LeVasseur and others of Caribou, to be set off from said town and annexed to Connor plantation, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of E. W. Whitehouse and others, for a law regulating the catching of smelts in Kennebec river ;

Petition of C. B. Hall and others, for same ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company, approved March 4, 1880,'" that the same ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to revive the charter of the Calais Bank for certain purposes," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act additional to chapter 275 of the private a special laws of 1863, conferring certain powers on the city of Portland in relation to Evergreen Cemetery," that the same ought to pass.

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

Report of the same Committee, on petition of B. C. Robinson and others, for authority to make sale of the old Baptist meeting-house in Mt. Vernon, reporting bill "an act to authorize the sale of the old Baptist meeting-house in Mt. Vernon."

The report was accepted, bill read twice, under suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Printed bills :

Bill "an act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a dam across the Pemaquid river," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act for the navigation of Winnecock lake in Waldo county," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. MORTLAND laid on the table, pending its passage to be engrossed.

The following Joint Select Committees, as appointed by the House, was received from that branch :

*On Temperance.*

Messrs. Goss of Bath,  
Fisher of Boothbay,  
Cook of Lewiston,  
Livermore of Bradley,  
Lang of Palmyra,  
Wheeler of Eaton.

*On Printing and Binding.*

Messrs. Rowell of Hallowell,  
Goss of Auburn,  
Bradstreet of Bridgton,  
Lord of Bangor,  
Trufant of Harpswell,  
Benner of Waldoborough,  
Webb of Deer Isle.

Also the Joint Standing Committee on Mines and Mining:

Messrs. Lord of Kennebunk,  
Bragdon of Sullivan,  
Freeman of Cherryfield,  
Noyes of Jefferson,  
Ashford of Windsor,  
Cummings of Jonesport,  
Deering of Passadumkeag.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State, was received, transmitting returns of stockholders of corporations made to that office for the year 1880.

Read and referred with the returns to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation is necessary, if any, to fix the time when damages for land taken for highways shall be paid.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PARCHER presented petition of citizens of Cape Elizabeth ;  
Petition of citizens of Naples ;  
Petition of citizens of Princeton ;  
Petition of citizens of Monticello ;  
Petition of citizens of Yarmouth ;  
Petition of citizens of Benton ;  
Petition of citizens of Talmadge ;  
Petition of citizens of Edmunds ;  
Petition of citizens of Litchfield ;  
Petition of citizens of Porter ;  
Petition of citizens of Dexter ;  
Petition of citizens of Wilton ;  
Petition of citizens of Grand Isle ;  
Petition of citizens of Castine ;  
Petition of citizens of Whiting ;  
Petition of citizens of Vinalhaven ;  
Petition of citizens of Casco, severally for change of law in regard  
to the employment of teachers ;  
Which were referred to the Committee on Education.  
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by general law for the formation of telegraph companies.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what changes, if any, are necessary, in chapter 92 of the revised statutes, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND of Knox, presented bill "an act explanatory of section 3, chapter 78 of the laws of 1878, relating to tramps," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Park Association," which was passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed

by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 8 of chapter 7 of the revised statutes, so as to transfer the town of Woodland and the plantations of Perham and New Sweden from the northern to the southern registry district ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending a part of section 1 of chapter 128 of the revised statutes of 1871, relating to killing veal calves under four weeks old, so as to make the law more effectual ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of prohibiting by statute the sale to any butcher or butchers, servants or agents, any calves under four weeks old, unless the same is accompanied by the mother ;

That the Committee on Indian Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending the statute so that representatives of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians shall be allowed travel and expenses for attending regular sessions of the Legislature ;”

That the same Committee examine the doings of the Governor and Council in 1879, in reference to land deeded to William Todd by the State, in payment for building Tomah stream bridge ;

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 6, chapter 125 of the acts and resolves of 1879, by striking out the word “two” and inserting in place thereof

the word "three," so that as amended it will read: "Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians \$300 per year;"

Were each read and referred in concurrence.

Petition of W. E. Slayton and others, to amend section 40, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to city ordinances;

Bill "an act to repeal sections 4 and 5 of the public laws of 1880, relating to constables and county attorneys;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Van Buren Lumbering and Manufacturing Company;"

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

Petition of Richard Dresser and others, to amend an act to establish a municipal court for the city of Auburn, approved Feb. 17, 1875, relating to actions of forcible entry and detainer in said court;

Petition of Roscoe K. Benner and others, for permission to build a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bremen, with bill;

Were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of D. C. Palmer and 30 others of Gardiner, for change of law regarding the employment of teachers, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of S. B. Hume and Son and 47 others, in reference to pilotage laws of Hell Gate, N. Y., was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of Kingsbury, for reimbursement for support of State paupers, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of James French and others, to have portions of Fryeburg Academy Grant and Bachelder's Grant annexed to the town of Gilead, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of Mitchell Newell and others, in reference to Indian rights, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Everett W. Stetson and 120 others, for an amendment of the Constitution prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Petition of Joel Pease and 34 others of Oldtown, for constitutional amendment forbidding the sale of liquor ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Communication from Hon. Harris M. Plaisted, transmitting communication from Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, accompanied by a resolve adopted at a meeting of the Association of Maine Soldiers and Sailors, requesting the use of the regimental colors, now deposited in the State House, at a proposed reunion of Maine veterans, to be held during the current year, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, transmitting annual report of the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts for 1880, was read and sent down, and the report referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND presented petition of Zenas Cook and others, for an act to permit the Crystal Lake Ice Company, in Friendship, to build a wharf into tide waters, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE presented petition of Isaac Bagnall, for a law to prevent refuse matter from being thrown into Howard's pond in Oxford, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY presented bill "an act to authorize the Little Androscoggin Water Power Company to increase its capital stock," which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented petition of the President of the Auburn Aqueduct Company, for increase of capital stock ;

Mr. WALKER presented bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SANBORN presented " resolve for compilation of the school laws ;"

Mr. PARCHER presented bill " an act to amend chapter 140 of the public laws of 1879, relating to normal schools ;"

Which were each referred to the Committee on Education.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PARCHER presented petitions as follows :

Petition of citizens of Hodgdon ;

Petition of citizens of Blaine ;

Petition of citizens of Bowdoinham ;

Petition of citizens of Newburg ;

Petition of citizens of Boothbay ;

Petition of citizens of Benedicta ;

Petition of citizens of Medford, severally for a change in the law regarding the employment of teachers ;

Which were each referred to the Committee on Education.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to exempt the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad from taxation," that the same ought to pass, was accepted, and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

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

Bill " an act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a dam across the Pemaquid river, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill " an act additional to chapter 275 of the private and special laws of 1863, conferring certain powers on the city of Portland in relation to Evergreen Cemetery ;"

Bill "an act to revive the charter of the Calais bank for certain purposes ;"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company,' approved March 4, A. D. 1880 ;"

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

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mt. Desert Reading Room at Bar Harbor in the town of Eden, County of Hancock ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Dyer Library Association ;"

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Newell, Representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians ;"

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Nicolar, Representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1881.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WHITE of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law that no person shall be deemed to be ineligible to serve upon a school committee by reason of sex ;

That the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 114 of the public laws of 1876, that the death penalty shall be restored in all cases where capital offences are committed by convicts while under sentence for life ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 49, section 65 of the revised statutes, as to make accident insurance policies exempt from attachment ;

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of conveying such interest as the State may have in lot No. 115, in the town of Mars Hill, to S. G. Wheeler, who now occupies said lot under a deed from the European and North American Railway Company ;

Were each referred in concurrence.

Bill “ an act in relation to the times of holding sessions of the county commissioners of Washington county ;”

Bill “ an act for the promotion of medical science ;”

Bill “ an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime ;”

Bill “ an act relating to the appointment of administrators with the will annexed ;”

Bill “ an act additional to section 45, chapter 74 of the public laws of 1878, as amended by section 20, chapter 154 of the public laws of 1879 ;”

Bill “ an act to enable the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation to dispose of its property ;”

Bill “ an act relating to the Municipal Court in the town of Brunswick ;”

Petition of Rev. O. W. Rogers and 24 others, for change of divorce laws ;

Petition of W. H. Shailer and others ;

Petition of Rev. A. L. Park and 30 others ;

Petition of J. Torrey and 45 others of Yarmouth ;

Petition of G. P. Mathews and others, for same ;

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

Bill " an act to amend section 4 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries ;"

Bill " an act relating to mortgages of real estate and actions thereon ;"

" Resolve in favor of Fort Kent ;"

Remonstrance of J. B. Mayo and others of Piscataquis county, against the enactment of a law authorizing certain officers in the county of Penobscot to exercise jurisdiction in the county of Piscataquis ;

Bill " an act to facilitate the consolidation of the Maine Turning Company and International Turning Company ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of B. T. Chase and others, for change in the school laws, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Camden, for the abolition of compulsory pilotage through Hell Gate ;

Petition of Isaac Coombs and others of Camden, for same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Penney and 58 others, for an act providing for wider rims on wheels, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of Sedgwick Post No. 4, Grand Army of the Republic, for the erection of a monument in Oak Grove Cemetery in Bath, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Charles E. Allen, for an amendment of chapter 43, section 7 of the revised statutes, relating to logs ;

Petition of T. N. Egery, for amendment of the charter of the Pleasant River Dam and Improvement Company, with bill ;

Petition of Charles A. J. Farrar, for extension of charter to navigate Richardson lakes ;

Petition of Henry Tilley and others of Castle Hill, for aid in building a bridge across Aroostook river in Washburn ;

Remonstrance of Levi Sears and 40 others, against diverting the waters of Fish river to Violet stream ;

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

Petition of J. R. Bodwell and others, for a railroad charter from New Portland to Gardiner ;

Petition to lease the Bridgton and Presumpscot Railroad when completed ;

Petition of J. S. Tobey and others, for a charter for a narrow gauge railroad from Skowhegan to Athens ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Sherrer and 70 others of Rockland, that the seventh ward of said city may be set off and incorporated into a separate town ;

Petition of G. L. Farrand and 11 others, for same ;

Petition of E. L. Chadbourne and others of Township No. 8, Range 8, Piscataquis county, for incorporation into a town ;

Remonstrance of A. J. Bird and 98 others, against the petition to divide the city of Rockland ;

Remonstrance of J. P. Bradbury and 53 others ;

Remonstrance of Charles A. Keene Jr. and 42 others, against same ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of Philander N. Knowles and others, for exclusive right to stock, cultivate and take trout in the Daniel McKenzie mill pond in Addison ;

Petition of T. B. Spratt and others, for a change in the law in regard to fishing on the Penobscot waters ;

Remonstrance of W. H. Brown and 115 others, against any change in the present law in regard to taking salmon on the Penobscot river ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of William L. Putnam and 151 others, for amendment of the liquor law ;

Petition of Arcana Lodge of Good Templars of Portland, for constitutional amendment prohibiting the liquor traffic ;

Petition of Capital Lodge of Augusta ;

Petition of Portland Temperance Union, for same ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of B. C. Stone, Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court for Cumberland county, for increase of salary, was referred to the Cumberland County Delegation in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of French Spoliation Claims,” was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending chapter 174 of the public laws of 1877, reporting bill “an act to amend chapter 174 of the public laws of 1877.”

Report of the same Committee, on bill “an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes,” that the same ought to pass.

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

Bill “an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Washington to re-assess certain taxes,” passed to be engrossed in the House, was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by LORD,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending item fifth of section 24 of the school laws, so as to make plain the meaning of said item, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs, be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 8 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, relating to fast driving on bridges.

On motion by Mr. JENNINGS,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Mines and Mining be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 294 of the

special laws of 1880, so as to secure the purposes of said act, to wit : The consolidation of the Acton Silver Mining Company, the Forest City Silver Mining Company, and the Boston Acton Silver Mining Company.

Mr. MORTLAND presented petition of W. A. Waterhouse and Company, for allowance of claim for printing for the State, which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LORD presented bill "an act to repeal chapter 120 of the public laws of 1879," as amended, which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order inquiring into the expediency of prohibiting, by statute, the sale to any butcher or butchers, servants or agents, any calves under four weeks old, unless the same be accompanied by their mother, that the same be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to repeal sections 4 and 5, chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880, relating to constables and county attorneys," that the same be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. BISBEE, from the same Committee, on petition of the citizens of Aroostook county, that the rate of interest may be regulated according to law, that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

These several reports were accepted, and the order, petition and bills referred as above.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order inquiring into the expediency of a revision of the laws relating to tax sales and titles, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JENNINGS, from the Committee to which was referred the Governor's message, reported as follows :

1. That so much of said address as relates to ways and means of raising revenue, except taxes on railroads, be referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

2. That so much thereof as relates to taxes on railroads, be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

3. That so much thereof as relates to State finances and financial affairs, except as above referred, be referred to the Committee on Finances.

4. That so much thereof as relates to equalization of taxes, be referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

5. That so much thereof as relates to Railroads and Railroad Commissioners, be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

6. That so much thereof as relates to the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

7. That so much thereof as relates to the Insane Hospital, be referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital.

8. That so much thereof as relates to the Reform School, be referred to the Committee on Reform School.

9. That so much thereof as relates to Insurance Commissioner, be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

10. That so much thereof as relates to the State Prison, be referred to the Committee on State Prison.

11. That so much thereof as relates to Public Buildings, be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

12. That so much thereof as relates to the Militia and Military Affairs, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

13. That so much thereof as relates to imprisonment for debt, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

14. That so much thereof as relates to rates of interest and the fixing the same by law, be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

15. That so much thereof as relates to United States bonds, be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

16. That so much thereof as relates to the courts and the constitutional provision for requiring the opinion of the Court on certain occasions, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

17. That so much thereof as relates to alleged burdens of debt and taxation; dangers from corporations and corporate powers; dangers from accumulations of wealth; emigration from the State, and generally the condition of the people, except so far as above referred, be referred to a Joint Select Committee on the State of

the Commonwealth, consisting of three on the part of the Senate, and seven on the part of the House.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to the amendment of chapter 6, section 169 of the revised statutes, relating to sale of land of resident owners for taxes, reporting bill "an act entitled an act to amend section 169 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes."

Mr. DINGLEY, from the same Committee, on petition of N. W. Dutton and others, for an act of incorporation for an Eclectic Medical College, reporting bill "an act to establish the Eclectic Medical College of Maine."

Mr. JENNINGS, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported bill "an act to protect fish in Hosmer's pond in the town of Camden," and that the same ought to pass.

Mr. BREWER, from the same Committee, on petition of Baker Tufts and others, that winter fishing be prohibited in Rangely lakes, reported bill "an act for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon in Kennebago and Rangely lakes and streams."

Mr. FERNALD, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported bill "an act to amend section 168, chapter 225 of the public laws of 1880, relating to the militia," and that the same ought to pass.

Mr. PATTANGALL, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, on the report of the Officers and Visiting Committee of the Maine Insane Hospital, reported "resolve to provide for the erection of an additional building to the Maine Insane Hospital."

These several reports were accepted. the bills and resolve laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. FLINT, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order inquiring into the rights of Peter McKenzie of Maysville, to a portion of a lot of land in said Maysville, reported "resolve in favor of Peter McKenzie," which was accepted, and the resolve laid on the table to be printed, on motion by Mr. PARCHER.

The PRESIDENT announced the Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives to the Legislature, as follows :

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,  
Brewer of Cumberland,  
Dingley of Androscoggin,  
Dudley of Aroostook,  
Mortland of Knox,  
Pattangall of Washington,  
Taber of Waldo.

Sent down for concurrence.

Which was subsequently returned by the House, with

Messrs. Shaw of Lisbon,  
Burnham of Sherman,  
Maxey of Portland,  
Smith of New Sharon,  
Sargent of Sedgwick,  
Morrill of Augusta,  
Bartlett of Hope,  
Benner of Waldoborough,  
Andrews of Norway,  
Lord of Bangor,  
Hilton of Kingsbury,  
Goss of Bath,  
Ware of Athens,  
Freeman of Lincolnville,  
Cummings of Jonesport,  
Wentworth of Kittery,

appointed on the part of that branch.

Also the Committee on Apportionment of Councillor Districts, as follows :

Messrs. Lord of Cumberland,  
Lamson of Sagadahoc,  
Wakefield of York,  
Clarke of Lincoln,  
Fernald of Franklin,  
Flint of Piscataquis,  
Buxton of Somerset.

Sent down for concurrence.



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Subsequently returned with

Messrs. Fisher of Boothbay,  
Haskell of Turner,  
Nickerson of Linneus,  
Perley of North Yarmouth,  
Tarbox of Phillips,  
McAlister of Bucksport,  
Wentworth of Gardiner,  
Vinal of Thomaston,  
Bridgham of Buckfield,  
Loud of Hampden,  
Kennison of Williamsburg,  
Sprague of Phippsburg,  
Burr of Mercer,  
Bradstreet of Palermo,  
Eastman of Dennysville,  
Chadbourne of Waterborough,

joined on the part of the House.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Hancock,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of submitting to the people a resolve providing for an amendment to the constitution, section 1, article 11, so as to extend the right of suffrage to paupers and persons under guardianship.

Senate non-concurred and indefinitely postponed the order.

Sent down for concurrence.

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing section 2 of chapter 176 of the public laws of 1877.

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of revising and consolidating the public laws.

That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending section 15 of the insolvency law, that insolvency proceedings may be instituted by one or more creditors whose claims amount to one-fourth of all the insolvent's unsecured liabilities.

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing sections 52 and 54, chapter 38 of the revised statutes, in relation to the branding of hay.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Horatio Ilsley and others, for change in the divorce laws ;

Petition G. F. Tewksbury and others ;

Petition of True Whittier and others ;

Petition of Joseph Freeman and others ;

Petition of George B. Ilsley and others ;

Petition of George S. Dickerman and others ;

Petition of J. B. Hamilton and others,

Petition of George E. Chapin and others ;

Petition H. H. Osgood and 24 others of North Yarmouth ;

Petition of Edward S. Tingby and others of Turner ;

Petition Henry T. Arnold and others of Wells ;

Petition of George B. Pierce and 80 others of New Gloucester ;  
Petition of F. Southworth and others ;  
Petition of Rev. Edward Chase and 25 others ;  
Petition of Charles R. Loring and 39 others ;  
Petition of Alexander Wiswall and 21 others ;  
Petition of S. J. Wetherby and others of Cape Elizabeth ;  
Petition of Edward S. Tead and 14 others ;  
Petition of Sumner Webb and others of Solon ;  
Petition of J. C. Adams and 22 others of Falmouth, in aid of same ;

Petition of wardens and vestrymen of St. James' Church of Oldtown, for an act authorizing Bishop Henry A. Neeley to reconstruct said church without tax on pew holders ;

Bill "an act to amend an act approved February 19, 1878, relating to mortgages of property ;"

Bill "an act to enable the creditors of the A. and W. Sprague Manufacturing Company, to obtain possession of the mortgaged property ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 2 of the revised statutes ;"

Petition of Henry A. Sprague and others, for a law to prohibit smoking in public places ;

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

Petition of W. H. Bartlett and others of Hope, for a law regulating the sale of vinegar ;

Bill "an act relating to licenses to keep billiard rooms and bowling alleys ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Managers of the Children's Home of Bangor, for an appropriation ;

Memorial of James A. Healey for aid to St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of E. P. Lovejoy and 26 others of Rockland, for division of said town ;

Petition of Reuben L. Sherrer and 61 others, for same ;  
Remonstrance of J. E. Babbidge and 41 others, against division of Rockland ;  
Remonstrance of A. D. Lawry and 49 others ;  
Remonstrance of W. O. Fuller and 49 others ;  
Remonstrance of Albert S. Rice and 45 others ;  
Remonstrance of R. C. Thomas and 33 others, against same ;  
Remonstrance of Nelson Gilkey and 49 others of Isleborough, against exempting W. T. Robbins and W. T. Wagner of said island from town tax ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of J. Ambrose White and others, in reference to repeal of Hell Gate pilotage laws ;  
Petition of A. C. Hagerthy and 44 others ;  
Petition of G. C. Crane and 19 others of Orland ;  
Petition of Edward O'Brien and 43 others of Thomaston ;  
Petition of D. L. Jordan and 47 others of Thomaston ;  
Petition of J. W. Frederick and 46 others of Belfast ;  
Petition of T. J. Stewart and 107 others of Bangor, in aid of the same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Bill " an act to improve the channel of the Magalloway river and facilitate the driving of logs and other timber ;"

Petition of Elias J. Hale and 101 others of Piscataquis county, for protection to navigation and fisheries of Sebec lake and its tributaries, with bill ;

Petition of M. S. Drummond for an amendment to charter of Pleasant River Dam Company ;

Petition of G. L. Boynton and others, for an act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company ;

Petition of Charles G. Sterns and others, for amendment of the charter of the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company ;

Were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of Alfred Thompson of Winterport, for State bounty ;  
Petition of the town of Carroll, for reimbursement for money paid by Treasurer for bounty on wild animals ;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of A. M. Holbrook and others, for change in time of taking smelts in New Meadows river ;

Remonstrance of George B. Kenniston and 80 others, against enactment of any law prohibiting or restricting the catching of mackerel by seine ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petitions of the Frontier Guards and citizens of Eastport, for an appropriation for rifle practice and encampment of the militia, were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of D. E. Manter and others, for legislation to protect and beautify highways, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of James Costello and 300 others of Biddeford, asking that the sale of liquor be legalized under a strict license law, was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of N. Warren and others of Veazie, to be classed with the town of Orrington for representative district ;

Petition of William E. Bogart and 90 others of Hampden, for same ;

Were referred to the Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives in concurrence.

“ Resolve relating to Ireland,” was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill “ an act establishing reasonable maximum rates of fare for transportation of passengers, and to prevent unjust discrimination in charges for the transportation of freight on railroads,” that the same be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Report accepted, and the bill referred in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill “ an act to amend section 67 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes,” that the same ought not to pass, as accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to amending chapter 215 of the public laws of 1880, relating to justices of the peace, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Andrew Wiren and others of New Sweden, that certain State property be transferred, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on an order relating to purchasing copies of the survey of the western boundary of the State, referred from the last Legislature, that legislation thereon is expedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to incorporate the Van Buren Lumbering and Manufacturing Company," that the same be referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, was accepted in concurrence and bill referred in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to the expediency of reporting a bill to prevent double taxation, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend and as additional to section 127, chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to the renewal of alias and pluries executions," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to preserve and enforce attachments in certain cases on estates of deceased insolvent debtors," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to incorporate the Portland and Rochester Railroad," that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. BEATTY offered the following amendment marked "A":

By inserting after section four, a new section as follows:

Sect. 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed as surrendering the power to tax the corporations hereby created, or the control of the Legislature over such corporations.

Pending the adoption of the amendment, on motion by the same Senator, the bill, with the amendment, was laid on the table and ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Hancock,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the expediency of fixing the standard weight of a bushel of oats at 32 pounds, as in other States, instead of 30 pounds as now fixed by section 56 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, and report by bill or otherwise ;

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 2 of the revised statutes, in relation to notice on petitions for legislation ;

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 150, section 8 of the laws of 1879, so that the price of board of prisoners shall be reduced, and report by bill or otherwise ;

Which were referred as above.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

*Ordered*, That a Joint Select Committee to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed on State valuation, to whom shall be referred, when submitted, the report of the Commission of 1880 on the State valuation and all petitions and orders relating thereto, that may be presented to the Legislature.

On motion by the same Senator the order was laid on the table.

Mr. EMERY presented bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan Ferry Company ;"

Mr. BISBEE presented petition of David Hammonds and others, for a change of place of holding the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court, in the County of Oxford ;

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

Mr. SMITH presented petition of I. T. Robinson, for repeal of chapter 453 of the laws of 1865, entitled "an act to increase the

tolls of Baskahegan Dam Company," which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. COFFIN presented petition of Henry Nash of Addison, for reimbursement for islands purchased of the State of Maine, the title being invalid, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LORD presented bill "an act to provide for minority representation in corporations," which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Hancock, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of C. T. Briggs and others, for an appropriation for building the road through Carrying Place, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on bill "an act to amend chapter 115, section 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the compensation of members of the government," that the same ought not to pass, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of N. W. Dutton and others, for a act of incorporation, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Manufacturing Company."

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported bill "an act to authorize the Little Androscoggin Water Power Company to increase its capital stock."

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

Mr. BREWER, from the Committee on Maine State Year Book, on an order for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book, reported "resolve for the purchase of a Maine State Year Book."

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Towns, on petition of citizens of Berwick, to be set off from the town of Berwick and annexed to the town of South Berwick, reported bill "an act to



change the boundary line between the towns of Berwick and South Berwick."

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of A. D. Sherman and others of Monson, for an act of incorporation, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Piscataquis Game and Fish Protective Society."

The several reports were accepted, and the bills and resolve laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

The Committee on bills in the second reading reported the following bills:

Bill "an act to amend chapter 175 of the public laws of 1877;"

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes;"

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Washington to re-assess certain taxes;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to authorize the sale of the old Baptist Meeting House in Mt. Vernon;"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 275 of the private and special laws of 1863, conferring certain powers on the city of Portland in relation to Evergreen Cemetery;"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company,' approved March 4, 1880;"

Bill "an act to revive the charter of the Calais Bank for certain purposes;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The PRESIDENT announced the following Committee on Congressional Apportionment on the part of the Senate:

Messrs. Bisbee of Oxford,  
Beatty of York,  
Cornish of Kennebec,  
Emery of Hancock,  
Smith of Penobscot.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently returned from the House, with

Messrs. Verrill of Portland,  
Purinton of Bowdoin,  
Parker of Lewiston,  
Hutchinson of Houlton,  
Gilbert of Kingfield,  
Buck of Orland,  
Smith of Mt. Vernon,  
Allen of Dresden,  
Twitchell of Bethel,  
Nutter of Corinna,  
Flint of Dover,  
Bird of Rockland,  
Jones of Brighton,  
Nickels of Searsport,  
McKusick of Calais,  
Lord of Kennebunk.

On motion by Mr. LORD,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 208 of the public laws of 1880, as to limit the jurisdiction of the commissioners of fisheries and wardens, and to require them to give bond for the faithful discharge of their duties ;

That the petition of Francis Albert, and the inhabitants of Monticello, be taken from the files, and referred as new matter to the appropriate committee ;

Were each read and passed in concurrence.

Bill “ an act to amend chapter 4 of the revised statutes, in relation to the list of voters ;”

Bill “ an act to amend section 28, chapter 2 of the revised statutes ;”

Petition of Westbrook Manufacturing Company, to increase amount of real and personal estate which may be held by said company ;

Petition of David Hammonds and others, for a change of the place for holding the December term of the S. J. Court in the county of Oxford ;

Petition of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, for amendment of the laws in relation to notes for patent rights ;

Petition of Rev. C. G. McCully and 55 others of Calais, for change in the divorce laws ;

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

Bill “ an act to authorize the Bridgton Telegraph Company to discontinue and remove its present line of telegraph and to construct and maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph along the lines of certain railroads, if built ;”

Bill “ an act to regulate the sale of trees and shrubs ;”

Bill "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 103 of the revised statutes, relating to assignment of dower ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 4, chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to certain corporations ;"

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

Petition of Josiah Tolman and 69 others of Rockland, for division of said city ;

Remonstrance of G. W. Cochran and 49 others ;

Remonstrance of Otis Larrabee and 45 others ;

Remonstrance of John T. Berry and 40 others ;

Remonstrance of Maynard Sumner and 142 others, against division of Rockland ;

Remonstrance of C. B. Goodell and others of Township No. 8, Range 8, against incorporation of said township into a town ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of A. F. Adams and others, for an appropriation for a road from the Forks in Somerset county to Shirley in Piscataquis county ;

Petition of Henry Nash of Addison, for reimbursement for islands bought of the State of Maine, the title being invalid ;

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

Petition of James F. Grindel and 61 others of Islesborough, for repeal or modification of Hell Gate pilotage laws ;

Petition of George S. Bunker and 48 others of Sullivan, for same ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Durrell and 78 others of Eustis and vicinity, for bounty on bears ;

"Resolve of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, for an appropriation ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of J. F. Robinson, asking a repeal of chapter 453 of the laws of 1865, entitled "an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bear River Improvement Company ;" with

Petition of George M. Brown and others, in aid of same ;

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

Petition of Company D, 2d Regiment M. V. M., for an appropriation for instruction in rifle practice, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Junction Railroad Company of Portland, was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Bill "an act in relation to salmon and alewife fishing in the Medomak river, in the town of Waldoborough, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of L. J. Kimball, President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and others of Hiram, for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Petition of Llewellyn A. Wadsworth and others of Hiram ;

Petition of Seth W. Fife and others of Fryeburg ;

Petition of Sylvanus B. Bean and 76 others of Brownfield ;

Petition of S. W. Larrabee and 225 others of Portland ;

Petition of John Lovett and 122 others of Portland, for same ;

Were severally referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Remonstrance of W. W. Rogers and 170 others, against the petition of citizens of Hampden to be classed with the town of Orrington ;

Remonstrance of Albert J. Spencer and 120 others, against petition of citizens of Veazie, to be classed with the town of Brewer ;

Were referred to the Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on an order relating to amending section 44, chapter 18 of the public laws, relating to the duties of surveyors of highways, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Alonzo E. Ricker of Oakfield, to be reimbursed by the State for stumpage paid the State, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw, was recommitted in the House.

The Senate recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Amos L. Allen and others of Alfred, for an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Messabesic pond and its outlet, reporting bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Messabesic pond and its outlet in the town of Alfred," was accepted in concurrence.

Pending the first reading of the bill, on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, the bill was laid on the table and ordered printed.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Benjamin Lincoln and others, that section 2, chapter 105, special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of alewives in Dennys river, reporting bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of alewives in Dennys river," which was accepted in concurrence.

Pending the first reading, on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, the bill was laid on the table and ordered printed.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to incorporate the Saco Gas Light Company," that the same be referred to the next Legislature, with order of notice, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LAMSON,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. BREWER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws, that women may hold the position of deputy town clerk.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Fisheries and Game, be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of section 1, chapter 208 of the public laws of 1880, as confers and extends to the Commissioners of Fisheries, the power and duty over all matters the pertaining to game.

On motion of Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 57, section 6 of the revised statutes, that said section may read as follows: "The toll for grinding, cleansing and bolting all kinds of grain, except buckwheat and Indian wheat, shall not exceed one-tenth part thereof; and for hulling, grinding and bolting Indian wheat, the toll shall not exceed four quarts per bushel, and for grinding, without hulling and bolting, three quarts a bushel.

Mr. HILL of Penobscot, presented petition of W. R. Hunnewell and others;

Petition of J. H. Gould and others;

Petition of M. F. Eldredge and others;

Petition of Nathan P. Kellogg and others, severally for repeal of so much of chapter 247 of the laws of 1880, as relates to the appointment and office of State constables;

Which were referred to to the Committee on Temperance.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented petition of Wellington O. Amazeen, to be set off from the town of Garland and annexed to the town of Exeter, which was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BUXTON presented petition of J. H. Hight and others, for increase of salary of Register of Probate for Somerset county, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BAKER presented petition of D. D. Stewart and others, for repeal of section 5, chapter 150 of the laws of 1879, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SANBORN presented bill "an act to amend chapter 49 of the revised statutes, and chapter 148 of laws of 1873, relating to insurance," which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BEATTY, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of Edward K. Hitchcock and others, that authority be granted the county commissioners of Franklin county to re-assess certain

taxes, reported bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to re-assess certain taxes."

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order inquiring into the expediency of section 8, chapter 19 of the revised statutes, relating to fast driving on bridges.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 91 of the revised statutes."

These several reports were accepted, and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on an order of the Legislature, authorizing and instructing said Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the State, ask leave to report:

That they have carefully examined the books and accounts in the Treasurer's Office, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched. The cash reported on hand, January 1, 1881, amounting to \$160,338.64, was found correct; and \$151,900.50 of that sum was on deposit in sound and reliable banks as shown by certificates from the several cashiers; \$3,306.29 was on hand in the Treasurer's vaults, and \$5,131.85 was for an advance to the several Agricultural Societies in 1880, as stated in the Treasurer's report.

The Committee in compliance with law destroyed, by burning, the coupons redeemed during the year, amounting to \$218,117, exclusive of \$129,625 interest paid on registered bonds. They also destroyed, by burning, \$273,000 State bonds of the loan of March 26, 1863, due and paid August 15th, 1880; and, in a like manner, they destroyed all bonds and coupons attached that had been converted during the year into registered bonds, amounting to \$21,000; and also all registered bonds, amounting to \$62,000, that have been surrendered and cancelled and new registered bonds for the same amount reissued to other parties, and have made due record of said destruction as required by law.

C. C. CORNISH, *Chairman on part of the Senate.*

S. C. HATCH, *Chairman on part of the House.*

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the same Committee, on petition of the Auburn Aqueduct Company, for increase of capital stock, reported



bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Aqueduct Company," which was accepted.

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

On motion by Mr. CORNISH,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature, in the Representatives' Hall, to-day, at 11.30 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a State Treasurer for the years 1881 and 1882, and asking the concurrence of the House.

The Secretary conveyed the message.

Subsequently, a message was received from the House, by Mr. SMITH, its Clerk, non-concurring in the foregoing proposition, and proposing a Convention of both branches of the Legislature, for the above purpose, in the Representatives' Hall, Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock meridian.

The Secretary was charged with a message to the House concurring in the above proposition from that branch.

The following bill was received from the House :

Bill "an act to facilitate the consolidation of the Maine Turning Company, and the International Turning Company," which was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Manufacturing Company ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the Little Androscoggin Water Power Company to increase its capital stock ;"

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 :

Bill "an act to incorporate the Auburn Steam Heating Company," which was passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The PRESIDENT announced as the Joint Select Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, called for in the report of the Committee on Governor's Message :

Messrs. Mortland of Knox,  
Emery of Hancock,  
Taber of Waldo,

who were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire what legislation is necessary, if any, to equalize the salaries paid to the county attorneys in the several counties of the State ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of so amending the law that in the election of town officers all the officers who are required to be chosen by ballot, except Moderator, shall be voted for on one ballot, and also fixing the time when the polls shall close ;

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the free high school act, as to authorize the State Treasurer to deduct from the school fund, before its apportionment, the sum annually expended by the State for free high schools ;

That the Committee on Fisheries and Game inquire into the expediency of amending the game laws, so that the open time for moose, deer and caribou shall be from the first of September, to the first day of the following December ;

That the Committee on Pensions be requested to investigate the claim of Henry E. Merrill, for unpaid balance, due him for the year

1866, under the laws of the State, providing State aid to volunteers while in the service.

That the Secretary of State cause to be printed for the use of the State 2000 copies of the official census of 1880 ;

That the State Valuation Commission be and they are hereby requested to make to this Legislature at their earliest convenience such recommendations and suggestions in relation to further valuation of the State as they may deem necessary or important ;

Were each read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to Monday, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Petition of Luther Wiswell and 30 others, for change in the divorce laws ;

Petition of Benjamin Conant and 47 others ;

Petition of Rev. R. W. Jenkins and others of Boothbay ;

Petition of J. E. Adams and 68 others of Bangor, in aid of same ;

Bill "an act to amend chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to insurance ;

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

Bill "an act to prevent cruelty to birds ;"

Remonstrance of E. F. Harvey and others of Parkman, against the enactment of a law giving to trial justices and sheriffs of Penobscot county jurisdiction in the county of Piscataquis ;

Bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the revised statutes ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 86, section 13 of the revised statutes, relating to trustee costs ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of the inhabitants of Reed and Barker plantations, for division ;

Petition of William Marston and others, to set off certain land in Waterville to West Waterville ;

Remonstrance of D. R. Hastings and others, against the petition

of James French and others, to set off a part of Fryeburg Academy Grant and Batchelder's Grant to Gilead;

Were each referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of Francis Albert of Houlton, for increase of State pension, was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

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

Petition of W. G. Palmer and others, for a charter for a railroad from Cape Elizabeth to Prout's Neck;

Petition of William F. Berry and others, for a charter for a railroad from Bridgton to some point on the line of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad;

Were each referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of J. H. Allen and Company and 18 others, relating to the suspension bridge across the East river, connecting the cities of New York and Brooklyn, was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Monticello for aid to build bridge to accommodate settlers of State land, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of O. W. Davis, Jr., and others, for an appropriation for a road from Brownville to Katahdin Iron Works, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of H. T. Morris and 65 others for repeal of chapter 110 of the private and special laws of 1866, relating to the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of John S. Temple and others, for repeal of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880, relating to prohibition and the sale of cider;

Petition of Smith and Thayer and 20 others, for modification or repeal of the law of 1880, relating to the sale of liquor;

Petition of George H. Burgess and 49 others of Bangor, for repeal of laws of 1880, relating to the appointment of constables, removal of county attorneys and sale of cider;

Petition of L. J. Morse and others, for the repeal of or an amendment to chapter 247 of the laws of 1880, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Petition of Eugene M. Hersey and 33 others of Bangor, asking for repeal of chapter 247 of the laws of 1880, relating to appointment of constables, removal of county attorneys, and sale of cider ;

Petition of W. T. Pearsons and 39 others of Bangor, for same ;

Petition of Augusta Temperance Reform Club, for constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Petition of Woman's Temperance Union of Augusta, for same ;

Petition of C. D. Starbird and 106 others, for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the liquor traffic ;

Petition of Charles E. Trefethen and 84 others ;

Petition of George Horn and 84 others ;

Petition of Franklin Berry and 38 others ;

Petition of James H. Baker and 198 others ;

Petition of Charles Hutchins and 216 others, all of Portland, in aid of same ;

Petition of Rev. George C. Andrews and 48 others of Baldwin, for constitutional amendment prohibiting the liquor traffic ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to statutes concerning interest, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of John W. Perry and others, for legislation to prevent the destruction of pigeons, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of W. H. Bartlett and others, for a law to regulate the sale of vinegar, that the same has already been reported, and was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to the expediency of amending section 170, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, in relation to costs in sale of resident real estate, that they have already reported a bill thereon, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee of Fisheries and Game, on bill "an act to amend chapter 200 of the special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond, in the town of Hermon," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill read once, and Monday afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Orestes M. Brown and others, for a law to prohibit catching of fish in Sabbath Day pond, reporting bill "an act for the protection of fish in Sabbath Day pond," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to incorporate the Island Cottage Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted in concurrence.

Pending first reading of bill, on motion of Mr. FLINT,

*Ordered*, That the bill be laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on petition of Hartford H. Weed and others, to dredge and navigate Winnecook lake, that the same be referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

*Ordered*, That the list of Joint Standing Committees be printed in the Daily Kennebec Journal, until the 10th of February, for the information of the members of the Legislature.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 6 of the revised statutes, in relation to the assessment of taxes of all cities, towns and plantations, to require every person liable to taxation in such cities, towns or plantations, to return a written inventory of all their estate liable to taxation, duly signed and sworn to; also to provide for proper penalties in case of a refusal of any person to so make oath to, and return said inventory.

On motion by the same Senator,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads, be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing all of section 5 of chapter 249

of the public laws of 1880, after the word "company," in the second line of said section.

On motion by Mr. BUXTON,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 83, section 8 of the revised statutes, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture be, and they are hereby directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing, by law, a standard weight per bushel for the different grades of salt, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. BERRY presented resolve from Z. A. Gilbert, Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture, relating to amendment of section 4, chapter 235 of the laws of 1880, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE presented petition of Otis Hayford and others, for aid in building a road from Byron, in the County of Oxford, to Lake Mooselucmeguntic, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SMITH presented petition of H. B. Marden and others of Bangor ;

Petition of C. B. Woodbury and others of Oldtown ;

Petition of George W. Getchell and others of Bangor ;

Petition of A. T. Palmer and others of Brewer, severally for repeal of chapter 247 of the laws of 1880, relating to appointment and office of county constables ;

Which were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Printed bills :

Bill "an act to exempt the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad from taxation," was read once and on motion by Mr. BISBEE laid on the table.

Bill "an act to establish the Eclectic Medical College of Maine ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 169 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes ;"

Bill "an act for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon, in Kennebago and Rangely chain of lakes and streams ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 168, chapter 225 public laws of 1880, relating to militia ;"

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Hosmer's pond, in the town of Camden ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Piscataquis Game and Fish Protective Society ;"

Bill "an act to change the boundary line between the towns of Berwick and South Berwick ;

"Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual ;"

"Resolve in favor Peter McKenzie ;"

"Resolve to provide for the erection of an additional building to the Maine Insane Hospital ;"

Which several bills and resolves were each read once and Monday assigned for their second reading.

On motion by Mr. WALKER,

Bill "an act to incorporate the Portland and Rochester Railroad," was taken from the table.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Aqueduct Company," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.



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MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Petition of S. W. Dunbar and 35 others of Newcastle and Damariscotta, for change in the divorce laws ;

Petition of Albert R. Savage and others, for an increase of salary of the Judge of Probate for Androscoggin county ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory,' as amended by chapter 190 of the special laws of 1879," was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel J. Hanna and 35 others, to prohibit the sale or offering for sale of lobsters less than ten and a half inches in length, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of Norton & Thompson, for aid to repair Mattawamkeag bridge, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Petition of C. B. Meserve, to build a wharf into tide water in Bristol, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of D. J. Sawyer and 62 others, to memorialize the General Assembly of New York to repeal the present Hell Gate pilotage laws, was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Petition of S. C. Smith and others, for a railroad from Harrison to Portland, or between intermediate points, was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of Warren & Robinson and 38 others of Bangor, for repeal of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880, relating to the appointment of county attorneys, constables and the sale of cider ;

Petition of Albert Farwell and 164 others of Vassalborough, for constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Petition of citizens of Winn, for repeal of the cider law of 1880 ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Sportsmen's Association," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Norombega Sportsman's Club," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act to authorize the extension of certain wharves in Portland harbor," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company," reporting the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to authorize Roscoe K. Benner and others to build and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of Muscongus bay or harbor in the town of Bremen," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on bill "an act to incorporate the town of Van Buren," that the same ought to pass.

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

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on petition of Alonzo M. Bartlett for a State pension, that the same be referred to the Pension Agent, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred to the Pension Agent in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of members of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, that a charter be granted to the Calliopean Society, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MORTLAND,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to

inquire into the expediency of providing by statute, that the affidavit required by rule sixth of the Supreme Court, to pleas in abatement, may be made at any time before the session of the court at which the writ is entered.

On motion of Mr. BREWER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 162, section 3 of the public laws of 1879, by striking out the words "one hundred" in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word "fifty."

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LAMSON presented remonstrance of J. W. Spaulding and others of Richmond, against an act prohibiting the taking of smelts from the waters of the Kennebec and its tributaries, as asked for by B. A. Cox and others, which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CLARKE presented petition of E. Bills and others of Kenduskeag, for a repeal of chapter 247 of the laws of 1880, relating to the sale of cider and removal of county attorneys, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BREWER presented petition of William A. Holbrook and others, to prohibit the taking of smelts between the fifteenth day of September and the first day of November; also

Remonstrance of E. H. Chase and others;

Remonstrance W. S. Jordan and others;

Remonstrance of Thomas Cameron and others;

Remonstrance of Carney O. Prince and others;

Remonstrance of E. G. Willard and others;

Remonstrance of Lewis Chase and others;

Remonstrance of Charles A. Dyer and others;

Remonstrance of Michael Stinson and others;

Remonstrance of J. W. Munger and others of Portland, against a law prohibiting the taking of mackerel with seines; also a list of the vessels engaged in seining mackerel that have landed mackerel in Portland in 1880;

Which were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report of the Trustees and Officers of the State Reform School, which was read and sent down, and the report referred to the Committee on Reform School.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SANBORN, from the Committee on Pensions, on petition of Benjamin M. Nutter for a pension, reported a "resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter," which was accepted and the resolve laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Printed bills :

Bill "an act to amend section 28 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on building lots ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the county commissioners of the County of Franklin to re-assess certain taxes ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 8 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, relating to fast driving on bridges ;"

Were each read once and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 200 of the special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in the town of Hermon," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills and resolves :

Bill "an act to establish the Eclectic Medical College of Maine ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 169 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes ;"

Bill "an act for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon in Kennebago and Rangely chain of lakes and streams ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 168, chapter 225 of the public laws of 1880, relating to the militia ;"

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Hosmer's pond in the town of Camden ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Piscataquis Game and Fish Protective Society ;"

Bill "an act to change the boundary lines between the towns of Berwick and South Berwick ;"

“Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual;”

“Resolve to provide for the erection of an additional building to the Maine Insane Hospital;”

“Resolve in favor of Peter McKenzie;”

The foregoing bills and resolves 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 bills:

Bill “an act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes;”

Bill “an act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Washington to re-assess certain taxes;”

Bill “an act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a dam across the Pemaquid river;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the sheriff of each county in this State be requested to communicate forthwith to this Legislature the number and names of persons now imprisoned for debt in his county, and the number and names of those committed for debt since January 1st, 1880, the date of commitment and discharge, the amount of the debt, the nature of the process under which committed, whether mesne process or execution or otherwise, together with any further information he may deem of public interest respecting the condition and relation of the debtor prisoners, was laid on the table on motion by Mr. LAMSON.

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire what townships or tracts of land now held by the European and North American Railway Company, which said railway company is required by law to open up for settlement when requested by the Governor, State Treasurer and Land Agent, should now be opened up for settlement, and report such recommendations as may seem fitting in the premises to this Legislature, was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 76, chapter 86 of the revised statutes, relating to trustee process ;"

Bill "an act for the protection of life in hotels and other public buildings ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences ;"

Petition of George F. Ropes and others, for a charter for mining and other purposes ;

Petition of John Shoebus for charter for mining, milling and other purposes ;

Bill "an act to make valid and legalize the doings of the First Universalist Society in Bridgton ;"

Petition of W. H. Spencer and others, for an amendment to the divorce laws ;

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

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Piscataquis to discharge a tax made by them and to include the amount thereof in another assessment ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 116 of the public laws of 1879 in relation to hawkers and peddlers ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Steam Heating Company ;"

Remonstrance of James O. Bradbury and others of Hartland and St. Albans against the law giving trial justices and sheriffs in Penobscot county, jurisdiction in the county of Somerset ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Mrs. Julia M. Curtis of Bangor for such action by the Legislature as may be deemed proper to authorize the town of Bradley to pay said Julia Curtis for teaching school in the town of Bradley in the year of 1874, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Charles A. Moody and others, for an act to provide for electing school committee and superintendent of schools in Biddeford ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Pedagogical Society ;"

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

Petition of S. S. Moore and others, in favor of amendment of charter of Pleasant River Dam and Improvement Company ;

Petition of Rodney C. Barker to incorporate the West Branch Improvement Company ;

Bill "an act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company, to erect a boom across Kennebec river at Brown's Island ;"

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

Petition of Henry Blackstone and others of Shirley, for an appropriation for rifle practice, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of C. B. Brown and others, for amendment to the charter of the Kennebec Fibre Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of E. M. Hersey and others, for consolidation of the Twin Lead and Young Hecla Copper Mining Companies, with bill, was referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining in concurrence.

Petition of George A. Hopkins and 60 others of Millbridge for a law to prevent the taking of spawn herring during the spawning season, within certain limits in Narraguagus bay ;

Petition of John F. Pickering and 106 others of Deer Isle, against any change in the lobster law ;

Petition of Jonathan Darling and others, for change of close-time for moose and deer ;

Petition of A. A. Plaisted and others, for amendment to the game laws ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of C. B. Goodell and others, of Township No. 8, Range 8, Piscataquis county, for an appropriation to aid in the construction of bridges in said township ;

Remonstrance of B. C. McCorsen and others, against the petition of Joseph Penney to regulate the width of wheel tires used between Bangor and the tanneries to the east thereof ;

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

Petition of A. G. Lebroke and others of Piscataquis county, in aid of the petition of the Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company, for amendment of charter, with memorial accompanying ;

Petition of Dirigo Slate Quarry Company, in favor of amendment of charter of Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company ;

Petition of Charles W. Folsom and others, and John L. Sprague and 65 others in aid of same ;

Remonstrance of W. H. Brown and 244 others of Bangor, against the petition for amendment of the charter of the Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.



Petition of Charles B. Sanford and others, for charter to build a wharf into the tide waters of the town of Stockton ;

Petition of Jacob McLellan and others, for change of harbor commissioner's lines in Portland Harbor, with bill ;

Petition of S. G. Haskell and 66 others of Deer Isle, for change in the Hell Gate pilotage laws ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Petition of Albert Sherman and others, for an appropriation on road from Anson Village to Ship pond ;

“Resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud ;”

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

Petition of P. O. Vickery and 134 others of Augusta, for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the traffic in alcoholic liquors ;

Bill “an act to amend section 45, chapter 27 of the revised statutes; relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors ;”

Petition of G. S. Toothaker and others of Bangor, relating to temperance ;

Petition of Willis Patten and others of Bangor, for repeal of the cider law of 1880 ;

Petition of S. B. Sprague and others, for repeal of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880 ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of legislation, providing for the taking of land for public parks in towns or cities of over 5,000 inhabitants, on same conditions as land is taken for highways ;

On motion by the same Senator,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 145 of public laws of 1879, and restoring section 19, chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to insurance ;

On motion by Mr. TABER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what changes, if any, are necessary in the third and fourth

divisions of section 1, chapter 75 of the revised statutes, relating to the descent of property ;

Were each read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JENNINGS presented petition of G. D. Boynton and others ;

Petition of W. H. Brown and others, severally for repeal of chapter 247 of the laws of 1880 ;

Which were each referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BEATTY presented petition of Nathan Dane and others, for legislation respecting the divorce laws, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JENNINGS presented bill to incorporate Division 1 of Penobscot County, Maine, Ancient Order of Hibernians of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BEATTY presented petition of Saco Rifle Company, to be attached to the active militia ;

Remonstrance of E. P. Hill and others, against removing the battle flags from the State House ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER presented petition of Cyrus Andrews and others, in relation to reduction of toll on slippage of logs at Upper Keazer dam, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND presented petition of Hanson T. Carver, to extend fish weir into tide waters in the town of North Haven, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Penobscot, presented petition of Noah Woods, President of Northern Aroostook Railroad, for extension of time for building same ;

Mr. BEATTY presented petition of S. B. Chase and others, for charter for horse railroad in the city of Portland ;

Mr. BISBEE presented bill "an act in relation to the duties and powers of the Railroad Commissioners ;"

Mr. HILL of Hancock, presented bill "an act to authorize the extension of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad to Ellsworth ;"

Which were each referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY presented petition of Register of Deeds of Hancock county, for restoration of salary, which was referred to the Hancock County Delegation.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the report of the Attorney General, that no legislation is recommended thereon, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Printed bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Messabesic pond and its outlet, in the town of Alfred," was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter," was read once, and on motion by Mr. LAMSON, laid on the table.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Sportsmen's Association ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Norombega Sportsman's Club ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the extension of certain wharves in Portland harbor ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act to authorize Roscoe R. Benner, Murry F. Benner, Martin Willey, and their associates, to build and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of Muscongus bay or harbor in the town of Bremen," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. WALKER, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Van Buren," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. PARCHER, laid on the table.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act to amend section 28 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots ;"

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to re-assess certain taxes ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 8 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, relating to fast driving on bridges ;"

Were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SMITH,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1881.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN, Chaplain of the House.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 11 of chapter 139 of the revised statutes, by striking out in the third line thereof the words "regular fees," and inserting in place thereof "fees prescribed by sections 6 and 7 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes ;"

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 59, section 2 of the revised statutes, by inserting after the word "idiot" the word "inebriate," so that said section shall read in the second line, "no insane person, idiot or inebriate, shall be capable of contracting marriage ;"

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 67, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to bribery at elections ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the propriety of a law allowing the citizens of township number 17

in the sixth range the right to vote in Fort Kent, and of Fort Kent through their school committee of drawing the school money for said inhabitants, and of establishing and supervising a school or schools in said townships in the same way as in Fort Kent;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of providing by law that ten hours shall constitute a legal day's work; and prohibiting by law the employment of persons for more than ten hours each day in manufacturing establishments;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of repealing the present tramp law, which was laid on the table, on motion by Mr. PARCHER.

That the Committee on Financial Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of more definitely defining by law the compensation of clerks in the office of Secretary of State;

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire whether there should be any amendment of the law relating to compensation of night watchmen at the State House;

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Attorney General of the State, or the County Attorney of Aroostook county, or some other suitable attorney to defend suits brought to dispossess such settlers at the expense of the State;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

That the Committee on Ways and Bridges be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law providing that Kennebec county assume the expense of maintaining bridges on all rivers within said county, instead of the towns, as now provided by law;

That the Committee on Railroads inquire into the expediency of so amending the law taxing railroads that the entire right of way, all tracks, stations, improvements on the right of way, all rolling stock and all property owned by a railroad corporation, personal or real, shall be taxed exclusively by the State for the benefit of the State; also of taxing a per cent. on the coupons of bonds, and obliging the treasurers of railroad corporations to deduct said per cent. from the coupons, and paying the same into the Treasury of State for the benefit of the State; also of repealing so much of

the various railroad charters as exempts them from taxation, so that taxes on that class of property shall be equal ;

That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of making better provisions for the advancement of education in the plantations of Connor and Caswell than said plantations enjoy under existing laws ;

That the time for presenting petitions be extended to Feb. 8th ;

Were each read and passed in concurrence.

That the Senate concurring, the Committees be instructed to report finally on or before Tuesday, the 15th day of February next.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, the above order was amended as per sheet "A," by striking out all after the word "finally," and inserting the words "as soon as practicable, using proper diligence," which was adopted, and the order as amended read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. KING of Caribou, informing the Senate of the election of Hon. S. C. Hatch of Bangor, as Speaker *pro tempore*.

"Resolve requesting the Attorney General to make and obtain a deed of settlers' lots in Township 17, Range 7, Aroostook county ;"

Bill "an act to prevent the destruction of game by shooting matches ;"

Petition of William B. Swan and others, to enable the city of Belfast to refund its debt, with bill ;

Petition of C. M. Emery and 50 others, for change in the divorce laws ;

Petition of E. A. Harlow and 15 others, for same ;

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

Bill "an act to repeal section 2, chapter 193 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the clerks of the S. J. Court ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the sale of merchandise by express companies and other corporations ;"

Petition of South Buxton Cemetery Association, to have its doings made valid ;

Petition of G. E. Sherman and others, for abolishment of imprisonment for debt ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

“Resolve for abatement of State tax for the year 1880, assessed upon the St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company,” with statement of facts ;

Petition of selectmen and assessors of Stockton, relating to certain taxes of 1880 ;

Claim of E. F. Pillsbury and Company, for balance due on State printing for 1879 ;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Remonstrance of E. J. Mains and 7 others of Fryeburg, against being set off to Gilead ;

Petition of F. A. Packard and 58 others, for division of Rockland ;

Petition of A. T. Oxtan and 12 others, for same ;

Petition of municipal officers of Brooks, for the establishment of a new division line, with bill ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of A. H. Norris and others, for charter for dam on Union river, with bill ;

Petition of George A. Cony, for right to navigate Cobbosseecontee lake by steam ;

Bill “an act to amend the charter of the Wassataquoik Dam Company ;”

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

Bill “an act to repeal chapter 145 of the public laws of 1879, relating to insurance,” was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of William P. Lennox and 26 others of Wiscasset, for repeal of Hell Gate pilotage law, was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Petition of W. C. Hayes and others of Piscataquis county, for a law requiring a uniform width of sleds to be used upon townships and highways in said county ;

Petition of the citizens of Winn, for an appropriation for a road in Staceyville ;

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

Petition of Charles J. Davis and others of Piscataquis county, for amendment of charter of Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company ;

Remonstrance of J. B. Cochran and others of Dover and Foxcroft, against amendment of the charter of the Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company ;

Remonstrance of E. A. Thompson and 112 others of Dover and Foxcroft, against same ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of H. P. Sargent and others of Brewer, that Brewer may be classed with Veazie in one representative district ;

Petition of W. E. Emery and others of Hampden, to be classed with Orrington as a representative district ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Edward Jordan and others of Bangor, against the removal of the battle flags from the State House ;

Remonstrance of L. T. Carlton and others, soldiers of Winthrop ;

Remonstrance of Maj. M. M. Folsom and others, soldiers of Oldtown ;

Remonstrance of Wm. Wiley and 21 others, ex-soldiers and ex-sailors of Gardiner ;

Remonstrance of Orin S. Haskell and 28 others, soldiers of Pittsfield ;

Remonstrance of J. O. Johnson and 14 others, soldiers of Liberty ;

Remonstrance of Colonel J. S. Bangs of 15 others of Waterville ;

Remonstrance of John H. Raymond and 47 others, officers and soldiers of the Union army, against same ;

Were each referred to Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Benjamin F. Hinckley and 69 others, against the proposed legislation in regard to smelt fishing in the Kennebec river ;



Remonstrance of T. W. Hyde and 179 others of Bath ;  
Remonstrance of Arthur Sewall and 81 others ;  
Remonstrance of Baxter Marr and 164 others ;  
Remonstrance of W. W. Walker and others, against same ;  
Petition of B. H. Josslyn and others, in relation to taking fish from Wilson's pond in Auburn ;

Petition of G. H. Curtis and others of Auburn, relating to same ;  
Petition of Eastman H. Tripp and others, for the protection of trout in Kennebunk pond in the town of Lyman, with bill ;

Remonstrance of J. R. McDougal and others, against the enactment of law to prevent the taking of mackerel by seine ;

Petition of J. A. Creighton for authority to plant and preserve oysters between the head of tide waters on Georges river and the lower narrows, so called, with bill ;

Petition of William J. Reid and others, for amendment of law relating to smelts ;

Was each referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Petition of S. D. B. Spear and 36 others ;

Petition C. O. Farr and 56 others ;

Petition of James B. Carlton and 52 others ;

Petition of Charles A. Neally and 44 others of Bangor, for an amendment of the constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Remonstrance of Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens and 1134 others, against allowing the manufacture of malt liquors in the State ;

Were referred to Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of J. H. Goudy and others, for authority to build a wharf in Damariscotta river, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters ;

Senate non-concurs, and refers to the Committee on Commerce.

Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve for the equitable distribution of the balance of the Geneva award,” was read twice under the suspension of the rules, and adopted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on memorial of Albert W. Paine, reported bill entitled “an act to repeal section 31 of chapter 239 of acts of 1880, and to amend

section 56 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to report of Insurance Commissioner."

Report accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, the bill was amended by striking out section 3, and as amended, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend section 40, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to city ordinances," that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, the bill was amended by striking out section 2, and as amended, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to public and private ways," that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted in concurrence.

The bill read once; and on motion by Mr. DUDLEY, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to amend sections 1 and 4 of chapter 163 of the public laws of 1867, relating to loiterers," that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted in concurrence.

The bill read once, and on motion by Mr. MORTLAND, was laid on the table.

Report of same Committee, on bill "an act relating to actions against insolvent estates," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of W. H. Atwood and others, for a law regulating the manufacture and sale of vinegar, reporting bill "an act additional to section 1 of chapter 128 of the revised statutes, to regulate the manufacture and sale of vinegar;"

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act relating to suits to enforce liens," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill an act for making cemeteries or burying yards public, reporting same in a new draft, under title "an act additional to chapter 15 of the revised statutes, as

amended by chapter 241 of the public laws of 1874, relating to burying grounds," and that it ought to pass;

Which were accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of fixing the fees of appraisers and commissioners at a certain sum per day, and report accordingly.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs, be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 193 of the laws of 1874, and chapter 211 (additional thereto) of the laws of 1877, relating to Clerks of Judicial Courts.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE presented petition of P. C. Witham and others, for a bounty on bears in Oxford county, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD presented petition of citizens of Biddeford, for charter for the purpose of supplying the cities of Biddeford and Saco with pure water, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FERNALD presented petition of Rufus Taylor and others, for change in the pauper law, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. JENNINGS presented bill "an act to regulate and provide for appeals from county commissioners," which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE presented petition of J. G. Reed and others, for appropriation to build a road from John Houghton's in Byron, to Bemis stream on Mooselucmeguntic lake, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented petition of Tyler Kidder and others, in aid of the above, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PATTANGALL presented petition of H. B. Taylor and others, against a change of the game laws ;

Mr. LAMSON presented remonstrance of Winship R. Lilly and others, against the enactment of a law prohibiting the taking of smelts from the Kennebec river by any other means than by hook and line ;

Which were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to appeal chapter 120 of the laws of 1879, and revive section 27 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to travel of trial justices and justices of the peace, reported bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, in relation to travel of trial justices and justices of the peace and quorum."

The report was accepted, and the bill laid on the table to be printed under Joint Rule.

Mr. BEATTY, from the Committee on Railroads, on petition of Boston and Maine Railroad, that authority be granted them to purchase the franchise and property of the Orchard Beach Railroad, reporting bill "an act to enable the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Orchard Beach Railroad."

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

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

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Messabesic pond and its outlet, in the town of Alfred," 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 bills :

Bill “an act to facilitate the consolidation of the Maine Turning Company, and the International Turning Company ;”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company ;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, bill “an act to amend section 2, chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of alewives in Dennys river,” was taken from the table.

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

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, bill “an act to exempt the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad from taxation,” was taken from the table.

On motion by the same Senator, the Senate reconsidered the vote whereby the Senate accepted the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, and the first reading of the bill, and referred the same to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

#### IN CONVENTION.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY of the Senate,

Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,

Friend of Penobscot, of the Senate ;

Messrs. Freeman of Cherryfield,

McKusick of Calais.

Flint of Dover,

Goss of Auburn,

Hutchinson of Houlton, of the House,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for State Treasurer.

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Having attended to that duty the Committee reported as follows :

The whole number of votes is . . . . .	159
Necessary for a choice . . . . .	80
S. A. Holbrook had . . . . .	95
Charles A. White . . . . .	64

The report was accepted, and Hon. S. A. Holbrook was declared duly elected State Treasurer for the years 1881 and 1882.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to inform the Hon. S. A. Holbrook of his election as State Treasurer, for the years 1881 and 1882.

The Convention then dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

Order from the House :

That the papers on file in the matter of the claim of Benjamin Smith of Appleton, be taken from the files in the Secretary of State's office and placed in the hands of the Committee on Claims, was read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Hancock,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the present law so that no administrator shall be liable on his bond in any case until cited in to settle his account ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of more effectually protecting by law the rights of females holding an interest in parish property ;

That the same Committee inquire into the expediency of so amending the present law that one or more inspectors of stationary steam engines shall be appointed ;

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency and the demand of passing a law that any one who shall buy or attempt to buy, hire or bribe a voter, shall for such offence, loose his franchise or right to vote for State or county officers for ten years, and any voter who shall sell his vote or offer to, for money or pay, shall lose his right to vote for five years ;

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads inquire into the expediency of reporting a resolve appropriating a sufficient sum of money to repair the Houlton and Baring road across Indian township, and the road in said township to Grand Lake stream in the county of Washington ;

Were severally referred in concurrence.

Petition of P. W. Abbott and 45 others for bounty on bears, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of F. L. Carney and others, concerning compulsory pilotage, was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Remonstrance of John S. Case and others, against the petition for the division of Rockland, was referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

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

Petition of Richard Hall and 89 others, asking that school suffrage be conferred upon women;

Petition of John J. Carr, and others of Thomaston and Rockland, for amendment of the constitution, giving right of suffrage equally to both sexes;

Petition of F. E. Harly and 87 others, for same;

Petition of J. A. Creighton and others of Thomaston, for amendment of the constitution, allowing full suffrage to citizens native born or naturalized without distinction by reason of sex;

Petition of Joseph W. Ames and others, for same;

Petition of A. S. Ladd and others, relating to divorce;

Bill "an act extending the right to municipal officers, to send for persons and papers;"

Petition of Hiram Hall, Jr., and others, for the abolition of imprisonment for debt or taxes;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act to abolish the office of town agent," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Remonstrance of D. P. B. Pride and 50 others, against change of law in regard to hiring school teachers;

Remonstrance of Charles A. Payson and others of Hope, against petitions in regard to hiring school teachers;

Were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of John E. Fossett and others, for an appropriation in aid of annual encampment of State militia;

Remonstrance of George R. Palmer and 20 others, soldiers of Dexter, against removing the battle flags from the State House;

Remonstrance of H. N. Fairbanks and others, against removal of the battle flags from the State House;

Remonstrance of S. W. Lane and other ex-soldiers of Augusta, against removing the battle flags from the State House;

Were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of the citizens of Mattawamkeag, for an appropriation on a road leading from Staceyville to the Hunt farm, so-called;

Petition of C. Bradford and others, for an appropriation on the



East Branch road leading from Aroostook road to the Hunt farm in Staceyville ;

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

Petition of A. E. Pote and 33 others of Bangor, for repeal of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880, relating to the appointment of county attorneys and constables, and restriction of the sale of cider ;

Petition of W. W. Brown, E. A. Norton and 424 others of Portland, for constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to amend section 4 of the 55th chapter of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act relating to licenses to keep bowling alleys and billiard rooms," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to the insolvent laws of Maine, reporting bill "an act to amend section 15 of chapter 74 of the public laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 154 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the insolvent laws of Maine," was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND moved to amend by striking out section two, as follows : "This act shall take effect when approved," which was agreed to.

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

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill laid on the table, on motion by Mr. MORTLAND.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to prevent cruelty to birds," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to regulate the sale of trees and shrubs," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to the choice of town officers on one ballot, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of L. B. Waldron and others, relating to the jurisdiction of trial justices in the town of Dexter, Penobscot county, that they may have jurisdiction in certain towns in Piscataquis and Somerset counties, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

These several reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Virgil P. Hall and others of Mayfield, for an appropriation for building a road from Brighton to Kingsbury, reporting a "resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield," with statement, was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of citizens of Patten and Mt. Chase, for an appropriation on road in Mt. Chase, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of citizens of Patten, that John P. Leslie be reimbursed, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to lot of land No. 115 in the town of Mars Hill, that the same be referred to the Attorney General, asking his opinion at an early day, was accepted in concurrence, and the order referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of inhabitants of Reed and Barker plantations, to be divided, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, House amendment "A" adopted, and the bill as amended read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BISBEE presented petition of H. F. Houghton and others, for change of place for holding the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Oxford County; also

Petition of George Hayes and others of Oxford, for same;

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FERNALD presented petition of J. R. Eaton and others, for an appropriation for Wilton Academy, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Henry Nash of Addison, for reimbursement for islands bought of the State of Maine, their title being invalid, reporting "resolve in favor of Henry Nash."

Mr. MORTLAND from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act explanatory of section 3, chapter 78 of the laws of 1878, relating to tramps," that the same ought to pass.

The reports were accepted, and the bill and resolve laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of Ellen Burkett and others, that remuneration be granted to Benjamin Smith of Appleton, that the same be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The report was accepted and the petition referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Manufactures, on bill "an act to provide for minority representation in corporations," that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. COFFIN from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of C. B. Goodell and others, for aid in building bridge in township No. 8, range 8, Piscataquis county, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BREWER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of T. B. Spratt and others, for amendment of law relating to fishing in the Penobscot river, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of F. C. Barker, for extension of charter to navigate by steam, Mooselucmeguntic and Cupsuptic lakes, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 392 of the special laws of 1877, in relation to Mooselucmeguntic lake."

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

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

Bill "an act to enable the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Orchard Beach Railroad," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills:

Bill "an act additional to section 1 of chapter 128 of the revised statutes, to regulate the manufacture and sale of vinegar;"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 15 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 241 of the public laws of 1874, relating to burying grounds;"

Bill "an act relating to suits to enforce liens;"

Bill "an act relating to actions against insolvent estates;"

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of alewives in Dennys river;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported bill "an act to repeal section 31, chapter 239 of acts of 1880, and to amend section 56 of chapter 49, revised statutes, relating to report of Insurance Commissioner," which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 40, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to city ordinances," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SANBORN, "resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter," was taken from the table, and on motion by the same Senator, the resolve was recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER, bill "an act to incorporate the town of Van Buren," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY, bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to public and private ways," was taken from the table, the bill read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. FLINT,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY, 4, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

The Senate concurring, that the Committee on Insane Hospital in the investigation of the affairs of said institution, be and are hereby empowered to send for persons and papers ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 41 of the public laws of 1878 ;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 70 of the revised statutes, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors.

Mr. WALKER offered amendment marked "A": "And to employ a stenographer to report the testimony taken at the hearings of said Committee," which was adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of F. E. Shaw and others of East Machias, in relation to the divorce laws ;

Petition of F. W. Norcross and 21 others, for legislation respecting the divorce laws ;

Petition of B. F. Farrington and 28 others, for change in the divorce laws ;

Petition of the trustees of the Methodist church property at Kents Hill, for authority to sell their parsonage at that place ;

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxes ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6 of the revised statutes ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 153, chapter 6 of the revised statutes as amended by the laws of 1877, chapter 165, relating to powers of town treasurers ;"

Bill "an act relating to claims against insolvent estates;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Eben Leach and 159 others of Portland, for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of John Merrow and others, for amendment to game laws;

Petition of Thomas W. Gamage and 46 others, to prohibit the buying or selling of lobsters less than  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length;

Petition of George McFarland and 48 others, for same;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the navigation of Cobbosseecontee lake, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of George M. Warren and 38 others in relation to the Hell Gate pilotage laws, was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Petition of Saul Neptune and 30 others of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, for an appropriation to aid in paying a debt for building a convent in their village, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of B. F. Coburn and 22 others, for an appropriation on road leading from Aroostook road to Hunt's farm on the East Branch, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Statement of John W. Connors and other citizens of Bar Harbor, that their names upon the petition of Elihu T. Hamor and others, for charter for the new water company at Bar Harbor, were obtained by a misrepresentation of the case, and their request to have their names upon said petition considered null and void;

Remonstrance of D. Rodick and 130 others of the village of Bar Harbor, against the petition of Elihu T. Hamor and others for a water company at Bar Harbor;

Remonstrance of Bar Harbor Water Company, against same;

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State, transmitting report of the Inspectors of Prison and Jails, for the State of Maine, for the year 1880, was read and sent down, and the report referred to the Committee on State Prison.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also communication transmitting the reports of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, for the year 1880, which was read and sent down, and the reports referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of the municipal officers of the town of Brooks, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of J. P. Mallett and others, that lot No. 8, in School District No. 7 in the town of Lee, be set off and annexed to School District No. 4, in the town of Winn, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of B. R. Lunt and others, to be incorporated as a plantation in Hancock county, to be known as Long Island plantation, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Francis P. Emerson, to have exclusive use of Barrel's mill pond, to stock with fish, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Nathan Carsley and others, for protection of trout in certain brooks in the town of Harrison, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of John R. Sidney and others, for an act to authorize them to build and maintain a bridge connecting Capitol Island in Southport, with the main land, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of D. E. Manter and others, for legislation to protect and beautify highways, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of inhabitants of Macwahoc plantation, for an appropriation to build a bridge, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Henry



A. Sprague and others, for a law to prohibit smoking in public places, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were each accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of James French and others, to have a portion of Fryeburg Academy Grant and Bachelor's Grant, annexed to the town of Gilead, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order providing by general law for the formation of telegraph companies, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of W. S. Crane and others, that they and their property be set off from the town of Trescott, and annexed to the town of Whiting, recommitted to Committee on Towns, was accepted, and the petition recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act additional to section 45 of chapter 74 of the public laws of 1878, as amended by section 20, chapter 154 of the public laws of 1879," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE presented petition of J. A. Virgin and others of Hanover, in aid of petition of Isaac Bagnall, in relation to stream from Howard's pond, which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented petition of S. R. Hutchins and others of Rumford, in aid of petition of David Hammond for holding the December term of Supreme Judicial Court in Oxford county, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented petition of Edward Plummer and others, for a charter for a railroad from Mexico to Byron, in Oxford county, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, inquire into the

expediency of increasing the pay, and mileage of county commissioners.

Mr. CORNISH presented petition of county commissioners of Kennebec county and others, for establishing the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of the city of Augusta, which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill "an act relating to appointment of administrators, with will annexed," that the same ought to pass.

Mr. BISBEE, from the same Committee, on an order relating to accident insurance policies, reporting bill "an act amending section 65 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to accident insurance policies."

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Charles A. J. Farrar, for an extension of charter to navigate Richardson lakes by steam, reported bill "an act to authorize Charles A. J. Farrar to dredge bars, blast rocks, and navigate Richardson lakes and intervening waters."

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Commerce, on petition of Charles H. Allen, for charter for steam ferry across Sullivan river, reported bill "act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company."

Mr. LAMSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 148 of the laws of 1873, relating to insurance and insurance companies."

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Education, on an order relating to amending item 5th of section 24 of the school laws, reported bill "an act to amend item 5th of section 24 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to powers and obligations of school districts.

These several reports were accepted, and the bills each laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of J. E. Burnham and others, for re-enactment of chapter 200 of the laws of 1877, relating to mischievous dogs, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. HILL of Penobscot, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of A. J. Flanders and others, for appropriation for building road through the town of Mayfield, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to amending section 8 of chapter 150 of the laws of 1879, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relating to amending section 6, chapter 57 of the revised statutes, relating to toll for grinding, cleansing and bolting all kinds of grain, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order to inquire into the expediency of amending the law, that women may hold the position of deputy town clerks, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate Division 1 of Ancient Order of Hibernians of the United States," that the same ought not to pass.

These several reports were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Printed Bills :

Bill "an act explanatory of section 3 of chapter 78 of the laws of 1878, relating to tramps ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, in relation to travel of trial justices and justices of the peace, and of the quorum ;"

"Resolve in favor of Henry Nash of Addison ;"

Were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

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

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of the 55th chapter of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies, and public cemeteries."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield ;"

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

The same Committee reported the following bill :

Bill "an act to amend chapter 392 of the special laws of 1877, in relation to navigation of Mooselucmeguntic lake," which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents," was read a second time.

House amendment "A" adopted.

Mr. DINGLEY offered the following amendment: Amend line 6, printed bill, by striking out "fifty" and insert "ten" instead, which was disagreed to.

Mr. PARCHER moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion by Mr. LAMSON, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to amend section fifteen of chapter 74 of the public laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 154 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the insolvent laws of Maine," was read a second time.

Mr. MORTLAND offered amendment marked "A". Amend by striking out section 2, which was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to licenses to keep bowling alleys and billiard rooms," was read a second time.

Mr. MORTLAND offered the following amendment marked "A." Amend by striking out the word "April" in the 13th line, and inserting the word "May."

The amendment was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to authorize the extension of certain wharves in Portland harbor ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Norombega Sportsman's Club ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Sportsmen's Association ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in the town of Hermon ;"

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Aqueduct Company ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Manufacturing Company ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the Little Androscoggin Water Power Company, to increase its capital stock ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. BAKER,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the law whereby deputy sheriffs are requested to pay a percentage of fees collected by them for the service of certain precepts, to the sheriff ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire what, if any, legislation is expedient for the establishment of some uniform and better system of examining candidates for admission to the bar, in the several counties in the State ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire whether any amendment is necessary to the law, relating to trustees of churches ;

Were each read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of Kennebec Bar for restoration of the salary of the Judge of the Superior Court of Kennebec county;

Bill "an act to amend chapter 88 of the public laws of 1879, relative to fees of referees;"

Petition of Rev. E. Bean and 50 others, for change in the divorce laws;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of A. I. Waterhouse and others, that a law may be passed that a copy of a bond deposited in the registry of deeds shall be conclusive evidence of the original, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Sherman, for an appropriation on the road from Staceyville to the Hunt farm, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Remonstrance of W. S. Todd and 29 others, against legislation to prohibit the taking of smelts in the Kennebec river except by hook and line;

Remonstrance of C. T. Willis and 54 others, against same;

Remonstrance of William R. Maxwell and 12 others, and L. J. Brown and 128 others of Bowdoinham, against the proposed legislation in regard to taking smelts in Kennebec river;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Remonstrance of William H. Sinnett and 51 others;

Remonstrance of A. P. Snow and 31 others;

Remonstrance of T. E. Smullen and 44 others;

Remonstrance of A. T. Trufant and 22 others. against division of the town of Harpswell;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition of David Golder and others of Belgrade and Rome, for constitutional amendment to prohibit the liquor traffic;

Petition of H. C. Hight and others, for law to punish false orders for spirituous liquor;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of Otis Gilmore and others of Brewer, that said town and Veazie may be classed together and form a representative dis-

trict, was referred to the Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Aroostook River Railroad," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to amend section 48 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to highway taxes," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of J. G. Record and others, that the land of said Record be set off from Crystal plantation and annexed to the town of Sherman, reporting bill "an act to set off a part of the homestead farm of Jonathan G. Record from Crystal plantation, and annex the same to the town of Sherman," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill laid on the table to be printed, on motion by Mr. CORNISH.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Ephraim Grant and others, reporting bill "an act to set off Ephraim Grant and others from the town of Columbia to the town of Cherryfield," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill laid on the table and ordered printed, on motion by Mr. PARCHER.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Kennebec Fibre Company," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on bill "an act to exempt the towns of Blanchard and Shirley, from damages in certain cases," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill laid on the table to be printed, on motion by Mr. HILL of Hancock.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill "an act to incorporate the Tebbetts Manufacturing Company," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and Monday afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to amend section 26 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, returned from the House, that branch non-concurring in action of Senate, and recommitting the same to the Committee on Legal Affairs."

Senate reconsidered its vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed, and recommitting same in concurrence with the House.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of G. E. Sherman and others, that imprisonment for debt be abolished, that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of A. G. Farrar and others, relative to trial justices, that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on order for an appropriation to rebuild the bridge on the old State road over Fish river, near Eagle Lake plantation, that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Henry Tilley and others, for aid to build a bridge across the Aroostook river at Washburn, in Aroostook county, that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Were each accepted in concurrence, and the petitions and order referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to certain corporations," that the same ought not to pass, a similar bill having been reported;

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on petition of Lewis Freeman and others, that they may be granted permission to build wharves, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of George W. Caldwell and others, to build a wharf on the eastern shore of Muscongus bay, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;



Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Foster and Spaulding, to build and maintain dams on Parlin stream, and to incorporate the Parlin Pond Dam Company, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on petition of Harrison T. Carver and others, to extend fish weirs into tide waters in the town of North Haven, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, prohibiting the employment of persons for more than ten hours, and providing by law that ten hours shall constitute a legal days work, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on petition of N. R. Dyer and others, to construct a marine railway at Cape Elizabeth, that the petition be referred to the next Legislature with order of notice, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred to the next Legislature with order of notice, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on bill "an act to prevent the destruction of smelts in Cold Pond stream and its tributaries," was accepted in concurrence, bill read once, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. CLARKE,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws of the State, relating to insurance, that insurance companies shall pay the insured of said company, in case of loss, the full amount of the risk named in the policy given by said company, at the time of said loss, without regard to the nature of the property at the time of the loss, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. FERNALD presented petition of I. W. Merrill, Treasurer of the Franklin County Savings Bank, for refunding of taxes paid under missapprehension of the law, was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE presented petition of Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company, for authority to extend its railroad, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to amending section 8, chapter 83 of the revised statutes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Education, on an order for better provisions for the advancement of Education in the plantations of Connor and Crowell, that legislation therein is inexpedient.

These reports were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to abolish the office of town agent," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to make valid the doings of the South Buxton Cemetery Association," that the same ought to pass, was accepted, the bill read once, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Printed bill "an act to amend section 7 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 148 of the laws of 1873, relating to insurance and insurance companies," was read once, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

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

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, in relation to travel of trial justices and justices of the peace and of the quorum ;"

Bill "an act explanatory of section 3, chapter 78 of laws of 1878, relating to tramps;"

"Resolve in favor of Henry Nash of Addison;"

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 bills:

Bill "an act for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon in the Kennebago and Rangely chain of lakes and streams;"

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Hosmer's pond in the town of Camden;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Piscataquis Game and Fish Protective Society;"

Bill "an act to change the boundary line between the towns of Berwick and South Berwick;"

Bill "an act to amend section 169, chapter 6 of the revised statutes;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Hancock,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire what, if any, legislation is expedient, in relation to the accounts against the members of the Maine Swedish Colony, for advances in the early settlement of the colony, was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act concerning the care and education of neglected children," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to criminal costs ;"

Bill "an act relating to the election of county commissioners ;"

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

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of John P. Swasey and others, that fishing in Bog brook be prohibited for the term of five years, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Temperance, on petition of William L. Putnam and others, for an amendment of the liquor law, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of A. A. Plaisted and others, for enactment of law, allowing the taking of perch in North and East ponds during the month of June in each year, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Temperance, on petition of James Costello and others, that the sale of liquors be legalized, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were each accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on petition of John McNutt, for a State pension, referred to the Pension Agent, was

accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred to the Pension Agent in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act to incorporate the Van Buren Lumbering and Manufacturing Company," that it ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to authorize John S. Jenness to erect wharf or wharves in tide waters in the town of Hampden," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill recommitted for correction.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend section 28 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to notice upon petitions to the Legislature," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill laid on the table, on motion by Mr. MORTLAND.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Piscataquis, to discharge the assessment of a tax made by them, and to include the amount thereof in another assessment," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State, transmitting annual report of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath, was read and sent down, and the report referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CLARKE,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Fisheries and Game be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws of the State, relating to weirs for the taking or catching of alewives in Damariscotta river, as to prevent their extension into the river beyond low water mark.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY presented bill "an act to empower married women to convey their property without the joinder of their husbands ;"

Mr. EMERY presented bill relating to the European and North American Railroad ;

Which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented bill "an act to confer certain powers on the inhabitants and officers of the town of Eden," which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 73 of the revised statutes, relating to conveyances in mortgages and conveyances in title ;"

The same Senator presented bill "an act relating to levy of execution on real estate ;"

Mr. BISBEE presented bill "an act to incorporate the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company ;"

Which were each referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CORNISH presented petition of John T. Preble, for State pension, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LORD presented petition of F. M. Waterhouse and others of Standish, for change in school laws, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CLARKE presented petition of F. B. Curtis and others, for legislation for the protection of alewives, which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SANBORN, from the Committee on Pensions, on petition of Benjamin M. Nutter for a pension, reported "resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter," which was laid on the table and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

Printed bills :

Bill "an act to authorize Charles A. J. Farrar to dredge bars, blast rocks, and navigate the Richardson lakes and intervening waters by steam ;"

Bill "an act relating to appointment of administrators, with the will annexed ;"

Bill "an act amending section 65 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to accident insurance policies ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company ;"

Bill "an act to exempt the towns of Blanchard and Shirley from damages in certain cases ;"

Were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

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

Bill "an act to prevent the destruction of smelts in Cold Stream pond and its tributaries in the town of Enfield ;"

Bill "an act to enable the Aroostook River Railroad Company to extend its road ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 48, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to highway taxes ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Tebbetts Manufacturing Company ;"

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Kennebec Fibre Company ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act to amend section 7, chapter 49 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 148 of the laws of 1873, relating to insurance companies ;"

Bill "an act to make valid the doings of the South Buxton Cemetery Association ;"

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 bills :

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of alewives from Denny's river ;"

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Messabesic pond and its outlet in the town of Alfred ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Van Buren ;"

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of Franklin county to re-assess certain taxes ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 8, chapter 19 of the revised statutes, relating to fast driving on bridges ;"

Bill "an act additional to section 1 of chapter 128 of the revised statutes, to regulate the manufacture and sale of vinegar ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to public and private ways ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 168, chapter 225 of the public laws of 1880, relating to the militia ;"

Bill "an act relating to chapter 15 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 241 of the public laws of 1874, relating to burying grounds ;"

Bill "an act relating to suits to enforce liens ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. LAMSON, the order requesting the sheriff of each county in the State to communicate to this Legislature the number and names of persons now imprisoned for debt in his county, was taken from the table.

On motion by the same Senator, the order was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on Fisheries and Game be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws of the State, regulating the taking of salmon throughout the State, that all weir and net fishing shall be prohibited from Saturday morning at sunrise, until Monday morning at sunrise ; and that all weirs shall be constructed with a door of net or board in the pound, that shall be fastened back and open for the escape of the fish during the prescribed period ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law concerning taxation, that the assessors of cities, towns and plantations, in taking their valuation upon which to make their annual assessment, may deduct from the valuation of each person's personal estate the amount of said tax-payer's indebtedness, provided such persons will subject themselves under oath before the assessors to an examination as to the nature and situation of their property ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 205 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to registry of deeds from the State ;

That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws which govern the Maine Soldiers' Orphan Asylum at Bath, as to include within its benefits the children of soldiers who by reason of sickness or other causes are unable or fail to support said children ;

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of reimbursing John M. Thurlough for money collected for stumpage on land of said Thurlough ;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

That the report of the Committee on Towns, in relation to the division of Reed and Barker plantations, be taken from the files

and recommitted to the Committee on Towns, was read and passed in concurrence, and the report taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Towns.

Petition of Nelson Dingley and others, for an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors, was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Remonstrance of G. S. Howe and others of Woolwich, against petition of B. A. Cox and others, for legislation in regard to smelt fishing on the Kennebec, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Gen. J. P. Cilley and others, members of the 1st and 2d Regiments Maine Cavalry, 1st Maine Heavy Artillery, 2d Battery, and 2d, 4th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th and 31st Regiments of Infantry, against removal of the battle flags from the State House;

Remonstrance of 55 ex-soldiers and sailors of J. B. Hubbard Post G. A. R. of Hallowell;

Remonstrance of W. H. Emery and others, soldiers of Fairfield;

Remonstrance of G. T. Stevens and others, soldiers of the war of 1861;

Remonstrance of J. H. H. Hewett and others of Thomaston, against same;

Were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the better protection of life in public buildings;"

Bill "an act to abolish imprisonment for debt;"

Were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to which was recommitted bill "an act for the protection of fish in Sabbath Day pond, in the town of Sebago," that no changes are deemed necessary, was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Albert D. Sherman and others, for aid on a road from Monson Village to Ship pond, that the same be referred to the next

Legislature, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order to inquire into the expediency of giving Fort Kent the right by law of drawing the school money for Township No. 17, Range 6, through their school committee, and allowing the citizens of said No. 17 to vote in Fort Kent, that the same be referred to the Committee on Education, was accepted in concurrence, and the order referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on order inquiring into the expediency of repealing sections 52 and 54 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the branding of hay, that the same be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, was accepted in concurrence, and the order referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend chapter 116 of the public laws of 1879, relating to hawkers and peddlers," recommitted in the House, was recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to deeds of minors, reporting bill "an act providing for the disaffirmance of contracts and deeds of minors within one year after majority," recommitted in the House to the Committee on the Judiciary, was recommitted in concurrence.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report of the Bank Examiner for the year 1880, was read and sent down, and the report referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALKER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs, inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 186 of the laws of 1877, as to place a reasonable limit within which an action to enforce the lien therein provided, shall be commenced.

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be requested to examine the provisions of chapter 24, section 1 of the revised statutes, and report whether such change is necessary, that the children

of paupers therein named, may follow the residence of the pauper parent.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Financial Affairs, be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending section 10, chapter 150 of the public laws of 1879, relating to salaries in the office of Superintendent of Public Schools.

On motion by Mr. BREWER,

*Ordered*, That the Cumberland County Delegation, be requested to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the Register of Probate of Cumberland county, which was referred to the Cumberland County Delegation.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE presented petition of Frank E. Gibbs and others of Canton, in aid of petition of David Harriman and others, for a change of place of holding the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court for Oxford county, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY presented petition of Ara Cushman and others of Auburn, for an amendment of city charter;

The same Senator presented bill "an act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Company;"

Mr. WALKER presented bill relating to civil actions;

Which were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Penobscot, presented petition of William Curtis and others, in aid of petition of W. C. Amazeen to be set off from the town of Garland, and annexed to the town of Exeter, which was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BREWER presented "resolve in favor of Emery Bean," which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Bisbee presented petition of James S. Wright, for change of fees for clerk of court in Oxford county;

The same Senator presented petition of George H. Watkins, in aid of petition of James S. Wright, for a change of fees of the clerk of Supreme Judicial Court in Oxford county ;

Which were laid on the table, on motion by the same Senator.

Printed bill " an act to set off a part of the homestead farm of Jonathan G. Record from Crystal plantation, and annex the same to the town of Sherman."

Mr. BREWER offered the following amendment marked "A." Insert after the word "westerly," sixth line, the words "parallel with the south line of Crystal plantation ;"

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

Bill "an act to set off Ephraim Grant and others, with their lands, from the town of Columbia, and annex the same to the town of Cherryfield," was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

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

Bill "an act to authorize Charles A. J. Farrar, to dredge bars, blast rocks, and navigate the Richardson lakes and intervening waters by steam ;"

Bill "an act amending section 65 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to accident insurance policies ;"

Bill "an act relating to appointments of administrators, with will annexed ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Piscataquis, to discharge the assessment of a tax made by them, and to include the amount thereof in another assessment ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Van Buren Lumbering and Manufacturing Company ;"

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

The same Committee reported the following bill :

Bill "an act to exempt the towns of Blanchard and Shirley from damages in certain cases," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. EMERY, the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and on motion by Mr. MORTLAND, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LAMSON, bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents," was taken from the table.

The same Senator offered amendment marked "A," which was lost.

The question then returned on the motion of Mr. PARCHER to indefinitely postpone, which was agreed to, so the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill "an act for the navigation of Winnecook lake in the County of Waldo," was taken from the table.

Pending its passage to be engrossed, the same Senator offered the following amendment marked "A." Amend section 3 by striking out the words "three years" wherever it occurs, and insert the words "one year."

The amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. SMITH, its Clerk, requesting the return of bill "an act to repeal chapter 200, laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in the town of Hermon."

The above bill having been sent to the Governor for his approval, a message was sent to the Governor requesting the return of said bill.

The Secretary conveyed the message, and subsequently returned with the bill, which was delivered to the Clerk of the House.

The following communication was received from Hon. J. O. Smith,  
Secretary of State :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, February 8, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act to amend section one hundred and sixty-nine of chapter six of the revised statutes, relating to the sale of real estate of resident owners for taxes.

Approved, February 5, 1881.

On motion by Mr. FRIEND,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1881.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. NUGENT of Norridgewock.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the necessity of passing a special law allowing or obliging the superintending school committee of Eagle Lake plantation to take the number of scholars in Township No. 16, Range 6, and return the same, and establish schools and draw the school money and manage the same in the same way as the schools in their plantation ; also the same as to the plantation of St. Francis and Township 18, Range 10 ;

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the school laws, that when a public school is suspended by the proper authority by reason of the prevalence of contagious diseases, the teacher may be discharged ;

That the report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reporting leave to withdraw, in the matter of Barrell's mill pond, he taken from the files and recommitted ;

Were each read and passed in concurrence.

That the time for the reception of petitions, bills and resolves, requiring reference to any committee, be extended to the 12th of the present month.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table.

Bill "an act levying taxes on corporate franchises," was referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of Horace Woodman and others, for a renewal of the privileges granted in the acts of incorporation of the Saco and Biddeford Gas Light Company for thirty years, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Bill "an act relative to claims against insolvent estates and appeals from the decisions of judges of probate," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.



Remonstrance of James W. Bolton and others, against diverting the waters of Long lake, in Aroostook county, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Remonstrance of H. F. Porter and others ;

Remonstrance of George H. Allen and others ;

Remonstrance of M. L. Fisher and others ;

Remonstrance of Robert F. Parker and others, against removing the battle flags from the State House ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of J. E. Ashe and others, for an act to equalize soldiers bounties, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "an act to revive and amend the charter of the Bangor and Calais Railroad Company," was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of Moses E. Sweat and others, Trustees of Parsonsfield Seminary, asking for aid for same, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of the town of Ashland, for reimbursement for support of State paupers, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of A. Gilman and 102 others, for a bridge from Orr's island to Bayley's island ;

Petition of citizens of Kingman, asking for an appropriation on a road from Staceyville to the Hunt farm, so called ;

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

Petition of Mrs. L. Fanny Moore and 54 others, for women's suffrage for schools ;

Bill "an to incorporate the Saco Water Company ;" .

Bill "an act to amend chapter 215 of the public laws of 1880, relating to jurisdiction of justices of the peace ;"

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

Remonstrance of Samuel Trussle and 41 others ;

Remonstrance of Farrington W. Hart and 16 others ;

Remonstrance of A. F. Elwell and 35 others, against any change in the present lobster laws ;

Remonstrance of James F. Oliver and 16 others ;

Remonstrance of J. M. Perkins and 31 others, relating to the taking of smelts in the Kennebec river ;

Remonstrance of G. H. S. Webb and 72 others, against any law to prevent the taking of mackerel with seines within the jurisdiction of the State ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Charles C. Kellar and others ;

Remonstrance of George Buston and others ;

Remonstrance of Addison R. Kellock and others ;

Remonstrance of A. Watts and others, severally against any change in the lobster law ;

Were referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the sale of merchandise by express companies and other corporations," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend chapter 86 of section 13 of the revised statutes, relating to trustee costs," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 103 of the revised statutes, relating to assignment of dower," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts, reporting the same in a new draft," and that it ought to pass ;

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

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "an act relating to the Maine Central Institute," that the same ought to pass, was

accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and laid on the table to be printed, on motion by Mr. BEATTY.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act to authorize John S. Jenness to erect a wharf or wharves in tide waters in the town of Hampden," reporting the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. FLINT presented bill to amend section 44 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond, which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance under suspension of the rules.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY presented "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture," which was read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend section 22 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to witness fees and false certificates," that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, and the bill laid on the table to be printed, on motion of the same Senator.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of H. G. Farrar and others, relating to trial justices, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Dexter Lodge of Good Templars, for authority to convey their hall, reported bill "an act relating to the Good Templars Hall in Dexter."

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

Mr. FERNALD, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on petition of Saco Rifle Company to be attached to the active militia, that the same be referred to the Commander-in-Chief of the State Militia.

On motion by Mr. BEATTY, the report was recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to amending the laws relating to insurance companies, that legislation thereon is inexpedient. Report accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the vote whereby the above report was accepted, on motion by Mr. CLARKE, was reconsidered, and

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, the report was laid on the table.

Printed "resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter," was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading."

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

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Sabbath Day pond in the town of Sebago;"

Bill "an act to set off Ephraim Grant and others, with their lands, from the town of Columbia, and annex the same to the town of Cherryfield;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bill:

Bill "an act to set off a part of the homestead farm of Jonathan G. Record from Crystal plantation and annex the same to the town of Sherman," amended as per Senate sheet "A," 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 and resolve:

Bill "an act to amend section 4, chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries;"

Bill "an act to amend section 15, chapter 74 of the public laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 154 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the insolvency laws of Maine ;"

Bill "an act relating to licenses to keep bowling alleys and billiard rooms ;"

Bill "an act to repeal section 31 of chapter 239 of the acts of 1880, and to amend section 56 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to the report of the Insurance Commissioner ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 40, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to city ordinances ;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolve finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. PATTANGALL, a message was sent to the House recalling bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents," indefinitely postponed in the Senate the 8th instant.

The Secretary conveyed the message and the bill was returned.

On motion by Mr. PATTANGALL, the vote whereby the bill was indefinitely postponed, was reconsidered, and on motion by the same Senator, was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CLARKE,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1881.

Senate called to order by the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

Messrs. Wakefield of York,  
Lamson of Sagadahoc,  
Clarke of Lincoln,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President *pro tempore*.

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

Whole number of votes is .....	18
Necessary for a choice .....	10
Joseph S. Berry had. ....	18

The report was accepted, and Hon. Joseph S. Berry having received all the votes cast, was declared unanimously elected President *pro tempore*.

Mr. Berry was conducted to the chair by Messrs. Dudley of Aroostook, and Hill of Hancock, and in accepting the office, briefly acknowledged the honor conferred.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by enactment, for the division of line or partition fences in unorganized places, was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 204 of the laws of 1877, relative to apothecaries ;"

Petition of John Eddy and others, relating to the registry district of Aroostook county ;

Petition of C. H. Gates and others of Kennebunkport, for change in the present divorce laws ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act additional relating to the insolvent laws of Maine," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of C. C. Vinal and others of Kennebunk, for authority to superintending school committees to employ school teachers, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Remonstrance of T. H. Teel and others of St. George, against any law to prohibit the taking of mackerel by seines, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Remonstrance of S. G. Hart and 60 others, against the Hell Gate pilotage laws, was referred to the Committee on Commerce in concurrence.

Remonstrance of W. H. Conant and others, against removal of battle flags from the State House, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Remonstrance of W. A. Robbins and 406 others, against petition to abolish the Common Council of the city of Auburn, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of H. C. Munson and 65 others, asking for a constitutional amendment to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Remonstrance of members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and 383 others, against allowing the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Petition of Moses A. Safford, Register of Probate for York county, for restoration of former salary, was referred to the York County Delegation in concurrence.

“Resolve authorizing the Librarian to deliver certain documents to the Maine Historical Society,” passed to be engrossed in the House under suspension of the rules, was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill “an act to repeal chapter 145 of the public laws of 1879, relating to insurance,” reporting the same in a new draft, and recommitting in the House, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill recommitting to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to amend chapter 6 of the revised statutes, exempting private libraries from taxation," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend chapter 116 of the public laws of 1879, relating to hawkers and peddlers," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend section 153, chapter 6 of the revised statutes, as amended by laws of 1877, chapter 165, relating to powers of town treasurers," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of A. Waterhouse and others, that a copy of a bond recorded in the registry of deeds, shall be conclusive evidence of the original, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Samuel L. Davis and others, as to what shall constitute a barrel of herring, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to amending chapter 41 of the public laws of 1878, regarding the rights of towns, with bill accompanying, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on order relating to authorizing the Attorney General, or some other attorney, to defend suits brought to dispossess settlers in Aroostook county, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on petition of Almira E. Cobb, for a State pension, reporting "resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb," was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of the selectmen of the town of Washington, for school money, reporting "resolve in favor of the town of Washington," was accepted in



concurrence, the resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, that a message be sent to the Governor and Council, and the House of Representatives, informing them of the election of Hon. Joseph S. Berry as President *pro tempore*.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order inquiring into the expediency of declaring no person ineligible to office of supervisor of schools and superintending school committee, by reason of sex, reported bill "an act declaring women eligible to certain school offices," which was accepted.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the same Committee, reported bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways," which was accepted.

The bills were laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on petitions of G. D. Boynton and others and W. Brown and others, for repeal of chapter 247 of the laws of 1880, that the same be referred to the Committee on Temperance;

Mr. EMERY, from the same Committee, on petition of J. H. Wight and others, for increase of salary of Register of Probate for the County of Somerset, that the same be referred to the Delegation from Somerset County;

Were each accepted, and the petitions referred as stated above.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order inquiring into the expediency of amending section 3 of chapter 162 of the public laws of 1879, relating to support of paupers by plantations, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act conferring the privilege of elective franchise on women," that the same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. DUDLEY moved that the vote whereby the foregoing report was accepted, be reconsidered.

Pending the vote to reconsider, Mr. DINGLEY moved that the motion be laid on the table, and Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock A. M., be assigned for its further consideration. Agreed to.

Printed bills :

Bill "an act to amend section 22 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to witness fees and false certificates," was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company," was read once, and on motion by LAMSON, tabled.

Subsequently, taken from the table by Mr. Lamson.

The same Senator offered the following amendment marked "A": To amend section two, by adding after the word "ornamental" in the 14th line the word "fruit."

Pending the adoption of the amendment, on motion by Mr. MORTLAND, the bill was laid on the table.

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

Bill "an act to authorize John S. Jenness to erect wharf or wharves in tide waters in the town of Hampden," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills and resolve :

Bill "an act relating to Good Templars Hall in Dexter," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 103 of the revised statutes, relating to assignment of dower," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. EMERY, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 86, section 13 of the revised statutes, relating to trustees' costs, was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. MORTLAND, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. EMERY, laid on the table.

“Resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter,” was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. PARCHER, laid on the table.

Bill “an act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws of 1874, relating to sale of merchandise by express companies and other corporations,” was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. EMERY, laid on the table, and to-morrow, at 11 o’clock, assigned for further consideration.

Bill “an act to amend chapter 178 of acts and resolves of 1879,” passed to be engrossed in the House under suspension of the rules, was read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill “an act to amend chapter 163 of the public laws of 1877, relating to loiterers,” was taken from the table.

The same Senator offered amendment marked “A,” and on motion by the same Senator, pending the adoption of the amendment, the bill, with the amendment, was laid on the table and ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. FLINT,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1881.

The President resumed the chair.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Petition of James P. Baxter and others, in favor of the bill for the care and education of neglected children, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the laws of 1872, relating to the Hallowell Academy ;"

Petition of Samuel E. Berry and others, asking that superintending school committees may employ school teachers ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Horatio Trefethren and 90 others, against granting a charter for a ferry between Kittery and Portsmouth, N. H., was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company," reported the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act concerning the St. James Episcopal church of Oldtown," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Steam Heating Company," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of H. T. Morris and others, reported bill "an act to repeal chapter 110 of the special laws of 1866, relating to the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds."

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

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on order inquiring into the expediency of an appropriation to repair the Houlton and Baring road, reporting "resolve in favor of an appropriation on roads, including bridges, across Indian Township, in the county of Washington."

The report was accepted in concurrence, and the bill recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, to which was committed bill "an act to amend section 28 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes, relating to liens on buildings and lots," that the same ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to the expediency of amending section 2, chapter 59 of the revised statutes, by inserting after the word "idiot" the word "inebriate," that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of the order of the Patrons of Husbandry, for amendment of law in relation to notes given for patent rights, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of the inhabitants of Hersey, for an appropriation for a bridge across Mattawamkeag stream, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Benjamin Penny and others, in relation to an act providing for wider rims on wheels, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of W. C. Hayes and others, for uniformity in width of sleds, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Antoine Ouilette and others, against the throwing of lumber into Violet brook, in the town of Van Buren, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Straton and Thompson, for an appropriation to repair Mattawamkeag bridge, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of inhabitants of Reed and Barker plantations, that they be divided, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of William L. Robbins

and others, to be exempted from taxation, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of W. S. Crane and others, that their property be set off from the town of Trescott and annexed to the town of Whiting, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of William Marston and others, to set off certain land in Waterville to West Waterville, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The foregoing reports were severally accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BUXTON,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is required on the matter of making connections.

On motion by Mr. BEATTY,

*Ordered*, That the House concurring, the Committee on Financial Affairs be joined to the Committee on Railroads, constituting a Joint Special Committee for the consideration of bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads," now pending before the Committee on Railroads, and assigned for hearing, Tuesday, the 15th instant.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Railroads, together with the Committee on Financial Affairs, to which the bill in relation to taxation of railroads, has been referred by order of the Senate, be also requested to consider all propositions pertaining to taxation of railroads, that are now or shall hereafter be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

On motion by Mr. BAKER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of authorizing the county commissioners of Somerset county to assess road taxes upon townships or owners of townships not lying upon said county roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BREWER presented remonstrance of H. B. Joyce and others of Swan's Island, against the enactment of a law prohibiting the taking of mackerel with seines, which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLINT presented remonstrance of B. B. Jackson and others, against the removal of the battle flags from the State House, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD presented petition of Amos L. Allen, to amend section 5 of chapter 150 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salary of the Clerk of Courts of York county, which was referred to the York County Delegation.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Penobscot, presented bill "an act to increase the salary of the Clerk of Courts of Penobscot county," which was referred to the Penobscot County Delegation.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act relating to civil actions in behalf of the State," that the same ought to pass.

Mr. HILL of Hancock, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on bill "an act to amend so much of section 2, chapter 125, laws of 1879, as relates to clerk hire in the Secretary of State's office," that the same ought to pass.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, on resolve of the Board of Agriculture, relating to amendment of section 4, chapter 235 of the laws of 1880, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 235 of the laws of 1880, relating to the report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture."

The reports were accepted, and the bills each laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relating to the enactment of a law relating to sale of calves under four weeks old, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order relating to fixing the standard weight of a bushel of oats, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of Ara Cushman and others of Auburn, for amendment of city charter, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Which several reports were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Association," that the same ought to pass.

Mr. CORNISH, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to confer certain powers on the inhabitants and officers of the town of Eden," that the same ought to pass.

The reports were accepted, and the bills each read once and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, reported the following resolves :

"Resolve in favor of the town of Washington," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb," which was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table.

The same Committee reported the following bill :

Bill "an act to amend section 22 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to witness fees, and false certificates," 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 :

Bill "an act relating to actions against insolvent estates ;"

Bill "an act to prevent the destruction of smelts in Cold Stream pond and its tributaries, in the town of Enfield ;"

Bill "an act authorizing the county commissioners of Piscataquis county to discharge an assessment of taxes made by them, and include amount thereof in another assessment ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Van Buren Lumbering and Manufacturing Company ;"

Bill "an act to enable the Aroostook River Railroad Company to extend its road ;"

Bill "an act to increase the capital stock of the Kennebec Fibre Company ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Tebbetts Manufacturing Company ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 148, chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to highway taxes ;"



Bill "an act to amend chapter 392 of the special laws of 1877, in relation to the navigation of Mooselucmeguntic lake;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, "resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter," was taken from the table, and pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion by Mr. EMERY, was re-tabled.

On motion by Mr. LAMSON, bill "an act to incorporate the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company," was taken from the table, the question being on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Lamson, to amend section two, by adding after the word "ornamental" in the 14th line the word "fruit," which amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill "an act to amend chapter 86, section 13 of the revised statutes, relating to trustees' costs," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. JENNINGS, bill "an act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws of 1874," was taken from the table.

Mr. WALKER offered the following amendment marked "A": That there be added after the words "seventy-four" in title of bill, the words "relating to unclaimed goods held by common carriers," which was agreed to, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts," was taken from the table, and on motion by the same Senator, recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by the same Senator, bill "an act to amend section 23 of chapter 103 of the revised statutes, relating to assignment of

dower," was taken from the table, and on motion by the same Senator, recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1881.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. NUGENT of Norridgewock.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Petition of S. C. Strout and others, for the restoration of the salary of the Justice of the Superior Court for Cumberland county, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary under suspension of the rules in concurrence.

Petition of Edward O'Brien and others of Thomaston ;

Petition of T. W. Hix and others of Rockland ;

Petition of William Wilson of Hallowell, for an appropriation in favor of the widow and children of the late Asa Perkins, clerk of the State Prison from 1841 to 1875 ;

Were referred to the Committee on Claims under suspension of the rules in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the building of a free bridge across Georges river," was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Remonstrance of C. B. Roberts and 98 others of Caribou, against the division of said town ;

Remonstrance of F. J. Orr and 38 others, against the division of Harpswell ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Petition for the restoration of the salary of the Judge of Probate of York county, was referred to the York County Delegation under suspension of the rules in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 62 of the public laws of 1872," was referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to amendment of section 11 of chapter 139 of the revised statutes, relative to fees, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to the relief of poor debtors, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to sheriffs' fees, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to appointment of inspectors of stationary steam engines, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on order relating to the game laws, so that the open time for moose, deer and caribou, shall be from the first of September to the first of the following December, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Eastman H. Tripp and others, for the protection of trout in Kennebunk pond and its tributaries, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Jonathan Darling and others, for a change of close time for moose, deer and caribou, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Cyrus Andrews and others, for reduction of toll on slippage of logs at Upper Kezar dam, as per acts and resolves of 1869, chapter 75, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of Moses E. Sweat and others, for aid to Parsonfield Seminary, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of C. M. Bailey and others, also Wilson Nason and others, for repeal of chapter 137 of the public laws of 1879, relative to flowing the highways, that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Report accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to establish a reasonable rate of fare for transportation of passengers, and to prevent an unjust discrimination in charges for transportation of freight on railroads," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on petition of John B. Farrell and others, for aid in building a bridge across the St. John river at Van Buren, reporting "resolve in aid of building a bridge across St. John river," was recommitted to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of the Westbrook Manufacturing Company, to amend its charter, reporting bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Westbrook Manufacturing Company," and that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of Richard Dresser and others, relating to the Municipal Court in the city of Auburn, reporting bill "an act to amend an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Auburn ;"

Report of the same Committee, on petition of J. C. Holbrook and others, to empower the county commissioners of Penobscot county to take land for a ferry landing in Brewer, reporting bill "an act empowering the county commissioners of Penobscot county to purchase, take and appropriate land for a ferry landing in the town of Brewer ;"

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

Majority report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of Charles Sherer and others, that the seventh ward be set off from the city of Rockland and incorporated into a separate town, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the town of West Rockland ;" also

Minority report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of Charles Sherer and others, relating to the same, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Pending acceptance of reports, on motion by Mr. WALKER, both reports were laid on the table and Wednesday next, at 11 o'clock A. M., assigned for further consideration.

On motion by Mr. BUXTON,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Mr. FLINT presented bill "an act to incorporate the Monson Village Corporation," which was referred to the Committee on Towns under suspension of the rules.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BUXTON presented remonstrance of Josiah Holbrook and others, against repeal of the cider law, which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to amending chapter 186 of the laws of 1877, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 186 of the laws of 1877, entitled an act requiring railroad corporations to be holden for labor, which chapter is additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes," which was accepted, the bill laid on the table, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

Printed bill "an act to amend item fifth of section 24 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to powers and obligations of school districts."

Mr. MORTLAND offered amendment "A." Amend by striking out section 2, which was agreed to, and the bill as amended read once, and Monday afternoon assigned for its second reading.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lewiston Steam Heating Company;"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 110 of the special laws of 1866, relating to the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds;"

Bill "an act to enable the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine, to remove, rebuild, or repair St. James Parish Church of Oldtown;"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill “ an act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Company ;”

Bill “ an act to confer certain powers upon the inhabitants and officers of the town of Eden ;”

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 bills and resolve :

Bill “ an act for the protection of fish in Sabbath Day pond in the town of Sebago ;”

Bill “ an act to make valid the doings of the South Buxton Cemetery Association ;”

Bill “ an act to amend section 7 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 148 of the public laws of 1873, relating to insurance and insurance companies ;”

Bill “ an act to set off Ephraim Grant and others, with their lands from the town of Columbia, and annex the same to the town of Cherryfield ;”

“ Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual ;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolve finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. WALKER, the vote whereby the report from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Cyrus Andrews and others, relating to reduction of toll on slippage of logs at Upper Kezar dam, as per acts and resolves of 1869, chapter 75, was accepted in concurrence, was reconsidered, and the petition recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BERRY.

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Bill "an act to amend section 18, chapter 51 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 189 of the laws of 1874 ;"

Bill "an act concerning connecting railroads ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Petition of R. Robinson and others, relating to the taking of fish in Hewes pond ;

Remonstrance of George W. Hopkins, against an act to repeal chapter 200 of the laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in the town of Hermon ;

Petition of John B. Haskell and others, for a law to prevent fishing in Pleasant pond in the town of Garland ;

Were each referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Remonstrance of I. P. Staples and others, against change of law for employing teachers, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of J. D. Teague and others ;

Petition of A. W. Boynton and others ;

Petition of N. Carsley and others, for division of the town of Caribou ;

Were referred to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Memorial of David Greene and others ; also

Memorial of the general conference of the Congregational churches of Maine, relating to an amendment of the divorce laws ;

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Remonstrance of C. C. Roberts and 30 others, against removing the battle flags from the State House, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of E. M. Hamor and others, for a water company at Bar Harbor, in the town of Eden, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the revised statutes; relating to the establishment of true meridian lines," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, amended as per sheet "A," on motion by Mr. MORTLAND, read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to incorporate the Eastern Telegraph Company," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Isaac W. Smith and others, to protect fish in Lufkin pond in the town of Phillips, reporting bill "an act to protect fish in Lufkin pond in the town of Phillips," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and tabled on motion by Mr. BISBEE.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of N. T. Talbot and 148 others, for an act to better the public schools in Rockport village, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Rockport Village School Corporation;"

Report of the same Committee, on petition of A. Moody and others of Biddeford, for an act providing for the election of a superintending school committee, reporting bill "an act to provide for the election of a superintending school committee and superintendent of schools in the city of Biddeford;"

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of E. L. Chadbourne and others, that township No. 8, range 8, may be incorporated into a town, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the town of Howard;"

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

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report of the Railroad Commissioners for the



year 1880, was read and sent down, and the report referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication from Hon. S. A. Holbrook, signifying his acceptance of the office of Treasurer of State, and transmitting the bond required by the law of the State, which was read and sent down, and the bond referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Charles G. Stearns and others, for an amendment of the charter of the Sebois Dam Company, reporting bill "an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Sebois Dam Company, approved February 22, 1869," was accepted, the bill read once, and on motion by Mr. DUDLEY, laid on the table.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order inquiring into the expediency of establishing by law, a standard weight per bushel for the different grades of salt, reporting bill "an act regulating the weight of salt."

Report accepted, and the bill laid on the table to be printed under Joint Rule.

Printed Bills:

Bill "an act to amend chapter 235 of the laws of 1880, relating to the report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture;"

Bill "an act relating to civil actions in behalf of the State;"

Bill "an act declaring women eligible to certain school offices;"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways;"

Bill "an act to amend so much of section 2, chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, as relates to clerk hire in the Secretary of State's department;"

Were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 163 of the public laws of 1877, relating to loitering in public places," was read a second time, as amended.

Mr. WALKER offered amendment "B," to the amendment marked "A," and pending the adoption of the amendment, on motion by Mr. BISBEE, the bill was laid on the table.

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

Bill "an act to amend an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Auburn ;"

Bill "an act empowering the county commissioners of Penobscot county to purchase, take and appropriate land for a ferry landing in the town of Brewer ;"

Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Westbrook Manufacturing Company, approved February 25th, 1845 ;"

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

The same Committee reported the following bill :

Bill "an act to amend item fifth of section 24 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to powers and obligations of school districts," was read a second time as amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act amending section 65 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to accident insurance policies ;"

Bill "an act to authorize Charles A. J. Farrar to dredge bars, blast rocks and navigate the Richardson lakes and intervening waters by steam ;"

Bill "an act to authorize John S. Jenness to erect a wharf or wharves in tide waters in the town of Hampden ;"

Bill "an act to set off a part of the homestead farm of Nathan J. Record from Crystal plantation and annex the same to the town of Sherman ;"

Bill "an act for the navigation of Winnecook lake in the county of Waldo ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 178 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the issue of bonds in aid of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company ;"

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture ;"

“Resolve authorizing the Librarian to deliver certain documents to the Maine Historical Society;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The following communication was received from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State:

# STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, February 14, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act to amend section 168, chapter 225, public laws of 1880, relating to the militia.

An act additional to chapter 15 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 241 of the public laws of 1874, relating to burying grounds.

An act to amend section 19 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to public and private ways.

Approved, February 8, 1881.

An act relating to suits to enforce liens.

An act additional to section 1 of chapter 128 of the revised statutes, to regulate the manufacture of vinegar.

An act to amend section 8 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, relating to fast driving.

Approved, February 11, 1881.

An act to amend chapter 174 of the public laws of 1877, relating to administrators, executors and trustees.

An act relating to actions against insolvent estates.

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries.

An act to amend section 40, chapter 3 of the revised statutes, relating to city ordinances.

An act to repeal section 31 of chapter 239 of the public laws of 1880, and to amend section 56 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, relating to the report of Insurance Commissioner.

An act relating to licenses to keep bowling alleys and billiard rooms.

An act to amend section 15 of chapter 74 of the public laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 154 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the insolvent laws of Maine.

An act to amend section 48 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to highway taxes.

An act to amend section 7 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 148 of the public laws of 1873, relating to insurance and insurance companies.

Approved, February 12, 1881.

On motion by Mr. FRIEND,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 3 of chapter 162 of the public laws of 1879, by striking out the words "one hundred" and inserting in place thereof the word "fifty," was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate bonds," was read, and on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Jimmy Brook and Scrag Rock Company," referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, was, on motion by Mr. MORTLAND, laid on the table.

Petition of L. L. Dennison and others, for change of law in regard to dower, was read, and on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table.

Petition of Sewall Gross and others, for the protection of fish in Sabbath Day pond in the town of New Gloucester, in the county of Cumberland, with bill for same, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game under suspension of the rules in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of A. R. Savage and others, for increase of the salary of Judge of Probate of Androscoggin county, that the same be referred to the delegation from Androscoggin county, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred to the Androscoggin County Delegation in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to authorize the Bridgton Telegraph Company to discontinue and remove its present line of telegraph, and to own, construct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph along the lines of certain railroads, if built," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on resolves in favor of the French spoliation claims, reporting "resolve in favor of French spoliation claims;"

Were each accepted in concurrence, the bill and resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in the town of Hermon," passed to be engrossed and passed to be enacted in both branches, and the same having been recalled from the Governor and returned to the House, came back from that branch, the vote whereby the same was passed to be enacted and engrossed, reconsidered, and the same recommitted to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Senate reconsidered vote passing bill to be enacted and to be engrossed, and recommitted to Committee on Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Mr. DUDLEY presented petition of Henry Jones and others of Ashland, for a change in the school laws of the State, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LAMSON,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be authorized to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to the tax upon insurance companies, and whether chapter 129 of the public laws of 1876, should be amended or repealed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. NUTTING, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Thomas N. Egery and others, for an amendment to the charter of the Pleasant River Dam and Improvement Company, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY, from the same Committee, on petition of T. N. Egery and others, to amend the charter of the Katahdin Dam Company, reported bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Katahdin Dam Company,'" which was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Benjamin and Frank R. Conant of Auburn, for right to erect a boom across Little Androscoggin river, in the County of Androscoggin, reported bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others, to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river in the County of Androscoggin."

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

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockport Village School Corporation:"

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Howard;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act providing for the election of a superintending school committee and superintendent of schools in the city of Biddeford."

Pending its second reading, on motion by Mr. SANBORN, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Eastern Telegraph Company," was read a second time.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, pending its passage to be engrossed, the bill was laid on the table, and Friday next assigned for further consideration.

Bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the revised statutes," was read a second time, as amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills:

Bill "an act declaring women eligible to certain school offices," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. PARCHER, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to amend so much of section 2, chapter 225 of the public laws of 1879, as relates to clerk hire in the Secretary of

State's department," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. PARCHER, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 235 of the laws of 1880, relating to the report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table.

Bill "an act relating to civil actions in behalf of the State," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. WALKER, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. FLINT, bill "an act to incorporate the Island Cottage Company," was taken from the table, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, bill "an act to protect fish in Lufkin pond in the town of Phillips," was taken from the table, the bill read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALKER, bill "an act to authorize Roscoe R. Benner, Murry F. Benner, Martin Willey, and their associates, to build and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of Muscongus bay or harbor, in the town of Bremen," was taken from the table.

The same Senator moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, and pending the above motion, the bill was laid on the table on motion by Mr. MORTLAND.

The hour assigned for the reconsideration of the vote whereby the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act conferring the privilege of elective franchise on women," that the same ought not to pass, having arrived, the report was taken from the table, and the Senate refused to reconsider the vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company,'" which bill was passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. PATTANGALL,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.



## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1881.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. STERLING of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the State Valuation Commission be and they are hereby requested to deposit in the office of the Secretary of State, all books and papers furnished them by the State, and used by them in the discharge of their duties as said commission, was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to establish titles to land among Penobscot tribe of Indians, and to provide for the preservation of evidence of such titles," was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of William Entristle and others, to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to ways, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of Isaiah Lewis and others, with bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Telegraph Company," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs under suspension of the rules in concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 190 of the laws of 1877," was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Railroad Company," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Railroad Company," that the same ought to pass,

was accepted in concurrence, House amendment "A" adopted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act granting permission to extend the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Charles G. Stearns, that the charter of the Mattawamkeag Log Company be amended, reporting bill "an act to amend the charter of the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company."

Report of the same Committee, on petition of John F. Robinson, that chapter 458, laws of 1865, relating to increase of tolls of Baskahegan Dam Company, reporting bill "an act to repeal chapter 453 of the laws of 1865."

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act additional relating to the insolvent laws of Maine," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act in relation to the times of holding sessions of county commissioners," that the same ought to pass.

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

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to equity proceedings, reporting bill "an act to regulate the practice in equity proceedings," was accepted in concurrence, the bill recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on petition of Henry E. Merrill, for an unpaid balance due him in 1866 under the laws of the State, providing State aid for the families of soldiers while in the service, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Benjamin Smith, that remuneration be granted to him, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw ;

Were accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," passed to be engrossed in the House, was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Majority and minority report of the Committee on Temperance, on bill "an act to amend section 45, chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors."

Pending acceptance of either report, on motion by Mr. BISBEE, both reports were laid on the table, and Friday next, at 11.30 A. M., assigned for further consideration.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" adopted, and pending the adoption of House amendment "B," on motion by Mr. MORTLAND, the bill was laid on the table to be printed with the amendment, and Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock, assigned for further consideration.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on petition relating to the New York Hell Gate pilot laws, reported "resolve relating to Hell Gate pilot laws," which was accepted in concurrence, and the resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 70 of the revised statutes, and chapter 89 of laws of 1876, relating to assignment for benefit of creditors;

On motion by the same Senator,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Legal Affairs inquire into the expediency of providing some process for the establishing of claims against the State;

Were each read and passed under suspension of the rules.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BUXTON presented bill "an act to authorize the town of Anson to pay its bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to issue new bonds for that purpose," which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to provide for minority representation of corporations," that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. WALKER, from the same Committee, on order inquiring into the expediency of authorizing the commissioners of Somerset

county to assess road taxes upon townships or owners of townships not lying upon said county roads, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Mr. CORNISH, from the same Committee, on an order of the Legislature, inquiring into the expediency of repealing chapter 193 of the laws of 1874, and chapter 211 additional thereto of laws of 1877, relating to clerks of courts, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, excepting as already reported ;

Were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the same Committee, on petition of the county commissioners of Kennebec county, for establishment of the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of the city of Augusta, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, with order of notice, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FERNALD, from the Committee on Reform School, on "resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. FLINT, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on "resolve in favor of Emery Brewer," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. BUXTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on an order inquiring into the expediency of amending section 156 of chapter 225, public laws of 1880, reported bill "an act to amend section 156, chapter 225, public laws of 1880 ;"

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Education, on an order inquiring into the expediency of providing for the suspension of a public school and discharge of teachers under certain conditions, reported bill "an act to amend item eighth, section 54, chapter 11 of the school laws ;"

Were each accepted, and the bills and resolves laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of John Shoenbar and others, for charter for mining and milling purposes, that the same be referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining, was accepted, and the petition referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of George F. Ropes and others, for charter for mining and other purposes, that the same be referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining, was accepted, and the petition referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FERNALD, from the Committee on Apportionment of Councillor Districts, reported the classification of and the apportionment of said districts, which was accepted and laid on the table to be printed under Joint Rule.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT OF COUNCILLOR DISTRICTS.

- First.* { York—1885, 1886, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892.  
          { Oxford—1883, 1884, 1887, 1888.
- Second.* { Cumberland—One for each year.
- Third.* { Androscoggin—1883, 1884, 1887, 1888, 1891, 1892.  
          { Franklin—1885, 1886.  
          { Sagadahoc—1889, 1890.
- Fourth.* { Kennebec—1883, 1884, 1887, 1888, 1891, 1892.  
          { Somerset—1885, 1886, 1889, 1890.
- Fifth.* { Hancock—1887, 1888, 1891, 1892.  
          { Lincoln—1885, 1886.  
          { Knox—1883, 1884, 1889, 1890.
- Sixth.* { Waldo—1887, 1888.  
          { Penobscot—1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1889, 1890, 1891,  
              1892.
- Seventh.* { Aroostook—1883, 1884, 1889, 1890.  
          { Washington—1887, 1888, 1891, 1892.  
          { Piscataquis—1885, 1886.

Printed bill “an act to amend chapter 186 of the laws of 1877, entitled ‘an act requiring railroad corporations to be holden for labor,’ which chapter is additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes,” was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

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

Bill “an act to incorporate the Island Cottage Company;”

Bill “an act to authorize the Bridgton Telegraph Company to discontinue and remove its present line of telegraph, and to own,

construct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph along the line of certain railroads if built ;”

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

The same Committee reported the following resolve :

“ Resolve in favor of the French Spoliation Claims,” was read a second time, and adopted in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill “ an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others, to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river, in the County of Androscoggin ;”

Bill “ an act to amend an act entitled an ‘ act to incorporate the Kathadin Dam Company ;”

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 bills and resolve :

Bill “ an act to amend section 1 of chapter 182 of the public laws of 1874, relating to unclaimed goods held by common carriers ;”

Bill “ an act to incorporate the Lewiston Steam Heating Company ;”

Bill “ an act to amend chapter 86, section 13 of the revised statutes, relating to trustees’ costs ;”

Bill “ an act to repeal chapter 110 of the special laws of 1866, relating to the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop ponds ;”

Bill “ an act relating to Good Templars hall in Dexter ;”

Bill “ an act to enable the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine, to remove, rebuild or repair St. James Parish Church of Oldtown ;”

“ Resolve in favor of the town of Washington ;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolve was finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill “ an act to incorporate the Jimmy Brook and Scrag Rock Company,” was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY, bill “ an act additional to an act entitled an ‘ act to incorporate the Sebois Dam Company,’ approved

February 22, 1869," was taken from the table, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, the majority and minority reports from the Committee on Towns, on the petition of Charles Sherer and others, that the seventh ward be set off from the city of Rockland, and incorporated into a separate town, were taken from the table, the question being to substitute the minority report, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Clarke, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Fernald, Hill of Hancock, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings, Lamson, Mortland, Parcher, Pattangall, Taber, Wakefield—15.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Bisbee, Brewer, Buxton, Dudley, Emery, Flint, Friend, Sanborn, Sherman, Smith, Walker—11

Mr. HILL of Hancock, moves to reconsider the vote, which was lost.

The minority report allowing the petitioners to withdraw, was then accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. JENNINGS,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Remonstrance of H. R. Downs and others of Presque Isle, against a third term of the S. J. Court at Caribou, in Aroostook county, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Petition of F. O. Lyford and others, for change of the laws in regard to the hiring of school teachers, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Company,' and the acts amendatory thereof," was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of the Maine General Hospital, reporting "resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital for the years 1881 and 1882," was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve relating to a bond held by the State in trust for the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on "resolve requesting the Attorney General to prepare and obtain a deed of certain settlers land from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on "resolve in favor of Fort Kent," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on



order relating to accounts against the members of the Maine Swedish Colony, reporting "resolve to authorize the Land Agent to settle certain accounts with members of the Maine Swedish Colony ;"

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on petition of Jacob McLellan and others, that Harbor Commissioners' line in Portland harbor may be changed, reporting bill "an act to change the location of part of the Harbor Commissioners' line in Portland harbor ;"

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to which was recommitted bill "an act to amend chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in the town of Hermon," that the same ought to pass ;

Which several reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolves each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill an act to better protect the rights of voters, reporting bill "an act in addition to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to electors," that it ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxes," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, House amendment "A" adopted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to make valid and legal the doings of the First Universalist Society in Bridgton," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of inhabitants of Bangor and other places, for aid to build a bridge across St. John river in the town of Van Buren, that the same be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Henry Tilley and others, relating to the building of a bridge across the Aroostook river at Washburn, that the same be

referred to the next Legislature, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to the expediency of revising and consolidating the public laws, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on "resolve expressive of sympathy with the people of Ireland," was accepted in concurrence, and the resolve laid on the table, on motion by Mr. EMERY.

Report of the Committee on Commerce, on "resolve relating to bridge over East River," was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once, and adopted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, inquire into the expediency of so amending the statutes in relation to suits for taxes, as to allow suits against one or more heirs, where the tax is assessed upon the heirs of deceased persons, was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE presented "resolve amendatory of resolves relating to the Documentary History of Maine, passed March 1, A. D., 1867," was referred to the Committee on Library, under suspension of the rules.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the annual report of the State Bank Examiner, reporting bill "an act entitled an 'act to amend section 19 of chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks.'"

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts," reporting bill in new draft, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the York County Delegation, on petition of Amos L. Allen, for amendment of section 5, chapter 150 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salary of the Clerk of Courts of York county.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Thomas Loveley, in relation to a lot of land

in Mapleton plantation, reported "resolve in favor of Thomas Loveley of Mapleton plantation."

These reports were severally accepted in concurrence, and the bills and resolve each laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on official bond of Hon. Samuel A. Holbrook, State Treasurer elect, having examined said bond, find it correctly drawn, the sureties responsible and sufficient, and recommend its approval, was accepted and sent down, and the bond approved and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of Julius M. Carter of Bradley, that the town of Bradley be authorized to pay a sum of money, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw.

Sent down for concurrence.

Printed Bills :

Bill "an act to amend item eighth, section 54, chapter 11 of the school laws ;"

Bill "an act regulating the weight of salt ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 156, chapter 225, public laws of 1880, of an act concerning the militia ;"

Were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

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

Bill "an act granting permission to extend the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company ;"

Bill "an act additional relating to the insolvent laws of Maine ;"

Bill "an act in relation to the times of holding sessions of the county commissioners ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to Hell Gate pilot laws," was read once, and adopted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Railroad Company," was read a second time, House amendment "A" adopted, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 453 of the laws of 1865, entitled an 'act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company,'" was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. EMERY, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. CORNISH, laid on the table.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 186 of the laws 1877, entitled 'an act requiring railroad corporations to be holden for labor,' which chapter is additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. BREWER, laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, the order relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on State Valuation, was taken from the table and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, the petition of James S. Wright for a change of fees for Clerk of Courts in Oxford county, was taken from the table, also petition of George H. Watkins in aid of same, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. SANBORN, bill "an act providing for the election of a superintending school committee and superintendent of schools in the city of Biddeford," was taken from the table, and read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, "resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb," was taken from the table.

On motion by the same Senator,

*Resolved*, That the same be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, bill "an act to amend chapter 235 of the laws of 1880, relating to the report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture," was taken from the table.

Pending its passage to be engrossed; on motion by the same Senator,

*Resolved*, That the same be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order inquiring into the expediency of amending the laws relating to insurance companies, was taken from the table, and on motion by Mr. CLARKE, the report and order was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER, bill "an act to amend so much of section 2, chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, as relates to clerk hire in the Secretary of State's department," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LAMSON, "resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALKER, bill "an act relating to civil actions in behalf of the State," was taken from the table.

The same Senator offered amendment marked "A," by adding to the last line of bill the words "to be paid by the State Treasurer, on presentation of the certificate of the amount thereof, of the clerk of courts of the county from which said action was transferred."

The amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to life insurance policies, that after the death of the insured, the policy, payable to the parties other than the insured, shall be incontestible, except for non-payment of premiums, was read and passed in concurrence.

That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of investigating the affairs of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath, with reference to closing up the same, and that said committee are hereby authorized to send for persons and papers.

Read, and on motion by Mr. BISBEE, tabled.

That the Steward and Treasurer of the Maine Insane Hospital, furnish forthwith to this Legislature, a list of all medicines purchased for the use of said hospital for the year 1880, together with the price of each medicine.

Read, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

That the York County Delegation inquire into the expediency of raising the salary of the County Attorney to \$550.

Tabled, on motion of Mr. MORTLAND.

Petition of William Senter and others, for restoration of the salary of the Judge of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, was referred to the Cumberland County Delegation in concurrence.

Bill "an act concerning minors and remedies upon their contracts," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "an act amendatory to an act relating to the schools in the city of Portland, approved February 10, 1875," was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Rufus Taylor and others, that the pauper law be so changed as to provide for the support of paupers by counties, instead of towns, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Temperance, on petition of J. F. Mahon and others, for a repeal of the cider law of 1880, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of citizens of Winn and other places, for an appropriation on the road from Staceyville to the Hunt farm, so called, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of William Entwistle, that section 46 of chapter 18 of the revised statutes, be amended, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of Arad Thompson and others, to be reimbursed for money paid for land which they did not receive, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of W. O. AMAZEEN, to be set off from the town of Garland and annexed to the town of Exeter, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Nathaniel J. Hanna, for a law to prohibit the selling or offering for sale any lobsters less than ten and a half inches long, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on order relating to amending the law taxing railroads, that the same be referred to the Special Committee composed of the Railroad and Finance Committees ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to exempt the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad from taxation," that the same be referred to the Special Committee composed of the Railroad and Finance Committees ;

Were accepted in concurrence, and the order and bill referred to the Committee as above.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend chapter 88 of public laws of 1879, relating to fees of referees," that the same be referred to the Delegations of Cumberland and Kennebec counties, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill referred as above in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on order of so amending the law relating to taxes, that each person's indebtedness may be deducted from his personal estate, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence..

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to prisoners for debt, that the report of the Prison Inspectors contains substantially the information required by the order, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of J. H. Gowdy and others, to erect a wharf in the town of Bristol, reporting bill "an act to authorize J. H. Gowdy, Charles Harris and their associates, to erect a wharf at Clark's cove, into tide waters in the town of Bristol on the Damariscotta river," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was recommitted bill "an act to repeal chapter 145 of the public laws of 1879, relating to insurance," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on bill "an act in relation to the salmon and alewife fishery in the Medomak river in the town of Waldoborough," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Francis P. Emerson, for the exclusive use of Barrell's mill pond in York to stock with fish, reporting bill "an act for the protection of fish in Barrell's mill pond in the town of York ;"

Were each accepted in concurrence, the bills read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the York County Delegation, on petition of Moses A. Safford, Register of Probate, for restoration of salary ; also petition of George A. Emery and others, for restoration of salary of Judge of Probate of said county, reporting bill "an act to establish the salary of the Judge and Register of Probate for the County of



York," was recommitted in concurrence to the York County Delegation.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 136 of the public laws of 1879, relating to lien claims.

On motion by Mr. WALKER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the revised statutes, chapter 82, section 3 and 4.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY presented petition of citizens of Caribou, for a reduction of the toll on buckwheat, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CLARKE,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to cause the small room under the cupola to be finished for the use of the State Library, the expense not to exceed two hundred dollars.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to regulate and provide for appeals from county commissioners," that the same ought not to pass;

Mr. DINGLEY, from the same Committee, on an order providing some process for the establishing of claims against the State, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. NUTTING, from the Committee on Education, on petition of J. R. Eaton and others, for an appropriation for Wilton Academy, that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of E. H. Gregory and others, for the appointment of a chemist for testing commercial fertilizers, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. LAMSON, from the Committee on Railroads, on petition of

Buckfield Railroad Company, that extension of charter be granted, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Which reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee on the Library, on an order to see what rules and regulations are necessary for the better protection of the Library, that the present rules and regulations are sufficient, if properly observed, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of D. D. Stewart and others, for a change of salary of the Clerk of Courts of Somerset county, that the same be referred to the Somerset County Delegation.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Thomas Mason, clerk of the Wassataquoik Dam Company, for amendment of charter, reported bill "an act to amend the charter of the Wassataquoik Dam Company, as amended by act approved February 20, A. D. 1879 ;"

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to incorporate the Monson Village Corporation," that the same ought to pass ;

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

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "an act to amend section 62, chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to powers and duties of auditors ;"

Mr. SANBORN, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relating to the repeal of sections 52 and 54, chapter 38 of the revised statutes, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural productions ;"

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Claims, on "resolve in favor of the St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Education, on an order relating to increase of appropriation for normal schools, reported

bill "an act to amend chapter 140 of the public laws of 1879, relating to normal schools ;"

Mr. SANBORN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "an act to amend section 44 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Education, on an order relating to training schools in Madawaska territory, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory ;'"

Were severally accepted, and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls ;"

"Resolve in favor of Emery Brewer ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts ;"

Bill "an act establishing the salary of the clerk of the judicial courts for the county of York ;"

Were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Council Apportionment, was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in the town of Hermon ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxes," was read a second time as amended ;

Bill "an act to make valid and legal the doings of the First Universalist Society in Bridgton ;"

Bill "an act to change the location of part of the Harbor Commissioners' line in Portland harbor ;"

"Resolve to authorize the Land Agent to settle accounts with members of the Maine Swedish Colony ;"

"Resolve requesting the Attorney General to prepare and obtain

a deed of certain settlers' lots of land, from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ;"

"Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Maine General Hospital, for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

*Resolved*, That the same be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve relating to a bond held in trust by the State, for the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act to amend section 156, chapter 225, public laws of 1880, of an act concerning the militia," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table.

Bill "an act regulating the weight of salt, was read a second time, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an an act to amend item eighth, section 45, chapter 11 of the school laws," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

*Resolved*, That the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to amend section 22 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to witness fees and false certificates ;"

Bill "an act empowering the county commissioners of Penobscot county to purchase, take and appropriate land for a ferry landing in the town of Brewer ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the town of Howard ;"

Bill "an act to amend an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Auburn ;"

Bill "an act relating to the appointment of administrators, with the will annexed ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Westbrook Manufacturing Company, approved February 25, 1845 ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockport Village School Corporation ;"

Bill "an act to protect fish in Lufkin pond in the town of Phillips ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH, bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BREWER, bill "an act to amend chapter 186 of the laws of 1877, entitled 'an act requiring railroad corporations to be holden for labor,' which chapter is additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PARCER, bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill "an act to incorporate the Eastern Telegraph Company," assigned for to-day at 11 o'clock, was taken from the table.

Mr. DINGLEY offered amendment marked "A." Amend section 1. line 24, after the word "except," by adding "fruit," which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, bill "an act to repeal chapter 453 of the laws of 1865, entitled 'an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company,'" was taken from the table.

Pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion by the same Senator, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, "resolve expressive of sympathy with the people of Ireland," was taken from the table, and on motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Resolved*, That the same be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Temperance, on bill "an act to amend section 45, chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors," were taken from the table.

On motion by the same Senator, the reports were re-tabled, and Wednesday next, at 11 o'clock A. M., assigned for consideration.

The following communication was received from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, February 18, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State*.

An act amending section 65 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, in relation to accident insurance policies.

An act to amend chapter 86, section 13 of the revised statutes, relating to trustees' costs.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 182 of the public laws of 1874, relating to unclaimed goods held by common carriers.

Approved, February 17, 1881.

On motion by Mr. PATTANGALL,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1881.

No quorum present.

The PRESIDENT declared the Senate adjourned to Monday,  
at 10 o'clock A. M.

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1881.

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

No quorum present.

The Secretary declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, at 10  
o'clock A. M.

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Friday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the State Treasurer be and hereby is directed to pay upon warrant of the Governor, to the members of the valuation commission and their clerks, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amounts due them respectively for their services, upon their accounts to be audited by the council, according to the terms of the resolves creating said commission ;

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing for a different method of taking the valuation of the State ;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law the weight of a dozen of eggs, with a view to their being sold by weight ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of abolishing the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Oxford ;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of A. R. G. Smith and 37 others, against the removal of the battle flags from the State House, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Railroad Company," was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend section 76 of chapter 86 of the revised statutes, relating to trustee process," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act relating to claims against solvent estates of deceased persons." that the same ought not to pass ;



Report of the Committee on Mines and Mining, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Mining Exchange," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on order relating to taking of salmon throughout the State, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to the expediency of providing by law for the division of line or partition fences in unorganized places, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to abolish the office of land agent," that the same be referred to the next Legislature, was accepted in concurrence, the bill referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of George R. Skofield and others, for a division of the town of Harpswell, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Mary G. Perley, to be set off from Bridgton Village Corporation, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Were accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of E. LeVasseur and others, to be set off from the town of Caribou and annexed to Connor plantation, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition recommitted to the Committee on Towns in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Alonzo E. Ricker, to be reimbursed for stumpage paid the State, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on petition of Noah Woods, for extension of time for building the Northern Aroostook Railroad, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to the penalty of buying or selling votes at elections, reporting bill "an act to amend section 67, chapter 4 of the revised statutes,

relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at elections," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 235 of the laws of 1880, relating to the report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch non-concurring in the indefinite postponement of the bill, was laid on the table, on motion by Mr. PARCHER.

Subsequently taken from the table, and the Senate adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the bill.

"Resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch non-concurring in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Senate recedes from its former vote, and passes the resolve in concurrence.

Bill "an act to establish the Eclectic Medical College of Maine," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House, non-concurred, amended as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed.

Vote passing bill to be engrossed reconsidered, House amendment "A" agreed to, and bill passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the State Library," passed to be engrossed in the House under suspension of the rules, was accepted in concurrence, and the resolve read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to parishes and religious societies, reporting bill "an act additional to sections 14, 15, 16 and 18 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies;"

Report of the same Committee, to which was recommitted bill an act to amend section 23 of chapter 103 of the revised statutes, relating to assignment of dower, reporting bill "an act relating to costs in actions of dower;"

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to amending chapter 106 of the public laws of 1879, reporting bill "an act to repeal chapter 106 of the public laws of 1879, relating to costs of travel and attendance of parties in court," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and laid on the table on motion by Mr. WALKER.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act extending the right of the municipal officers of the city of Portland to send for persons and papers," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of T. N. Egery and others, to amend the charter of the Bangor Boom Company, reporting bill "an act to amend chapter 49 of the private and special laws of 1869;"

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Flood Pond Stream Dam Company," that the same ought to pass;

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

Bill "an act to amend item eighth of section 54, chapter 11 of the school laws," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came from the House, that branch recommitting the same to the Committee on Education.

Senate reconsidered vote whereby the bill was indefinitely postponed, and recommitted the bill to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company," passed to be engrossed in the House and Senate, came back from the House on its final passage, recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Senate reconsidered the vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed, and recommitted the bill to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Fort Kent," passed to be engrossed in the House, indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch non-concurring with the Senate.

Pending motion to recede and concur, on motion by Mr DINGLEY, the resolve was laid on the table.

“Resolves expressive of sympathy with the people of Ireland,” adopted in the House, indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch adhering to its former vote.

Mr. DUDLEY moved to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

Mr. WALKER moved to amend by substituting the resolve reported by the minority, which was adopted, and the resolve as amended was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Brewer, Buxton, Clarke, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Fernald, Flint, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings, Lord, Mortland, Nutting, Parcher, Pattangall, Smith, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—26.

None voting in the negative.

Sent down for concurrence.

The official bond of Hon. S. A. Holbrook, State Treasurer, was returned from the House, that branch concurring in the approval of the same, and the bond was lodged in the office of Secretary of State by the Secretary of the Senate.

Communication from General George L. Beal, transmitting the annual report of the Adjutant General for the year 1880, was read and sent down, and the report referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CLARKE,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Fisheries and Game be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to this Legislature so enlarging the powers and duties of the Fish Commissioners of this State, that they shall have full control of the waters (for fishing purposes) running from Damariscotta pond into the fish stream of the towns of Nobleborough and Newcastle in the County of Lincoln, during the fishing season, and to give them full power to dig or cause to be dug any channel or sluice at any time or any place, erect any wire netting or other device, and control any part of the water sufficient to enable the fish to return from their spawning beds into the river; also to enable them to delegate any and all of such powers to the Fish Committee of the said towns of

Nobleborough and Newcastle from year to year, and empower them to decide into what depth of water all weirs upon Damariscotta river shall extend.

On motion by the same Senator,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws of the State, that when any person prosecuted in behalf of the State, shall appeal from the judgment of a trial justice to the Supreme Judicial Court, the complainant, and not the county, shall be liable for all costs, provided the complainant does not appear before the court to prosecute the case.

On motion by Mr. WALKER,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 58, section 10 of the revised statutes, so as to embrace societies formed from towns in two or more counties.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DUDLEY presented remonstrance of Thomas Robinson and others, against petition of James H. Tilly and others, relating to a lot of land in Castle Hill plantation, Aroostook county ;

Mr. BUXTON presented remonstrance of Arthur Dinsmore and others, against appropriation for county road from the forks of the Kennebec river to the town of Shirley ;

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY presented petition of Seth Spaulding and others, relating to the liquor laws, which was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CORNISH presented bill "an act to amend chapter 83, public laws of 1872, relating to granting new trials ;"

Mr. DINGLEY presented bill "an act additional to chapter 71 of the revised statutes, concerning sales of real estate by license of court ;"

Which were each referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Omar Clark and others, for an appropriation

for building a road from the forks of the Kennebec to Shirley Mills, reported "resolve in aid of road from the forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county to Shirley Mills in Piscataquis county."

Pending the acceptance of the report, the resolve was recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Claims, on petition of Edward O'Brien and others, for an appropriation for the widow and children of the late Asa Perkins, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. NUTTING, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Harford H. Weed and others, to dredge and navigate Winnecook lake, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Were each accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SANBORN, from the Committee on Pensions, on petition of John T. Preble, for an increase of pension, that the same be referred to the Pension Agent, recommending an increase of pension, was accepted, and the petition referred as above.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of G. L. Boynton and others, for an increase of tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company, reporting bill "an act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company," was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of W. T. Shean and others, for a bounty on bears, reported bill "an act to repeal chapter 160 of the public laws of 1877, relating to a bounty on bears, and to provide for a bounty on bears;"

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Education, on an order relating to printing the school laws, reported "resolve providing for the compilation, printing and distribution of the laws of this State relating to public schools;"

Were each accepted, and the bill and resolve laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Claims, on claim of E. F. Pillsbury and Company, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the same Committee, on the same matter, made a minority report, and reported "resolve in favor of E. F. Pillsbury and Company."

On motion by Mr. PARCHER, both reports were laid on the table, and to-morrow, at 11.30 o'clock, assigned for further consideration.

Printed Bills :

Bill "an act to amend section 62 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to powers and duties of auditors ;"

Bill "an act entitled an act to amend section 19 of chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 140 of the public laws of 1879, relating to normal schools ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 44 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory ;'"

"Resolve in favor of St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company ;"

"Resolve in favor of Thomas Loveley of Mapleton plantation ;"

Were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

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

Bill "an act for the protection of fish in Barrell's mill pond in the town of York ;"

Bill "an act in relation to the salmon and alewife fishery in the Medomak river in the town of Waldoborough ;"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 145 of the public laws of 1879, relating to insurance ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills and resolves :

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Wassataquoik Dam Company, as amended by act approved February 20, A. D. 1879 ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Monson Village Corporation ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts;"

Bill "an act establishing the salary of the Clerk of the Judicial Courts of the County of York;"

"Resolve in favor of Emery Brewer;"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls;"

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 bills and resolves:

Bill "an act to incorporate Island Cottage Company;"

Bill "an act to authorize the Bridgton Telegraph Company to discontinue and remove its present line of telegraph, and to own, construct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph along the line of certain railroads, if built;"

Bill "an act to enable the Boston and Maine Railroad Company to purchase the Orchard Beach Railroad;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Company;"

Bill "an act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the revised statutes, relating to meridian lines;"

Bill "an act to amend item 5th, section 24, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to the powers and obligations of school districts;"

Bill "an act additional relating to the insolvent laws of Maine;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Railroad Company;"

Bill "an act granting permission to extend the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 200 of the private and special laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond in Hermon;"

Bill "an act providing for the election of a superintending school committee and superintendent of schools in the city of Biddeford;"

Bill "an act to change the location of part of the harbor commissioners' line in Portland harbor;"

Bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others, to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river in the County of Androscoggin;"

Bill "an act declaring women eligible to certain school offices;"



Bill "an act to amend an act to incorporate the Katahdin Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government ;"

Bill "an act to make valid and legal the doings of the First Universalist Society in Bridgton ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxes ;"

"Resolve relating to the East River bridge ;"

"Resolve in favor of Henry Nash of Addison ;"

"Resolve in favor of the French Spoliation Claims ;"

"Resolve making appropriation in favor of the Maine General Hospital for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill "an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime," assigned for to-day, was taken from the table.

The question being on the adoption of House amendment "B," which was agreed to.

On motion by the same Senator,

*Resolved*, That the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, bill "an act to amend section 156, chapter 225, public laws of 1880, concerning the militia," was taken from the table, and on motion by the same Senator, re-tabled and to-morrow, at 12 o'clock M., assigned for consideration.

On motion by Mr. BEATTY, bill "an act relating to the Maine Central Institute," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, the order relating to investigation of affairs of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath, was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALKER, a message was sent to the Governor recalling bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 178 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the issue of bonds in aid of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad."

The Secretary conveyed the message, and subsequently returned with the bill.

On motion by the same Senator, the vote whereby the above bill passed to be enacted and passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and the bill referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Hancock,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Bill "an act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to subscribe for stock in the corporation known as the Cobb Lime Company's Portland Cement," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, concerning manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate Camp 9, Patriotic Order Sons of America of Bar Harbor," was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

The Senate concurring, that the several Committees be required to report finally on or before Saturday, the 26th inst., was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill an act to amend chapter 193 of the public laws of 1874, relating to clerks of judicial courts, reporting bill "an act to amend chapter 193 of the public laws of 1874, relating to clerks of judicial courts ;"

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Isaiah Lewis and others, to incorporate the Boothbay Telegraph Company, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Telegraph Company ;"

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on order relating to amending chapter 128 of the revised statutes, reporting bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 128 of the revised statutes, relating to unwholesome provisions and drinks ;"

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

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on order relating to changing, building and support of bridges within the several counties, to said counties, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act to build and maintain a free bridge across Georges river," that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on petition of the Directors of the Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company for amendment of charter, reporting in new draft, bill "an act to amend chapter 541 of the private laws of 1871, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company,'" which was read a second time, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act in relation to the times of holding sessions of the county commissioners of the County of Washington," passed to be engrossed in the House and Senate, came back from the House on its final passage, amended as per sheet "A."

Senate reconsidered vote passing the bill to be engrossed, House amendment "A" agreed to, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT announced the following as the Committee on State Valuation on the part of the Senate :

Messrs. Dingley of Androscoggin,  
Hill of Hancock,  
Taber of Waldo.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance examine whether chapter 144 of the public laws of 1876, relating to the formation of insurance companies, requires amendments to make it more effective.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, That the following rule be established as a rule of the Senate : All matters giving rise to debate during the morning hour, shall be laid upon the table until the expiration of the morning hour.

Read and passed.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to empower married women to convey their property without joinder of their husbands," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to the repeal of chapter 70 of the revised statutes, and chapter 89 of the laws of 1876, relating to assignments for benefit of creditors, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Mr. COFFIN, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of Otis Hayford and others, for aid in building a road from Byron in the County of Oxford to Lake Mooselucmeguntic, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Mr. BEATTY, from the Committee on Railroads, on an order inquiring into the expediency of legislation concerning railroad connection, that legislation is inexpedient, a bill having already been reported covering same subject matter ;

Were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, and to alter acts

relating to the transportation of passengers and freight by railroads," was accepted, and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of S. O. Paine and others, for an act preventing taking fish from Great Watchic pond, reporting bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Great Watchic pond in the town of Standish, for the term of five years," was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act relating to practice in the Supreme Court, that the same ought to pass," was accepted, and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted report of the condition of the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, which was accepted, the report laid on the table, and ordered printed on motion by Mr. BERRY of Kennebec.

Mr. BISBEE presented "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison," which was read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, House order to increase the salary of the County Attorney of York, was taken from the table, and referred to the York County Delegation in concurrence.

Printed bill "an act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural products," 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 :

Bill "an act to incorporate the Flood Pond Stream Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 49 of the private and special laws of 1869, relating to Bangor Boom Company ;"

Bill "an act extending the right of the municipal officers of the city of Portland to send for persons and papers ;"

Bill "an act relating to costs in actions of dower ;"

Bill "an act additional to sections 14, 15, 16 and 18 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes;"

"Resolve in favor of the State Library;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills and resolve:

Bill "an act to amend chapter 140 of the public laws of 1879, relating to Normal Schools."

Mr. MORTLAND offered amendment marked "A." Amend by striking out section 2, which was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to increase the tolls of Nahmakanta Dam Company;"

Bill "an act to amend section 62 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to the powers and duties of auditors;"

"Resolve in favor of Thomas Loveley of Mapleton plantation;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory,' as amended by chapter 190 of the special laws of 1879."

Mr. MORTLAND offered amendment marked "A." To strike out section 2, which was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 67, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at elections," was read a second time, and pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion by Mr. EMERY, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to amend section 44, chapter 49 of the revised statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond," was read a second time, and pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion by Mr. EMERY, was laid on the table.

Bill "an act entitled an act to amend section 19 of chapter 218, of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks," was read twice, and pending its passage to be engrossed, Mr. BEATTY offered amendment marked "A."

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, the bill with the amendment was laid on the table and ordered printed.

"Resolve for the abatement of State tax for the year 1880, assessed upon the St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company," was read a second time, and pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion by Mr. EMERY, laid on the table.

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

Bill "an act to authorize the Land Agent to settle certain accounts with members of the Maine Swedish Colony;"

"Resolve relating to a bond held in trust by the State for the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts;"

"Resolve requesting the Attorney General to prepare and obtain a deed of certain settlers' lots of land from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;"

Which bill was passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Penobscot, the vote whereby the Senate accepted the report of the Committee on Railroads, allowing the petitioners for extension of time for building the Northern Aroostook Railroad, leave to withdraw, was reconsidered, and the petition recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 156, chapter 225, public laws of 1880, concerning the militia," assigned for to-day, at 12 o'clock M., was taken from the table.

Pending its passage to be engrossed, Mr. HILL of Penobscot, offered amendment marked "A." To strike out "sixteen" thousand dollars, and insert "ten" thousand dollars.

Pending the adoption of the amendment,

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on Education be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending the law, so that no teacher of a free high school shall hold the office of supervisor of schools ;

That the Committee on Military Affairs are hereby requested to inquire into the validity of the title of the State to a certain parcel of undivided land now connected with the building of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, alleged to belong to the estate of the late W. D. Crooker, deceased ;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to amend 'an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford,'" that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Levi W. Weston and another, to construct a boom across the Kennebec river at Skowhegan, reporting bill "an act authorizing Levi W. Weston and another to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan ;"

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend chapter 613 of the private and special laws of the year 1852," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of the Trustees of Oak Grove Seminary, that the "resolve in favor of said Seminary, approved February 17th, 1872," be continued in force ;

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of the county commissioners and others of Franklin county, for an appropriation to build a road from Kingfield to Eustis, reporting "resolve in favor of the County of Franklin ;"

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on order relating to building a bridge across Fish river, reporting "resolve in aid of building a bridge over Fish river in Eagle Lake plantation ;"



Which several reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on "resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and tabled on motion by Mr. PARCHER.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of Warren W. Rice, for reimbursement for money and costs incurred in performance of his official duties, reporting "resolve in favor of Warren W. Rice ;"

Report of the same Committee, on petition of the selectmen of Kingsbury, for reimbursement for support of State paupers, reporting "resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury ;"

Which reports were accepted in concurrence, the resolves each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of Female Orphan Asylum of Portland for an appropriation, reporting "resolve making appropriation for support of the soldiers' orphans at the Female Orphan Asylum at Portland for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

Report of the same Committee, on petition of St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland for an appropriation, reporting "resolve making appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans at St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum at Portland for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Managers of Bangor Children's Home for an appropriation, reporting "resolve making appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans at the Bangor Children's Home for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

Which several reports were accepted in concurrence, and the resolves laid on the table, on motion by Mr. LAMSON.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to revive the charter of the Brownville and Sebec Railroad Company," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to repeal chapter 190, public laws of 1877," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend section 67 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to bribery at elections," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Philander N. Knowles and others, for the right to stock, cultivate and take trout in the McKenzie mill pond in the town of Addison, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to pauper settlements, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to equalizing salaries of county attorneys, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to repeal of chapter 70, revised statutes, concerning assignments for benefit of creditors, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend chapter 215 of the public laws of 1880, relating to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace," that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Which several reports were accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of E. O'Brien for an appropriation to the widow and children of the late Asa Perkins, giving the petitioners leave to withdraw, which was accepted in the Senate, came back from the House recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

Vote accepting report reconsidered, and recommitted to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

"Resolves expressive of sympathy with the people of Ireland," amended in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch adhering to its former vote.

Mr. WALKER moved to insist, which was agreed to.

Mr. HILL of Penobscot, moved that a Committee of Conference be appointed, which was lost, yeas 7, nays 20, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Clarke, Dudley, Fernald, Hill of Penobscot, Lord, Sherman, Smith—7

Those who vote in the negative are:

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Brewer, Buxton, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Emery, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Mortland, Nutting, Parcher, Pattangall, Sanborn, Wakefield, Walker—20.

So the motion to appoint a Committee of Conference was lost.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of B. A. Cox and others, relating to catching of smelts in the Kennebec river, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was recommitted in the House.

Senate recommitted in concurrence.

House order relating to an investigation of the affairs of the Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath, which was indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch non-concurring in the action of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH, the order was laid on the table and ordered printed with statement of facts.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, the Legislature take a recess on and after Tuesday, March 1st, till March 22d, 1881, at 10 o'clock A. M., which was read, and on motion by the same Senator, laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be laid on the desks of Senators at the opening of each daily session, printed lists of all matters assigned for such session, and all matters upon the table, with a statement of the pending question; such matters shall be listed in the order of each assignment.

Mr. DINGLEY presented petition of Miller & Randall and others of Auburn, for an act relating to drainage and sewerage, which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE presented bill "an act in relation to probate bonds," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SANBORN, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on an order inquiring into the expediency of amending the laws of the State relating to insurance, that insurance companies shall pay in case of loss the full amount of the risk, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BEATTY, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on an order inquiring into the expediency of amending section 10, chapter

150, public laws of 1879, relating to salaries in office of Superintendent of Public Schools, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BREWER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on an order inquiring into the expediency of repealing so much of section 1, chapter 208 of the public laws of 1880, as confers and extends to the Commissioners of Fisheries the power and duty over all matters pertaining to game, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Printing and Binding, on an order relating to contracting with some suitable person or persons to do the State printing and binding for the years 1881 and 1882, reporting articles of agreement with Alden Sprague and Charles A. Sprague for State printing for the years 1881 and 1882; also with H. E. Smith and W. H. Reid for doing the State binding for the above time, was accepted, and the report and articles of agreement laid on the table and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Omar Clark and others, for an appropriation for building a road from the forks of the Kennebec river to Shirley Mills in Piscataquis county, reported "resolve in aid of road from the forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county to Shirley Mills in Piscataquis county," with statement of facts, which was accepted, and the resolve, together with statement of facts, laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Lothrop L. Crockett, for a charter to raise his dam, reported bill "an act entitled an act permitting Lothrop L. Crockett to raise a dam or dams," which was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed in making up the pay roll of the Senate, to add to the compensation of Hon. A. H. Walker one dollar and sixty-five cents (\$1.65), it being the amount paid by him for telegrams by order of the Committee on Gubernatorial Votes.

Mr. BERRY presented bill "an act to extend the charter of the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad Company," which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Printed Bills:

Bill "an act relating to practice in the Supreme Judicial Court;"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 160 of the public laws of 1877, in relation to bounty on bears, and to provide for a bounty on bears;"

"Resolve providing for the compilation, printing and distribution of the laws of this State, relating to public schools;"

Were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. FERNALD presented "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs," which was read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 193 of the public laws of 1874, relating to clerks of Judicial Courts;"

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

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills:

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Great Watchic pond in the town of Standish, for the term of five years;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to inspection and sale of agricultural productions;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 128 of the revised statutes, relating to unwholesome provisions and drinks," was read a second time, and pending its passage to be engrossed, laid on the table on motion of Mr. DINGLEY.

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 186 of the public laws of 1877, entitled 'an act requiring railroad corporations to be holden for labor,' which chapter is additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads;"

Bill "an act relating to civil actions in behalf of the State;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill "an act to amend section 156, chapter 225, public laws of 1880, concerning the militia," was taken from the table.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. HILL of Penobscot, to strike out "sixteen" thousand dollars and insert "ten" thousand dollars.

Mr. MORTLAND moved to amend the amendment offered by Mr. Hill, by striking out "ten" and inserting "sixteen," which was lost.

The question then returned on the amendment offered by Mr. Hill, which was lost, by yeas 7, nays 19, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Clarke, Coffin, Dudley, Friend, Hill of Penobscot, Sherman, Smith—7.

Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Brewer, Buxton, Cornish, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Lord, Mortland, Nutting, Pattangall, Sanborn, Wakefield, Walker—19.

So the amendment was lost.

The bill then passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 106 of the public laws of 1879, relating to costs of travel and attendance of parties in court," assigned for to-day at 11 o'clock, was taken from the table and read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALKER, bill "an act to authorize Roscoe K. Benner, Murry F. Benner, Martin Willey and their associates, to build and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of Muscongus bay

or harbor in the town of Brewer," was taken from the table, and on motion by the same Senator,

*Resolved*, That the same be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, the vote whereby the report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on petition of Otis Hayford and others, for aid in building a road from Byron in the County of Oxford, to Lake Mooselucmeguntic, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted, was reconsidered, and the petition recommended to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

#### STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, February 24, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act to amend section 22 of chapter 122 of the revised statutes, relating to witness fees and false certificates.

Approved, February 21, 1881.

An act relating to appointments of administrators, with will annexed.

Approved, February 22, 1881.

On motion by Mr. LAMSON, the following resolves were taken from the table, and each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading :

"Resolve making appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans at the Bangor Children's Home for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

"Resolve making appropriation in favor of the St. Elizabeth

Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of soldiers' orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

"Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum at Portland, and for the support of soldiers' orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882."

On motion by Mr. EMERY,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary for the protection of persons liable to school district taxation in districts where they reside, was read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of the voters of the town of Camden ;

Petition of J. B. Abbott and others, severally for an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors ;

Were referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate Casco Bank," was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of E. W. Whitehouse and others, in relation to arguments in criminal matters ;

Bill "an act to amend chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctions and auctioneers ;"

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

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of the public laws of 1876, relating to the taxation of insurance companies," was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.



Report of the Committee on Change of Names, on petitions for change of names of certain persons, reporting bill "an act to change the names of certain persons."

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on bill "an act to prevent fishing in Pleasant pond in the town of Garland," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 578 of the special laws of 1868, relating to the taking of salmon in Dennys river," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to protect fish in Sabbath Day pond and its tributaries in the town of New Gloucester," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend chapter 147 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of fish from the tributaries of Wilson pond in the city of Auburn," that the same ought to pass.

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

Report of the Committee on Temperance, on bill "an act to amend chapter 62 of the public laws of 1872," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to enable the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation to dispose of its property," that the same ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of inhabitants of Connor plantation, that they may be secured and quieted in their possessions, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of inhabitants of Oakfield plantation, for an appropriation for damage caused by a hail-storm, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of citizens of Dyer Brook plantation, for aid on account of damage to their crops by a hail-storm, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to the increase of the pay and mileage of county commissioners, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on petition of Noah Woods, for extension of time of building the Northern Aroostook Railroad, that petitioner has leave to withdraw, recommitted in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch non-concurring with the Senate.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Penobscot, the petition was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Horace Woodman and others, that the privileges granted the Saco and Biddeford Gas Light Company be extended 30 years, that the petition be referred to the next Legislature, with order of notice;

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on petition of O. K. Serois and others, for aid in building certain bridges across the the St. John river at Van Buren and Grand Falls, that the petitions be referred to the next Legislature.

Were severally accepted in concurrence, and the bills referred in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of the Special Committee of the House, to investigate charges against Thomas B. Swan.”

The resolve was read a second time, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Valuation, on an order and petitions relating thereto, and report of the Commission on the Valuation of the State of Maine, reporting “resolve establishing a general valuation of the State,” was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once, and on motion by Mr. HILL of Penobscot, laid on the table, and to-morrow assigned for further consideration.

On motion by Mr. SANBORN,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to furnish for the use of the Senate, one thousand copies of the report of the Valuation Commission.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

*Ordered*, That Hon. Joseph L. Smith, Senator from Penobscot county, be excused from further attendance on and after Tuesday,

March 1, 1881, and that the Secretary make up his pay for the session.

Mr. COFFIN, from the Joint Standing Committee on Commerce, made a final report, which was accepted.

Mr. NUTTING, from the Committee on Education, on an order inquiring into the expediency of allowing the citizens of Township 17 in the 6th Range, to vote in Fort Kent, and allowing Fort Kent to draw the school money for said district, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Mr. NUTTING, from the same Committee, on an order relating to passing a special law obliging the school committee of Eagle Lake plantation, to take the number of the scholars in Township 16, Range 6, and drawing the school money for the same ; also as to the plantation of St. Francis, and Township 18, Range 10, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Mr. BREWER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on an order of the Legislature, inquiring into the expediency of enactment of a law enlarging the powers of the Fish Commissioners, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

The same Senator from the same Committee, on an order relating to amending the law relating to weirs for the taking of alewives in Damariscotta pond, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill an act to authorize the town of Anson to pay its bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to issue new bonds for that purpose, reported in a new draft, under title of bill " an act to authorize the town of Anson to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to create a sinking fund for for the payment of the same," and that it ought to pass ;

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Railroads, on bill " an act to incorporate the Mexico and Byron Railroad Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. BREWER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of F. B. Curtis and others, for a law authorizing the towns of Nobleborough and Newcastle to turn the alewives from the

passage way through the mills into the Lock stream, reported bill "an act to empower the fish committees of the towns of Nobleborough and Newcastle to protect the alewives returning from their spawning beds in Damariscotta pond, in the County of Lincoln, to the fish stream of said towns ;"

Mr. LAMSON, from the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act authorizing the extension of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of A. H. Norris and others, for an act of incorporation, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Great Pond and Bog Dam Company ;"

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of G. M. Brown and others, for an act of incorporation, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Bear River Improvement Company ;"

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

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act in relation to suits on administrators' and executors' bonds," reported same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass ;

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 73 of the revised statutes, relating to conveyances in mortgage and trust," that the same ought to pass ;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act relating to levy of execution on real estate," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act additional to chapter 71 of the revised statutes, concerning sales of real estate by license of court," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. CORNISH, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend chapter 83, public laws of 1872, relating to granting new trials," that the same ought to pass ;

Which reports were severally accepted, and the bills each laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Report on the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, together with "resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was read once, and on motion by Mr. PARCHER, laid on the table.

Articles of agreement made with Sprague and Son for State printing for the years 1881 and 1882 ;

Articles of agreement made with Messrs. Smith and Reid of Augusta for stitching, ruling and binding for the State of Maine for the years of 1881 and 1882 ;

Were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 613 of the private and special laws of 1852 ;"

Bill "an act to amend 'an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford ;"

"Resolve in favor of Warren W. Rice ;"

Bill "an act authorizing Levi W. Weston and others to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan ;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills and resolve :

Bill "an act relating to practice in the Supreme Judicial Court ;"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, and to other acts relating to the transportation of passengers and freight by railroad ;"

Bill "an act entitled an act permitting Lothrop L. Crockett to raise a dam or dams ;"

"Resolve providing for the compilation, printing and distribution of the laws of this State, relating to public schools ;"

Were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bill and resolves :

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 160 of the public laws of 1877, in relation to bounty on bears and to provide for a bounty on bears," was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion by Mr. DINGLEY.

"Resolve in favor of Oak Grove Seminary," was read a second time, and tabled on motion by Mr. EMERY.

“Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Saint Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of soldiers’ orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882;”

“Resolve making appropriation for the support of soldiers’ orphans at the Bangor Children’s Home for the years 1881 and 1882;”

“Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of soldiers’ orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882;”

Were each read a second time, and laid on the table on motion by Mr. MORTLAND.

“Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Fish river in Eagle Lake plantation,” was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, the above vote was reconsidered, and the resolve laid on the table on motion by the same Senator.

“Resolve in favor of the County of Franklin,” was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by yeas 21, nays 6, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Baker, Bisbee, Brewer, Buxton, Clarke, Cornish, Dudley, Fernald, Flint, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Hill of Penobscot, Lamson, Lord, Nutting, Parcher, Sanborn, Sherman, Smith, Wakefield, Walker—21.

Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Coffin, Dingley, Emery, Mortland, Pattangall, Taber—6.

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

Bill “an act for the protection of fish in Barrell’s Mill pond in the town of York;”

Bill “an act in relation to the salmon and alewife fishing in Medomak river, in the town of Waldoborough;”

Bill “an act to repeal chapter 145 of the public laws of 1879, relating to insurance;”

Bill “an act to establish the Eclectic Medical College of Maine;”

Bill “an act relating to the Maine Central Institute;”

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Sebois Dam Company,' approved February 22, 1869 ;"

"Resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 541 of the private laws of 1871, entitled 'an act to incorporate the Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolve was finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill "an act entitled an act to amend section 19 of chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks," assigned for to-day, was taken from the table, and on motion by Mr. EMERY, re-tabled, and Tuesday next, at 11.30 o'clock A. M., assigned for consideration.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, bill "act to amend section 1, chapter 128 of the revised statutes, relating to unwholesome provisions and drinks," was taken from the table, and on motion by the same Senator,

*Resolved*, That the same be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, "resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent," was taken from the table.

Senate receded from its vote indefinitely postponing the resolve, and concurred with the House in passing the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY, "resolve for the abatement of the State tax for the year 1880 assessed upon the St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. HILL of Penobscot, the vote was reconsidered, and the resolve laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, bill "an act to amend section 5, chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate bonds," was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of L. L. Dennison and others, asking for a change of law in regard to dower, was taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PATTANGALL,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1881.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENNEY of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Communication from the State Valuation Commission, with recommendations in relation to future valuations of the State, was referred to the Committee on State Valuation in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act concerning connecting railroads," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act concerning minors and remedies upon their contracts," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate Camp 9, Patriotic Order Sons of America of Bar Harbor," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on petition of William F. Perry and others, for a charter to build a railroad from Bridgton to some point on the line of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railroad, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Samuel C. Smith and others, for a charter to build a road from Harrison to Portland, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on petition of J. E. Ash and others, for bill "an act to equalize bounties to the soldiers," that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Sedgwick Post No. 4, Grand Army of the Republic, for an appropriation for the erection



of a monument in Oak Grove Cemetery, Bath, Maine, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of Putnam Wilson and others, for an act of incorporation giving them power to manage a certain building in East Newport, known as Union Hall, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Education, on an order relating to selection and supply of text books, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order of the Legislature, relating to amendment of the revised statutes in relation to suits for taxes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Report of the same Committee, on an order relating to an amendment of the third and fourth divisions of section 1, chapter 75 of the revised statutes, relating to the descent of property, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Rodney C. Baker, to incorporate the West Branch Improvement Company, with accompanying bill, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, with order of notice ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Augustus Stevenson and others, for a charter for a steam ferry from Kittery to Portsmouth, N. H., that the same be referred to the next Legislature, with order of notice ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Joseph Lamb and others, for the protection of trout and land-locked salmon in the Cupsuptic and Kennebago streams, in the town of Rangely, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, with order of notice ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence, and the petitions referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to amend section 18 of chapter 189 of the public laws of 1874, relating to railroad crossings," reporting the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, to which was recommitted bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Com-

pany," reporting the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass ;

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

Report of the same Committee, to which was recommitted bill an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Franklin Railroad Company, reporting the same in a new draft, under title of "an act to incorporate the Kennebec Central Railroad Company," and that it ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act to improve the channel of the Magalloway river and facilitate the driving of logs and other lumber," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, to which was recommitted bill "an act to repeal chapter 453 of the laws of 1865, entitled 'an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company,'" reporting that the same ought to pass ;

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

Majority report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Robert McClain and others, for enactment of a law prohibiting the taking of mackerel with seines within the jurisdiction of this State, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Minority report of the same Committee, on the same matter, reporting bill "an act regulating the mackerel fishery on the coast of Maine."

Mr. BREWER moved to non-concur in substituting the minority report.

On motion by the same Senator, the matter was laid on the table, and Wednesday next assigned for consideration.

"Resolve expressive of sympathy with the people of Ireland," came back from the House, that branch adhering to its former vote.

Report of the Cumberland County Delegation, on bill "an act concerning the salary of the Deputy Clerk for Cumberland county," was accepted in concurrence.

The Senate non-concurred in the indefinite postponement of the bill, and it was read once, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. LORD,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet Monday next, at 4 o'clock P. M. ;

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, That Hon. Calvin W. Sherman be excused from further attendance on and after Tuesday, March 1st, 1881, and the Secretary of the Senate make up his pay for the session ;

Were read and passed.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on Counties, made a final report, which was accepted ;

Mr. SANBORN, from the Committee on Pensions, made a similar report ;

Mr. NUTTING, from the Committee on Federal Relations, made a similar report.

Were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BREWER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of A. M. Holbrook and others, for amendmment of the law prohibiting the taking of smelts between the month of September and the month of March, reported bill "an act to amend section 11, chapter 75 of the public laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish.'"

Which report was accepted, and the bill laid on the table to be printed under Joint Rule.

Printed bill "an act in relation to suits on administrators' and executors' bonds ;"

"Resolve in aid of road from the forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county, to Shirley Mills in Piscataquis county ;"

Were each read once, and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Order relating to investigating the affairs of the Military Asylum at Bath, came back from the House, with schedule of complaints, that branch non-concurring in the indefinite postponement, was read, and the Senate adhered to its vote to indefinitely postpone.

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

Bill "an act to protect fish in Sabbath Day pond in the town of New Gloucester and its tributaries ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 578 of the special laws of 1868, relating to the taking of salmon in Dennys river ;"

Bill "an act to prevent fishing in Pleasant pond in the town of Garland in the county of Penobscot ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 147 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of fish from the tributaries of Wilson pond in the city of Auburn ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to change the name of certain persons," was read a second time, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bear River Improvement Company ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Anson to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the same ;"

Bill "an act to empower the Fish Committees of the towns of Nobleborough and Newcastle, to protect the alewives returning from their spawning beds in Damariscotta pond in the County of Lincoln, to the fish streams of said towns ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Great Pond and Bog Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the extension of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mexico and Byron Railroad Company ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following articles of agreement :

Articles of agreement with Messrs. Sprague and Son of Augusta, for performing the State printing for the years 1881 and 1882 ;

Articles of agreement with Messrs. Smith and Reid of Augusta, for performing the State binding and stitching for the years 1881 1882 ;

Were each read a second time and approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill “ an act additional to sections 14, 15, 16 and 18 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes ;”

Bill “ an act relating to costs in actions of dower ;”

Bill “ an act to incorporate the Flood Pond Stream Dam Company ;”

Bill “ an act in relation to the time of holding sessions of the county commissioners ;”

Bill “ an act regulating the weight of salt ;”

“ Resolve in favor of State Library ;”

“ Resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter ;”

“ Resolve in favor of Joint Standing Committee on State Prison ;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

“ Resolve establishing a general valuation of the State,” assigned for 11 o'clock, this day, was taken from the table, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, bill “ an act to amend section 67, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at elections,” was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, “ resolve in favor of Oak Grove Seminary,” was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Claims, on petition of E. F. Pillsbury, were taken from the table, and Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock A. M., assigned for their consideration.

Bill "an act to amend section 28, chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to notice upon petitions to the Legislature," was taken from the table, on motion by Mr. MORTLAND, and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on Legal Affairs be required to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 22 of chapter 24 of the revised statutes, that the care of paupers in certain class of plantations shall devolve upon the assessors of such plantations ;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 4 of chapter 21 of the public laws of 1875, by striking out in the third line all of the words after "sixty-one" in said line ;

Were each read and passed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Veazie Bank of Bangor," was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, a message was sent to the Governor recalling bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river in the County of Androscoggin."

The message was conveyed by the Secretary and returned with the bill.

Report of the Committee on Mines and Mining, on petition of Eugene M. Hersey and others, for consolidation of the Twin Lead and Young Hecla Copper Mining Companies, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Twin Lead and Hecla Mining and Smelting Com-

pany of Bluehill, Maine," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on bill "an act relating to the taking of fish from No Name pond in the city of Lewiston," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act to incorporate the Jimmy Brook and Scagg Rock Company," that the same ought to pass in a new draft;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company," that the same ought to pass in a new draft;

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "an act to amend chapter 172 of the laws of 1872, relating to charter of Hallowell Academy," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Company;'"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, bills each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to authorize the city of Belfast to pay its bonded indebtedness and to issue new bonds for that purpose," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" agreed to, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of C. B. Meserve, to erect a wharf in the town of Bristol, reporting bill "an act to authorize C. B. Meserve to erect and maintain a wharf in tide waters in New Harbor in the town of Bristol," came from the House indefinitely postponed.

Report accepted, and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Pedagogical Society," that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommitted to the Committee on Education.

Senate recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Isaac Bagnall, to prevent refuse matter from being thrown into Howard pond in Oxford county, that the petition be referred to the next Legislature, with order of notice, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred as above.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs, on order relating to night watch at the State House, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory,'" passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House recommitted to the Committee on Education.

Senate reconsidered vote passing bill to be engrossed, and recommitted the bill to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime," passed to be engrossed in the House, and indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch insisting on its vote, and proposing a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Strout of Portland,  
Talbot of East Machias,  
Freeman of Cherryfield,

appointed as conferees.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Education, on order relating to the school committee of Eagle Lake plantation to take the number of children in district No. 16, Range 6, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, came back from the House recommitted to the Committee on Education.

Senate adheres to its vote accepting report of Committee, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. MORTLAND asked permission to present bill "an act to amend section 5, chapter 107 of the revised statutes, relating to depositions," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to repealing chapter 136 of the public laws of 1879, relating to lien claims, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;



Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to amending section 3 of chapter 162 of the public laws of 1879, in relation to support of paupers in certain plantations, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act relating to the European and North American Railroad," that the same ought not to pass;

Were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Printed Bills:

Bill "an act relating to levy of execution on real estate;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 83 of the public laws of 1872, relating to granting new trials;"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 71 of the revised statutes, concerning sales of real estate by license of court;"

Bill "an act to amend section 13 of chapter 73 of the revised statutes, relating to conveyances in mortgages and conveyances in trust;"

Were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

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

Bill "an act to improve the channel of the Magalloway river and facilitate the driving of logs and other lumber;"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 453 of the laws of 1865, entitled 'an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills:

Bill "an act concerning the salary of the Deputy Clerk of Cumberland county," indefinitely postponed in the House, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 18 of chapter 189 of the public laws of 1874, relating to railroad crossings," was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion by Mr. LORD.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. FLINT, laid on the table.

Bill "an act in relation to suits on administrators' and executors' bonds," was read a second time and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. EMERY.

"Resolve in aid of road from the forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county to Shirley Mills in Piscataquis county," was read a second time, and tabled on motion of Mr. FLINT.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, the rules were suspended, and the vote whereby bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river in the County of Androscoggin," passed to be enacted, was reconsidered.

On motion by the same Senator, the bill was laid on the table.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

#### STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, February 26, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act relating to civil actions in behalf of the State.

An act to amend chapter 186 of the public laws of 1877, entitled "an act requiring railroad corporations to be holden for labor," which chapter is additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads.

Approved February 24, 1881.

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

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Wassataquoik Dam Company, as amended by act approved February 20, 1879 ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Monson Village Corporation ;"

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 193 of the public laws of 1874, relating to clerks of judicial courts ;"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 106 of the public laws of 1879, relating to costs of travel and attendance of parties in court ;"

Bill "an act to extend to the municipal officers of the city of Portland the right to send for persons and papers ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 49 of the private and special laws of 1869, relating to the Bangor Boom Company ;"

"Resolve in favor of the Hell Gate pilot laws ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolve was finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Valuation Committee be directed to obtain of the Valuation Commission, such statistics as may be in possession of said Commission, that they may deem proper, and have the same printed for the use of this Legislature ;

That the time for the final reports of committees be extended to Thursday, March 3, 1881 ;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY asked that the rules be suspended, to present bill "an act to incorporate the Auburn Bank," which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Ellen M. Simpson, widow of Isaiah Simpson, for State aid, was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the North Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Bank ;"

Bill "an act to extend the time for organizing the Farmers' Bank ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 158 of the private laws of 1879, relating to the charter of the city of Calais," was read once and to-morrow assigned for second reading.

Contract of the State with Sprague and Son for the State printing, also contract of the State with Smith and Reid for the binding and stitching, came back from the House approved in concurrence, and both contracts were lodged in the office of the Secretary of State by the Secretary of the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to abolish fees in certain Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts of the State," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for second reading.

Report of the Committee on Education, on bill "an act amendatory to 'an act relating to the schools in the city of Portland,' approved February 10, 1875," that the same ought to pass.

The rules were suspended, bill read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on bill "an act to authorize James A. Creighton and his assigns to plant, propagate and preserve oysters in the waters of Georges river and tributary streams," that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Were accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. BREWER presented "resolve in favor of the Committee on Reform School," which was read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALKER,

*Ordered*, That Nathaniel B. Buxton, Senator from Somerset county, be excused from further attendance upon the session of this Senate, on and after March 2, now current, and that the Secretary of the Senate be ordered to make up his pay to the end of said session, was read and passed.

Communication from Hon. H. B. Cleaves, Attorney General, transmitting deed of certain settlers' lots in township No. 17, in range 7, Aroostook county, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in compliance with a resolution of the Legislature approved February, A. D. 1881, was read, and the communication, with the deed, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CORNISH presented bill "an act to amend the charter of the Kennebec, Dead River and Moose River Log Driving Company;"

The same Senator presented bill "an act to protect the property of lumbering companies;"

Which were received and referred, under suspension of the rules, to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to erect a boom across the Kennebec river at Brown's Island," reported that the same ought to pass, was accepted, the bill read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of Cyrus Andresol and others, for a reduction of toll on slippage of lumber, as per laws of 1869, chapter 75, which was recommitted, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Twin Lead and Hecla Mining and Smelting Company of Bluehill, Maine ;"

Bill "an act relating to the taking of fish from No Name pond in city of Lewiston ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Jimmy Brook and Scagg Rock Company ;"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Corporation,' and acts amendatory thereof ;"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act additional to the charter of Hallowell Academy,' approved February 28, 1872 ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Belfast to pay its bonded indebtedness and to issue new bonds for that purpose," as amended in the House ;

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act relating to levy of execution on real estate," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. MORTLAND, laid on the table.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 71 of the revised statutes, concerning sales of real estate by license of court," was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion by Mr. EMERY.

Bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 73 of the revised statutes, relating to conveyances in mortgage and conveyances in trust ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 83 of the public laws of 1872, relating to granting new trials ;"

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 bills and resolves :

Bill "an act to amend chapter 613 of the private and special laws of 1852, relating to the Pleasant River Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act authorizing Levi W. Weston and others, to construct and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 62, chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to the powers and duties of auditors ;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent ;"

"Resolve in favor of Thomas Loveley of Mapleton plantation ;"

"Resolve in favor of Warren W. Rice ;"

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee to investigate charges against Thomas B. Swan ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported the following resolves :

"Resolve in favor of the County of Franklin."

"Resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury."

Pending the final passage of the above resolves, on motion by Mr. EMERY, they were laid on the table.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on Claims, on claim of E. F. Pillsbury and Company, assigned for 11 o'clock to-day, were taken from the table.

The question being on substituting the minority report, submitting "resolve in favor of E. F. Pillsbury and Company," which was lost.

The majority report allowing the petitioners leave to withdraw was then accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act entitled 'an act to amend section 19 of chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks,'" assigned for 11.30 o'clock to-day, was taken from the table, the question being on the adoption of the amendment marked "A."

Mr. BISBEE offered the following amendment marked "B" to amendment "A" by striking out the words "during the three years immediately preceding" in the 6th and 7th lines, and inserting the word "since."

Pending the adoption of the amendment to the amendment, on motion by Mr. EMERY, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. FLINT, bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, March 1, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act to amend item 5th of section 24 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, relating to power and obligations of school districts.

An act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the revised statutes, relating to meridian lines.

An act additional, relating to the insolvent laws of Maine.

An act additional, relating to the insolvent laws of Maine.

An act declaring women eligible to certain school offices.

An act to amend chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to taxes.

An act regulating the weight of salt.

An act in relation to the time of holding sessions of the county commissioners.

An act relating to costs in actions of dower.

An act additional to sections 14, 15, 16 and 18 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes.

Approved, February 26, 1881.

An act to repeal chapter 145 of the public laws of 1879, relating to insurance.

Approved, February 28, 1881.

On motion by Mr. LAMSON, "bill an act to amend chapter 163 of the public laws of 1877, relating to loitering in public places," was taken from the table.



Mr. DUDLEY offered amendment "B" to amendment "A," by adding "and smoking pipes or cigars, shall be regarded as a nuisance," which was adopted.

The question then returned on the adoption of amendment "A" as amended, which was taken by yeas and nays, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Dudley, Mortland, Pattangall—3.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker, Bisbee, Brewer, Buxton, Cornish, Dingley, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings, Lamson, Lord, Nutting, Parcher, Sanborn, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—21.

So the amendment was lost.

The bill then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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WEDNESDAY, March 2, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Bill "an act to incorporate the Belfast Bank," was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Bank of Portland ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants Bank of Portland ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend chapter 6, section 10 of the revised statutes," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to an amendment of the constitution as to the time of holding elections, reported "resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the time of holding elections," was accepted, the bill read once, and to-morrow, at 11 o'clock A. M., assigned for further consideration.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Ezekiel Vose and others, relating to board of prisoners, reported bill "an act in relation to compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Railroad Company," reporting the same in a new draft, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" agreed to, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of E. B. Chase and others, for a charter for a horse railroad in the city of Portland, submitting bill "an act to incorporate the West End Railroad Company;"

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of Portland," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to revive and amend the charter of the Bangor and Calais Railroad Company," submitting the same in a new draft;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to permit the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad Company to lease its road," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, concerning manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on bill "an act to authorize the county commissioners of York county to locate and establish a highway across Spinney's Creek," that the same ought to pass;

Which several reports were accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of John Marsh, relating to a dam across Sheepscot river, that the petition be referred to the next Legislature with order of notice, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of Cumberland and Kennebec County Delegations, on bill "an act to amend chapter 88 of the public laws of 1879, relative to fees of referees," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to amending chapter 208 of the public laws of 1880, relating to the Commissioners of Fisheries and Wardens, reporting bill "an act to amend chapter 208 of the public laws of 1880, relating to Commissioners of Fisheries and Wardens," came from the House recommitted to the Committee on Fisheries and Game, which was accepted in concurrence, and the bill recommitted in concurrence to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, relating to reimbursing John M. Thurlough, reporting "resolve in favor of John M. Thurlough," came from the House recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, which was accepted in concurrence, and the resolve recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Bill "an act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters.

The vote whereby the Senate passed this bill to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and the bill recommitted in concurrence to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act to amend section 1 of chapter 178 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to issue of bonds in aid of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad," reporting bill in a new draft, which was accepted in concurrence, the rules suspended, and the bill read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

House order relating to an investigation of the Bath Military Orphan Asylum, whereby the Senate voted to adhere to its vote

indefinitely postponing the same, came back from the House, that branch adhering to its former vote and proposing a Committee of Conference.

Senate reconsidered its vote to adhere to the indefinite postponement of the order, and insisted upon its vote, and joined as conferees :

Messrs. Mortland of Knox,  
Cornish of Kennebec,  
Friend of Penobscot.

Mr. CORNISH asked permission to present bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank, Waterville," which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order of the Legislature, inquiring into the expediency of changing chapter 92 of the revised statutes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on communication from the Secretary of State, accompanying returns from corporations, reported bill "an act to enforce returns and publication of statements by corporations ;"

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of James P. Sewall and others, for an amendment to section 1, chapter 57 of the revised statutes, relating to toll on buckwheat, etc., reported bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 57 of the revised statutes, relating to mills and their repairs ;"

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order inquiring into the expediency of amending chapter 1 of the revised statutes, in relation to assessment and abatement of taxes, reported bill "an act to amend sections 66, 67 and 68 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and abatement of taxes ;"

Were severally accepted, and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, submitted a final report.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to authorize James A. Creighton and his assigns, to plant, propagate and preserve oysters in the waters of Georges river and tributary streams ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 158 of the private laws of 1879, relating to the charter of the city of Calais ;"

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

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act to abolish the continuance fees in certain Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts of the State," was read a second time, and pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion by Mr. EMERY, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to erect a boom across the Kennebec river at Brown's Island," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. BISBEE, tabled.

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 147 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the taking of fish from the tributaries of Wilson's pond in the city of Auburn ;"

Bill "an act to protect fish in Sabbath Day pond and its tributaries in New Gloucester ;"

Bill "an act to protect fishing in Pleasant pond in the town of Garland in the county of Penobscot ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 578 of the special laws of 1868, relating to the taking of salmon in Dennys river ;"

Bill "an act to prevent the taking of fish from Great Watchic pond in the town of Standish for the term of five years ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kennebec Central Railroad Company ;"

"Resolve in favor of Oak Grove Seminary ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolve was finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by

the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported bill "an act to amend section 67, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at elections."

Pending its passage to be enacted, on motion by Mr. PARCHER, laid on the table.

"Resolve in aid of a road from the forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county to Shirley Mills in Piscataquis county," assigned for to-day at 11 o'clock, was taken from the table, the question being on the passage of the bill to be engrossed.

The bill was discussed by Messrs. Flint, Baker, Buxton and others, without taking action on the bill.

Mr. BREWER called for the special assignment for 11.30 o'clock, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Robert McClain and others, for the enactment of a law prohibiting the taking of mackerel with seines within the jurisdiction of this State.

The question being on the substitution of the minority report, submitting bill "an act regulating the mackerel fishing on the coast of Maine," in concurrence with the House, which was lost.

The majority report allowing the petitioners leave to withdraw was then accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LORD, bill "an act to amend section 18, chapter 189 of the public laws of 1874, relating to railroad crossings," was taken from the table.

Mr. LORD offered amendment marked "A," to amend by changing section 2 of the bill to section 3, and insert the following as section 2:

"SECT. 2. This act shall apply to any application for gates now pending before any board of county commissioners," which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, bill "an act entitled 'an Act to amend section 19 of chapter 218 of the public laws of 1877, relating to savings banks,'" the question being on the adoption of amendment "B" offered by Mr. Bisbee to amendment "A," which was lost.

The question then recurred on the adoption of Senate amendment "A" offered by Mr. Beatty, which was adopted.

Pending the passage of the bill as amended, to be engrossed, on motion by Mr. LAMSON, the bill was indefinitely postponed, yeas 14, nays 10, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Berry, Bisbee, Buxton, Coffin, Dudley, Friend, Hill of Penobscot, Lamson, Mortland, Nutting, Parcher, Pattangall, Taber—14.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Beatty, Cornish, Dingley, Emery, Fernald, Hill of Hancock, Jennings, Sanborn, Wakefield, Walker—10.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, bill "an act to repeal chapter 160 of the public laws of 1877, in relation to a bounty on bears, and to provide for a bounty on bears," was taken from the table.

Mr. DINGLEY moved to indefinitely postpone the bill, which was lost.

Pending the passage of the bill to be engrossed,

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, March 3, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Bill " an act to incorporate the Lime Rock Bank of Rockland ;"

Bill " an act to incorporate the Searsport Bank ;"

Bill " an act to incorporate the Rockland Bank of Rockland ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill " an act to amend the charter of Casco Park Association ;"

Bill " an act to amend chapter 142 of the revised statutes, relating to the Reform School ;"

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on order relating to admission to the Bar, reporting bill " an act to incorporate the Maine State Bar Association and an act to regulate admissions to the Bar ;"

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of George A. Cony to navigate Cobbossecontee lake by steam, reporting bill " an act for the navigation of Cobbossecontee lake in the County of Kennebec ;"

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on bill " an act authorizing ten or more persons to construct and maintain a free bridge across Georges river," that the same ought to pass ;

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill " an act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment " A " agreed to and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was recommitted order relating to roads and bridges in Indian



township, reporting "resolve in favor of an appropriation on roads, including bridge in Indian Township in the County of Washington," was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once, and pending the adoption of House amendment "A," tabled on motion by Mr. MORTLAND.

Bill "an act to provide in part for expenditures of government," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on petition of Frontier Guards and others, for an appropriation for encampment of militia and rifle practice, that the petition be referred to the Commander-in-Chief, was accepted in concurrence and the petition referred to the Governor and Council in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of E. W. Whitehouse and others, for an act to grant the respondent in all criminal cases the right to the closing argument, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of L. L. Dennison and others, for a change in the law in regard to dower, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act in addition to chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to elections," that the same ought not to pass ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to a different method of taking the State valuation, that the same be referred to the Committee on State Valuation, was accepted in concurrence, and the order referred to the Committee on State Valuation in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of William Senter and others, for restoration of the salary of the Judge of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of S. C. Strout and others, for the restoration of the salary of the Justice of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

These reports were accepted in concurrence, and the petitions referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Charles E. Allen, for an amendment of chapter 43, section 7 of the revised statutes, relating to logs, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order to define the meaning of section 14 of article 4 of the constitution, that it is inexpedient for the Committee to attempt any such definition except so far as may be necessary for the proper disposition of some specific matter on its own docket;

Were each accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to make an agreement that a part of the net earnings of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad may be appropriated each year to pay the interest on the cost of extending said road to Moosehead lake, and for a sinking fund to pay the cost of such extension," passed to be engrossed in the House, was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BEATTY,

*Ordered*, That the bill herewith submitted, entitled bill "an act to revive and amend chapter 44 of the special laws of the year 1872, 'an act to authorize the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company to locate and construct branch lines,' approved February 6, 1872," be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Manufactures, submitted their final report;

Mr. HILL of Hancock, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, made a similar report.

Which were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State, transmitting the annual report of the Land Agent for the year 1880, was read and sent down, and the report referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on petition of I. W. Merrill, Treasurer of Franklin County Savings Bank, that certain taxes paid to the State Treasurer be refunded, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw :

Mr. COFFIN, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, to which was recommitted petition of Otis Hayford and others, in the County of Oxford, for aid in building a road from Byron in said county, to Lake Mooselucmeguntic, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "an act to incorporate the Auburn Bank," that it ought to pass, reported bill in new draft ;

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "an act to incorporate the International Bank of Portland," that it ought to pass ;

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

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate bonds," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of Miller and Randall, for an act relating to drains and sewers in the city of Lewiston, reported bill "an act relating to drains and sewers ;"

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Reform School, reported "resolve in favor of the State Reform School ;"

These several reports were accepted, and the bills and resolve each laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

#### Printed Bills :

Bill "an act to enforce returns and publication of statements by corporations ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 11, chapter 75 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the taking of smelts, entitled 'an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish ;'"

Were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to amend sections 66, 67 and 68 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and abatement of taxes," was read once, and laid on the table on motion by Mr. BISBEE.

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

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, concerning manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the West End Railroad Company, with authority to construct, maintain and use a horse railroad ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6, section 10 of the revised statutes ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shore Line Railroad," was read a second time,

Mr. EMERY offered amendment marked "A," to amend the second section by striking out the word "May," in the ninth line, and inserting in the place thereof the word "to," and by adding at the end of said section the words : "and to consolidate with any railroad company in the State of Maine or in the Province of New Brunswick with which it may connect," which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of Portland," was read a second time.

Pending its passage to be engrossed, Mr. EMERY offered amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill laid on the table, and the amendment ordered printed.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act to authorize the County Commissioners of York county, to locate and establish a highway across Spinney's creek," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. MORTLAND laid on the table.

Bill "an act entitled 'an act to permit the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road,' " was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. BISBEE laid on the table.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Railroad Company," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. BISBEE, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "an act in relation to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. PARCHER, laid on the table.

"Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the time of holding elections," was read a second time, and pending its passage to be engrossed, the resolve was defeated, yeas 5, nays 16:

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Emery, Friend, Mortland, Pattangall, Taber—5.

Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Bisbee, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Fernald, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Nutting, Parcher, Sanborn, Wakefield, Walker—16.

So the resolve was defeated.

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

Bill "an act to confer certain powers upon the inhabitants and officers of the town of Eden;"

Bill "an act to amend an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford;"

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

Bill "an act explanatory of section 3, chapter 78 of the public laws of 1878, relating to tramps;"

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Bangor to make an agreement that a part of the net earnings of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad, may be appropriated each year to pay the interest on the cost of extending said road to Moosehead lake, and for a sinking fund to pay the cost of such extension;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, bill "an act to repeal chapter 160 of the public laws of 1877, in relation to a bounty on bears, and to provide for a bounty on bears," was taken from the table.

The same Senator offered amendment marked "A" which was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. FLINT, "resolve in aid of road from the forks of the Kennebec river in Somerset county, to Shirley Mills in Piscataquis county," was taken from the table.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Resolved*, That the resolve be indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. BEATTY, the yeas and nays were ordered: Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Beatty, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Emery, Hill of Hancock, Lord, Mortland, Nutting, Parcher, Pattangall, Taber, Wakefield—14.

Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Baker, Bisbee, Brewer, Fernald, Flint, Sanborn, Walker—7.

So the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PATTANGALL moved a reconsideration of the foregoing vote, which was lost.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others, to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river in the County of Androscoggin," was taken from the table. The vote passing the bill to be engrossed, reconsidered, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER, bill "an act to amend section 67 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at elections," which was tabled, pending its passage to be enacted, was taken from the table. The vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed was reconsidered under suspension of the rules.

The same Senator offered the following amendment marked "A," by striking out the word "less" in the 17th line, and insert the word "more" instead, which was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. FLINT,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1881.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. ALLEN, Chaplain of the House.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be ordered to inquire what legislation is necessary to protect the rights of owners of stock pledged as collateral security ;

That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the propriety of granting a charter to the Sagadahoc Bank of Bath ;

Were read and passed in concurrence.

Bill " an act to amend chapter 182 of the laws of 1880, relating to auctioneers ; "

Bill " an act to incorporate the Maine Ship-builders' and Shipmasters' Association ; "

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

Bill " an act to incorporate the Oakland Bank ; "

Bill " an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Bank ; "

Were each referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill " an act to incorporate the Dexter, Katahdin and Houlton Railroad Company," was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on " resolve relating to the purchase of land by Agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill " an act to establish titles of lands among the Penobscot Indians, and to provide for the preservation of evidence of such titles," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to insurance, with accompanying bill " an act to amend chapter 49 of

the revised statutes, in relation to insurance," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill " an act relating to claims against insolvent estates," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, reporting leave to withdraw, on petition of Thomas Lolah and others of the Passamaquoddy tribe, for division of certain lands ;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Peter Socbalis and others of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, for an appropriation for the purchase of fuel for said tribe to be increased, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of Henry B. Cook and others of Friendship and other places, for reduction of tolls on the Georges River bridge, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Temperance, on petition of H. C. Hight and others, for a law prohibiting false orders for spirituous liquors, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Hiram Hall, Jr., for abolition of imprisonment for debt, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Charles Brown, for grant to dyke a certain marsh in Georgetown, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, reporting reference to the next Legislature, with accompanying order of notice, on petition of Jonathan A. Virgin, for an act to incorporate the Howard Pond Reservoir Company ;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of Saul Neptune and others of Penobscot Indians, for an appropriation to aid in paying a debt on a convent in Oldtown Island, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, with order of notice ;

Were accepted in concurrence and the petitions referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, reporting reference to the Governor and Council, on petition of inhabitants of the town of



Ashland, for reimbursement for support of a State pauper, was accepted, and the petition referred to the Governor and Council in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on certificate of election of Joseph Nicolar as Representative of the Penobscot Indians in the Legislature of this State, that the same is correct, and recommending the filing of said certificate in the Secretary of State's office, was accepted in concurrence and the certificate lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of Joseph Nicolar and others of Penobscot Indians, for three hundred dollars for repairing chapel on Oldtown Island, reporting "resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians," which was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of Mitchell Newell and others, in reference to protection of Indian lands, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on order to examine the doings of the Governor and Council for the year 1879, relating to lands deeded to William Todd by the State in payment for building Tomar Stream bridge, that they find nothing relating to said transaction;

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to amendment of the statutes, so that Representatives of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians shall be allowed traveling expenses while attending regular sessions of the Legislature, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on order of the Legislature relating to life insurance policies, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to the weight of eggs, that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill "an act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to subscribe for stock in the corporation known as the Cobb Lime Company's Portland Cement," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Judah D. Teague and others, that a term of the Supreme Judicial Court may be holden at Caribou in Aroostook county, reporting bill "an act entitled 'an act providing for holding one term annually of the Supreme Judicial Court at Caribou in the county of Aroostook;'"

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

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, requesting the return of bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Corporation,' and the acts amendatory thereof."

The bill was recalled from the engrossing office and returned by the Secretary.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order of the Legislature relating to the revision of the public laws of this State, reporting "resolve for the revision of the public laws of this State," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of F. Shaw and brother, that the town of Eaton be divided, reporting bill "an act to divide the town of Eaton in Washington county and incorporate the town of Forrest City," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. BISBEE, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the credentials of Newell Joseph as Representative to the Legislature of this State from the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, beg leave to report that said credentials are correct and recommend that they be placed on file in the office of the Secretary of State, was accepted in concurrence and the credentials lodged in the office of the Secretary of State.

Bill "an act to supply the people of the towns of Brunswick and Topsham and the city of Bath with pure water," was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of Robert McClain and others, for an act prohibiting the taking of mackerel with seines, came back from the House,

that branch non-concurring in the action of the Senate in substituting the minority report allowing the petitioners leave to withdraw, and insisting on its vote accepting the majority report reporting a bill, and asking a Committee of Conference.

Senate recedes and joins Committee of Conference, with  
Messrs. Wakefield of York,  
Lord of Cumberland,  
Jennings of Penobscot,  
appointed on the part of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

*Ordered*, That on and after March 8th, the Senate shall hold two sessions each day, at 10 o'clock A. M. and 2.30 o'clock P. M., till otherwise ordered.

Read and passed.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourns, it shall be to Monday, March 7, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back concurred.

Communication was received from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

#### STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, March 3, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act to amend section 62 of the public laws of 1879, relating to costs of travel and attendance of parties in court.

An act to amend chapter 193 of the public laws of 1874, relating to clerks of judicial courts.

An act to repeal chapter 106 of the public laws of 1879, relating to costs of travel and attendance of parties in court.

Approved March 2, 1881.

Mr. LAMSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on order inquiring into the expediency of amending chapter 144 of the public laws of 1876, to make it more effective, reported bill "an act to amend chapter 144 of the public laws of 1876, relating to insurance companies' formation, to make it more effective ;"

Mr. NUTTING, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act to protect the property of lumbering companies," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 107 of the revised statutes, relating to depositions," that it ought to pass ;

Were severally accepted, and the bills laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend the charter of the Ocean Park Association," that the same ought the pass ;

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act in relation to fees for travel and attendance in the Superior Court of Kennebec," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was recommitted petition of G. L. Boynton, for bill "an act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company," reported the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass ;

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

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of James M. Andrews and others, for a charter for supplying the city of Biddeford with pure water, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Biddeford and Saco Water Company," which was accepted, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on communication of the Attorney General, and the deed from the Common-

wealth of Massachusetts, reported that the deed be accepted, and recorded and filed with the files of the Land Office, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LAMSON, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, submitted their final report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Printed bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 57 of the revised statutes, relating to mills and their repairs," was read once, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

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

Bill "an act for the navigation of Cobbosseecontee lake in the County of Kennebec ;"

Bill "an act authorizing ten or more persons to construct and maintain a free bridge across the Georges river ;"

Bill "an act to regulate admission to the bar in this State ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Bar Association ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill an act to incorporate the Auburn Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Bank of Portland ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes," was read twice, House amendment "A" agreed to, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 11, chapter 75 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the taking of smelts, entitled an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish," was read a second time, and on its passage to be engrossed, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill "an act to enforce returns and publications of statements by corporations," was read a second time, and tabled on motion by Mr. EMERY.

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was read twice, and on motion by Mr. EMERY, tabled.

Subsequently, on motion by the same Senator, taken from the table, and referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs on the part of the Senate, on motion by Mr. DINGLEY.

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

Bill "an act permitting Lothrop L. Crockett to raise dam or dams;"

Bill "an act relating to practice in the Supreme Court;"

Bill "an act to amend section 2, chapter 116 of the revised statutes, in relation to travel of trial justices and justices of the peace and quorum;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company;"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 453 of the private and special laws of 1865, entitled 'an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company;'"

Bill "an act to improve the channel of the Magalloway river and facilitate the driving of logs and other lumber;"

Bill "an act relating to the taking of fish from No Name pond in the city of Lewiston;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Jimmy Brook and Scagg Rock Company;"

Bill "an act to provide for a mode of collecting tolls and making assessments by the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company;"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act additional to the charter of the Hallowell Academy;'"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mexico and Byron Railroad Company;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shore Line Railroad;"

Bill "an act to amend section 156 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1880, concerning the Militia;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, a message was sent to the Governor, requesting the return of bill "an act authorizing Levi Weston

and others, to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan."

The message was conveyed by the Secretary, who subsequently returned with the bill.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, the rules were suspended, and the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed to be engrossed, and passed to be enacted, reconsidered, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, "resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury," was taken from the table, and assigned for Tuesday next, at 3 o'clock P. M., on motion by Mr. FERNALD.

On motion by Mr. FERNALD, "resolve in favor of the County of Franklin," was taken from the table, and finally passed, by yeas 17, nays 6:

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Bisbee, Brewer, Cornish, Dudley, Fernald, Flint, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Hill of Penobscot, Lamson, Lord, Nutting, Sanborn, Wakefield, Walker—17.

Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Coffin, Dingley, Emery, Mortland, Pattangall, Taber—6.

So the resolve finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH, bill "an act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to erect a boom across the Kennebec river at Brown's Island," was taken from the table, and on motion by the same Senator, ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, bill "an act to abolish continuance fees in certain Judicial and Superior Courts," was taken from the table.

Mr. EMERY offered amendment marked "A," by striking out from the third line (in printed bill) of first section, the words "in which the clerks are salaried officers," which was lost.

The same Senator then moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, which was rejected, and the bill then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, bill "an act entitled 'an act to permit the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, bill "an act to incorporate the Boothbay Railroad Company," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill "an act to amend section 44, chapter 49 of the revised statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond," was taken from the table.

The same Senator offered the following amendment "A," by striking out in the 10th line (printed bill) and 32d line, the word "twelve," and insert in place thereof, the word "nine," which was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, bill "an act additional to chapter 71 of the revised statutes, concerning sales of real estate by license of court," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN *Secretary*.



MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1881.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. WHITE of Hallowell.

Journal of Friday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 62 of the public laws of 1872, that the sheriffs and their deputies shall be paid for all services by fees only, was read and passed in concurrence.

“Resolve authorizing the county commissioners of Somerset county to audit the bill of H. S. Nickerson ;”

“Resolve proposing an amendment of the constitution to restore annual sessions of the Legislature ;”

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of John Webber and others of Waterville, for charter for State bank to be called the People's Bank ;

Petition of Watson F. Hallett and others of Augusta, for an act incorporating Freemans Bank, with bill accompanying ;

Bill “an act to incorporate the Bank of Cumberland ;”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Gardiner Bank ;”

Bill “an act to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford ;”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Canal Bank of Portland ;”

Bill “an act to incorporate the Bath Bank ;”

Were each referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill “an act in addition to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, in relation to railroads,” was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of Thomas W. Porter, for payment for enlisting men for the 14th Regiment of Maine Volunteers in the year 1861, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw ;

Report of the Committee on Claims, on bill "an act to amend chapter 208 of the public laws of 1880, relating to Commissioners of Fisheries and Wardens," that it ought not to pass ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the expediency of repealing section 2 of chapter 176 of the public laws of 1877, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of Alfred Thompson for State bounty, that the petition be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was recommitted "resolve in favor of John M. Thurlough," that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of Elias J. Hall and others, for protection to the navigation and fisheries of Sebec lake, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, with order of notice ;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on petition of A. M. Hopkins and others, to be incorporated into a company by the name of the Bar Harbor Gas Light Company, with bill accompanying, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, with order of notice ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence, and the petitions referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Pensions, on petition of Ellen M. Simpson; that a State pension may be granted her, that the petition be referred to the State Pension Agent, was accepted in concurrence, and the petition referred to the State Pension Agent in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Corporation,' and the acts amendatory thereof," recalled by the House, came back from that branch amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Senate recedes from its vote passing the above bill to be engrossed, House amendment agreed to, and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act concerning the salary of the Deputy Clerk of Cumberland county," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back

from the House, that branch receding from its former vote indefinitely postponing the bill, amended the bill as per sheet "A," and passed the same to be engrossed.

Senate reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed, House amendment "A" agreed to, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to authorize the trustees of the Methodist Church property at Kent's Hill, in the town of Readfield, to sell and convey the Methodist Parsonage at Kent's Hill," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to the care of paupers in a certain class of plantations, reporting bill "an act providing that paupers in a certain class of plantations shall be under the care of the assessors of such plantations;"

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Bank," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Veazie Bank," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants Bank of Portland," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Casco Bank," that the same ought the pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Bank," that the same ought to pass;"

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the North Bank," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Belfast Bank," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to extend the time for organizing the Farmers Bank," that the same ought to pass;

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

On motion by Mr. COFFIN,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing for appeals from clerks of courts in the matter of taxation of costs.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLINT presented bill "an act to amend chapter 206 of the public laws of 1880, relating to suits by collectors of taxes, and the jurisdiction of trial justices therein ;"

Mr. BISBEE presented bill "an act to amend section 30 of chapter 118 of the revised statutes, relating to the examination and oath of poor debtors ;"

The same Senator presented bill "an act to amend chapter 60 of the revised statutes, concerning divorce ;"

Mr. BERRY presented bill "an act to enable cities and towns to aid in the construction of the Kennebec Central Railroad ;"

Mr. WAKEFIELD presented bill "an act relating to proceedings and appeals in probate courts ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LAMSON presented bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Bank ;"

Mr. EMERY presented bill "an act to incorporate the Lejok Bank ;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CORNISH, from Senate Committee on Financial Affairs, on bill "an act to provide in part for expenditures of government," that the same ought to pass.

The bill having been twice read at previous sessions, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE from the Committee on State Prison, submitted its report of their visit to the Maine State Prison ; also "resolve in favor of the State Prison," which was accepted, and the report and resolve laid on the table, on motion by Mr. BISBEE, and ordered printed.

Mr. FLINT, from the Committee on Temperance, on petition of Samuel R. Day and others, for an amendment of the constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, that the same be submitted to the people at the terms of the next municipal elections in this State, reported "resolve proposing an amendment of the constitution of the State of Maine relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors," which was laid on the table and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, March 4, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act explanatory of section 3 of chapter 78 of the public laws of 1878, relating to tramps.

An act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the revised statutes, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts.

Printed Bills :

Bill “an act to amend section 5 of chapter 107 of the revised statutes, relating to depositions,” was read once, and on motion by Mr. WALKER, laid on the table ;

Bill “an act to amend chapter 144 of the public laws of 1876, entitled ‘an act relating to insurance companies ;’”

Bill “an act relating to drains and sewers in the city of Auburn ;”

Bill “an act to amend section 3 of chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate bonds ;”

Bill “an act to protect the property of lumbering companies ;”

“Resolve in favor of the State Reform School ;”

Were each read once, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

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

Bill “an act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to subscribe for stock in the corporation known as the Cobb Lime Company’s Portland Cement,” which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 57 of the revised statutes, relating to mills and their repairs ;"

Bill "an act in relation to fees for travel and attendance in the Superior Court of Kennebec county ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Ocean Park Association ;"

Bill "an act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bill :

Bill "an act providing for holding one term annually of the Supreme Judicial Court at Caribou, in the County of Aroostook ;" was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. DUDLEY, laid on the table.

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

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Belfast to pay its bonded indebtedness, and to issue new bonds for that purpose ;"

Bill "an act to authorize James A. Creighton and his assigns to plant, propagate and preserve oysters in the waters of Georges river and tributary streams ;"

Bill "an act to empower the fish committees of the towns of Nobleboro' and Newcastle, to protect the alewives returning from their spawning beds in Damariscotta pond in the County of Lincoln, to the fish stream of said towns ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the extension of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad Company ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Anson to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and creating a sinking fund for the payment of the same ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Twin Lead and Hecla Mining and Smelting Company, of Bluehill, Maine ;"

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs ;"

"Resolve establishing a general valuation of the State ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the

resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The following communication was received from the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Augusta, March 7, 1881. }

*To the Senate and House of Representatives :*

I hereby notify you that a vacancy has occurred in the representation of this State in the Senate of the United States, caused by the resignation of the Hon. James G. Blaine, as signified to me in his communication herewith transmitted. Your attention is respectfully called to the duty of filling the vacancy thus created ;

Which was read and sent down.

The following is the communication from Hon. James G. Blaine accompanying the communication of the Governor :

WASHINGTON, D. C., }  
March 7, 1881. }

*To Hon. Harris M. Plaisted, Governor of Maine :*

For fear my letter may not reach you to-day, I here notify you that on March fifth, I resigned my seat in the Senate. You can advise the Legislature of the fact which I thus communicated by telegraph.

Can you give the notice to-day? Please answer immediately.

(Signed)

J. G. BLAINE.

On motion by Mr. WALKER,

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the representation of the State of Maine in the Senate of the United States, by the resignation of Hon. James G. Blaine of his office as Senator from this State, and notice of such resignation and vacancy, has this day been received by the Legislature in the manner provided by law, therefore,

*Ordered*, That on Tuesday, March 15th, 1881, at twelve o'clock meridian, this Senate proceed to the election of a Senator to the Senate of the United States, to fill the vacancy aforesaid in the manner provided by law.

Read and passed.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH, bill "an act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to erect a boom across the Kennebec river at Brown's Island," was taken from the table, and

Thursday next, at 11 o'clock A. M., assigned for further consideration.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, bill "an act in relation to suits on administrators' and executors' bonds," was taken from the table.

The same Senator offered amendment marked "A" which was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, bill "an act to enforce returns and publications of statements by corporations," was taken from the table, and on motion by the same Senator, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, bill "an act in relation to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners," was taken from the table.

The same Senator offered amendment marked "A" which was adopted.

Mr. EMERY offered amendment marked "B" which was adopted, and the bill as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Mr. WALKER moved to reconsider the vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and pending passage of same, the motion was laid on the table, and to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, assigned for consideration.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

The Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock P. M.

8 O'CLOCK.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

On motion by Mr. BERRY,

The Senate took a further recess until 9 o'clock P. M.

9 O'CLOCK P. M.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.



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TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Mr. DUDLEY of Aroostook, asked permission that the business of the Senate be suspended, to offer the following resolve :

IN SENATE, March 8, 1881.

Resolve of sympathy for Hon. GEORGE PARCHER, Senator from Androscoggin.

*Resolved*, That whereas, in the dispensation of an over-ruling Providence, a brother Senator has suddenly, and in an unexpected manner, been bereaved of his nearest and dearest earthly friend and companion ; and whereas, in this his sore affliction more fully realized by some of us who have been alike bereft, and to the end that in so far as possible, our sympathy may mitigate his affliction, we therefore tender to Hon. GEORGE PARCHER, Senator from Androscoggin, our most deep and earnest sympathy, and pray that he may fully realize, as taught by inspiration, that the Lord doth not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, but that this, his great affliction, may be so over-ruled by infinite wisdom, as to work for him a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, and also that he may at length fully realize that what now seems to to him only sad, funeral tapers, may prove heaven's distant lamps, and that so far as in us lies, we would encourage and help him in sharing and bearing his affliction ;

Which was unanimously adopted, and a copy of the resolve presented to Senator PARCHER by the Secretary.

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire what, if any, legislation is expedient, concerning chapter 62 of the public laws of 1862, and other acts relating to the duties of sheriffs and county attorneys, and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALKER,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Petition of H. M. Bearce and others, for incorporation of Norway Bank ;

Bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Bank ;"

Were each referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill "an act to supply the town of Waterville with pure water ;"

Bill "an act relating to the support of paupers by the city of Bath, who have been inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum ;"

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to chapter 82 of sections 3 and 4 of the revised statutes, reporting bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to attachment of estate of absent defendants."

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act relating to the Municipal Court for the town of Brunswick," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill "an act additional to 'an act incorporating the Kennebec Log Driving Company, the Dead River Log Driving Company and the Moose River Log Driving Company,'" that the same ought to pass.

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on communication from the Attorney General, and the deed from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that the deed be accepted and recorded and filed with the files of the Land Office, came back from the House, that branch concurring with the Senate in the acceptance of the above report.

The deed was lodged by the Secretary of the Senate in the Land Office of the State.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on petition of B. A. Cox and others, for a law properly regulating the catching of smelts in the Kennebec river and its tributaries, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, came from the House recommitted, with instruction to report a bill.

Senate amended report to recommit as per sheet "A," amend by striking out the words "with instruction to report a bill," which was adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication was received from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, March 7, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act relating to practice in the Supreme Judicial Court.

An act to amend section 156 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1880, concerning the militia.

Approved March 7, 1881.

The following communication was received from Hon. James G. Blaine :

UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER, }  
Washington, 5th March, 1881. }

*To the Honorable Joseph A. Locke,*

*President Senate, State of Maine :*

SIR :—I have this day forwarded to the Governor, my resignation as Senator of the United States from the State of Maine, to take effect this day.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

(Signed)

JAS. G. BLAINE.

The following communication was received from Joshua L. Chamberlain, President of the Association of Maine Soldiers and Sailors :

BRUNSWICK, March 7, 1881.

*To the Honorable the President of the Senate*

*and the Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

Herewith I beg permission to lay before you a copy of a vote of the Executive Committee of the Association of Maine Soldiers and

Sailors, requesting your honorable bodies to co-operate with the association in extending the proper courtesies to President Garfield, and respectfully to ask your favorable consideration of the same.

I have the honor to be, with highest respect,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAIN, *Pres't A. M. S. & S.*

The communication was read and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FERNALD, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on report of the Adjutant General for the year 1880, reporting "resolve in favor of printing three thousand copies of the militia law of 1880," was accepted, the resolve read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Penobscot, presented bill "an act to aid in the construction of Boothbay Railroad Company," which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Bank;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Veazie Bank of Bangor;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank of Portland;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Casco Bank;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Bank at Bangor;"

Bill "an act to extend the time for organizing the Farmers' Bank;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Belfast Bank;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the North Bank;"

Bill "an act to authorize the Trustees of the Methodist Church property at Kent's Hill, in the town of Readfield, to sell and convey the Methodist Parsonage at Kent's Hill;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bill and resolve:

Bill "an act relating to drains and sewers in the city of Auburn;"

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School;"

Were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act providing that paupers in a certain class of plantations shall be under the care of the assessors of such plantations," was read a second time, and tabled on motion by Mr. CORNISH.

Bill "an act to protect the property of lumbering companies," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, tabled.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 144 of the public laws of 1876, entitled 'an act relating to insurance companies,'" was read twice, and laid on the table, on motion by Mr. DINGLEY.

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate bonds," was read a second time and tabled, on motion by Mr. CORNISH.

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 83 of the public laws of 1872, relating to granting new trials ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 13 of chapter 73 of the revised statutes, relating to conveyances in mortgage and conveyances in trust ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 18, chapter 181 of the public laws of 1874, relating to railroad crossings ;"

Bill "an act amendatory to chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880 ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, concerning manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 1, chapter 178 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the issuing of bonds in aid of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 158 of the private and special laws of 1879, relating to the charter of the city of Calais ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 6, section 10 of the revised statutes, relating to the taxation of wood, bark and lumber ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Great Pond Bog Dam Company ;"

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls ;"

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on Reform School ;"

"Resolve for the revision and consolidation of the public laws ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 163 of the public laws of 1877, relating to loitering in public places ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act to incorporate the West End Railroad Company, with authority to construct, maintain and use a horse railroad," pending its passage to be enacted, on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table.

The same Senator moved a reconsideration of the vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and offered amendment marked "A," to amend section 8, line 5, (of printed bill) by striking out "two thirds" and inserting "one half" instead, which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways," pending its passage to be enacted, was laid on the table, on motion by Mr. CORNISH.

Bill "an act in relation to compensation of jailers," assigned for 11 o'clock to-day, was taken from the table.

The question being on reconsideration of the vote passing the bill to be engrossed as amended, Mr. WALKER withdrew his motion to reconsider, and the bill remained engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury," assigned for to-day, was taken from the table.

Pending its final passage, Mr. EMERY moved that the same be indefinitely postponed, which was carried, yeas 17, nays 3, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Berry, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Emery, Fernald, Friend,

Hill of Hancock, Jennings, Lamson, Lord, Nutting, Pattangall, Sanborn, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—17.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker, Dudley, Hill of Penobscot—3.

So the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY moved to reconsider the foregoing vote, which was lost.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, bill “an act to amend section 11, chapter 75 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the taking of smelts, entitled ‘an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish,’ ” was taken from the table.

Mr. HILL of Hancock, offered amendment marked “A.” Amend by adding a new section as follows :

SEC. 2. Said section 11 of said chapter as amended, shall not apply to the Penobscot river nor any of its tributaries.

Mr. BREWER offered amendment “B” to amendment “A.” Insert after the word Penobscot, the words “nor Kennebec,” strike out the word “its,” and insert the word “their.”

Pending the adoption of the amendment, on motion by Mr. PATTANGALL, the bill with the amendments, were laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, bill “an act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of Portland,” was taken from the table.

Mr. EMERY withdrew amendment marked “A,” and offered amendments marked “B” and “C.”

Pending the adoption of the amendments, on motion by the same Senator, the bill and amendments were recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, “resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,” was taken from the table.

The same Senator offered amendment “A,” and pending the adoption of amendment, the bill was laid on the table, on motion by Mr. DINGLEY.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Penobscot, “resolve for the abatement of the State tax for the year 1880, assessed upon the St.

Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company," was taken from the table.

On motion by the same Senator,

*Resolved*, That the same be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator moved a reconsideration of the above vote, which was rejected.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Penobscot, report of the Committee on Railroads, on petition of Noah Woods, President of the Northern Aroostook Railroad, for extension of time for building said road, was taken from the table, and recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, "resolve in aid of building a bridge over Fish river in Eagle Lake plantation," was taken from the table.

On motion by the same Senator,

*Resolved*, That the same be indefinitely postponed, yeas 18, nays 3.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Berry, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Emery, Fernald, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Lord, Nutting, Pattangall, Sanborn, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—18.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Dudley, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings—3.

So the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY moved to reconsider the vote, which was lost.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, "resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud," (called Zebulon) was taken from the table, and on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, indefinitely postponed, yeas 16, nays 6.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Beatty, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Emery, Fernald, Jennings, Lamson, Lord, Nutting, Pattangall, Sanborn, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—16.



Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker, Berry, Dudley, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Hill of Penobscot—6.

So the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. DINGLEY moved to reconsider the foregoing vote, which was lost.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BREWER,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN *Secretary*.

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WEDNESDAY, March 9, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

That the Committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of granting a charter to the Marine Bank of Bath, was read and passed in concurrence.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Ocean Bank of Kennebunk,” was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill “an act to incorporate the Mercantile Home for Aged Men Association;”

Bill “an act additional to chapter 233 of the private and special laws of 1880, incorporating the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company;”

Were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

“Resolve relating to unsettled accounts with the State,” was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill “an act relating to criminal jurisdiction for the Supreme Court of Kennebec county,” was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to amending chapter 205 of the public laws of 1880, reporting bill “an

act to amend chapter 205 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to registry of deeds from the State ;”

Report of the same Committee, on bill “an act relating to the Reform School,” reporting the same in a new draft ;

Were accepted in concurrence, and bills each read once, and this P. M. assigned for their second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on bill “an act in relation to soldiers and sailors who receive aid from towns and cities,” was accepted, and the bill recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill “an act to incorporate the Saco Water Company,” that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on bill “an act to incorporate Pleasant Cove Ice and Water Power Company,” that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on bill “an act to prohibit the taking of spawn herring within certain limits in Mill-bridge or Narraguagus bay,” that the same ought to pass ;

Were accepted in concurrence, and the bills each read once, and and this P. M. assigned for their second reading.

“Resolve authorizing the sale of State’s interest in timber on Township No. 8, Range 16,” was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once, House amendment “A” adopted, and this P. M. assigned for its second reading

Report of the Committee on Education, on petitions, and on order of January 14, relating to the employment of school teachers by the superintending school committee, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, authorized to make a contract with Charles W. Goddard, for the revision of the statutes of the State of Maine as provided by resolves of March 8, 1881, reporting the accompanying contract, and recommending its acceptance, and that it be filed in the archives of the State, and in the custody of the Secretary of State, which was accepted in concurrence, and the contract lodged with the Secretary of State.

Mr. FLINT asked permission to present bill “an act granting permission to G. A. Matthews and others, to locate and construct a

railroad from Monson to Athens, on certain conditions," which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLINT, from the Committee on Temperance, submitted their final report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Penobscot, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "an act to incorporate Merchants' Bank, Waterville," that the same ought to pass ;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Bank, Bath," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. DINGLEY, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Bank of Richmond," that the same ought to pass ;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on petition of president, directors and company of the Norway Bank, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Norway Bank ;"

Mr. LORD, from the same Committee, on petition of John Webber and others, that a charter be granted for a State bank, called the People's Bank, reported bill "an act to incorporate the People's Bank ;"

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Lejok Bank," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to establish the salary of the County Attorney of Piscataquis county," that the same ought to pass ;

Were severally accepted, and the bills each read once and this P. M. assigned for their second reading.

Mr. BAKER, from the Somerset County Delegation, on petition of J. H. Hight and others, for increase of salary of Register of Probate of Somerset county, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

The same Senator, from the same Delegation, on petition of D. D. Stewart, for increase of salary of Clerk of Courts of Somerset county, that the same be referred to the next Legislature ;

Were accepted and the petitions referred to next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FERNALD, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on report of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, reported "resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum ;"

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act relating to proceedings in Probate Courts," that the same ought to pass ;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act relating to pauper settlement of inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum," that the same ought to pass ;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to enforce returns and publication of statements by corporations," reported the same in a new draft and that it ought to pass ;

Were severally accepted, and the bills each laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. FERNALD, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was recommitted petition of Saco Rifle Company, to be attached to the active militia, reported that the petition be referred to the Commander-in-Chief of the State Militia, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on copy of the vote of the Executive Committee of the Association of Maine Soldiers and Sailors, extending an invitation to President Garfield to attend a reunion of the veterans of Maine, reported "resolve in relation to invitation to the President of the United States to visit the State of Maine," which was accepted, the rules suspended and the resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Prison, accompanied with "resolve in favor of the State Prison," was accepted, the resolve read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act additional to 'an act to incorporate the Kennebec Log Driving Company, the Dead River Log Driving Company and the Moose River Log Driving Company ;'"

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to attachment of the estate of absent defendants ;"

Bill "an act relating to the Municipal Court in the town of Brunswick ;"

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

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

Bill "an act authorizing ten or more persons to construct and maintain a free bridge across the Georges river ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine State Bar Association ;"

Bill "an act for the navigation of Cobbosseecontee lake in the county of Kennebec ;"

Bill "an act to supply the people of the towns of Brunswick and Topsham and the city of Bath with pure water ;"

Bill "an act to permit the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road ;"

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

Bill "an act to amend section 67, chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at elections ;"

Bill "an act to abolish continuance fees in certain Judicial and Superior Courts of the State ;"

"Resolve in favor of Emery Brewer ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolve was finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill "an act to amend section 11, chapter 75 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the taking of smelts, entitled 'an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish,'" was taken from the table.

Mr. BREWER offered amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed. (Former amendments "A" and "B" withdrawn.)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LAMSON, bill "an act to amend chapter 144 of the public laws of 1876, entitled 'an act relating to insurance companies,'" was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill "an act relating to levy of execution on real estate," was taken from the table, and on motion by the same Senator, recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY, bill "an act providing for holding one term annually of the Supreme Judicial Court at Caribou in the county of Aroostook," was taken from the table, and on motion by Mr. MORTLAND,

*Resolved*, That the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill "an act for the speedy detection and punishment of crime," was taken from the table.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, the Senate insisted on its former vote, and joined as conferees,

Messrs. Mortland of Knox,  
Dingley of Androscoggin,  
Friend of Penobscot.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, "resolve in favor of an appropriation on roads, including bridge in Indian township, in the County of Washington," was taken from the table, read a second time, and pending adoption of House amendment "A," on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, bill "an act to protect the property of lumbering companies," was taken from the table.

Mr. DINGLEY offered amendment marked "A," which was adopted.

Mr. DUDLEY offered amendment marked "B," pending adoption of which, Mr. LORD offered amendment marked "C" to amendment "B," which was adopted, also the amendment "B" as amended.

The bill then passed to be engrossed as amended, yeas 14, nays 9.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Berry, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Fernald, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Hill of Penobscot, Lord, Nutting, Wakefield—14.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Beatty, Emery, Friend, Mortland, Pattangall, Sanborn, Taber, Walker—9.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. FLINT,

Adjourned.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on an order relating to taxation of railroads, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on an order relating to Orphans' Home at Bath, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to election of town officers in the same manner as the superintending school committee are chosen, that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to amend an act approved, February 19, 1878, relating to mortgages of corporations," that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to enable the creditors of the A. and W. Sprague Manufacturing Company to obtain the possession and management of the company's estate," that the same ought not to pass ;

Were accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on order relating to title of a certain parcel of land in Bath, that the same be referred to the Governor and Council, was accepted in concurrence, and referred to the Governor and Council in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on an order relating to trustees of churches, reporting bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies ;"

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on report of the Agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, reporting "resolve making appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

Report of the same Committee, on resolve relating to Indian Affairs, approved February 21, 1861, reporting "resolve amendatory to the resolve in relation to Indian Affairs, approved February 21, 1861, changing the word 'annual' in the fourth line to 'biennial ;'"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the binding of papers and records of lands in Maine now in the Land Office, reporting "resolve for the binding of certain papers and documents now in the Land Office ;"

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

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Norridgewock to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad," was read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve providing for the compilation, printing and distribution of the laws of this State, relating to public schools," came back from the House indefinitely postponed.

Senate receded from its vote passing bill to be engrossed, and indefinitely postponed the resolve in concurrence.

"Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the time of holding elections," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch adhering to its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed.

Senate adhered to its former vote.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of A. J. Cameron, for compensation for certain binding, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill "an act to change the name of certain persons," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch insisting on its vote passing bill to be engrossed, and proposing a Committee of Conference.

Senate receded from its former vote, and joins as conferees,

Messrs. Emery of Hancock,

Walker of Oxford,

Taber of Waldo.



Mr. WALKER presented bill "an act relating to schools in village districts," which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee of Conference, on order to investigate the affairs of the Military Asylum at Bath, reported that they are unable to agree, and that the Senate adheres to its former vote, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BEATTY, from the Joint Special Committee on Railroads and Financial Affairs, on bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads," that the same ought to pass, was accepted, and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

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

Bill "an act to amend chapter 205 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to registry of deeds from the State ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pleasant Cove Ice and Water Power Company ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Saco Water Company ;"

"Resolve authorizing the sale of State's interest in timber on township No. 8, range 16 ;"

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

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lejok Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Norway Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Bank, Richmond ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank, Waterville ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the People's Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Bank, Bath ;"

Were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to the Reform School," was read a second time, and laid on the table on motion by Mr. DINGLEY.

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of spawn herring within certain limits in Milbridge or Narraguagus bay," was read a second time, House amendment "A" agreed to, and pending its passage to be engrossed, tabled on motion by Mr. PATTANGALL.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, the vote whereby bill "an act to protect the property of lumbering companies," was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and the bill indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, bill "an act to authorize the county commissioner of York county, to locate and establish a highway across Spinney's Creek," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH, bill "an act providing that paupers in a certain class of plantations shall be under the care of the assessors of such plantations," was taken from the table.

Mr. CORNISH offered amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. WALKER, bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 107 of the revised statutes, relating to depositions," was taken from the table.

The same Senator offered amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH, bill "an act to amend section 3, chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate bonds," was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, "resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was taken from the table.

The question being on the adoption of amendment "A" offered by Mr. EMERY, which was adopted, yeas 11, nays 7.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Berry, Coffin, Dingley, Emery, Hill of Hancock, Lord, Nutting, Pattangall, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—11.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Cornish, Dudley, Fernald, Flint, Hill of Penobscot, Lamson, Sanborn—7.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. DINGLEY offered amendment marked "B," to amend third line by striking out "three" and inserting "two" instead, which was rejected, yeas 6, nays 16.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Dingley, Dudley, Friend, Hill of Penobscot, Lamson, Taber—6.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Berry, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Lord, Nutting, Pattangall, Sanborn, Wakefield, Walker—16.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. EMERY offered amendment "C": "*Resolved further*, That in the opinion of this Legislature, no further endowment should hereafter be made," which was lost, yeas 5, nays 15.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Berry, Dingley, Hill of Penobscot, Sanborn, Taber—5.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Lord, Mortland, Pattangall, Wakefield, Walker—15.

So the amendment was lost.

Pending passage of the bill to be engrossed, on motion by Mr. HILL of Penobscot, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. BREWER,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN *Secretary*.

THURSDAY, March 10, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Bill "an act to revive the charter of the Piscataquis Central Railroad Company," was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" adopted, and this P. M. assigned for its second reading.

Report of the same Committee, to which was recommitted bill "an act in relation to soldiers and sailors who receive aid from towns and cities," reporting the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence and the bill read twice.

Pending adoption of House amendment "A," laid on the table on motion by Mr. DINGLEY.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of O. W. Davis Jr., and others, for an appropriation on road from Brownville to Katahdin Iron Works, reporting "resolve in aid of a road from Brownville to Katahdin Iron Works in the County of Penobscot," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill laid on the table on motion by Mr. FLINT.

Subsequently, on motion by the same Senator, the above bill was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed in concurrence, yeas 20, nays 3.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Beatty, Berry, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Emery, Fernald, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Lord, Mortland, Nutting, Pattangall, Sanborn, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—20.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker, Flint, Hill of Penobscot—3.

So the resolve was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on petition of Peter A. Sponberg, relating to a lot of land, that the same be referred to the Governor and Council, was accepted in concurrence and the petition referred to the Governor and Council in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on "resolve for the propagation of fish and game for the years 1881 and 1882," was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and this P. M. assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on "resolve relating to printing 3,000 copies of the militia laws of 1880," accepted in the Senate, came back from the House amended as per sheet "A."

Senate agreed to House amendment "A," and the resolve was laid on the table, on motion by Mr. DINGLEY.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on Claims, on petition of Edward O'Brien and others, for an appropriation in favor of the widow and children of Asa Perkins, late of Thomaston.

Senate accepted majority report allowing petitioners leave to withdraw, in concurrence.

Report accompanied with a resolve, from the Committee on State Prison, amended as per sheets "A," "B," "C" and "D."

Resolve engrossed in the Senate came back from the House amended as per sheets "A," "B," "C" and "D."

Senate non-concurred with the House in the adoption of House amendments "A," "B," "C" and "D," yeas 2, nays 21.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Mortland, Wakefield—2.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Hill of Penobscot, Lamson, Lord, Nutting, Pattangall, Sanborn, Taber—21.

So the amendments were rejected.

The Senate insisted on its former vote and proposed a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Bisbee of Oxford,

Beatty of York,

Dingley of Androscoggin,

appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, March 9, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 116 of the revised statutes, in relation to travel of Trial Justices and Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum.

Approved March 7, 1881.

An act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes.

An act to abolish continuance fees in certain Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts of the State.

An act to amend section 18 of chapter 189 of the public laws of 1874, relating to railroad crossings.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 48 of the revised statutes, concerning manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations.

An act to amend section 13, chapter 73 of the revised statutes, relating to conveyances in mortgage and conveyances in trust.

An act to amend chapter 6, section 10 of the revised statutes, in relation to the taxation of wood, bark and timber.

An act to amend chapter 83 of the public laws of 1872, relating to granting new trials.

An act to amend chapter 163 of the public laws of 1877, relating to loitering in public places.

An act to amend section 67 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at elections.

Approved March 9, 1881.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the

expediency of providing for an additional term of the county commissioners' court in Oxford county.

Mr. BISBEE asked permission to present bill "an act relating to Congressional vacancies," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of the First Congregational Society of Bangor," passed to be engrossed in the House under suspension of the rules, was read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Printed bill "an act relating to proceedings and appeals in Probate Courts," was read once, and on motion by Mr. HILL of Penobscot, Tuesday next, at 2.30 o'clock P. M., assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve proposing an amendment of the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors," was read once and on motion by Mr. FLINT, to-morrow, at 11 o'clock A. M., assigned for further consideration.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to establish the salary of the County Attorney of Piscataquis county, which was accepted, the bill read once and this P. M. assigned for its second reading.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Bank of Kennebunk," that the same ought to pass, which was accepted, the bill read once and this P. M. assigned for its second reading.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was recommitted petition of Benjamin and Frank R. Conant of Auburn, to erect a boom across Little Androscoggin river in the County of Androscoggin, reported in a new draft, bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others, to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river in the County of Androscoggin," which was accepted, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend section 30 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, in

relation to examination of a poor debtor, and the oath to be taken by same," that the same ought to pass.

Mr. MORTLAND offered majority report that the same ought not to pass.

Pending the acceptance of either report, both reports were laid on the table and ordered printed, on motion by Mr. EMERY.

Mr. WALKER presented bill "an act to amend sections 1 and 3 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries," which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act authorizing the town of Norridgewock to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the same ;"

Bill "an act relating to the Reform School ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies ;"

"Resolve amendatory to the resolve in relation to Indian affairs, approved February 21, 1861, changing the word 'annual' in the fourth line, to 'biennial ;'"

"Resolve in relation to recording of certain papers and records now in the Land Office ;"

Were each read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill "an act relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies," was taken from the table, and on motion of the same Senator indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to prohibit the taking of spawn herring within certain limits in Milbridge or Narraguagus bay," was taken from the table on motion by Mr. COFFIN, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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



“Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882,” was read a second time and on motion of Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH, bill “an act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to erect a boom across the Kennebec river at Brown’s island,” assigned for 11 o’clock to-day, was taken from the table, Senate amendment “A” adopted, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Temperance, on bill “an act to amend section 45, chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors,” were taken from the table and to-morrow at 11 o’clock assigned for further consideration.

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY,  
Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on “resolve authorizing and directing the County Commissioners of Somerset county, to audit the bill of H. S. Nickerson,” that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, read, and the bill indefinitely postponed, on motion by Mr. EMERY.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on bill “an act to incorporate the Mercantile Home for Aged Men Association,” that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the same Committee, on bill “an act for the prevention of hunting matches,” that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and tabled on motion by Mr. EMERY.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill “an act to incorporate the Canal Bank of Portland,” that the same ought to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland Bank, Rockland," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bank of Cumberland," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Lime Rock Bank of Rockland," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Searsport Bank," that the same ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Bank of Gardiner," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Bath bank," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Bank," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Oakland Bank," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee on bill "an act to incorporate the Gardiner Bank," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on petition of W. F. Hallett and others, for an act to incorporate the Freemans Bank of Augusta, reporting bill "an act to incorporate the Freemans Bank of Augusta;"

Were severally accepted in concurrence, the bills each read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Printed bill "an act to enforce returns and publication of statements by corporations," was read once and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Bank of Kennebunk;"

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Piscataquis;"

Were read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bill and resolve:

Bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised

statutes, relating to partition fences," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. HILL of Penobscot, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve for the propagation of fish and game for the years 1881 and 1882," was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. DINGLEY, laid on the table.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the International Bank of Portland ;"

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act to change the name and to increase the capital stock of the Palmer and Machias Railroad Corporation,' approved February 28, 1845 ;"

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government ;"

Bill "an act to extend the time for organizing the Farmers' Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Bank ;"

Bill "an act to repeal chapter 160 of the public laws of 1877, in relation to a bounty on bears and to provide for a bounty on bears ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to subscribe for stock in the corporation known as the Cobb Lime Company's Portland Cement ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the Trustees of the Methodist Church property at Kent's Hill, in the town of Readfield, to sell and convey the Methodist Parsonage at Kent's Hill ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Veazie Bank ;"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 7 of the revised statutes, concerning sales of real estate by license of court ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Belfast Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Auburn Bank ;"

Bill "an act concerning the salary of the Deputy Clerk of Courts of Cumberland county ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the West End Railroad Company, with authority to construct, maintain and use a horse railroad ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, "resolve in favor of an appropriation on roads, including a bridge in Indian township in the County of Washington," was taken from the table.

Pending the adoption of House amendment "A," Mr. DINGLEY offered Senate amendment "B" to House amendment "A," to amend line one by striking out "three" and inserting "two" instead, which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act for the protection of alewives," came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules, and was read once and tabled, on motion by Mr. LAMSON.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, bill "an act to divide the town of Eaton," was taken from the table.

Pending its second reading, Mr. COFFIN moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, which was lost.

The bill was read a second time, and pending its passage to be engrossed, yeas and nays ordered.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Berry, Dudley, Emery, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Pattangall, Taber, Walker—10.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Beatty, Bisbee, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Fernald, Lamsom, Lord, Mortland, Sanborn, Wakefield—12.

So the bill was refused a passage.

Mr. MORTLAND moved to reconsider the foregoing vote, which was lost, yeas 9, nays 13.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Dingley, Dudley, Emery, Flint, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Taber, Walker—9.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Fernald, Lamson, Lord, Mortland, Pattangall, Sanborn, Wakefield—13.

So the bill was refused a passage.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Hancock, "resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," was taken from the table.

Mr. EMERY offered amendment marked "D," and pending adoption of same,

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1881.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Penney of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

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

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommended bill "an act to regulate the practice in equity proceedings," reporting the same in a new draft ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act concerning the care of abused and neglected children," reporting the same in a new draft ;

Were accepted in concurrence, the bills each read once, and this P. M. assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs; to which was referred the report of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, reporting "resolve making appropriation for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

Report of the same Committee, on order relating to amending section 6 of chapter 125 of the acts and resolves of 1879, reporting bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salary of the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians ;"

Were accepted in concurrence, and the bills each read once, House amendments "A" to each bill and resolve agreed to, and this P. M. assigned for their second reading.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, requesting return of "resolve making appropriation for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882;" also

Bill "an act to amend section 6, chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salary of the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians."

The above bill and resolve were returned by the Secretary.

Bill "an act to regulate admission to the bar in this State, passed to be engrossed in the House and in the Senate, came back from the House amended as per sheet "A" on its passage to be enacted."

Vote passing bill to be engrossed reconsidered, House amendment "A" agreed to, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD asked permission to present bill "an act to amend chapter 58, section 10 of the revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies," which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Androscoggin County Delegation, on petition of A. R. Savage and others, for increase of salary of Judge of Probate for said county, reported bill "an act establishing the salary of Judge of Probate for the County of Androscoggin," was accepted, the bill read once, and this P. M. assigned for its second reading.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act relating to congressional vacancies," that the same ought to pass;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on an order of the Legislature, inquiring into the expediency of abolishing the December Term of the Supreme Judicial Court of the County of Oxford; reporting bill "an act to abolish the December Term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Oxford;"

Were accepted, and the bills each laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order of the Legislature inquiring into the expediency of amending chapter 58, section 10 of the revised statutes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BEATTY, from the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to revive and amend chapter 44 of the special laws of the year 1872, entitled 'an act to authorize the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company to locate and construct branch lines,' approved February 6, 1872," that the same ought to pass, was accepted, the bill read once and this P. M. assigned for its second reading.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreement of the two branches on bill "an act for the more speedy detection of crime," recommending that both branches indefinitely postpone the bill and that the Senate adhere to its former vote, which was accepted.

Printed Bills :

Bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads ;"

Bill "an act relating to the pauper settlement of inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum ;"

"Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum ;"

Were each read once and this P. M. assigned for their second reading.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mercantile Home for Aged Men Association," was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bill :

Bill "an act to enforce returns and publication of statements by corporations," was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," under discussion at adjournment yesterday afternoon, was taken from the table.

Pending the adoption of amendment "D," offered by Mr. EMERY, the same Senator withdrew the amendment.

On motion by the same Senator, the rules were suspended and the vote whereby Senate amendment "A" was adopted, was reconsidered, the resolve read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

“Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors,” assigned for 11 o’clock this day, was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, yeas 18, nays 5.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Fernald, Flint, Friend, Lamson, Lord, Nutting, Sanborn, Taber, Walker—18.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Emery, Hill of Hancock, Mortland, Pattangall, Wakefield—5.

So the resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, “resolve for the propagation and protection of fish and game for the years 1881 and 1882,” was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on Temperance, on bill “an act to amend section 45, chapter 27 of the revised statutes, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors,” assigned for 11 o’clock, was taken from the table, the question being on the substitution of the minority report that the bill ought not to pass, which was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE, bill “an act to amend sections 66, 67 and 68 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and abatement of taxes,” was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, bill “an act for the prevention of hunting matches,” was taken from the table, read a second time and indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, bill “an act in relation to soldiers and sailors who receive aid from towns and cities,” was taken from the table and House amendment “A” agreed to.

Pending the passage of the bill to be engrossed, on motion by Mr. EMERY, the bill was indefinitely postponed, yeas 12, nays 10.



Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Cornish, Dingley, Emery, Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Mortland, Sanborn, Taber, Walker—12.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brewer, Coffin, Dudley, Fernald, Flint, Friend, Lord, Nutting, Pattangall, Wakefield—10.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. FRIEND,

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet Saturday next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to deeds of minors, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on "resolve proposing an amendment of the constitution to restore annual sessions of the Legislature," that the same be referred to the next session of the Legislature, was accepted in concurrence, and the resolve referred to the next session of this Legislature in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences," passed to be engrossed in the House and indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch insisting upon its former vote, and proposing a Committee of Conference with

Messrs. Jordan of Auburn,  
Flint of Dover,  
Nutter of Corinna,

appointed as conferees.

Senate insists, and joins as conferees,

Messrs. Flint of Piscataquis,  
Dingley of Androscoggin,  
Wakefield of York.

Bill "an act relating to forcible entry and detainer and tenancies," passed to be engrossed in the House, indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch insisting upon its former vote, and proposing a Committee of Conference with

Messrs. Thompson of Brunswick,  
Hutchinson of Houlton,  
Verrill of Portland,

appointed as conferees.

Senate insists, and joins as conferees,

Messrs. Walker of Oxford,  
Emery of Hancock,  
Mortland of Knox.

Bill "an act to divide the town of Eaton in the County of Washington, and incorporate the town of Forest City," passed to be engrossed in the House, refused a passage in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch insisting upon its former vote, and proposing a Committee of Conference with

Messrs. Foss of Danforth,  
Freeman of Cherryfield,  
Ritchie of Winterport,

appointed as conferees.

Senate insists, and joins as conferees,

Messrs. Coffin of Washington,  
Beatty of York,  
Mortland of Knox.

Bill "an act to legalize the doings of the First Congregational Society of Bangor, passed to be engrossed in the House and Senate, came back from the House indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, the Senate receded from its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and indefinitely postponed the bill in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the State Prison," came back from the House, that branch receding, and concurring in the proposition of the Senate for Committee of Conference, and joins

Messrs. Hatch of Bangor,  
Bird of Rockland,  
Cook of Lewiston,

as conferees.

Petition of James L. Conklin, for a bounty of \$300, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shipbuilders' and Shipmasters' Association," that the same ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act to enable certain towns and cities to aid in the construction of the Kennebec Central Railroad;"

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

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was recommitted bill "an act authorizing Levi W. Weston and others to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan," reporting the bill in a new draft and that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "an act to incorporate the Marine Bank," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to enable certain towns to aid in the construction of the Boothbay Railroad," in a new draft, was accepted in concurrence.

Pending the first reading of the bill, on motion by Mr. BISBEE the bill was laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 92 of the revised statutes, relating to damage from flowage," was accepted and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

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

Bill "an act to regulate the practice in equity proceedings," which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills and resolve:

Bill "an act establishing the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Androscoggin;"

Bill "an act to revive and amend chapter 44 of the special laws of the year 1872, entitled 'an act to authorize the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company to locate and construct branch lines,' approved February 26, 1872;"

Bill "an act relating to the pauper settlements of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum;"

"Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum at Bath;"

Were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LOCKE, "resolve making appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans at the Bangor Children's Home for the years 1881 and 1882;" and also

"Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Saint Elizabeth Orphan Asylum at Portland, and for the support of soldiers' orphans for the years 1881 and 1882;" also

"Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum at Portland, and for the support of soldiers' orphans therein for the years 1881 and 1882;"

Were taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads," was read a second time, and pending its passage to be engrossed, Mr. LOCKE offered Senate amendment "A."

Pending adoption of the amendment, Mr. BISBEE moved to lay the same on the table to be printed, which was accepted, and Tuesday next, at 11 o'clock, assigned for consideration.

Bill "an act concerning the care of abused and neglected children," as amended in the House, was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. MORTLAND the bill was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, a message was sent to the House requesting the return of Senate document No. 89, "resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors."

The message was conveyed by the Secretary who returned with the resolve.

Mr. DINGLEY moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the resolve passed to be engrossed, and Tuesday next, at 3 o'clock P. M., assigned for consideration of the vote.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH, bill "an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways," was taken from the table and passed to be enacted, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1881.

No Chaplain present.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Petition of E. Webster and others, for charter for Bank at Orono, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on Temperance, on petition of Marshall P. Kelley and others, for repeal of chapter 247 of the laws of 1880, relating to the appointment and office of county constables, and the removal of county attorneys.

The question being on the substitution of the majority report, allowing the petitioners to withdraw, which was accepted in concurrence with the House.

On motion by Mr. BEATTY,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet on Monday, the 14th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to an additional session of the County Commissioners for Oxford county, reported bill "an act providing for an additional session of the County Commissioners of Oxford county," which was

accepted, the bill read once, and Monday, at 11 o'clock A. M., assigned for its second reading.

Mr. SANBORN, from the Committee on Agriculture, on bill "an act to amend chapter 58, section 10 of the revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies," that the same ought to pass, was accepted and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, reported the following resolves :

"Resolve authorizing a temporary loan ;"

"Resolve authorizing a temporary loan ;"

Which were accepted, the resolves each read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote of both branches of the Legislature, on "resolve in favor of the State Prison," reported an amended resolve, which was accepted.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to enable the towns and cities to aid in the construction of the Kennebec Central Railroad ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shipbuilders' and Shipmasters' Association ;"

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

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

Bill "an act to amend sect 4, chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to the attachment of the estates of absent defendants ;"

Bill "an act additional to an act to incorporate the Kennebec Log Driving Company, the Dead River Log Driving Company and the Moose River Log Driving Company ;"

Bill "an act relating to the Municipal Court of the town of Brunswick ;"

Bill "an act relating to the Reform School ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 205 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to registry of deeds from the State ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Biddeford and Saco Water Company ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Casco Bank ;"

Bill "an act to increase the toll of the Nahmakanta Dam Company ;"

Bill "an act in relation to fees for travel and attendance in the Superior Court for Kennebec county ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank of Portland ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Saco Water Company ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the North Bank ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

At 9.45 o'clock the Senate took a recess until 10.15.

10.15 O'CLOCK.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

Bill "an act providing for a lien on pressed hay," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend sections 66, 67 and 68 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and abatement of taxes," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House amended as per sheet "A."

The Senate reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted House amendment "A" and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order of the Legislature inquiring into the expediency of enacting a law to make complainant in appealed cases liable for costs, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on order of the Legislature inquiring into the expediency of abolishing imprisonment for debt, that legislation thereon is inexpedient ;

Which were accepted in concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act relating to levy of execution on real estate," reported the same in a new draft;

Which were accepted, the bills each read once and Monday assigned for their second reading.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act for the promotion of medical science," reported the same in a new draft, which was accepted and the bill laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

On motion by Mr. BAKER of Somerset,  
The Senate took a recess until 11.25.

11.25 O'CLOCK.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the judiciary and the constitutional provision requiring opinions therefrom, submitted a report, which was accepted. and the report laid on the table to be printed under the Joint Rule.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act relating to the criminal jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the County of Kennebec," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of James S. Conklin, for State bounty, reporting "resolve in favor of James S. Conklin," was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read once and laid on the table to be printed with statement of facts.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend chapter 206 of the public laws of 1880, relating to suits by collectors of taxes and the jurisdiction of trial justices," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to the improvement of marshes, meadows and swamps, reporting bill "an act authorizing the improvements of marshes, meadows



and swamps," which was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on County Estimates, on estimates of the several counties in the State for the years 1881 and 1882, reporting "resolve laying a tax on the counties of the State for the years 1881 and 1882," which was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read twice under suspension of the rules, House amendment "A" agreed to, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on Mines and Mining, on bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan Waukeag Mining Company," that the same ought to pass ;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the Milton Mining Company," that the same ought to pass ;

Were accepted, the bills each read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, and to the acts relating to the transportation of passengers and freight on railroads ;"

Bill "an act in relation to suits on administrators' and executors' bonds ;"

Bill "an act relating to drains and sewers in the city of Auburn ;"

Bill "an act to amend the charter of the Ocean Park Association ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 19 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Norridgewock to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the same ;"

"Bill an act relating to the Reform School ;"

"Bill an act to prohibit the taking of spawn herring within certain limits in Milbridge or Narraguagus bay ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 144 of the public laws of 1876, entitled 'an act relating to insurance companies ;'"

Bill "an act to authorize the county commissioners of York county, to locate and establish a highway across Spinney's creek;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Pleasant Cove Ice and Water Power Company;"

Bill "act to incorporate the Bear River Improvement Company;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, That a Committee of three be appointed on the business of the Senate, was read and passed, and

Messrs. Lord of Cumberland,

Mortland of Knox,

Bisbee of Oxford,

were appointed said Committee.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill "an act concerning the care of abused and neglected children," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Hancock,

The Senate took a recess until 1 o'clock.

Senator EMERY of Hancock, in the chair.

1 O'CLOCK.

Senate called to order by Senator EMERY.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of D. Sennete and others, that the town of Harpswell be authorized to build a bridge over Willis straits, reporting bill "an act to authorize the town of Harpswell to lay out a town way, and build a bridge from Bailey's island to Orr's island in said town," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. COFFIN,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1881.

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

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD of York,  
Messrs. Wakefield of York,  
Bisbee of Oxford,  
Taber of Waldo,

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President *pro tempore*.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee, subsequently reported as follows :

Whole number of votes.....	16
Necessary for a choice....	9
Hon. D. N. Mortland had.....	15
Scattering .....	1

The report was accepted, and Hon. D. N. Mortland having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected President *pro tempore*.

Mr. Mortland was conducted to the chair by Senator Emery of Hancock, and Senator Friend of Penobscot.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday was approved.

On motion by Mr. LOCKE,

*Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet at 4 o'clock this P. M.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, a message was sent to the Governor informing the Governor and Council that Hon. D. N. Mortland had been elected President *pro tempore* in the absence of the President.

On motion by the same Senator, a similar message was sent to the House.

The messages were conveyed by the Secretary.

Bill "an act to amend section 2 of chapter 100 of the revised statutes, relating to writ of audita querele," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill an act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, reporting bill "an act concerning public parks and squares," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and this P. M. assigned for its second reading.

Report of the same Committee, to which was recommitted bill an act to prevent railroad accidents, reporting in a new draft bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" agreed to, and this P. M. assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "an act relating to mortgages of real estate and actions thereon," reporting the same in a new draft, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and this P. M. assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve with regard to settlers' lots in township No. 17, range 7, now Wallagrass Plantation, Maine," amended in the House as per sheet "A," and passed to be engrossed, was read once and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on motion by Mr. EMERY.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury," passed to be engrossed in the House and in the Senate, finally passed in the House, indefinitely postponed in the Senate on its final passage, came back from the House, that branch insisting on its former vote and proposing a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Flint of Dover,  
Hilton of Kingsbury,  
Kennison of Williamsburg,

appointed as conferees.

Senate insists on its former vote, and joins as conferees,

Messrs. Wakefield of York,  
Emery of Hancock,  
Clarke of Lincoln.

"Resolve in favor of Eugene Michand," passed to be engrossed in the House, indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch insisting upon its former vote and proposing a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Dickey of Fort Kent,  
White of Levant,  
Hutchinson of Houlton,

appointed as conferees.

Senate insists, and joins as conferees,  
 Messrs. Emery of Hancock,  
 Dingley of Androscoggin,  
 Friend of Penobscot.

Bill "an act to amend section 28 of chapter 2 of the revised statutes, relating to notice upon petitions to the Legislature," passed to be engrossed in the House, indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch insisting upon its former vote and proposing a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. King of Caribou,  
 Strout of Portland,  
 Hutchinson of Houlton.

Senate insists, and joins as conferees,  
 Messrs. Dudley of Aroostook,  
 Pattangall of Washington,  
 Taber of Waldo.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

# STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
 Augusta, March 12, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act additional to chapter 71 of the revised statutes, concerning sales of real estate by license of court.

An act in relation to fees for travel and attendance in the Superior Court of Kennebec county.

An act relating to the Reform School.

An act to amend chapter 144 of the public laws of 1876, entitled "an act relating to insurance companies."

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 82 of the revised statutes, relating to attachment of the estates of absent defendants.

An act to amend chapter 205 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to registry of deeds from the State.

An act to amend section 19 of chapter 12 of the revised statutes, relating to parishes and religious societies.

An act to repeal chapter 160 of the public laws of 1877, in relation to a bounty on bears, and to provide for a bounty on bears.

An act additional to chapter 18 of the revised statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways.

An act in relation to suits on administrators' and executors' bonds.

An act additional to chapter 51 of the revised statutes, and to other acts relating to the transportation of passengers and freight by railroad.

Approved March 12, 1881.

On motion by Mr. WALKER,

*Ordered*, That there be printed for the use of the Senate, five hundred copies each of the reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Governor's address, and of the majority report of the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

Mr. EMERY offered amendment "A." Amend by adding "with the minority report thereof, exclusive of the Governor's address, the same having been heretofore printed," which was adopted, and the order as amended, read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD presented bill "an act to incorporate the American Bank;" also

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland Granite Bank;"

Which were referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE asked consent to present bill "an act explanatory of section 25 of chapter 27 as amended by section 3 of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to sale of cider."

The bill was received, and laid on the table to be printed, on motion by the same Senator.

Mr. CLARKE asked consent to present bill "an act to authorize the city of Rockland to retire or exchange its bonded indebtedness and to issue new bonds for that purpose."

The bill was received, and laid on the table to be printed, on motion by the same Senator.

Printed Bills :

Bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 92 of the revised statutes, relating to damage for flowage ;"

Bill "an act to enable certain towns to aid in the construction of the Boothbay Railroad ;"

Bill "an act for the promotion of medical science ;"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on that portion of the Governor's address relating to the Supreme Judicial Court ;

Were each read once and this P. M. assigned for their second reading.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 58, section 10 of the revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies ;"

Bill "an act to abolish the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Oxford ;"

Were each read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act relating to congressional vacancies," was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Pending its passage to be engrossed, Mr. BISBEE offered amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act relating to the criminal jurisdiction of the Superior Court for the County of Kennebec," was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act relating to levy of execution on real estate ;"

Bill "an act providing for an additional session of the county commissioners in Oxford county ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing Company ;"

Were read a second time and passed to be engrossed..

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BREWER, the vote whereby bill "an act to authorize the town of Harpswell to lay out a town way and build a bridge from Bailey's island to Orr's island in said town," passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, the bill laid on the table and this P. M., at 4.30 o'clock, assigned for further consideration.

On motion by Mr. DUDLEY,  
Adjourned.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

Bill "an act concerning public parks and squares ;"

"Resolve in favor of James S. Conklin ;"

Bill "an act relating to mortgages of real estate and actions thereon ;"

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

Bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The same Committee reported the following bills :

Bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 92 of the revised statutes, relating to damage for flowage ;"

Bill "an act for the promotion of medical science ;"

Bill "an act to enable certain towns to aid in the construction of the Boothbay Railroad ;"

Were each read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Printed Bills :

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend section 30 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to the examination and oaths of poor debtors."

The question being on substituting the minority report that the same ought to pass, which was accepted, yeas 12 nays 8.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Bisbee, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Lamson, Nutting, Sanborn, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—12.



Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Brewer, Clarke, Coffin, Dudley, Friend, Mortland, Parcher, Pattangall—8.

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

Mr. BISBEE, from the Oxford County Delegation, to whom was referred petition of James S. Wright and others, for change of salary of the Clerk of Courts for Oxford county, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee on Interior Waters, submitted their final report.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BREWER, bill “an act to authorize the town of Harpswell to lay out a town way, and build a bridge from Bailey’s island to Orr’s island in said town,” assigned for this P. M., was taken from the table, and on motion by the same Senator,

*Resolved*, That the same be indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. LAMSON, bill “an act for the protection of alewives,” was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, at 5.15 the Senate took a recess for thirty minutes.

5.45 O’CLOCK.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

House order :

The Senate concurring, that this Legislature adjourn finally on Friday, March 18th, was read and passed.

Subsequently, Mr. LAMSON moves to reconsider the vote, and laid the motion on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill “an act to amend sections 1 and 3 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes, relating to libraries, charitable societies and public cemeteries,” that the same ought not to pass ;

Report of the same Committee, on bill "an act providing for a lien on pressed hay," that the same ought not to pass ;

Were accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to supply the people of Waterville with pure water," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain volumes of the Maine reports," was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives, on order relating to apportionment of Senators and Representatives, reported the following order :

The House concurring, that as a basis for the apportionment of Senators and Representatives for the next decade, the number of the inhabitants of the State of Maine be fixed at 648,945, divided among the several counties, cities, towns, plantations and townships ;

Which was accepted and the order read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the same Committee, on order relating to a new apportionment of the State for Senators and Representatives, reported "resolve entitled 'resolve to apportion the State for Senators to the Legislature.'"

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on the same order, reported "resolve to apportion one hundred and fifty-one Representatives among the several counties, cities, towns, plantations and classes in the State of Maine."

Messrs. DUDLEY and TABER, of the same Committee, on the same order, submitted a minority report.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER, these several reports were laid on the table and ordered printed, together with the resolves.

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

Bill "an act in relation to the compensation of jailers for support of prisoners ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lime Rock Bank of Rockland ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Oakland Bank of Gardiner ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Bank ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 3 of chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate courts ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bank of Cumberland ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bath Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Canal Bank of Portland ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Freemans Bank of Augusta ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank of Waterville ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Rockland Bank of Rockland ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Gardiner Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the City Bank of Biddeford ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Norway Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Marine Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lejok Bank ;"

Bill "an act authorizing Levi W. Weston and others to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river at Skowhegan ;"

Bill "an act to regulate the practice in equity proceedings ;"

Bill "an act providing that paupers in a certain class of plantations shall be under the care of the assessors of such plantations ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Searsport Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Calais Bank ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 5 of chapter 107 of the revised statutes, relating to depositions ;"

Bill "an act to revive and amend chapter 44 of the special laws of the year 1872, entitled 'an act to authorize the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company to locate and construct branch lines,' approved February 6, 1872 ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 11, chapter 75 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the taking of smelts, entitled 'an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish ;'"

"Resolve in favor of Peter McKenzie ;"

"Resolve for the propagation of fish and game for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

"Resolve making an appropriation for the support of soldiers' orphans at the Bangor Children's Home for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

"Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Female Orphan

Asylum of Portland, for the support of soldiers' orphans therein for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

" Resolve in relation to the recording of certain papers and records now in the Land Office ;"

" Resolve in favor of printing 3,000 copies of the militia law of 1880 ;"

" Resolve in favor of an appropriation on roads, including bridge in Indian township, in the County of Washington ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN *Secretary*.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

" Resolve instructing our Senators and Representatives in regard to a general railroad law," which was referred to the Committee on Railroads in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill " an act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws of 1880, relating to auctioneers," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

In the House this bill was indefinitely postponed, and the Senate concurs with the House in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill " an act to amend section 4 of chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and this P. M. assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to authorize the town of Harpswell to lay out a town way and build a bridge from Bailey's island to Orr's island in said town," which was indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch insisting on its former vote, and proposing a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Bradstreet of Bridgton,  
McKellar of South Thomaston,  
Wentworth of Gardiner,

appointed on the part of the House.

Senate insists on its former vote, and joins as conferees,

Messrs. Hill of Hancock,  
Coffin of Washington,  
Brewer of Cumberland.

#### Printed Bills :

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Rockland to retire or exchange its bonded indebtedness, and to issue new bonds for that purpose," was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act explanatory of section 25 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to the sale of cider," was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to amend section 30 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to examination and oaths of poor debtors," which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, Mr. MORTLAND moved to reconsider the foregoing vote passing the bill to be engrossed, which motion was defeated, yeas 12, nays 14.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brewer, Clarke, Coffin, Dingley, Dudley, Friend, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings, Lord, Mortland, Parcher, Pattangall—12.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Bisbee, Cornish, Emery, Fernald, Flint,

Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Nutting, Sanborn, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—14.

So the Senate refused to reconsider, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreement of the two Houses, on the "resolve in favor of Eugene Michaud," reported that the Committee are unable to agree, and recommended that the Senate adhere to its former vote to indefinitely postpone, which was accepted, and the Senate adhered to its former vote.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend chapter 60 of the revised statutes, relating to divorce," that the same ought not to pass, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "an act to incorporate Rockland Granite Bank," that the same ought to pass ;

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill "an act to incorporate the American Bank," that the same ought to pass ;

Were accepted, and the bills each read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1881, amounting to the sum of one million sixty-three thousand five hundred nine dollars and ninety-one cents ;"

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1882, amounting to the sum of one million sixty-three thousand five hundred nine dollars and ninety-one cents ;"

Were each read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to regulate admission to the bar in this State ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the People's Bank ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Bank of Gardiner ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Mercantile Home for Aged Men Association ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 44, chapter 49 of the revised statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond ;"

"Resolve making appropriation in favor of the St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of orphans, therein, for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

"Resolve authorizing the sale of the State's interest in timber on township No. 8, range 16 ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads," assigned for this day, at 11 o'clock A. M., was taken from the table, the question being on the adoption of amendment "A," offered by Mr. LOCKE of Cumberland.

Pending discussion of the foregoing bill,

The hour having arrived, fixed by an order of the Senate to vote for a Senator in Congress of the United States from this State, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. James G. Blaine, and this being the second Tuesday subsequent to the reception of notice of such vacancy, the day designated by sections 14, 15, 16 and 17 inclusive, of chapter 1, Title II of the revised statutes of the United States, in relation to the election of Senator, the Senate proceeded by a *viva voce* vote of each member present to name a person for Senator in Congress from this State to fill said vacancy, and the roll being called,

The whole number of votes was .....	28
Necessary for a choice .....	15
Hon. William P. Frye had ....	23
Hon. Richard A. Frye had .....	5

And Hon. William P. Frye had a majority of the whole number of votes.

The Senators who voted for Hon. William P. Frye are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Locke, Lord, Mortland, Nutting, Parcher, Pattangall, Sanborn, Wakefield, Walker—23.

The Senators who voted for Hon. Richard A. Frye are :  
Messrs. Clarke, Friend, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings, Taber—5.  
The following Senators were absent :  
Messrs. Buxton, Sherman and Smith—3.

The Senate resumed consideration of bill “an act relating to the taxation of railroads.”

Mr. MORTLAND offered the following amendment to amendment “A,” by inserting after the word “Canada” the words, “and the Knox and Lincoln Railroad,” which was rejected.

The question then returned on the amendment marked “A,” offered by Mr. Locke, which was rejected, yeas 5, nays 23.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Brewer, Locke, Lord, Mortland, Nutting—5.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Clarke, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings, Lamson, Parcher, Pattangall, Sanborn, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—23.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. LOCKE offered amendment marked “B.” Amend section two by inserting after the word “one” in the thirteenth line the words “and one-half,” which was defeated, yeas 3, nays 18.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Locke, Lord, Nutting—3.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Emery, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings, Lamson, Mortland, Pattangall, Sanborn, Wakefield, Walker—18.

So the amendment was lost.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “an act to amend chapter 43 of the special laws of the year 1878, relating to the protection of bass in Winnegance creek,” was received from the House, the bill read once, and this P. M. assigned for its second reading.

Bill “an act to amend chapter 179 of the public laws of 1880, regulating the fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks, and their



deputies," was received from the House, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, "resolve making appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*Ordered*, The House of Representatives concurring, that the members of the two Houses of the Legislature convene in joint assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at 12 o'clock, meridian, of Wednesday, the 16th day of March instant, for the purpose of having read the Journal of each House relating to the vote for a Senator in Congress to fill the vacancy now existing, occasioned by the resignation of Hon. James G. Blaine of his office of Senator, and for such other proceedings in the matter of election of such Senator in Congress, as are required by the constitution and statutes of the United States.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Education, to which was recommitted bill relating to schools in the Madawaska territory, reported the same in a new draft, under title of bill "an act to amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory,'" and that it ought to pass, was accepted, the bill read once, and this P. M. assigned for its second reading.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND,  
Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Paper from the House :

"Resolve in favor of C. L. McClerry," was received from the House, the rules suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. NUTTING, from the Committee on Education, on bill "an act relating to schools in village districts," that the same ought not to pass, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. FLINT, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, submitted their final report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. COFFIN, from the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote on bill "an act to divide the town of Eaton, in the County of Washington, and incorporate the town of Forest City," reported that they are unable to agree, and recommend that the Senate adhere to its former vote, which was accepted.

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

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 43 of the special laws of the year 1878, relating to the protection of bass in Winnegance creek," was read a second time, and pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion by Mr. BREWER, laid on the table.

Subsequently, taken from table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Majority and minority report of the Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives, were read, and the majority report submitting "resolve to apportion the State for Senators to the Legislature," was accepted, the resolve read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives, were read.

The majority report reporting "resolve to apportion 151 Representatives among the several counties, cities, towns, plantations and classes in the State of Maine," was accepted, the resolve read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BUXTON asked consent to present bill "an act to incorporate the Carrabassett Bank of North Anson," which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Shipbuilders' and Shipmasters' Association ;"

Bill "an act to enable certain towns and cities to aid in the construction of the Kennebec Central Railroad ;"

Bill "an act concerning the care of abused and neglected children ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Ocean Bank of Kennebunk ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 26 of the public laws of 1880, relating to suits by collectors of taxes and the jurisdiction of trial justices ;"

Bill "an act relating to the pauper settlement of the inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum ;"

Bill "an act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to erect a boom across the Kennebec River at Brown's island ;"

Bill "an act concerning the improvement of marshes, meadows and swamps ;"

Bill "an act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others, to build and maintain piers and booms across Little Androscoggin river in the County of Androscoggin ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 58, section 10 of the revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies ;"

Bill "an act to enforce returns and publication of statements by corporations ;"

Bill "an act for the protection of alewives ;"

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1881, amounting to the sum of \$1,063,509.91 ;"

Bill "an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1882, amounting to the sum of \$1,063,509.91 ;"

"Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum ;"

"Resolve in favor of the State Prison ;"

"Resolve authorizing a temporary loan ;"

"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School ;"

"Resolve authorizing a temporary loan ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Bill "an act relating to proceedings and appeals in probate courts," assigned for 2.30 o'clock this P. M., was taken from the table.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Penobscot, the bill was re-tabled, and to-morrow assigned for further consideration.

"Resolve proposing an amendment of the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors," assigned for this P. M., was taken from the table.

The question being on the motion made by Mr. DINGLEY, to reconsider the vote whereby the resolve passed to be engrossed, which was agreed to.

Mr. DINGLEY offered amendment marked "A," which was adopted.

The question then returned on the passage of the resolve to be engrossed as amended, which was decided in the affirmative, yeas 18, nays 6.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Brewer, Buxton, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Fernald, Flint, Friend, Hill of Penobscot, Lamson, Lord, Nutting, Sanborn, Taber—19.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Emery, Hill of Hancock, Jennings, Mortland, Pattangall, Wakofield—6.

So the resolve passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Towns, on petition of E. Levasseur and others, to be set off from the town of Caribou and annexed to Connor plantation, reporting bill "an act setting off a part of the town of Caribou and annexing it to Connor plantation," was accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, House amendment "A" agreed to, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan Waukeag Mining Company," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House amended as per sheet "A."

Senate receded from its vote passing bill to be engrossed, agreed to House amendment "A," and passed bill to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Milton Mining Company," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House amended as per sheet "A."

Senate receded from its vote passing bill to be engrossed, agreed to House amendment "A," and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act additional to chapter 233 of the private and special laws of 1880, incorporating the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad," that the same ought to pass in a new draft, was accepted in concurrence.

The bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs, on petition of Maine soldiers and sailors, for loan of the battle flags in the State House, reporting "resolve in favor of the loan of the battle flags," was accepted in concurrence.

In the House, the resolve was refused a passage.

On motion by Mr. FLINT,

*Resolved*, That the resolve be indefinitely postponed, which was passed, yeas 16, nays 4.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Baker, Berry, Bisbee, Buxton, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Flint, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Hill of Penobscot, Lamson, Mortland, Parcher, Taber—16.

Those who voted in the negative are:

Messrs. Beatty, Brewer, Fernald, Nutting—4.

So the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. CORNISH moved to reconsider the above vote, which was lost.

Report of the Committee on Education, to which was recommitted bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Pedagogical Society," that

the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote of the two Houses of the Legislature, on bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences," reporting that the House adhere to its former vote.

The Committee on the part of the Senate, reporting that the Senate reconsider its vote, and concur with the House in passing the bill to be engrossed, which was accepted.

The vote whereby the Senate indefinitely postponed the bill was reconsidered, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on "resolve with regard to settlers' lots in township No. 17, range 7, now Wallagrass plantation," was accepted in concurrence.

The bill read twice under suspension of the rules, House amendment "A" agreed to, further amended in the Senate as per sheet "B," and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to provide schools for training of teachers in Madawaska territory,' as amended by chapter 190 of the special laws of 1879," was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve laying a tax on the counties of the State for the years 1881 and 1882," came from the House amended as per sheet "A."

Senate reconsiders its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, agrees to House amendment "A," and passes the bill to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill "an act amendatory to 'an act relating to the schools in the city of Portland,' approved Feb. 10, 1875," came from the House amended as per sheet "A."

Senate reconsiders its vote passing bill to be engrossed, agrees to House amendment "A," and passes the bill to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Report of the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses, on bill "an act relating to forcible entry and

detainer and tenancies," recommend that the Senate recede and concur with the House, which was accepted.

The vote whereby the bill was indefinitely postponed, was reconsidered.

Mr. WALKER offered amendment marked "A," which was adopted.

The question then returned on the passage of the bill as amended to be engrossed, which was defeated, yeas 12, nays 13.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Bisbee, Brewer, Buxton, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Lord, Nutting, Sanborn, Walker—12.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Beatty, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Friend, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings, Locke, Mortland, Parcher, Taber, Wakefield—13.

So the passage of the bill was defeated.

Mr. MORTLAND moved to reconsider the foregoing vote, which was lost.

Mr. PARCHER, from the Committee on Education, submitted their final report, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Majority and minority report of the Joint Special Committee on the State of the Commonwealth, the question being on the acceptance of the majority report, which was decided in the affirmative, yeas 16, nays 5.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Beatty, Bisbee, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Mortland, Nutting, Parcher, Sanborn, Walker—16.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Dudley, Friend, Hill of Penobscot, Jennings, Taber—5.

So the majority report was accepted in concurrence.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State, transmits the annual report of the State Librarian for the year 1880, was read and sent down.

On motion by Mr. HILL of Hancock,  
Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

WEDNESDAY, March 16, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Bill "an act to incorporate the Brunswick Bank," was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Maine Shipbuilders' and Shipmasters' Association,'" was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on petition of the assessors of the town of Stockton, for the refunding of a portion of the State tax of said town for the year 1880, reporting "resolve in favor of the town of Stockton," which was accepted in concurrence, and the resolve indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act to amend chapter 34 of the revised statutes, relating to auctioneers," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on petition of inhabitants of Monticello, for aid in building a bridge, reporting "resolve in aid of a bridge in the town of Monticello," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes, relating to mills and their repairs," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House indefinitely postponed.

Senate recedes from its vote passing bill to be engrossed, and indefinitely postponed the bill in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House indefinitely postponed.



Senate insists on its former vote, and proposes a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Berry of Kennebec,  
Brewer of Cumberland,  
Flint or Piscataquis,

appointed as conferees.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Piscataquis," passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House indefinitely postponed.

Senate insists on its former vote, and proposes a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Flint of Piscataquis,  
Bisbee of Oxford,  
Taber of Waldo,

as conferees.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve for the abatement of the State tax for the year 1880 assessed upon the St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company," indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch passing the same to be engrossed.

Senate recedes from its vote to indefinitely postpone, and passes the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. LAMSON, the foregoing vote was reconsidered, and the bill laid on the table, on motion of the same Senator.

Mr. FERNALD, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted their final report, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

#### STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, March 16, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you

that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act in relation to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners.

An act to amend section 44, chapter 49 of the revised statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond.

Approved, March 15, 1881.

An act to regulate the practice in equity proceedings.

An act to amend section 11, chapter 75 of the public laws of 1878, relating to the taking of smelts, entitled "an act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish."

An act to amend section 5 of chapter 107 of the revised statutes, relating to depositions.

An act providing that paupers in a certain class of plantations shall be under the care of the assessors of such plantations.

An act concerning the care of abused and neglected children.

An act to amend chapter 206 of the public laws of 1880, relating to suits by collectors of taxes and the jurisdiction of trial justices.

An act relating to the pauper settlement of inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

An act to amend section 3 of chapter 72 of the revised statutes, relating to probate bonds.

Approved, March —, 1881.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on State Valuation, on an order to inquire into the expediency of a different method of taking the valuation of the State, that the same be referred to the next Legislature, was accepted, and the order referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 4 of the revised statutes, in relation to lists of voters, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "an act to incorporate the Carrabassett Bank," that the same ought to pass, was accepted, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote of the two Houses, on "resolve in favor of the town of Kingsbury," reporting that the Committee are unable to agree, and recommend that the Senate adhere to its vote to indefinitely postpone, which was accepted, and the Senate adhered to its former vote.

Mr. PATTANGALL presented majority report of the Committee to investigate the charges against the management of the Insane Hospital; also

Minority report, signed by Mr. Eaton of the House Committee, on same matter;

Mr. DUDLEY presented a minority report on the same matter; Which several reports were laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, presented "resolve in favor of Sprague and Son," which was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WAKEFIELD, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing vote on the majority and minority reports relating to mackerel fishing on the coast of Maine, reported that they are unable to agree with the House Committee, and recommend that the Senate adhere to its former vote, which was accepted, the Senate adhering to its former vote.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

The Senate took a recess until 11.57 o'clock.

11.57 O'CLOCK.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on State Valuation, submitted their final report, which was accepted.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted their final report, which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The hour of 12 o'clock, meridian, having arrived, the time fixed by section 15 of chapter 1, title II of the revised statutes of the United States, for the two Houses of the Legislature to convene in Joint Assembly for the purpose therein mentioned, the Senate proceeded to the Representatives' Hall, where a convention was formed.

#### IN CONVENTION.

The Journal of each House for the preceding day, relating to the election of United States Senator, was read, and Hon. William P. Frye having received a majority of all the votes in each House, was declared duly elected Senator to represent the State of Maine in the Congress of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. James G. Blaine.

Mr. BISBEE of the Senate, presented the following :

#### STATE OF MAINE.

In Convention of the two Houses of the Legislature, convened in Joint Assembly, at 12 o'clock, meridian, of Wednesday, March 16, 1881.

The Journal of each House relating to the votes cast for a Senator in Congress, having been read, and it appearing that William P. Frye has received a majority of all the votes in both Houses, therefore

*Ordered*, That William P. Frye be and hereby is declared duly elected Senator in Congress to fill the vacancy now existing, occasioned by the resignation of Hon. James G. Blaine of his office as Senator.

*Ordered further*, That the Secretary of the Convention forthwith inform the Governor of the election and declaration thereof by the Legislature of Hon. William P. Frye as Senator in Congress for the term of the vacancy hereinbefore mentioned.

The Secretary immediately informed the Governor in accordance with the above order.

The Convention then dissolved.

#### IN SENATE.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER,  
Adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

The Senate took a recess for thirty minutes.

3.15.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

On motion by Mr. PATTANGALL,

*Ordered*, That Senator Coffin of Washington, be excused from further attendance at this session, after Thursday, March 17th, and that the Secretary make up his pay for the session.

Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee on Library, submitted their final report;

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Reform School, submitted a similar report;

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Claims, submitted a similar report;

Which were each accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. LORD, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of Eben Webster and others, to be incorporated into an association by the name of the Orono Bank, reported bill "an act to incorporate the Orono Bank," which was accepted, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Hancock, from the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote of the two Houses, on bill "an act to authorize town of Harpswell to lay out a town way and build a bridge from Bailey's island to Orr's island in said town," reported that they are unable to agree, and recommend that the Senate adhere to its former vote, which was accepted, and the Senate adhered to its vote indefinitely postponing the bill.

On motion by Mr. TABER,

The Senate took a recess until 4 o'clock.

4 O'CLOCK.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, bill "an act relating to proceedings and appeals in probate courts," was taken from the table.

Pending its passage to be engrossed, the same Senator offered amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act to amend section 4 of chapter 57 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads;"

Bill "an act to enable certain towns to aid in the construction of the Boothbay Railroad;"

Bill "an act relating to congressional vacancies;"

Bill "an act to supply the people of Waterville with pure water;"

Bill "an act relating to levy of executions on real estate;"

Bill "an act relating to mortgages of real estate and actions thereon;"

Bill "an act concerning public parks and squares;"

Bill "an act to authorize the city of Rockland to retire or exchange its bonded indebtedness, and issue new bonds for that purpose;"

Bill "an act relating to the criminal jurisdiction of the Superior Court for the County of Kennebec;"

Bill "an act providing for an additional session of the county commissioners in Oxford county;"

Bill "an act to amend section 66, 67 and 68 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to the assessment and abatement of taxes;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing Company;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported the following bill:

Bill "an act to amend chapter 179 of the public laws of 1880, regulating the fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks and their deputies;"

Pending its passage to be enacted, on motion by Mr. MORTLAND, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. LAMSON, "resolve for the abatement of the State tax for the year 1880, assessed upon the St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company," was taken from the table.

Mr. LAMSON moved to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate voted to concur with the House, passing bill to be engrossed, which was lost.

The bill then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. DINGLEY asked permission to present bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act for the promotion of medical science,'" which was received, the rules being suspended, the bill was read twice, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY,

The Senate took a recess until 5 o'clock.

5 O'CLOCK.

Senate call to order by the PRESIDENT.

"Resolve fixing the number of copies of the report of the Railroad Commissioners to be printed at the expense of the State," was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on bill "an act to incorporate Brunswick Bank," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of Piscataquis county," came back from the House, that branch refusing to join conferees, and adhering to its former vote.

Mr. PATTANGALL, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, on an order relating to an investigation of charges against the Insane Hospital, reported "resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Insane Hospital," that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, the resolve read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HILL, from the Penobscot County Delegation, on the petition of the Clerk of Courts of Penobscot county for increase of salary, that the petitioner has leave to withdraw, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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THURSDAY, March 17, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act relating to the election of county commissioners," that the same be referred to the next session of the Legislature, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on "resolve relating to unsettled accounts with the State," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, the resolve read twice under suspension of the rules, House amendment "A" agreed to, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on report of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, reporting "resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882," was accepted in concurrence, and the resolve as amended in the House per sheet "A," was read twice, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting bill "an act to provide for securing better qualified teachers for common schools," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.



Majority and minority reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on various petitions relating to a change in the divorce laws.

The question being on substituting the minority report, submitting bill "an act relating to divorce," for the majority report, which was accepted in concurrence, and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill "an act to amend chapter 13, section 3 of the revised statutes, relating to the practice of medicine and surgery," was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Reform School, on order relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls, reporting "resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls," and recommend its reference to the next Legislature, was accepted in concurrence, and the resolve referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on order to amend section 6, chapter 125 of the acts and resolves of 1879, reporting bill "an act to amend section 6 of chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, relative to the salary of the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of Portland," reporting the same in a new draft, and that the same ought to pass, which was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, House amendment "A" agreed to, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on order to inquire what legislation is necessary, if any, for the protection of persons liable to school district taxation in districts where they do not reside, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," on which a Committee of Conference was proposed by the Senate, came back from the House, that branch concurring in the proposition, and joining

Messrs. Bridgham of Buckfield,

Perry of Poland,

Trufant of Harpswell,

on the part of that branch.

“Resolve proposing an amendment of the constitution of the State of Maine, relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors,” passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House indefinitely postponed.

Senate adheres to its vote passing resolve to be engrossed.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, March 17, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act to amend chapter 58, section 10 of the revised statutes, relating to agricultural societies.

An act to amend sections 66, 67 and 68 of chapter 6 of the revised statutes, relating to assessment and abatement of taxes.

An act to enforce returns and publication of statements by corporations.

An act providing for an additional session of the county commissioners in Oxford county.

An act concerning public parks and squares.

An act for the protection of alewives.

An act authorizing the improvement of marshes, meadows and swamps.

An act relating to criminal jurisdiction of the Superior Court for the County of Kennebec.

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 51 of the revised statutes, relating to railroads.

An act relating to levy of execution on real estate.

Approved March 16, 1881.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee of Conference, on disagreeing vote of the two Houses, on “resolve in favor of the Maine State

College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, reported that the committee are unable to agree, and recommend that the Senate adhere to its former vote, which was accepted.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER, a new Committee of Conference was appointed, with

Messrs. Parcher of Androscoggin,  
Hill of Hancock,  
Cornish of Kennebec,

as conferees.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently returned with

Messrs. Bradstreet of Bridgton,  
Bird of Rockland,  
Cook of Lewiston,

joined on the part of that branch.

On motion by Mr. PATTANGALL,

*Ordered*, That the Hon. David Dudley, State Senator from the County of Aroostook, be excused from further service, and the Secretary of the Senate make up his pay for the session.

Mr. CLARKE, from the Committee on Library, on "resolve in relation to the Documentary History of Maine," that the same ought to pass, was accepted, the resolve read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill "an act additional to chapter 73, special laws of 1878, relating to the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation," was accepted, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order of the Legislature, relating to fixing the fees of appraisers and commissioners at a certain sum per day, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WALKER, from the Committee on Towns, submitted their final report;

Mr. BREWER, from the Committee on Fisheries and Game, submitted a similar report ;

Which were accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "an act relating to proceedings and appeals in probate courts ;"

Bill "an act additional to chapter 233 of the private and special laws of 1880, incorporating the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company ;"

Bill "an act to extend the time for the location of the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Milton Mining Company ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 85 of the special laws of 1878, entitled 'an act to provide schools in Madawaska territory,' as amended by chapter 190 of the special laws of 1879 ;"

Bill "an act to abolish the December Term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Oxford ;"

Bill "an act to prevent railroad accidents ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Maine Pedagogical Society ;"

Bill "an act explanatory of section 25 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1880, in relation to the sale of cider ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 43 of the special laws of the year 1878, relating to the protection of bass in Winnegance creek ;"

Bill "an act relating to the taxation of railroads ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 9 of chapter 92 of the revised statutes relating to damage by flowage ;"

"Resolve in favor of C. L. McCleery ;"

"Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

"Resolve amendatory to the 'resolve in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians,' approved Feb. 21, 1866 ;"

"Resolve laying tax on the counties of the State for the years 1881 and 1882 ;"

"Resolve in favor of James S. Conklin ;"

"Resolve for the abatement of the State tax for the year 1880, assessed upon the St. Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company ;"

“Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain volumes of the Maine reports;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The same Committee reported the following bill:

Bill “an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences.”

Pending its passage to be enacted, Mr. BISBEE offered amendment “A,” “to strike out section two.”

The vote whereby the foregoing bill passed to be engrossed, reconsidered, amendment “A” adopted, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

At 11.30 o'clock, the Senate took a recess for thirty minutes.

12 O'CLOCK.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

Majority and minority reports from the Committee on Insane Hospital.

On motion by Mr. PATTANGALL, the majority report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on “resolve instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress, in regard to a general railroad law,” that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of George Stetson and others, for an act of incorporation, reporting bill “an act to incorporate the Bangor Manufacturing Company,” which was accepted in concurrence, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill “an act granting Levi C. Flint and others the permission to build a railroad from Monson to Athens,” reporting the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass, which was accepted in concurrence, the bill read

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

Mr. PARCHER, from the Second Committee of Conference, on "resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," reported that they are unable to agree, and recommended that the Senate adhere to its former vote, which was accepted.

On motion by Mr. BAKER,  
Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Papers from the House :

Report of the Committee on Education, on an order directing the Committee to inquire if any legislation is necessary to carry into effect the 4th item of section 71 of chapter 11 of the revised statutes, reporting "resolve to enable the State Superintendent of Common Schools to hold teachers' meetings, as provided in item 4th of section 71, chapter 11 of the revised statutes," which was accepted, and the resolve indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of W. W. Thomas and others, for school suffrage for women.

The question being on substituting the minority report, reporting bill "an act permitting female citizens to vote in school matters," was decided in the negative, yeas 5, nays 20.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Baker, Brewer, Coffin, Dudley, Emery—5.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Beatty, Berry, Bisbee, Cornish, Dingley, Fernald, Flint, Friend, Hill of Hancock, Hill of Penobscot, Lamson, Lord, Mortland, Nutting, Parcher, Pattangall, Sanborn, Taber, Wakefield, Walker—20.

The question then returned on the acception of the majority report, allowing the petitioners to withdraw, which was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, on bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for

the year 1882," was accepted, the bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator, from the Special Committee of the Railroad and Financial Committees, joined by a special order of the Legislature, on bill "an act to exempt the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad from taxation," that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

*Ordered*, The House concurring, that when the advance copies of the revision of the statutes, provided for by resolve approved March 8, 1881, be received by the Secretary of the State, that officer shall cause one copy thereof to be sent to each member of the present Legislature, one copy to each Justice of the Supreme and Superior Courts, one copy to each of the Clerks of Courts, and deliver one copy to each head of department, twenty-five copies to the Governor and Council, and retain the balance for the further order of the Legislature.

Read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, requesting the return to that branch of Senate document No. 65, "resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts."

The resolve was returned to the House in compliance with the above request.

Mr. PATTANGALL, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, asked permission to present bill "an act to amend section 11 of chapter 150 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salaries of certain State and county officers, and the pay and compensation of certain State employees," which was read twice under suspension of the rules, and pending its passage to be engrossed, Mr. HILL of Penobscot, offered the following amendment "A." To strike out "twelve" and insert "ten," which was decided in the negative, yeas 3, nays 19.

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Messrs. Hill of Penobscot, Mortland, Taber—3.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Baker, Beatty, Bisbee, Brewer, Coffin, Cornish, Dingley, Dudley, Emery, Fernald, Flint, Hill of Hancock, Lamson, Lord, Nutting, Parcher, Pattangall, Wakefield, Walker—19.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. BEATTY offered amendment marked "B." Adding after the word "not" in the 8th line of section 1 and in 7th line in section 2, the words, "less than nine hundred nor," which was adopted, and the bill as amended per sheet "B" passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill "an act to amend chapter 179 of the public laws of 1880, regulating the fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks and their deputies," was taken from the table, and passed to be enacted, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion by Mr. PARCHER, "resolve to enable the State Superintendent of Common Schools to hold teachers' meetings, as provided in item 4th of section 71, chapter 11 of the revised statutes, which the Senate indefinitely postponed in concurrence with the House, the vote was reconsidered.

The bill read twice under suspension of the rules, and pending its passage to be engrossed, Mr. BISBEE offered amendment marked "A," which was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "an act to authorize certain cities and towns to aid in the construction of the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad," received from the House.

The bill was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Pending its passage to be engrossed, Mr. DINGLEY offered amendment marked "A," which was adopted.

Mr. BEATTY offered amendment "B," which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. DINGLEY, the bill as amended was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BERRY, from the Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives, which was instructed by an order of the Legis-



lature to take into consideration the enumeration of the inhabitants of this State, asked permission to report the accompanying resolve :

“ Resolve in favor of the Joint Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives,” which was accepted, the resolve read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the York County Delegation, on petition of Moses A. Safford, Register of Probate for the County of York, for restoration of salary, reporting bill “ an act to establish the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the County of York,” was accepted in concurrence.

Senate non-concurred in the action of the House to indefinitely postpone the bill, and passed the same to be engrossed under suspension of the rules, the bill having been read twice.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “ an act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural productions,” passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House amended as per sheets “ A” and “ B.”

Senate agrees to House amendments, and indefinitely postpones the bill.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries and Game, on bill “ an act to regulate the taking of fish in the Kennebec river and its tributaries,” that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Majority and minority reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on bill “ an act to amend section 30 of chapter 113 of the revised statutes, relating to examination and oath of debtors,” came back from the House, that branch non-concurring in the action of the Senate and accepting the majority report, that the bill ought not to pass.

Senate adheres to its former vote.

“ Resolve amendatory of the ‘ resolves relating to the Documentary History of Maine,’ passed March 1st, A. D. 1867,” passed to

be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House referred to the next session of the Legislature.

Senate recedes from its former vote and refers in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relating to lands held by the European and North American Railroad, reporting bill "an act to promote the settlement of wild lands in this State," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to capital offences by convicts under sentence of imprisonment for life, reporting bill "an act for the punishment of convicts under sentence of imprisonment for life, who shall kill any person within this State," was accepted in concurrence.

In the House, this bill was referred to the next session of the Legislature.

The bill was read once, and laid on the table, on motion by Mr. MORTLAND, and to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, assigned for further consideration.

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

Bill "an act for the promotion of medical science ;"

Bill "an act additional to an act entitled 'an act for the promotion of medical science ;'"

"Resolve to apportion 151 Representatives among the several counties, cities, towns, plantations and classes in the State of Maine ;"

"Resolve to apportion the State for Senators to the Legislature ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Communication from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, March 17, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

GENTLEMEN :—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you

that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act to prevent railroad accidents.

An act to abolish the December Term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Oxford.

An act relating to congressional vacancies.

An act to amend section 9 of chapter 92 of the revised statutes, relating to damage by flowage.

An act explanatory of section 25 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 247 of the public laws of 1878, in relation to the sale of cider.

An act relating to proceeding and appeals in probate courts.

An act relating to the taxation of railroads.

Approved March 17, 1881.

Communications were received as follows from the Governor, declining to approve bills to incorporate certain banks :

#### STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Augusta, March 17, 1881. }

*To the Honorable the President of the Senate :*

I return herewith acts to incorporate the following banks, being unable to give the same my official approval, for the reasons and objections stated in my message of the 16th to the House, returning the bill entitled "an act to incorporate the Casco Bank."

HARRIS M. PLAISTED.

Bill "an act to incorporate the Norway Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Lejok Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Merchants' Bank, Waterville."

Bill "an act to incorporate the People's Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Richmond Bank."

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Bank."

The communications were each read, and the several bills, on motion by Mr. EMERY, were laid on the table, together with the communications.

On motion by Mr. EMERY,

Adjourned.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1881.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday was approved.

Papers from the House :

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill "an act to extend the time for locating and constructing the Northern Arrostook Railroad," reporting the same in a new draft, and that it ought to pass, which was accepted in concurrence, and the bill referred to the next Legislature in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, bill "an act for the punishment of convicts under sentence of imprisonment for life, who shall kill any person within this State," was taken from the table, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the foregoing bill was returned from the House, that branch adhering to its former vote.

"Resolve on the pay roll of the House," was received from the House, which was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act to amend chapter 179 of public laws of 1880, regulating the fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks, and their deputies.

An act for the promotion of medical science.

An act additional to an act for the promotion of medical science.

Approved March 17, 1881.

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

Bill "an act additional to chapter 73 of the special laws of 1878, relating to the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation ;"

Bill "an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1882."

Bill "an act to amend section 13, chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences ;"

Bill "an act to amend chapter 140 of the public laws of 1879, relating to normal schools ;"

Bill "an act to amend so much of section 2, chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, as relates to clerk hire in the Secretary of State's department ;"

Bill "an act granting Levi C. Flint and others the permission to build a railroad from Monson to Athens ;"

Bill "an act setting off a part of the town of Caribou and annexing it to Connor plantation ;"

Bill "an act to amend section 11 of chapter 150 of the public laws of 1879, relating to the salaries of certain State and county officers, and the pay and compensation of certain State employees ;"

Bill "an act amendatory to 'an act relating to the schools in the city of Portland, approved February 10, 1875 ;'"

Bill "an act establishing the salary of the Clerk of the Judicial Courts for the County of York ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Bangor Manufacturing Company ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Sullivan Waukeag Mining Company ;"

Bill "an act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of Portland ;"

Bill "an act establishing the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Androscoggin ;"

Bill "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the Maine Shipbuilders' and Shipmasters' Association, approved March 15, 1881.'"

“Resolve in relation to invitation to the President of the United States to visit the State of Maine;”

“Resolve relating to unsettled accounts with the State;”

“Resolve in regard to settlers’ lots in township No. 17, range 7 in Wallagrass plantation;”

“Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on the Insane Hospital;”

“Resolve in favor of Sprague and Son;”

“Resolve fixing the number of copies of the report of the railroad commissioners to be printed at the expense of the State;”

“Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts;”

“Resolve making appropriation for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882;”

“Resolve to provide for the erection of an additional building to the Maine Insane Hospital;”

“Resolve to enable the State Superintendent of common schools to hold teachers’ meetings, as provided in item 4th, section 71, chapter 11 of the revised statutes;”

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. EMERY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, in relation to contract for printing and binding in paper covers 500 copies of the revised statutes, reported that they have contracted with William M. Marks of Portland for same, and submitting contract for above work, which was accepted, and the contract approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government,” came from the House passed to be engrossed, which was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. CORNISH, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, presented “resolve on the pay roll of the Senate;”

The same Senator, from the same Committee, presented “resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate, for the payment of bills

for advertising, and newspapers for the Legislature, Council, Valuation Commission and departments ;”

Which were each read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill “an act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural productions,” indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch insisting on its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposing a Committee of Conference, with

Messrs. Pitcher of Belfast,  
McAllister of Bucksport,  
Verrill of Portland,

as conferees.

Senate recedes from its former vote, and joins as conferees,

Messrs. Mortland of Knox,  
Hill of Hancock,  
Berry of Kennebec.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill “an act to revive the charter of the Piscataquis Central Railroad,” that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Bill “an act to regulate the taking of fish in the Kennebec river and its tributaries,” indefinitely postponed in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch adhering to its former vote.

Senate adheres to its former vote to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, on bill “an act to incorporate the Dexter, Katahdin and Houlton Railroad Company,” that the same be referred to the next session of the Legislature, which was accepted in concurrence, and the bill referred as above in concurrence.

“Resolve in favor of the Joint Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives,” was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Pending the final passage of the same, on motion by Mr. BERRY the resolve was laid on the table.

Subsequently, the same Senator moved to take the resolve from

the table, and on his motion, the vote passing the resolve to be engrossed was reconsidered.

The same Senator offered amendment marked "A," which was agreed to, and the resolve as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MORTLAND, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses, on bill "an act to amend chapter 38 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural productions," reporting that the committee had agreed upon changing the title of the bill, as follows: Bill "an act to repeal section 53, chapter 224 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural productions," and recommend that the Senate recede from its vote to indefinitely postpone the bill and concur with the House in passing the bill, under new title, to be engrossed.

The report was accepted, and the bill read twice, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, requesting the return of bill "an act additional to chapter 73 of the special laws of 1878, relative to the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation."

The bill having been sent to the Governor, on motion by Mr. EMERY, a message was sent to the Governor requesting the return of the bill.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary, who subsequently returned with the bill.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD,  
Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, bill "an act additional to chapter 73 of the special laws of 1878, relative to the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation," was taken from the table and returned to the Governor by the Secretary.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on bill "an act to amend section 5 of the public laws of 1876, relating



to the taxation of insurance companies," that the same ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill "an act for the punishment of convicts under sentence of imprisonment for life, who shall kill any person within this State," came from the House, that branch adhering to its former action to indefinitely postpone.

On motion by Mr. MORTLAND, the Senate adhered to its former vote.

Mr. DINGLEY, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, submitted their final report;

Mr. BEATTY, from the Committee on Financial Affairs, submitted a similar report;

Which were each accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government ;"

Bill "an act to establish the salaries of the Judge and Register of Probate for the County of York ;"

Bill "an act to repeal section 53 of chapter 224 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural productions ;"

"Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate, for the payment of bills for advertising, and newspapers for the Legislature, Council, Valuation Commission and departments ;"

"Resolve on the pay roll of the House ;"

"Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate ;"

"Resolve in favor of the Joint Committee on Apportionment of Senators and Representatives ;"

Which several bills were each passed to be enacted, and the resolves were finally passed in concurrence, and having been signed by the President, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

The following communication was received from Hon. J. O. Smith, Secretary of State :

## STATE OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Augusta, March 18, 1881. }

*To the President of the Senate and*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the requirements of section 2 of chapter 1 of the revised statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is herewith appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH O. SMITH, *Secretary of State.*

An act to repeal section 53, chapter 224 of the public laws of 1874, relating to the inspection and sale of agricultural productions.

An act establishing the salary of the Clerk for the County of York.

An act to amend section 13 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes, relating to partition fences.

An act to amend chapter 140 of the public laws of 1879, relating to Normal schools.

An act to amend so much of section 2, chapter 125 of the public laws of 1879, as relates to clerk hire in the Secretary of State's department.

An act concerning the salary of Deputy Clerk of Courts for Cumberland county.

Approved March 18, 1881.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Smith, its Clerk, informing the Senate that that branch had acted on all business referred to it, and were now prepared to adjourn without day.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, a message was sent to the House, stating that the Senate had acted on all business referred to them, and were now ready to adjourn without day.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. BISBEE,

*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. Bisbee of Oxford,  
Lord of Cumberland,  
Friend of Penobscot,

were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently came back concurred, with

Messrs. Staples of Parsonsfield,  
Strout of Portland,  
Hatch of Bangor,  
Ritchie of Winterport,  
Rowell of Hallowell,  
Partridge of Bristol,  
Smith of Mt. Vernon,

joined by that branch.

The following message was received from the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Augusta, March 18, 1881. }

*To the Honorable the President of the Senate :*

I return herewith, resolve entitled " resolve to apportion the State for Senators to the Legislature ;" also resolve entitled " resolve to apportion 151 Representatives among the several counties, cities, towns, plantations and classes in the State of Maine," being unable to give the same my official approval.

Section 2, article 4, part first of the constitution, provides that " the Legislature shall within every period of at most ten years and at least five, cause the number of inhabitants of the State to be ascertained *exclusive of foreigners not naturalized and Indians not taxed*. The number of representatives shall at the several periods of making such enumeration, be fixed and apportioned among the several counties as near as may be, according to the number of inhabitants, having regard to the relative increase of population."

The only basis of representation contemplated by the constitution is this " enumeration " of the " inhabitants of the State *exclusive of foreigners not naturalized and Indians not taxed*."

The apportionment, provided for in the resolve, of the number of representatives to the several counties, is not based upon the inhab-

itants thereof "*exclusive* of foreigners not naturalized and Indians not taxed," but inclusive of both classes. In this respect therefore the resolve, as it seems to me, after such reflection as I have been able to give to it, is not in accordance with the fundamental law.

In the division of the State into senatorial districts the constitution provides that "the districts shall conform, as near as may be, to county lines, *and be apportioned according to the number of inhabitants.*"

It is within the discretion of the Legislature, therefore, to disregard county lines, and it is its duty so to do, when an adherence to county lines would defeat this primary object of the constitution, namely, that "the districts shall \* \* be apportioned according to the number of inhabitants." Confirmation of the districts, "as near as may be, to county lines," is a secondary object.

In the resolve before me the senatorial districts are not fairly "apportioned according to the number of inhabitants," but arbitrarily, according to county lines. For instance, Piscataquis county with 14,873 inhabitants is entitled to elect one Senator, while Waldo with over 32,000 is entitled to elect but one, and so of Somerset with over 32,000 inhabitants; while Oxford county with only 100 more inhabitants than Waldo, is entitled by the resolve to elect two Senators. Again, Somerset and Waldo with an aggregate population of 64,807 are given but two Senators, while Kennebec with only 53,061 is given three Senators.

In the apportionment of Representatives to the cities, the cities are given a larger representation than, as it seems to me, they are entitled to under the plain provisions of the constitution, at the expense of the towns. In some instances the apportionment seems entirely arbitrary. Saco, with a population of 6,396, for instance, is given two Representatives, while Biddeford with 12,652, is accorded the same number.

The classification of towns are equally arbitrary, unfair, unjust and, as it seems to me, unduly partisan.

I recommend that the existing apportionment and classification, be by resolve extended until January 1st, 1883, and that provision be made for ascertaining, in the mean time, the number approximately of the "*foreigners not naturalized and Indians not taxed.*"

Therefore, withholding my approval of the resolves, I return the same to the House in which they originated, with my objections.

HARRIS M. PLAISTED.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, the message together with the resolves, were laid on the table.

On motion by the same Senator,

The Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock P. M.

### EVENING SESSION.

7 O'CLOCK.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, the Governor's message, with accompanying "resolve to apportion 151 Representatives among the several counties, cities, towns, plantations, and classes in the State of Maine," was taken from the table.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, a Select Committee of three on the part of the Senate were appointed, consisting of

Messrs. Emery of Hancock,

Mortland of Knox,

Bisbee of Oxford,

to whom was referred the above message and resolve.

On motion by Mr. CORNISH, the Senate took a recess until 10 o'clock.

10 O'CLOCK.

Senate called to order by the PRESIDENT.

On motion by Mr. WAKEFIELD, the Senate took a further recess until 11 o'clock.

11 O'CLOCK.

Senate called to order.

Mr. EMERY, from the Select Committee on the part of the Senate, to whom was referred the Governor's message, and "resolve to apportion 151 Representatives among the several counties, cities, towns, plantations, and classes in the State of Maine," presented the following report.

The Special Committee of the Senate, to which was referred the apportionment resolves, and the message of the Governor, stating his objections thereto, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report as follows:

The first objection stated by the Governor is, that there has been no proper ascertainment of the inhabitants of the State as a basis of apportionment under the constitution. As this objection, if well founded, is fundamental, and would apply with equal force to any apportionment that might be made at this session, the other objections do not require consideration at this time.

Your Committee believe that the taking of a State census would involve an expense that would be unwarranted, even if it were permissible under any construction of the constitution.

The constitution does not require that a State census should be taken. It provides that the Legislature "shall cause the number to be ascertained," but does not state the mode. The Legislature may do it in any manner that satisfies itself. The first apportionment under the constitution in 1821, was made upon a basis of numbers ascertained from the United States census. This construction of that constitutional provision, by the first Legislature elected under it, and composed partly of members of the convention that framed the constitution, would seem to be a safe precedent. Among the members of that Legislature were Nicholas Emery, Peleg Sprague, Joseph Howard and other distinguished citizens of the new State. Every apportionment under the constitution has been upon the basis of numbers ascertained in the same way. Each Legislature making such apportionment has had among its members distinguished lawyers of both political parties. This contemporaneous and repeated construction of this constitutional provision, has become too well fixed to be now questioned. The Legislature has always and properly determined that the census by the United States officers of the inhabitants of this State, is the best ascertainment of their number, and an adoption thereof a sufficient compliance with the constitution.

If the Governor's first objection is well founded, then no constitutional apportionment has ever been made by any Legislature of Maine.

This Legislature has in its own way caused the number of the inhabitants of the State to be ascertained, exclusive of foreigners not naturalized and Indians not taxed, and its determination is final. The method of ascertainment and compliance with this constitutional provision is in no way under the Executive supervision, control or dictation. The enumeration is not by bill or resolve requiring

Executive approval, nor is it any part of the apportionment resolves, or in any way before the Executive.

The Governor's recommendation to extend the present rule of apportionment till 1883, is open to the same objection made to the present resolves. Such a resolve would be the making of a new apportionment with no better basis than that of the present resolves. It would not have so correct a basis. It would have no basis. Neither can the Committee find any warrant in the constitution for making an apportionment in 1881, on the basis of an ascertainment of numbers made in 1871, nor for making an apportionment for two years only.

Such an apportionment could not be changed for at least five years, and would work an injustice to those counties and towns now justly entitled to increase representation.

These considerations, with the fact that the message was received after the Legislature had finished its business, and was ready to adjourn, and the further fact, that the failure of Congress to make an apportionment of Representatives in Congress, will require an extra session of the Legislature, before another election, induce the Committee to recommend that no further action be taken upon the resolves or the message at this session.

The Committee believe the Executive ought not to impugn the fairness or sincerity of the Legislature; that the other objections stated in the message will be found to be without reasonable foundation when the principle of the apportionment is correctly understood; that the Legislature has endeavored in good faith to perform its constitutional duty, following the beaten paths of its predecessors; and that the responsibility of the failure of its endeavor does not rest with it.

L. A. EMERY,  
D. N. MORTLAND,  
GEORGE D. BISBEE.

The report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. EMERY, the resolves were laid on the table.

Mr. BISBEE, from the Committee appointed to wait on the Governor, reported that they had attended to 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. Joseph O. Smith, came in and laid before the Senate the following communication :

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Augusta, March 18, 1881. }

*To the Senate and House of Representatives :*

I transmit herewith, a list of the titles of the acts and resolves passed during the present session of the Legislature and approved by me ; also the title of one act that became a law by remaining five days in my hands, numbering in all 260 acts and 66 resolves.

I have no further communication to make.

(Signed)

HARRIS M. PLAISTED.

*Titles of Acts passed by the present Legislature and approved by the Governor.*

PUBLIC LAWS.

An act to amend section 169 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the sale of real estate of resident owners for taxes.

An act to amend section 168, chapter 225, Public Laws of 1880, relating to the Militia.

An act additional to chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 241 of the Public Laws of 1874, relating to Burying Grounds.

An act to amend section 19 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public and private ways.

An act relating to suits to enforce Liens.

An act additional to section 1 of chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes, to regulate the manufacture and sale of Vinegar.

An act to amend section 8 of chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fast driving on bridges.

An act to amend chapter 174 of the Public Laws of 1877, relating to administrators, executors and trustees.

An act relating to actions against Insolvent Estates.

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Libraries, Charitable Societies and Public Cemeteries.

An act to amend section 40, chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, relating to city ordinances.



An act to repeal section 31 of chapter 239 of the Public Laws of 1880, and to amend section 56 of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the report of the Insurance Commissioner.

An act relating to licenses to keep Bowling Alleys and Billiard Rooms.

An act to amend section 15 of chapter 74 of the Public Laws of 1878, as amended by chapter 154 of the Public Laws of 1879, relating to the Insolvent Laws of Maine.

An act to amend section 48 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to highway taxes.

An act to amend section 7 of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 148 of the Public Laws of 1873, relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies.

An act amending section 65 of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to Accident Insurance Policies.

An act to amend chapter 86, section 13, of the Revised Statutes, relating to Trustees' costs.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 182 of the Public Laws of 1874, relating to unclaimed goods held by common carriers.

An act to amend section 22 of chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, relating to witness fees and false certificates.

An act relating to appointments of Administrators, with the will annexed.

An act relating to Civil Actions in behalf of the State.

An act to amend chapter 186 of the Public Laws of 1877, entitled "an act requiring Railroad Corporations to be holden for labor," which chapter is additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Railroads.

An act to amend item fifth of section 24 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, relating to powers and obligations of school districts.

An act to amend section 12, chapter 43 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Meridian Lines.

An act additional relating to the Insolvent Laws of Maine.

An act declaring Women eligible to certain school offices.

An act to amend chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Taxes.

An act regulating the weight of Salt.

An act in relation to the times of holding sessions of the County Commissioners.

An act relating to Costs in actions of dower.

An act additional to sections 14, 15, 16 and 18 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Parishes.

An act to repeal chapter 145 of the Public Laws of 1879, relating to Insurance.

An act to repeal chapter 106 of the Public Laws of 1879, relating to costs of travel and attendance of parties in court.

An act to amend chapter 193 of the Public Laws of 1874, relating to Clerks of Judicial Courts.

An act to amend section 62 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the powers and duties of Auditors.

An act explanatory of section 3 of chapter 78 of the Public Laws of 1878, relating to Tramps.

An act to amend section 6 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Jurisdiction of Probate Courts.

An act relating to practice in the Supreme Judicial Court.

An act to amend section 156 of chapter 225 of the Public Laws of 1880, concerning the Militia.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to travel of Trial Justices and Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum.

An act to amend section 67 of chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to punishment for bribery and corruption at Elections.

An act to amend chapter 163 of the Public Laws of 1877, relating to Loitering in Public Places.

An act to amend chapter 83 of the Public Laws of 1872, relating to granting new trials.

An act to amend chapter 6, section 10 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the taxation of wood, bark and timber.

An act to amend section 13 of chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes, relating to conveyances in mortgage, and conveyances in trust.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, concerning manufacturing, mining and quarrying corporations.

An act to amend section 18 of chapter 189 of the Public Laws of 1874, relating to Railroad Crossings.

An act to abolish continuance fees in certain Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts of the State.

An act for the better protection of life in buildings used for public purposes.

An act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes and to other acts relating to the transportation of passengers and freight by railroad.

An act in relation to suits on Administrators' and Executors' Bonds.

An act additional to chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to damages for land taken for highways.

An act additional to chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes, concerning sales of real estate by license of court.

An act in relation to fees for travel and attendance in the Superior Court of Kennebec County.

An act relating to the Reform School.

An act to amend chapter 144 of the Public Laws 1876, entitled "an act relating to Insurance Companies."

An act to repeal chapter 160 of the Public Laws of 1877, in relation to a bounty on bears, and to provide for a bounty on bears.

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to attachment of the estates of absent defendants.

An act to amend chapter 205 of the Public Laws of 1880, in relation to Registry of Deeds from the State.

An act to amend section 19 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Parishes and Religious Societies.

An act to regulate admission to the Bar in this State.

An act to amend section 44, chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, and to require the Insurance Commissioner to give bond.

An act in relation to the compensation of Jailors for the support of Prisoners.

An act providing that Paupers in a certain class of plantations, shall be under the care of the Assessors of such plantations.

An act to amend section 5 of chapter 107 of the Revised Statutes, relating to depositions.

An act to amend section 11, chapter 75 of the Public Laws of 1878, relating to the taking of smelts, entitled "An act to regulate and protect fisheries and the propagation of fish."

An act to regulate the practice in Equity Proceedings.

An act to amend section 3 of chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Probate Bonds.

An act relating to the Pauper settlement of inmates of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

An act to amend chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1880, relating to suits by collectors of taxes and the jurisdiction of Trial Justices.

An act concerning the care of abused and neglected children.

An act to amend sections 66, 67 and 68 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the assessment and abatement of Taxes.

An act authorizing the improvement of Marshes, Meadows and Swamps.

An act relating to the criminal jurisdiction of the Superior Court for the County of Kennebec.

An act concerning Public Parks and Squares.

An act for the protection of Alewives.

An act to amend chapter 58, section 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Agricultural Societies.

An act to enforce returns and publication of statements by Corporations.

An act relating to levy of execution on Real Estate.

An act providing for an additional session of the County Commissioners in Oxford County.

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroads.

An act concerning the salary of the Deputy Clerk of Courts for Cumberland County.

An act relating to mortgages of real estate and actions thereon.

An act to prevent Railroad Accidents.

An act to abolish the December term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Oxford.

An act relating to Congressional vacancies.

An act to amend section 9 of chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, relating to damage for flowage.

An act explanatory of section 25 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 247 of the Public Laws of 1880, in relation to the sale of cider.

An act relating to proceedings and appeals in Probate Courts.

An act relating to the Taxation of Railroads.

An act to amend chapter 179 of the Public Laws of 1880, regu-

lating the fees of inspectors of lime and lime casks, and their deputies.

An act for the promotion of Medical Science.

An act additional to an act entitled "An act for the promotion of Medical Science."

An act to amend so much of section 2, chapter 125 of the Public Laws of 1879, as relates to clerk hire in the Secretary of State's Department.

An act to amend chapter 140 of the Public Laws of 1879, relating to Normal Schools.

An act to amend section 13 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Partition Fences.

An act to repeal section 53, chapter 224 of the Public Laws of 1874, relating to the inspection and sale of Agricultural Productions.

#### PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

An act to incorporate the Ocean Park Association.

An act to incorporate the Dyer Library Association.

An act to incorporate the Mount Desert Reading-Room, at Bar Harbor, in the town of Eden, Hancock County.

An act to revive the Charter of the Calais Bank for certain purposes.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Ocean Street Railroad Company," approved March 4, A. D. 1880.

An act to authorize the sale of the Old Baptist Meeting-House in Mount Vernon.

An act to incorporate the Auburn Steam Heating Company.

An act additional to chapter 275 of the Private and Special Laws of 1863, conferring certain powers on the city of Portland in relation to Evergreen Cemetery.

An act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Washington to re-assess certain Taxes.

An act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Somerset to re-assess certain Taxes.

An act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a dam across the Pemaquid River.

An act to facilitate the consolidation of the Maine Turning Company, and the International Turning Company.

An act to incorporate the Portland and Rochester Railroad.

An act to authorize the extension of certain wharves in Portland Harbor.

An act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company.

An act to authorize the Little Androscoggin Water Power Company to increase its capital stock.

An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Manufacturing Company.

An act to incorporate the Norombega Sportsmen's Club.

An act to incorporate the Maine Sportsmen's Association.

An act to increase the capital stock of the Auburn Aqueduct Company.

An act for the protection of Trout and Land-Locked Salmon in Kennebago and Rangeley chain of lakes and streams.

An act for the protection of fish in Hosmer's Pond, in the town of Camden.

An act to change the boundary line between the towns of Berwick and South Berwick.

An act to incorporate the Piscataquis Game and Fish Protective Society.

An act to prohibit the taking of fish from Messabesic Pond and its outlet in the town of Alfred.

An act to amend section 2, chapter 105, of the Private and Special Laws of 1879, relating to the taking of alewives in Denny's River.

An act to incorporate the town of Van Buren.

An act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Franklin to re-assess certain taxes.

An act to amend chapter 392 of the Special Laws of 1877, in relation to navigation of Mooselucmeguntic Lake.

An act to incorporate the Tebbets Manufacturing Company.

An act to increase the capital stock of the Kennebec Fibre Company.

An act to prevent the destruction of Smelts in Cold Stream Pond and its tributaries in the town of Enfield.

An act to enable the Aroostook River Railroad Company to extend its road.

An act to incorporate the Van Buren Lumbering and Manufacturing Company.

An act authorizing the county commissioners of the County of Piscataquis to discharge the assessment of a tax made by them, and to include the amount thereof in another assessment.

An act for the protection of fish in Sabbath Day Pond, in the town of Sebago.

An act to set off Ephraim Grant and others, with their lands, from the town of Columbia, and annex the same to the town of Cherryfield.

An act to make valid the doings of the South Buxton Cemetery Association.

An act to authorize Charles A. J. Farrar to dredge bars, blast rocks, and navigate the Richardson Lakes and intervening waters by steam.

An act for the navigation of Winnecook Lake, in the County of Waldo.

An act to authorize John S. Jenness to erect a wharf or wharves in tide waters in the town of Hampden.

An act to set off a part of the homestead farm of Jonathan G. Record from Crystal Plantation, and annex the same to the town of Sherman.

An act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company."

An act to enable the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine, to remove, re-build, or repair St. James Parish Church of Oldtown.

An act to repeal chapter 110 of the Special Laws of 1866, relating to the preservation of pickerel in Winthrop Ponds.

An act to incorporate the Lewiston Steam Heating Company.

An act relating to Good Templars' Hall in Dexter.

An act to amend "An act to incorporate the Westbrook Manufacturing Company," approved February 25, 1845.

An act empowering the county commissioners of Penobscot County, to purchase, take and appropriate land for a ferry landing in the town of Brewer.

An act to amend "An act to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn."

An act to protect fish in Lufkin Pond in the town of Phillips.

An act to incorporate the Rockport Village School Corporation.

An act to incorporate the town of Howard.

An act to incorporate the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company.

An act granting permission to extend the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad.

An act to authorize the Bridgton Telegraph Company to discontinue and remove its present line of telegraph, and to own, construct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph along the line of certain railroads, if built.

An act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Company.

An act providing for the election of a superintending school committee and superintendent of schools in the city of Biddeford.

An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Railroad Company.

An act to change the location of part of the Harbor Commissioners' Line in Portland Harbor.

An act to amend chapter 200 of the Private and Special Laws of 1876, relating to fishing in Hewes pond, in the town of Hermon.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Katahdin Dam Company."

An act to enable the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Orchard Beach Railroad.

An act to amend chapter 541 of the Private Laws of 1871, entitled "an act to incorporate the Penobscot and Lake Megantic Railroad Company."

An act to incorporate the Island Cottage Company.

An act to make valid and legal the doings of the First Universalist Society in Bridgton.

An act to provide in part for the Expenditures of Government.

An act to incorporate the Flood Pond Stream Dam Company.

An act additional to an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Sebois Dam Company," approved February 22, 1869.

An act relating to the Maine Central Institute.

An act for the protection of fish in Barrell's mill pond, in the town of York.

An act in relation to the Salmon and Alewife fishery in the Medomak river, in the town of Waldoborough.

An act to establish the Eclectic Medical College of Maine.

An act to amend chapter 49 of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to "Bangor Boom Company."



An act to incorporate the Boothbay Telegraph Company.

An act to incorporate the Monson Village Corporation.

An act to amend the charter of the Wassataquoik Dam Company, as amended by act approved February 20, A. D. 1879.

An act to prevent fishing in Pleasant pond in the town of Garland, in the County of Penobscot.

An act to protect fish in Sabbath Day pond and its tributaries in the town of New Gloucester.

An act to authorize the city of Bangor to make an agreement that a part of the net earnings of the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad may be appropriated each year, to pay the interest on the cost of extending said road to Moosehead lake, and for a sinking fund to pay the cost or such extension.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to amend an act to establish a Municipal Court in the city of Biddeford," approved February 6, 1877.

An act to incorporate the Kennebec Central Railroad Company.

An act to incorporate the Eastern Telegraph Company.

An act to confer certain powers upon the inhabitants and officers of the town of Eden.

An act extending the right of the Municipal Officers of the city of Portland to send for persons and papers.

An act to amend chapter 613 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1852, relating to the Pleasant River Dam Company.

An act to prevent the taking of fish from Great Watchic pond, in the town of Standish, for the term of five years.

An act to amend chapter 147 of the Private and Special Laws of 1879, relating to the taking of fish from the tributaries of Wilson pond in the city of Auburn.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 578 of the Special Laws of 1868, relating to the taking of Salmon in Dennys river.

An act to incorporate the Maine Shore Line Railroad Company.

An act to provide for the mode of collecting tolls and making assessments by the Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company.

An act to repeal 453 of the Private and Special Laws of 1865, entitled "an act to increase the tolls of the Baskahegan Dam Company."

An act to incorporate the Skowhegan and Athens Railroad Company.

An act to incorporate the Mexico and Byron Railroad Company.

An act relating to the taking of fish from No Name pond in the city of Lewiston.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act additional to the charter of the Hallowell Academy," approved February 28, 1872.

An act to incorporate the Twin Lead and Hecla Mining and Smelting Company of Bluehill, Me.

An act to authorize the town of Anson to refund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the same.

An act to authorize the extension of the Bucksport and Bangor Railroad.

An act to empower the fish committees of the towns of Nobleborough and Newcastle to protect the alewives returning from their spawning beds in Damariscotta pond, in the county of Lincoln, to the fish stream of said towns.

An act to authorize the city of Belfast to pay its bonded indebtedness and to issue new bonds for that purpose.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 178 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1879, relating to the issue of bonds in aid of the Knox and Lincoln Railroad.

An act to amend chapter 158 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1879, relating to the charter of the city of Calais.

An act to amend the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company.

An act to authorize James A. Creighton and his assigns to plant, propagate and preserve oysters in the waters of Georges river and tributary streams.

An act to incorporate the Boothbay Railroad Company.

An act to permit the Bridgton and Presumpscot River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road.

An act to supply the people of the towns of Brunswick and Topsam and of the city of Bath with pure water.

An act for the navigation of Cobbosseecontee lake in the County of Kennebec.

An act authorizing ten or more persons to construct and maintain a free bridge across the Georges river.

An act to incorporate the Maine State Bar Association.

An act to improve the channel of the Magalloway River, and facilitate the driving of logs and other lumber.

An act permitting Lothrop L. Crockett to raise a Dam or Dams.  
An act to incorporate the Jimmy Brook and Scagg Rock Company.

An act to incorporate the Great Pond and Bog Dam Company.

An act to incorporate the Bear River Improvement Company.

An act to incorporate the Pleasant Cove Ice and Water-Power Company.

An act to prohibit the taking of Spawn Herring within certain limits in Milbridge or Narraguagus Bay.

An act to provide in part for the Expenditures of Government.

An act additional to an act entitled "An act to change the name and increase the Capital Stock of the Palmer and Machiasport Railroad Corporation," approved February 28, 1845.

An act to authorize the Cobb Lime Company to subscribe for stock in the corporation known as the Cobb Lime Company's Portland Cement.

An act to authorize the trustees of the Methodist Church property at Kent's Hill in the town of Readfield, to sell and convey the Methodist parsonage at Kent's Hill.

An act to incorporate the Biddeford and Saco Water Company.

An act additional to acts incorporating the "Kennebec Log Driving Company," the "Dead River Log Driving Company," and the "Moose River Log Driving Company."

An act to increase the tolls of the Nahmakanta Dam Company.

An act relating to Drains and Sewers in the city of Auburn.

An act to amend the Charter of the Ocean Park Association.

An act to incorporate the Saco Water Company.

An act to authorize the county commissioners of York County to locate and establish a highway across Spinney's Creek.

An act to authorize the town of Norridgewock to re-fund the bonds issued in aid of the Somerset Railroad Company, and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the same.

An act to incorporate the West End Railroad Company, with authority to construct, maintain and use a Horse-Railroad.

An act to incorporate the Mercantile Home for Aged Men Association.

An act authorizing Levi W. Weston and others to erect and maintain a boom in the Kennebec river, at Skowhegan.

An act to revive and amend chapter 44 of the Special Laws of

the year 1872, entitled "An act to authorize the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company to locate and construct branch lines," approved February 6, 1872.

An act to incorporate the Maine Ship Builders and Ship Masters Association.

An act to enable certain towns and cities to aid in the construction of the Kennebec Central Railroad.

An act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to erect a boom across the Kennebec river at Brown's Island.

An act to extend the time for organizing the Farmers Bank.

An act to authorize Benjamin Conant and others to build and maintain Piers and Booms across Little Androscoggin River in the County of Androscoggin.

An act to supply the people of Waterville with pure water.

An act to enable certain towns to aid in the construction of the Boothbay Railroad.

An act to incorporate the Cushnoc Manufacturing Company.

An act for the assessment of a State Tax for the year 1881, amounting to the sum of \$1,063,509.91.

An act for the assessment of a State Tax for the year 1882, amounting to the sum of \$1,063,509.91.

An act to authorize the city of Rockland to retire or exchange its bonded indebtedness, and to issue new bonds for that purpose.

An act additional to chapter 233 of the Private and Special Laws of 1880, incorporating the Kennebec and Franklin Telephone and Telegraph Company.

An act to extend the time for the location and completion of the Lewiston and Augusta Railroad.

An act to incorporate the Milton Mining Company.

An act to amend chapter 43 of the Special Laws of the year 1878, relating to the protection of Bass in Winnegance Creek.

An act to incorporate the Maine Pedagogical Society.

An act to amend chapter 85 of the Special Laws of 1878, entitled "an act to provide schools for the training of teachers in Madawaska territory," as amended by chapter 190 of the Special Laws of 1879.

An act granting Levi C. Flint and others the permission to build a railroad from Monson to Athens.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1882.

An act amendatory to "An act relating to the schools in the City of Portland," approved February 10, 1875.

An act to incorporate the Sullivan Waukeag Mining Company.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Maine Ship Builders and Ship Masters Association," approved March 15, A. D. 1881.

An act setting off a part of the town of Caribou, and annexing it to Connor plantation.

An act to incorporate the Junction Railway Company of Portland.

An act to incorporate the Bangor Manufacturing Company.

An act additional to chapter 73 of the Special Laws of 1878, relative to the Cumberland and Oxford Canal Corporation.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

An act to incorporate the Freemans Bank of Augusta.

*Titles of Resolves passed by the present Legislature and approved by the Governor.*

#### RESOLVES.

Resolve in favor of Newell Joseph, Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Nicolar, Representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the town of Mayfield.

Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual.

Resolve authorizing the Librarian to deliver certain documents to the Maine Historical Society.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Resolve in favor of the town of Washington.

Resolves in favor of the French Spoliation Claims.

Resolve in favor of Henry Nash of Addison.

Resolves relating to East River Bridge.

Resolve requesting the Attorney General to prepare and obtain a

deed of certain Settlers' lots of land from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Resolve to authorize the Land Agent to settle certain accounts with members of the Maine Swedish Colony.

Resolve relating to a bond held in trust by the State, for the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Maine General Hospital, for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve in favor of the State Library.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on State Prison.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin M. Nutter.

Resolve in favor of Almira E. Cobb.

Resolves relating to Hell Gate Pilot Laws.

Resolve in favor of the Special Committee of the House to investigate charges against Thomas B. Swan.

Resolve in favor of Thomas Loveley of Mapleton Plantation.

Resolve in favor of Warren W. Rice.

Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent.

Resolve in favor of Oak Grove Seminary.

Resolve in favor of the County of Franklin.

Resolve for the revision and consolidation of the Public Laws of the State.

Resolve establishing a general Valuation of the State.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Military Affairs.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on Reform School.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Resolve in favor of Emery Brewer.

Resolve in favor of Peter McKenzie.

Resolve authorizing the sale of the State's interest in timber on township number 8, range 16.

Resolve in relation to the recording of certain papers and records now in the Land Office.

Resolve in favor of printing three thousand copies of the Militia Law of 1880.

Resolve for the propagation and protection of Fish and Game, for the years of 1881 and 1882.

Resolve in favor of an appropriation on Roads, including Bridge in Indian Township, in the County of Washington.

Resolve making an appropriation for the support of Soldiers' Orphans, at the Bangor Children's Home, for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of Soldiers' Orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve making an appropriation in favor of the Female Orphan Asylum of Portland, and for the support of Soldiers' Orphans therein, for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.

Resolves authorizing a Temporary Loan.

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Resolve in favor of the State Prison.

Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

Resolve amendatory to the "Resolve in relation to the Penobscot tribe of Indians," approved February 21, 1866.

Resolve laying a tax on the counties of the State for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve in favor of James S. Conklin.

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to purchase certain volumes of the Maine Reports.

Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve in favor of C. L. McCleery.

Resolve for the abatement of the State tax for the year 1880, assessed upon the Saint Croix and Penobscot Railroad Company.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Standing Committee on Insane Hospital.

Resolve relating to unsettled accounts with the State.

Resolve to provide for the erection of an additional building to the Maine Insane Hospital.

Resolve in relation to Invitation to the President of the United States, to visit the State of Maine.

Resolve in regard to Settlers' lots in township No. 17, range 7, now Wallagrass plantation.

Resolve fixing the number of copies of the report of the Railroad Commissioners, to be printed at the expense of the State.

Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the years 1881 and 1882.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

Resolve to enable the State Superintendent of Common Schools to hold teachers' meetings, as provided in item four of section 71, chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes.

Resolve in favor of the Joint Committee on apportionment of Senators and Representatives.

Resolve in favor of the Secretary of the Senate, for the payment of bills for advertising and newspapers for the Legislature, Council, Valuation Commission and Departments.

Resolve on the Pay Roll of the House.

Resolve on the Pay Roll of the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Sprague and Son.

Mr. MORTLAND presented the following :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to Charles W. Tilden, Secretary, and George E. Minot, Assistant Secretary of the Senate, for the able and impartial manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

To which the Secretary responded.

Mr. WALKER presented the following :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are due and are hereby extended to Messenger Lovejoy ; Assistant Messenger Voter, Folder Flint, and Page Prescott, for the prompt and faithful manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

Which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. TABER said :

Mr. PRESIDENT : When a few more words are spoken our labors will have been accomplished and we shall separate, to go to our several homes. But, before the gavel falls for the last time, I ask your indulgence for one moment.

When I entered this chamber it was as an entire stranger to every one. I had had no legislative experience and I desire to testify to the uniform kindness and courtesy that I have received from every



member of this Senate. I shall look back to this session as among the pleasantest days of my life, and feel proud to be counted an associate of the honorable gentlemen who composed the Senate of Maine for 1881.

Mr. SECRETARY: It is with pleasure that I present the following resolve. I desire that the vote thereon be taken by rising.

*Resolved*, That the Senate tenders to the Hon. Joseph A. Locke its appreciation of the marked ability with which he has discharged the duties required of him, as its presiding officer; the fidelity with which they have been performed, and the uniform courtesy and fairness, which have distinguished his official intercourse with its members.

Mr. EMERY then rose and said:

Mr. PRESIDENT: The Senator who last spoke was one who has served his first term in this Legislature. I have served in this branch, have occupied the same seat for two terms, and it is with an earnest feeling of sincerity, and without any intention of disparagement of any former associates, that I say the members who have comprised this Senate, have shown an earnestness of purpose in their legislative duties, a hurrying of action and a prompt dispatch of their work, unparalleled in either of the other Legislatures that I have had the honor to be connected with.

Many measures that I have advocated during the session have been defeated, and many more that I have opposed have been carried triumphantly over all opposition, yet in every action I think we may trust the voice of the majority of this Legislature, and rest content that what they have done will be for the best good of the State. I go from this Legislature never again to return as a member in all probability, yet I shall always carry with me an earnest regard for my associates here, and pleasant memories of our connection. To you, Mr. President, is due in a large measure the success of this session. You have always been impartial, and the breadth of your parliamentary knowledge has been of inestimable value to all, and in all honesty I can second the sentiments voiced in the resolve offered by the Senator from Waldo.

Mr. JENNINGS said :

Mr. PRESIDENT : Although I may have been forced to neglect my legislative duties to some extent, yet I cannot suffer the Senate to adjourn without saying a few words in the same line of thought as those uttered by the Senators from Waldo and Hancock. This has been my first experience in Legislative Halls, and it has completely overthrown the previous notions that I had formed of legislative bodies and their actions. I had formed my opinions from newspapers, from conversation and various sources, and expected to see here wranglings and efforts to force through measures without any pretence of fairness. I am truly glad to find that my anticipations were unrealized, and that those views were erroneous and unfounded, if I may judge from this Legislature.

I concur most heartily with what the Senator from Hancock (Emery) says in regard to the high and honest motives and generous feelings that have existed throughout the session among the members of this Senate, and to you, Mr. President, I feel under personal obligations. The course you have taken is one of pre-eminent fairness in your rulings without favor to any. It is a matter of congratulation that we had a presiding officer who was so equally disposed towards us all.

In conclusion let me say that though my business matters will cause my moving to another State, I shall carry with me a feeling of profound respect for the members of this Legislature, and of deep regret that I shall never again be associated with you as a member of the Senate of Maine.

Mr. WALKER said :

Mr. PRESIDENT : Owing to the lateness of the hour, I will merely say I heartily concur with what has been said by the Senators who have spoken and in the sentiment of the resolve presented by the Senator from Waldo (Taber.)

Mr. PARCHER said :

Mr. SECRETARY : I most heartily concur with the sentiment of the resolve presented by the Senator from Waldo (Taber). That our President has presided with dignity, ability and impartiality, I believe every Senator at this board will concede. We have finished our work for the session, and how well the future must determine.

That our actions have been governed by a desire to do the right I think we can all of us claim. Our deliberations have been more than usually harmonious and have left no sting behind, and this should be largely attributed to the courtesy and fairness that have governed our actions. And, fellow Senators, the time has come to say good-bye. To each and all I most heartily thank you for your kindness, forbearance and sympathy in time of affliction. We may and probably never shall all meet again. May heaven's blessing rest upon you all.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr LOCKE, President of the Senate, responded as follows :

SENATORS: Our feelings on the present occasion are aptly expressed by the Poet—

“ We carry not a heart with us from hence,  
That grows not in a fair consent with ours;  
Nor leave not one behind that doth not wish  
Success and conquest to attend on us.”

Should we review the annals of past Legislatures, could we find a session during which there has been less of personal antagonism, or more admiration for the integrity and ability of others than during this of 1881?

We met, many of us, strangers; we shall part friends, with a consciousness of having done our duty to the State, while attending to the interests of our different localities.

The change in our State Constitution as to biennial sessions, has imposed upon us an immense amount of business, and there has been brought before this Legislature an unusual number of questions of great importance, affecting the best interests and welfare of the people. In your disposition of them, you have earned, and I doubt not, will receive the approval of your several constituencies. With pleasure I testify to the ability and fidelity of each Senator in the discharge of his duties, both in Committee and on the floor of this chamber, and I trust and hope your reward hereafter will be more commensurate, than the compensation here received.

Senators, I thank you for the courtesy I have continuously received at your hands during this session. In accepting the office which your partiality assigned me, I felt many misgivings as to my ability to perform its duties acceptably to you all. In this chamber

your kind indulgence and forbearance have made those duties a pleasure, and without the pleasant smile and cordial grasp of the hand have assured me of your co-operation and support. I thank you for the generous expressions contained in the resolution you have adopted, and for the kindness manifested towards me in the remarks you have made. In the future I shall have the kindest remembrance of you each and all, and I trust that the friendships here formed will grow stronger as the years roll on.

Our labors are ended, the parting hour has come, and as we look forward to a pleasant return to our friends and an active participation in the busy scene of life, we yet linger to say good-bye. It is not probable we shall all meet together here again. We shall all meet together in the great hereafter.

I hope to welcome you each at my home, there to strengthen the bonds of friendship which now bind us so closely together.

And now, Senators, wishing you a safe return to your homes, I perform my last official duty and declare this Senate adjourned *sine die*.

The PRESIDENT at 12.30 A. M., March 19th, 1881, declared the Senate adjourned without day.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

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I certify that the foregoing is a true transcript of the Journal of the Senate of the Sixtieth Legislature of the State of Maine.

ATTEST :

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary*.

## SENATE ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES.

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After the reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business :

1st. House papers not acted on ; and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve.

2d. Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.

3d. The reception and reference of petitions, and such other papers, except bills and resolves, as require action by a committee.

4th. The report of committees, and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve. Bills, resolves, etc., offered by senators, and their reference or first reading.

5th. Bills and resolves reported by the committee on bills in the second reading.

6th. Bills on their passage to be enacted, and resolves on their final passage.

When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but,

1st. To adjourn.

2d. To lay on table.

3d. To postpone to a day certain.

4th. To commit.

5th. To amend.

6th. To postpone indefinitely.

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

Questions of concurrence or otherwise with the House shall have precedence of each other in the following order :

1st. To recede.

2d. To concur.

3d. To insist.

4th. To adhere.

A motion to adjourn shall always be first in order, and shall be decided without debate.

The name of the senator presenting petitions, memorials and remonstrances, should be endorsed on the back thereof, *near the bottom*, with the place of his residence.

The senator presenting an *order*, should put his name thereto on the inside, at the bottom of the page, on the left, with the place of his residence.

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RULES.

1. The president shall take the chair at the time to which the senate stands adjourned; but in case of his absence at such time, the secretary shall preside until a president *pro tempore* be chosen.

2. At the first session of each day, on the appearance of a quorum, the journal of the preceding day shall be read; and the president shall ascertain whether a quorum is present before such reading.

3. When the president speaks he shall address the senate; when a senator speaks he shall stand in his place and address the president.

4. The president when he speaks to any member of the senate, and the members when referring to each other in debate, shall use in their addressess the title of *senator*, and by way of distinction name the county in which he resides.

5. The president shall have the right to name a senator to perform the duties of the chair during his absence; but the substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

6. The president shall rise to put a question, and shall declare all votes, but if any senator doubt the vote, all those voting in the affirmative, when called upon by the president, shall rise and stand until they are counted, and also those in the negative, in like manner, to make the vote certain.

7. The president shall consider a motion to adjourn as always first in order, and it shall be decided without debate.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to reconsider, to lay on the table, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.



9. A motion shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the president or any senator, and shall then be deemed to be in possession of the senate, to be disposed of by the senate; but the mover may withdraw it at any time before a decision, or any amendment be made to it.

10. No senator shall address the senate until recognized by the president, nor more than once to the exclusion of any other senator, without leave of the senate, if objection is made, unless he be the mover of the matter under debate, and not then more than three times without leave.

11. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment; nor shall an amendment proposing to ingraft a general provision of law upon a private bill, be in order; nor any amendment beyond the second degree.

12. An amendment proposed may be amended before it is adopted, but not afterwards, unless the vote adopting it be first reconsidered, and no senator shall be competent to move any reconsideration unless he voted with the majority and upon the same or a succeeding day; and a motion to reconsider any vote shall not be laid upon the table unless a time shall be specially assigned for its consideration.

13. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence of all other questions except a motion to adjourn; but if made while another question is pending, it shall not be put until the other question is disposed of, but simply entered.

14. Questions of order shall be decided by the president without debate; but if an appeal is taken, the same may be debated like other questions, and the decision thereon shall be entered upon the journal.

15. A question containing two or more propositions capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member.

16. In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

17. Every paper shall be once read at the table before any senator shall be obliged to vote on it, but when the reading of a paper is called for, that has been before read to the senate, if any senator object, the question shall be determined by the senate.

18. All bills and resolves in the second reading shall be com-

mitted to the committee on bills in the second reading, to be by them examined, corrected, and so reported to the senate.

19. Upon the second reading of a bill or resolve, after the same shall be read through, and before the question is put on its passage, it shall be read and considered by paragraphs, at the request of any member of the senate; and no bill or resolve shall have a second reading unless a time (not less than one hour after the first reading) be assigned therefor.

20. No bill or resolve shall pass to be engrossed without being twice read; and all bills and resolves, immediately after the same shall have been engrossed, shall be committed to the committee on engrossed bills, whose duty shall be to examine the same, and to see that the same have been truly engrossed; and before any bill shall pass to be enacted, or any resolve be finally passed, it shall be reported by the committee for the examination of engrossed bills to be truly and strictly engrossed, and the title thereof be read by the president.

21. No resolve of any kind, or order making any grant of money, lands, or other public property, shall be passed without being read on two several days; the time for the second reading shall be assigned by the senate.

22. After the reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business;

1st, House papers not acted on; and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve.

2d, Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.

3d, The reception and reference of petitions and such other papers, except bills and resolves, as require action by a committee.

4th, Reports of committees and if accompanied by a bill or resolve, the first reading of such bill or resolve. Bills, resolves, etc., offered by senators, and their reference or first reading.

5th, Bills and resolves reported by the committee on bills in the second reading.

6th, Bills on their passage to be enacted, and resolves on their final passage.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to number bills and resolves in the order in which they shall be reported by said committee, and enter them upon the calendar in such order. They shall be taken

up for their second reading and passage to be engrossed, or other disposition, in the order in which they stand upon the calendar. When a bill or resolve, after it is put on the calendar, is laid on the table, and no time assigned for its further consideration, it shall go to the foot of the calendar as it then stands. Papers from the house, concerning which there has been a disagreeing vote of the two houses, shall be disposed of before commencing with the calendar. This rule shall not apply to or interfere with motions to reconsider, or special assignments or other privileged questions.

23. When the yeas and nays are taken, the names of the senators shall be called alphabetically.

24. After question is put to vote, no senator shall speak on it. Every senator who may be present shall vote unless excused by the senate, or excluded by interest.

25. The unfinished business, in which the senate was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have precedence in the orders of the day.

26. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the house without notice thereof being given to the senate by the president.

27. Every member who shall present a petition, shall place his name thereon and a brief statement of its subject.

28. All confidential communications made by the governor to the senate, shall be by the members thereof kept inviolably sacred until the senate shall by their resolution take off the injunction of secrecy.

29. No rule shall be dispensed with, except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

30. Any member of the senate may exchange seats on consulting the president and obtaining his permission.

31. No member shall absent himself from the senate without leave, unless there be a quorum left present.

32. All committees shall be nominated by the president (unless when it may be determined that the election shall be by ballot,) and appointed by the senate.

33. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz :

#### STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

On bills in second reading.

On engrossed bills.

To consist of twelve members each. Any one of the first, and any two of the second shall constitute a quorum.

34. No member of the senate shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the legislature.

35. All messages from the senate to the house, and to the governor, or governor and council, shall be carried by the secretary, unless the senate shall direct some other mode of transmission, and all papers shall be transmitted to the governor and council and the house by the secretary or his assistant.

36. The senate may at any time, upon motion, by a vote of a majority of the members present, resolve itself in a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering any subject named in the motion; and a chairman shall be appointed by the president. If a message is announced while the senate is in such committee, the president shall resume the chair for the purpose of receiving it; immediately after which the committee shall proceed, until dissolved in the usual manner.

37. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, and Cushing's Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies, shall govern the Senate in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules of the senate, or the joint rules of the two houses.

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JOINT RULES.

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1. The following joint standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, viz :

On the judiciary,  
On legal affairs,  
On financial affairs,  
On federal relations,  
On education,  
On railroads,  
On commerce,  
On mercantile affairs and insurance.  
On banks and banking,  
On manufactures,  
On agriculture,  
On military affairs,  
On interior waters,  
On state lands and state roads,  
On ways and bridges,  
On fisheries and game,  
On counties,  
On towns,  
On indian affairs,  
On claims,  
On pensions,  
On insane hospital,  
On reform school,  
On state prison,  
On public buildings,  
On library,  
On state college of agricultural and mechanic arts.

And each of said committees shall consist of three on the part of the senate, and seven on the part of the house, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

2. Joint select committees shall consist of three on the part of the senate, and seven on the part of the house, unless the order creating the same shall provide a different number.

3. Whenever a select committee shall be appointed by either house, and be joined by the other, it shall be the duty of the sec-

retary of the senate, or the clerk of the house, as the case may be, to transmit, one to the other, the names of the members so joined, in order that they may be entered upon the journal of each house.

4. In presenting a report upon any matter referred to a committee, such report shall set forth the subject referred, and the substance shall also be briefly endorsed on the back of the same.

5. Orders directing inquiry in relation to an existing statute shall state the subject matter of such statute—also the chapter and section to which the inquiry is directed.

6. The titles of all bills and resolves shall state, briefly, the subject matter of the same.

7. The enacting clause of every bill shall follow its title, in these words, viz :

*“Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, as follows :”*

All bills and resolves reported by any joint committee shall be written in a fair legible hand, on not less than a sheet of paper. And in all bills having more than one section, the sections shall be consecutively numbered, beginning with “Section 1.”

Mistakes in bills and resolves, merely clerical, may be corrected upon suggestion, without a motion to amend.

8. When a bill, resolve, or order, which shall have passed one house, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the house in which the same shall have passed, by the secretary or clerk, as the case may be. And every bill that shall have passed both houses to be enacted, and all resolutions having the force of law, that shall have finally passed both houses, shall be presented by the secretary of the senate to the governor for his approval; and the secretary of the senate shall enter on the journal of the senate the day on which such bills or resolutions are so presented to the governor.

9. All endorsements on papers, while on their passage between the two houses, shall be under the signature of the secretary of the senate or the clerk of the house, respectively; but after the final passage of bills and resolves, they shall be signed by the presiding officer of each house.

10. Every bill or resolve of a public nature, and every bill or resolve appropriating money, or disposing of state lands or other state property, reported in either house by a committee, or laid

upon the table by leave, shall be printed and distributed in both houses, before having its first reading. The printed copies shall show by what committee the bill or resolve was reported, or by what member laid upon the table.

11. Whenever any document shall be printed for the use of the legislature, the number of copies shall be three hundred and fifty, unless otherwise ordered. The copies printed shall be delivered to the messengers of the two houses in the proportion of one-fourth for the use of the senate and three-fourths for the use of the house, after reserving seventy-five copies for the departments and for binding.

12. No business shall be transacted in convention of the two houses, unless by unanimous consent, except such as may be agreed upon before the convention is formed.

13. Committees of conference shall consist of three members on the part of each house representing its vote, and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through another committee of conference.

14. When any measure shall be finally rejected, it shall not be revived except by reconsideration; and no measure containing the same subject matter, shall be introduced during the session, unless three days' notice is given to the house of which the mover is a member.

15. Whenever a message shall be sent from the senate to the house, it shall be announced at the door by the messenger of the senate, and it shall be communicated respectfully to the chair by the bearer of it. In like manner messages from the house shall be communicated to the senate—the messenger of the house announcing them at the door of the senate.

16. No joint rule or order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present in each house.

17. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question in either branch of the legislature, nor in committee, whose private right, distinct from public interest, is immediately involved.



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## RULES.

### DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE SPEAKER.

1. It shall be the duty of the speaker to take the chair at the hour to which the house shall have adjourned, call the members to order, and after the appearance of a quorum, cause the journal of the preceding day to be read;

To announce the business before the house in the order in which it is to be acted upon;

To receive and submit to vote all motions and propositions regularly moved or that necessarily arise in the course of proceedings, and announce the result;

To restrain the members, when engaged in debate, within the rules of order, and to enforce on all occasions, the observance of order and decorum among the members;

To decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house;

To receive all messages and other communications and announce them to the house;

To authenticate by his signature bills that have passed to be enacted and resolves finally passed;

To name the members who are to serve on committees, unless the house otherwise direct;

To appoint the member who shall take the chair when the house has determined to go into committee of the whole;

And to name a member to perform his duties during his absence for a time not exceeding the remainder of the day.

2. The speaker may address the house on points of order, in preference to other members; and may vote in all cases.

## DUTIES OF THE CLERK.

3. The clerk shall keep a journal of what is done by the house ; read papers when required by the house or speaker ; call the roll alphabetically, and note the answers of members, when the house orders or when a question is taken by yeas and nays ; notify committees of their appointment and of the business referred to them ; authenticate by his signature all the orders and proceedings of the house not authenticated by the speaker ; have charge of all the documents and papers of every kind confided to the care of the house ; bear all messages and transmit all papers from the house to the governor or to the senate, unless the house shall otherwise order ; make up the pay-roll of the members ; and in the absence of the speaker at the hour for meeting, shall preside until speaker *pro tem.* be chosen ; and at the close of the session shall file in an orderly manner all papers and documents in possession of the house, passed upon or received during the session ; and at the commencement of the next legislature, shall preside until the election of speaker ; and record the doings of the house until a new clerk shall be chosen and qualified ; and in the absence of the clerk, the assistant clerk shall be clerk *pro tempore*, with power to appoint an assistant.

## CHAPLAINS.

4. Every morning, the house on assembling, shall join with the chaplains in religious service.

5. The chaplains may change duties with each other or with the chaplains of the senate.

## MONITORS.

6. One monitor shall be appointed by the speaker for each division of the house, whose duty shall be to see to the observance of the rules of the house, and on demand of the speaker, to return the number of votes and members in his division.

7. If any member shall transgress any of the rules of the house, and persist therein, after being notified thereof by any monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to give information thereof to the house.

COMMITTEES.

8. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the session, whose duty shall be to consider all subjects referred to them and report thereon :

On ways and means,  
On leave of absence,  
On change of names,  
On bills in the third reading,  
On engrossed bills,  
On elections,

To consist of seven members each.

On county estimates,

To consist of one member from each county.

On business of the house,

To consist of three members.

9. In all elections by ballot, of committees of the house, the persons having the highest number of votes shall act as chairman. In case two or more persons receive the same number of votes, the committee by a majority of their number shall elect a chairman.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

10. The seat which a member draws at the commencement of the session, shall be his during the session, unless he shall have leave of the speaker to change it.

11. No member shall sit at the desk of the speaker or clerk, except by the permission of the speaker.

12. When two or more members rise at the same time, the speaker shall name the person to speak ; but in all cases the member who shall rise first and address the chair, shall speak first.

13. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except to call to order or correct a mistake.

14. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without first asking leave of the house.

15. No member shall speak out of his place without leave from the chair, nor without first rising and addressing the speaker ; and he shall sit down as soon as he has done speaking.

16. No member shall act as counsel for any party, before a joint committee of the legislature, or a committee of the house.

17. No member shall be allowed to stand up to the interruption of another, while any member is speaking, or pass unnecessarily between the speaker of the house and the person speaking; or stand in an alley, or sit or stand covered, during the session of the house.

18. Every member shall make out and deliver to the clerk or to the committee on pay-roll, a statement of the number of miles usually travelled in going from his residence to the seat of government.

19. Every member who shall neglect to give his attendance to the house for more than six days after the session commences, shall on making his appearance therein, be held to render the reason for such neglect; and in case the reason assigned shall be deemed by the house sufficient, such member shall be entitled to receive pay for his travel, and not otherwise; and no member shall be absent more than two days without leave of the house; and no member shall have such leave, unless it be reported by the committee on leave of absence; and no leave of absence shall avail any member who retains his seat more than five days from the time the same was obtained.

20. Any member having obtained leave of absence, and having in his possession any papers relating to the business before the house, shall leave the same with the clerk.

21. When any member shall be guilty of a breach of any of the rules and orders of the house, and the house has determined he has so transgressed, he shall not be allowed to vote or speak, unless by way of excuse for the same, until he has made satisfaction.

22. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put where he is not excluded by interest, shall give his vote, unless the house for special reason shall excuse him, and when the yeas and nays are ordered, no member shall leave his seat until the vote is declared. In all elections by the house, or in joint ballot of the two houses, no member shall leave his seat, after voting, before a return of the house is had.

23. When the galleries shall be ordered to be cleared or shut, the matter which may occasion such order, shall be kept secret by each member, until the house shall order such injunction of secrecy to be taken off.

24. No person not a member or officer of the house, except members of the senate, its secretary and assistants, the governor

and council, state treasurer, secretary of state, land agent, adjutant general, judges of the supreme judicial court, chaplains of the senate and reporters of the proceedings and debates of the house, shall be admitted within the representatives' hall unless invited by some member of the house.

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES.

25. After the reading of the journal, the following shall be the order of business :

1st. Senate papers, and first reading of accompanying bills and resolves.

2d. Messages and documents from the executive and heads of departments.

3d. Reception of petitions, bills and resolves requiring reference to any committee.

4th. Orders.

5th. Reports of committees and first reading of bills or resolves.

6th. Bills and resolves reported by committee on bills in the third reading, and on their passage to be engrossed.

7th. Bills on their passage to be enacted.

8th. Orders of the day.

The speaker shall announce each item of business in its turn, and no paper shall be taken up out of its regular order, except by the unanimous consent of the house. The orders of the day shall take precedence of all other business at the expiration of the morning hour.

26. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make up daily a calendar of bills, resolves and other papers, assigned for that day's consideration, and also a calendar of bills and resolves which have had their first reading, and showing the disposition that has been made of each.

27. The unfinished business in which the house was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have preference in the orders of the day and shall continue to be among the orders of the day for each succeeding day until disposed of, and no motion or other business shall be received, without special leave of the house until the former is disposed of.

28. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but—

1st. To adjourn ;

- 2d. To lay on the table ;
- 3d. For the previous question ;
- 4th. To commit ;
- 5th. To postpone to a day certain ;
- 6th. To amend ;
- 7th. To postpone indefinitely ;

Which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

Questions of concurrence or otherwise with the senate shall have precedence of each other in the following order :

- 1st. To recede.
- 2d. To concur.
- 3d. To insist.
- 4th. To adhere.

29. A motion to adjourn shall always be first in order, and shall be decided without debate.

30. A vote to lay a proposition on the table shall not preclude the further consideration of it on the same day.

31. When motion for the previous question is made, the consent of one-third of the members present shall be necessary to authorize the speaker to entertain it. No debate shall be allowed until the matter of consent is determined. The previous question shall be submitted in the following words: *Shall the main question be put now?* No member shall speak more than five minutes on the motion for the previous question, and while that question is pending a motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate. A call for the yeas and nays, or for division of a question, shall be in order after the main question has been ordered to be put. After the adoption of the previous question, the vote shall be taken forthwith upon amendments, and then upon the main question.

32. Propositions to amend by striking out and inserting dates, numbers and sums, are not divisible ; but all propositions, otherwise divisible, shall be divided at the request of any ten members. A motion to strike out being lost, shall neither preclude amendments, nor a motion to strike out and insert.

33. In filling blanks and assigning times for the consideration of business, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

34. When a proposition consists of several paragraphs or sections, amendment of one of them shall not preclude amendment of a prior paragraph or section.



35. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

36. After a motion or order is stated or read by the speaker, and seconded it shall be regarded as in the possession of the house, and shall be disposed of by vote of the house. But any motion or order may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment, except a motion to reconsider, which shall not be withdrawn except by consent of the house.

37. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if required by the speaker or by any member.

38. No member shall be permitted to lay a motion in writing on the table, until he shall have read the same in his place.

39. When a vote having been declared by the speaker, is doubted, the members for and against the question, when called on by the speaker, shall rise and stand till they are counted, and the vote made certain without further debate. But a call for the yeas and nays shall be in order at any time before such a vote is made certain and declared.

40. When a motion has once been made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall not be in order for any member who voted in the minority to move a reconsideration thereof; but any member who voted with the majority, or in the negative on a tie vote, may move to reconsider on the same or succeeding day. A motion to reconsider shall not be postponed or laid on the table without a time certain assigned for its further consideration. When a motion for reconsideration has been decided, the vote shall not be reconsidered. A motion to reconsider shall not be in order more than once on the same question.

41. When a member shall move, or give notice of his intention to move, a reconsideration of any vote, the papers to which the motion relates shall remain in possession of the clerk until the question of reconsideration shall have been decided, or the right to move such a question is lost.

42. In all elections by ballot, of the house, a time shall be assigned for such election, at least one day previous thereto.

43. When a reading of a paper is called for which has been before read to the house, and the same is objected to by any member, the question of reading shall be determined by a vote of the house.

44. Every question of order which shall be decided on appeal shall be entered on the journal of the house, with the decision thereon.

45. A proposition to require the opinion of the judges of the supreme court, as provided by the constitution, shall not be acted upon until the next day after such proposition is made.

46. All petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the house, shall be presented by the speaker, or by a member in his place, and shall be endorsed with the name of the person presenting it, and the subject matter of the same. They shall be read by the speaker, clerk, or such other person as the speaker may request, and shall be taken up in the order they were first presented, unless the house shall otherwise direct.

47. All bills in their third reading, and resolves in their second reading shall be committed to the standing committee on bills in the third reading, to be by them examined and corrected.

48. All resolves appropriating money or land, shall have their second reading on Wednesday of the week following that of their first reading.

49. All engrossed bills and resolves shall be committed to the standing committee on engrossed bills to be strictly examined; and if found by them to be truly and strictly engrossed, they shall so report to the house, and the question shall be taken without any further reading, unless on motion of any member, a majority of the house shall be in favor of reading the same as engrossed.

50. Every bill or resolve, providing for the grant of money, land, or other public property, which may be laid on the table by leave, and any report of a committee upon any bill or resolve providing for such grant, shall be accompanied by a written statement of facts in each case; and no such bill or resolve shall be considered before such statement is made, or pass without being read on two several days.

51. No new bill or resolve of a public nature shall be received, except it be reported by a committee, unless the house otherwise order; and all bills and resolves not reported by a committee, shall be laid upon the table for one day, before further action thereon.

52. No act or resolve shall be passed affecting the rights of individuals or corporations, without previous notice to such individuals or corporations.

53. No bill shall pass to be engrossed until it shall have had three several readings; the time for the second and third readings shall be assigned by the house; but if no objection is made, the second reading may be by the title, and at the time of the first. Every resolve which shall require the approval of the governor, shall have two several readings; and the second reading shall be subject to the provisions of the third reading of bills.

54. No engrossed bill or resolve shall be sent to the senate, without notice thereof being given to the house by the speaker.

55. When a bill or resolve shall be returned by the governor with his objections, the question shall be stated by the chair, *Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the governor?* and the same in substance in case of a resolve; which question may be postponed to a day within the session, not exceeding one week, or may be committed. But no other question shall apply to bills and resolves originating in either branch.

56. The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, excepting section 51, relating to the reception of petitions, shall govern the house in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the house, and the joint rules of the senate and house of representatives.

57. No rule or order of the house shall be dispensed with, unless two-thirds of the members present shall consent thereto.

58. No rule or order of the house shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any new standing rule or order be adopted, unless one day's previous notice thereof be given in each case; and such notice shall be entered on the journal.

## MEMORANDA.

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1. Orders, motions in writing, and reports of committees, should never be presented on less than a half a sheet of paper.
2. When a *report* of a committee is made to either house it should be accompanied by the *order* appointing said committee.
3. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from towns in their *corporate capacity*, should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of town of——*," [stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
4. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from individuals, should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of —— and others of the town of ——*," [stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
5. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances from corporations should be endorsed thus, "*Petition of ——*," [naming the corporation and stating concisely the subject matter thereof.]
6. The name of the member presenting petitions, memorials and remonstrances, should be endorsed on the back thereof, *near the bottom*, with the place of his residence.
7. The member presenting an *order* should put his name thereto on the inside, at the bottom of the page, on the left, with the place of his residence.
8. Petitions, memorials and remonstrances, on which *leave to withdraw* was ordered by a former legislature, cannot be recalled from the files, with a view of being again referred. The *original*, however, may be taken from the files, and the subject presented *de novo*.
9. Bills and resolves *refused a passage, rejected or postponed indefinitely* by a former legislature, cannot be called from the files with a view of being considered by the present legislature.

10. The heading or caption of *bills* should be as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

An act——

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows :*

11. The caption of *resolves*, as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

[*Omitting* the year required in bills.]

Resolve——

12. The caption of *orders*, as follows :

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, ———, 188 .

[or] IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ———, 188 .

*Ordered*, ——

13. All bills amended by statute, by striking out words from any section or independent clause thereof, or by adding or inserting other words and provisions, should recite the section or clause as it would read after being amended as proposed.



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