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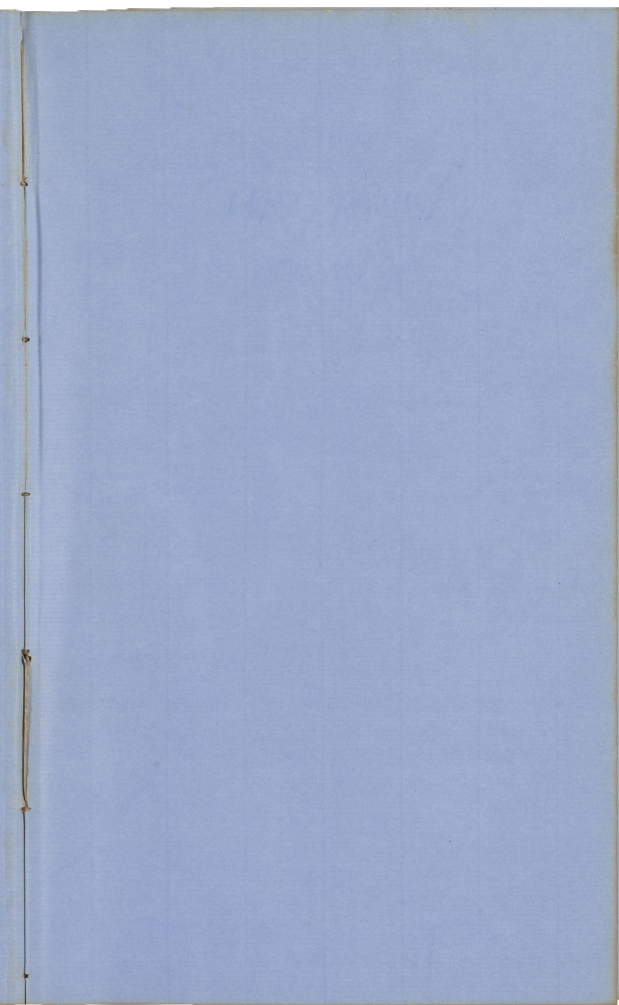
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State of Maine.

Augusta, Wednesday, January 3, 1833.

This being the day assigned by the Constitution of this State for the meeting of the Legislature, the members elect of the House of Representatives, in attendance at the Representatives' Hall, were called to order by Mr. Ingersoll of Bangor, and Mr. Hill of Bangor was appointed Chairman of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Gunnison of Eastport, Messrs. Gunnison of Eastport, Ham of Lewiston, Patten of Fort Fairfield, Bradbury of Standish, Porter of Strong, Buck of Bucksport, Berry of Gardiner, Rawson of Waldoborough, Stevens of Paris, Ingersoll of Bangor, Blake of Oneco, Lincoln of Bath, Leavitt of Skowhegan, Mc Gilvery of Searsport and Stone of Kennebankport, were appointed a Committee to receive and examine the credentials of

2 the members elect, and report whether a quorum was present. Mr. Gunnison, from this Committee, subsequently reported that a quorum of the members elect was in attendance.

Mr. Smith of Mattawamkeag was charged with a message to the Governor, informing him that a quorum of the members elect of the House of Representatives had assembled in the Representatives' Hall, and requesting his attendance in order to administer to them the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties. Mr. Smith subsequently announced that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Governor was pleased to say, that he would attend the Convention forthwith.

Whereupon the Governor, attended by the Council and heads of departments, came in; and the members elect took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties. The Governor and suite then retired.

In motion of Mr. Ingersoll ³
of Bangor, Messrs. Ingersoll of
Bangor, Caine of Portland, Lin-
coln of Hallowell, Gilchrist of
St. George, Scammon of Saco,
Purrington of Richmond and
Hobart of Edmunds, were
appointed a Committee to re-
ceive, sort and count the
votes for Clerk. Having at-
tended to that duty, the Commit-
tee reported that

The whole number of votes
was one hundred and forty;

Necessary to a choice seventyone;
Henry N. Baker had one hun-
dred and three;

Alanson B. Farwell had thir-
tyfive;

H. H. Baker had one; and
George W. Wilcox had one.

The report was accepted, and
Henry N. Baker was declared
to be duly elected Clerk.

The Clerk elect appeared,
and before Job Prince, Esquire,
authorised by declimus proclama-
tem, took and subscribed the
oaths required by the Constitu-
tion to qualify him to enter
upon the discharge of his
official duties.

The Clerk presided during the further organization of the House.

On motion of Mr. Gunnison of Eastport, Messrs. Gunnison of Eastport, Thomas of Portland, Leavitt of Skowhegan, Fauno of Augusta, Leighton of Elliot, Durell of Oxford and Woodbury of Houlton, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that

The whole number of votes was one hundred and forty-seven;

Necessary to a choice seventy-four;

Sidney Perham had one hundred and six;

Ara Smith had forty; and
Ebenezer Greenleaf had one.

The report was accepted, and Sidney Perham was declared to be duly elected Speaker of the House.

Mr. Perham was conducted to the chair by Mr. Smith of Mattawamkeag, and addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of 5
Representatives:

Permit me to tender you
my sincere thanks for this ex-
pression of your confidence.
I trust I am not unmindful
of the responsible duties of the
post you have voluntarily
assigned me; and relying on
your indulgence and coopera-
tion, I will endeavor to dis-
charge the duties of presiding
officer of this branch of the
Legislature with impartiality
to its members, and fidelity
to the State.

On motion of Mr. Hill of
Bangor, the same Committee was
appointed to receive, sort and
count the votes for Assistant
Clerk.

Having attended to that duty,
the Committee reported that

The whole number of votes
was one hundred and forty-two;
Necessary to a choice ~~seventy-two~~,
Benjamin Freeman had one
hundred and six; and

Noah B. Hubbard had thir-
ty-six.

The report was accepted, and
Benjamin Freeman was declared

6 to be duly elected Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Ingersoll of Bangor,

Ordered, That Benjamin B. Thomas, the present incumbent, be and is hereby appointed Messenger of this House for the ensuing political year; and that Stephen R. Porter be his Assistant for the same period.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the Rules and Orders of the last House of Representatives be adopted for the government of this House until otherwise ordered; and that the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to the Messenger the copies reserved last year for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Gunnison of Eastport,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House invite the several clergymen of Augusta, Halliwell and Gardiner to officiate

as Chaplains during the present 7
session of the Legislature.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baku, Clerk.

Thursday, January 4, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cone of
Hallowell.

Mr. Hill of Bangor produced the petition of the County Commissioners of the County of Franklin for the abolition of the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in that County.

The same gentleman, by leave, introduced a bill to abolish the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Franklin County; and on his motion, the petition and bill were referred to a select committee consisting of the joint delegation from the County of Franklin. Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing the organization of that branch by the choice of Franklin Murray as President, and Louis O. Cowan as Secretary.

Mr. Hill of Bangor was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that body of the organization of the House by the election of Sidney Perham as Speaker, and Henry R. Baker as Clerk.

Mr. Hobart of Edmunds was charged with a similar message to the Governor and Council.

Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell presented the petition of S. C. Whittiser and another, that certain lands may be set off from Farmingdale and annexed to the city of Hallowell; and the same was laid on the table.

Mr. Hobart of Edmunds presented the credentials of Ellery Turner, Representative elect from the district of Cutler and Lubec; and the same gentleman was directed to accompany Mr. Turner to the Governor and Council, in order that he may take and subscribe the necessary oaths of office. Mr. Hobart subsequent

10 by announced that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Turner had taken and subscribed the oaths of office.

On motion of Mr. Hobart, the name of Mr. Turner was ordered to be added to the list of members of the House.

The Secretary of State came in and laid on the table the following message from the Governor:

To the House of Representatives:

On the last day of the last annual session of the Legislature, a bill entitled "An Act providing for the taxation of certain bank stock," having finally passed both branches, was presented to me for approval. The immediate adjournment of the Legislature prevented the return of the bill, with a statement of my objections thereto.

The bill proposes to impose a tax, to be appropriated to the support of public schools, upon

each and every share of the 11
capital stock in the several banks
in the State, "which shall not
have been returned by the Cash-
iers of said banks during the
April next preceeding the de-
claring of any dividend, to
the assessors of towns in which
the stockholders in said bank
resided." It does not, in
terms, make any distinction
between owners of bank stock
residing in the State, and those
residing out. It professes to
meet the case of all stockholders
whose names are not returned
by the Cashiers as required
by law.

The law referred to makes
it the duty of Cashiers of banks
to return, annually, under oath
to the assessors of every town
in which any of the stockhold-
ers may reside, the names of
such stockholders and the
amount of stock by them
owned, and makes such re-
turns the basis of taxation
on such property. The pre-
sumption is, that Cashiers ful-
fil all the duties required of
them by law; and if so, the
names of all stockholders resid-
ing in this State are returned

12 to the assessors of the town where they reside. The proposed act then can have no operation except upon stockholders residing out of the State, and thereby makes a distinction between citizens of our own and of other States. Such a distinction is in violation of the eighth article of section one of the "Act of Separation," embodied in article ten, section five, of the Constitution. The proviso in the bill does not change the principle involved.

Although the foregoing is, to my mind, very obviously the true construction of the bill, yet were it doubtful merely, that of itself would constitute good reason why the bill should not become a law. The Constitution ought not to be so interpreted as to allow legislation upon a doubtful point, except, perhaps, in case of extreme emergency.

The real object of the proposed act, I understand to be, to impose a tax upon all bank stock actually owned by our own citizens, but standing in the names of persons residing else-

where, for the purpose of 13
avoiding taxation. The object
is laudable and has my heart-
ty approval: it can be at-
tained, I doubt not, by legis-
lation wholly unobjectiona-
ble. But believing that the
provisions of the bill under
consideration, should it become
a law, would operate oppress-
ively upon bona fide holders
of bank stock resident out of
the State, and that they are in
conflict with the Constitution
of the State, I have felt it to
be my duty to withhold my
official approval.

In compliance with the
requirements of the Constitution,
I herewith return the bill to
the branch of the Legislature
in which it originated.

Wm. G. Crosby.

Council Chamber, }
January 4th, 1855. }

On motion of Mr. Hall of
Bangor, the foregoing message
was laid on the table and
ordered to be printed.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, informing the House, that vacancies exist in the Senate as follows:

In the first Senatorial District, there are three vacancies; and John N. Goodwin, John F. Scammon, Alexander Deunett, Thomas M. Hayes, Alexander Jenkins and John Heiser are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the third Senatorial District, there are two vacancies; and Cornelius Turner, Alonzo Garcelon, Edwin Noyes and John A. Levensaler are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the eighth Senatorial District, there is one vacancy; and Nathaniel Blake and John McClusky are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the eleventh Senatorial District, there are two vacancies; and William R. Flint, James B. Dascomb, John P. Hodsdon and Van Rensselaer Tuttle are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the thirteenth Senatorial 15 District, there are two vacancies; and Mark H. Dunnell, Timothy Walker, Abernethy Grover and Caleb P. Holland are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

And the Senate proposed a convention of the two branches at eleven o'clock this day in the Representatives' Hall for the purpose of filling said vacancies.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor, the House concurred in the proposed convention; and Mr. Hill was charged with a message to the Senate announcing the concurrence of the House.

At eleven o'clock, agreeably to assignment, the Senate came in, and a convention was formed.

In Convention.

On motion of Mr. Blake of Penobscot, of the Senate, Messrs. Blake of Penobscot, Boody of

16 Cumberland and Thorndike of Lincoln, of the Senate, and Messrs. Osgood of New Gloucester, Ingersoll of Bangor, Thomas of Portland, Feuno of Augusta and Bray of Turner, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for three Senators to fill the vacancies in the first Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that

The whole number of ballots was one hundred and sixty four;

Necessary to a choice eighty three votes;

John F. Scammon had one hundred and twenty;

John N. Goodwin had one hundred and nineteen;

Alexander Dennett had one hundred and twenty;

Thomas M. Hayes had forty-three;

Alexander Jenkins had forty-three;

John Kezer had forty-three; and

John McClusky had one.

The report was accepted; and John F. Scammon, John N. Goodwin and Alexander Dennett were de-

clared to be duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the first Senatorial District.

On motion of Mr. Ruggles of Penobscot, the same committee was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for two Senators to fill the vacancies in the third Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that

The whole number of ballots was one hundred and sixty eight;

Necessary to a choice eighty five votes;

Cornelius Turner had one hundred and twenty six;

Alonso Garcelon had one hundred and twenty four;

Edwin Noyes had forty two; and

John A. Levensaler had forty two.

The report was accepted; and Cornelius Turner and Alonso Garcelon were declared to be duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the third Senatorial District.

On motion of Mr. Crehore of
Waldo, of the Senate, the same com-
mittee was instructed to receive,
sort and count the votes for a
Senator to fill the vacancy in
the eighth Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty,
the Committee reported that

The whole number of ballots
was one hundred and sixtyseven;

Necessary to a choice eighty-
four; votes;

Nathaniel Blake had one
hundred and twentyfive;

John McClusky had forty;

And Abernethy Groon and
Caleb P. Holland, who are not
constitutional candidates, had
two each.

The report was accepted; and
Nathaniel Blake was declared
to be duly elected Senator to
fill the vacancy in the eighth
Senatorial District.

On motion of Mr. Hill of
Bangor, of the House, the same
Committee was directed to receive,
sort and count the votes for
two Senators to fill the vacancies
in the eleventh Senatorial
District.

Having attended to that duty, 19
the Committee reported that

The whole number of ballots
was one hundred and sixtyeight;

Necessary to a choice eighty
five votes;

William R. Flint had one
hundred and twentyfour;

James B. Dascomb had one
hundred and twentyfive;

John P. Hodsdon had forty-
three; and

Van Renssellaer Tuttle had
fortytwo.

The report was accepted; and
William R. Flint and James B.
Dascomb were declared to be
duly elected Senators to fill the
vacancies in the eleventh Sena-
torial District.

On motion of Mr. Hill of
Bangor, of the House, the same
Committee was instructed to
receive, sort and count the votes
for two Senators to fill the
vacancies in the thirteenth
Senatorial District.

Having attended to that duty,
the Committee reported that

The whole number of ballots
was one hundred and sixtyseven;

Necessary to a choice eighty four votes;

Mark H. Dunnell had one hundred and twenty five;

Timothy Walker had one hundred and twenty four;

Abernethy Grover had forty one; and

Caleb P. Holland had forty two.

The report was accepted; and Mark H. Dunnell and Timothy Walker were declared to be duly elected Senators to fill the vacancies in the thirteenth Senatorial District.

The convention then separated.

The Speaker appointed Monitors to the several Divisions as follows:

First Division,	Mr. Patten of Fort Fairfield.
Second "	Mr. Gunnison of East Port.
Third "	Mr. Ricker of Acton.
Fourth "	Mr. Cushman of Winthrop.
Fifth "	Mr. Nason of Mendon.
Sixth "	Mr. Smith of Mattawamkeag.
Seventh "	Mr. Patterson of Dresden.
Eighth "	Mr. Titcomb of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. Smith of 21
Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the Secretary
of State be directed to deliver
to the Messenger the Journals
of preceding sessions for the
use of the House.

A communication was re-
ceived from the Secretary of
State, informing the House,
that he had this day laid
before the Senate the returns
of votes for Governor.

On motion of Mr. Hill of
Bangor,

Ordered, That the Clerk
cause to be prepared a list
of the members alphabetically
arranged; also a list of the
members of the House arranged
according to the numbers of
their seats, and a list of the
members with their political
classification and post office
address; and that he cause
four hundred and fifty copies
of each to be printed for
the use of the House.

Order from the Senate referring

22 the votes for Governor for the current political year to a joint Select Committee, consisting, on the part of the Senate, of Messrs. Downes, Ruggles, Hichborn, Boody, Elliot, Shepard and Torsey, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Lincoln of Hallowell, Woodman of Minot, Haskell of Hodgdon, Come of Portland, Porter of Strong, Buck of Bucksport, Rawson of Waldborough, Durell of Oxford, Smith of Mattawamkeag, Blake of Orneville, Lincoln of Bath, Heald of Anson, Cushing of Frankfort, Gunnison of Eastport and Andrews of Biddeford, were joined on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Friday, January 5, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cheney
of Augusta.

Mr. Burpee of Rockland presented the credentials of Benjamin Raynes, Representative elect from Deer Isle; and the same gentleman was directed to accompany the member elect to the Governor and Council, in order that he may take and subscribe the necessary oaths of office. - Mr. Burpee subsequently announced that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the member elect had taken and subscribed the oaths of office.

On motion of Mr. Burpee, the name of Mr. Raynes was ordered to be added to the list of members.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor,

Ordered, That the objections of the Governor to the act entitled "An Act to provide for the taxation of certain bank stock," be entered at large upon the journals of the House; and that Tuesday next at twelve o'clock, noon, be assigned as the time to take the question upon the same.

The report of the joint Select Committee on the votes for Governor, was received from the Senate, accepted by that body, as follows:

The whole number of legal votes given for Governor, was ninety thousand six hundred and thirty three.

Necessary for a choice forty five thousand three hundred and seventeen.

Anson P. Morrill has forty four thousand five hundred and sixty five;

Albion K. Parris has twenty eight thousand four hundred and sixty two;

Isaac Reed has fourteen thousand and one;

Shepard Cary has three thousand four hundred and seventy eight;

Scattering one hundred and 25 twentyseven.

No choice by the people has been effected; and Anson P. Morrill, Albion St. Parris, Isaac Reed and Shepard Carry are the constitutional candidates.

The returns of Hancock plantation in Aroostook County were rejected by the committee, because it does not appear by the returns that any votes were given. The return only states that "for Governor, whole number of votes 161," in figures, and not in writing; and also the number of votes for each candidate are in figures, and not in writing. It does not appear by the return that the votes were counted or sealed up in open town meeting, as provided by law. No record of the meeting upon the records of the plantation.

The return from Limestone plantation was also rejected, because it appeared that there was no choice of officers of the plantation, and no meeting for such purpose the pres-

26 ent or last year; and the return signed by Barney McGlotherin, and Owen Davis who signed the return the day following the election, as assessors. The return was signed by James Carpenter as Clerk of the plantation, who became an inhabitant of said plantation, the first of August last.

The returns from Moro and Orient Gore were rejected. There is no evidence of the existence of said plantations in the Secretary of State's office, as prescribed by law.

The return of the town of Alton in Penobscot County, was rejected, the return not showing the town from which the votes were received, except the post-mark upon the return.

The foregoing report was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor, the rules were suspended, and twenty minutes before one o'clock this day was assigned as the time for the House to proceed to a ballot to select, from the four constitutional

candidates for Governor, the names of two persons to be returned to the Senate, agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. Burpee of Rockland,

Ordered, That the names of the two candidates for Governor to be returned to the Senate, be given in upon one ballot.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee take their stand in front of the Clerk's desk, that the Clerk call the names of the members, and that they vote as they are called.

The hour assigned having arrived, Messrs. Hall of Bangor, Pattee of Fort Fairfield, Libby of Westbrook, Titcomb of Augusta, Burpee of Rockland, Hobart of Edmunds and Lake of Atkinson, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for two candidates for Governor to be

28 returned to the Senate, pursuant to the Constitution.

Having performed the duty assigned them, the Committee reported that

The whole number of ballots was one hundred and forty eight;

Necessary to a choice seventy five; votes;

Anson P. Morrill had one hundred and six;

Isaac Reed had one hundred and sixteen;

Albion H. Parris had fifty two; and

Shepard Cary had one.

The report was accepted; and Anson P. Morrill and Isaac Reed were declared to be selected by the House as the two candidates to be returned to the Senate, from whom that body is to choose a Governor of the State for the current political year.

Mr. Hill of Bangor was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that body of the selection of candidates made by the House.

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A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, announcing that that body, from the two candidates returned to them by the House, had duly and constitutionally elected Anson P. Morrill, to be Governor of the State for the current political year.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Willis, Torsey and Cushing, with such as the House may join, a Committee to wait upon the Honorable Anson P. Morrill, and inform him that he has been elected Governor of the State for the current political year, — was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Hill of Bangor, Poor of Andover, Hunscom of Waterville, Bradbury of Standish, York of Temple, Stillings of Berwick and Chase of Calais, were joined to the Committee on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

H. F. Baker, Clerk.

Saturday, January 6, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dexter
of Augusta.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, proposing that a convention of the two branches be held in the Representatives' Hall at twenty minutes past ten o'clock this day for the purpose of electing a Secretary of State, and also seven Councillors to advise the Governor in the Executive Department for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. Hall of Bangor, the House concurred in the proposition, and a message was sent to the Senate to that effect, which message was delivered by the Clerk.

At the hour assigned, the Senate came in, and a convention was formed.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell, of the House, Messrs. Boody and Nathaniel Blake, of the Senate, and Messrs. Lincoln of Hallowell, Stone of Keenebunkport, Smith of Mattawamkeag, Titcomb of Augusta and Josselyn of Weld, of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary of State.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that

The whole number of ballots was one hundred and seventy;

Necessary to a choice eightysix votes;

Alden Jackson had one hundred and thirtyfour;

Thomas F. Boynton had thirtythree;

William Allen had two;
Blank one.

The report was accepted; and Alden Jackson was declared to be elected Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. Berry of Gardiner, the same Committee

32 was directed to receive, sort and count the votes for seven Councillors.

Having discharged that duty, the Committee reported that The whole number of ballots was one hundred and seventyone;

Necessary to a choice eighty six votes;

Noah Smith Jr of Calais had one hundred and thirtyone;

Abner Coburn of Bloomfield had one hundred and twenty five;

Charles Danforth of Gardiner had one hundred and thirtyone;

Franklin Clark of Wiscasset had one hundred and twenty nine;

Ammi Cutter of Lovell had one hundred and thirtyone;

Jason Weeks of Bangor had one hundred and thirtyone;

Marshall Crum of Bridgton had one hundred and thirtyone;

Moses Sweat had thirty eight;

Levi Morrill had thirty eight;

Atwood Levensaler had thirty eight;

Stephen Young had thirty eight;

Robert Mow Jr had thirty eight;

William Jameson had thirty eight;

Asa A. Knowles had thirty seven;
and

The report was accepted; and Noah Smith Jr., Abner Coburn, Charles Danforth, Franklin Clark, Ammi Cutter, Jerson Weeks and Marshall Cram were declared to be elected Coun-
cillors to advise the Governor in the Executive Department of the government for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor, the Secretary of the Senate was directed to inform Alden Jackson of his election as Secretary of State.

A communication was received from Alden Jackson, Secretary of State elect, signifying his acceptance of the office.

The convention then separated.

Mr. Hill of Bangor, from the joint select committee appointed to inform the Honorable Anson P. Morrill of his election as Governor of the State, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that the Governor elect was pleased to say, that he accepted the office to which he had been elected, and was ready at the pleasure of the Legislature to take and subscribe the necessary oaths of office.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, proposing a convention of the two branches in the Representatives' Hall at fifteen minutes before twelve o'clock this day, for the purpose of administering to the Governor elect, the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The House concurred in the proposition, and Mr. Cushing of Frankfort was charged with a message to the Senate announcing the concurrence of the House.

At the hour assigned, the 35
Senate came in, and a conven-
tion was formed.

In Convention.

On motion of Mr. Feuno of
Augusta,

Ordered, That a message
be sent to the Governor-elect,
informing him that the two
branches of the Legislature
have assembled in convention
for the purpose of adminis-
tering to him the oaths re-
quired by the Constitution to
qualify him for the discharge
of his official duties.

Mr. Feuno was charged
with the message, and subse-
quently announced that he
had performed the duty as-
signed him, and that the
Governor elect was pleased
to say, that he would attend
forthwith for the purpose of
taking and subscribing the
oaths of office.

Whereupon the Governor
elect, attended by the Council
and heads of departments,
and preceded by the Sheriff

36 of Kennebec County, came in, and in presence of the two Houses of the Legislature, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Secretary of State then made the usual proclamation.

The Governor and suite then retired, and the convention separated.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor, informing him that the House of Representatives is now in session, and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Mr. Hill of Bangor was charged with the message, and subsequently announced that he had performed the duty assigned him, and that the Governor would communi-

cate with the House forthwith by 37
written message.

The Secretary of State came in,
and laid on the Speaker's table
the following Message from the
Governor.

Message.

Gentlemen of the Senate and
of the House of Representatives:

In entering upon the important duties assigned us by the people of this Commonwealth, may we humbly ask wisdom of Him, who is the source of all light and knowledge, that we may be enabled to discharge those duties in a way best to promote the happiness and prosperity of our constituents; and that when we shall have closed the labors of the session, we may, in returning to our homes, carry with us an abiding assurance that we have been faithful to the performance of all delegated trusts,

38 and labored assiduously for the public good.

Representing, as we do, a people habitually and necessarily industrious and economical, they have a right to expect a close application to the business that may come before us, and that no unnecessary delay will prolong the present session.

There is a deep conviction in the public mind, that we have too much legislation, and that much money and time are thrown away enacting laws of doubtful utility, which are amended or repealed by the next succeeding Legislature; thereby incumbering our statute books with a mass of unnecessary, if not useless legislation, and making it very difficult for any but an experienced lawyer to understand what the law is, in cases where it should be so plain and simple that the humblest citizen need not err in relation to its provisions. All will acknowledge the correctness of this sentiment: it is with legislators to correct this evil. Another cause of

protracted sessions and expense, 39
is undoubtedly found in the
too ardent attachment which
members have cherished for po-
litical parties; often showing
a greater willingness to extend
to an unreasonable length,
the proper time for organiza-
tion and legislation, than to
yield the slightest advantage
to a political opponent. Such
in an extraordinary degree
is the history of the Legislature
of last year, and in a most
decided manner have the peo-
ple pronounced judgment
against such a waste of time
and abuse of trust.

The present is a time aus-
picious for improvement and
reform. The people, disregard-
ing old political organiza-
tions, have seen fit to elect,
of the members of the present
Legislature, a greater number
who think alike on the great
questions which most deeply
interest our State and nation,
than has usually constituted
a legislative majority; and
it is reasonable to anticipate
such harmonious action, and
devotedness to the legitimate
business for which we are

40 assembled, as will insure a prudent and economical session, and an early recess.

In giving you information of the condition of the State, as enjoined by the Constitution, I regret to be unable to present some of her great interests in so prosperous a light as it would be desirable to do.

The early spring of the past season opened with unusual promise to the husbandman; but a premature and almost unprecedented drouth blasted the prospect of an abundant harvest, and caused the products of the farm generally to be light. The same cause has operated injuriously upon the lumbering interests of the State, preventing an immense amount of lumber from going to market, where a ready sale and high prices awaited it. The shipping interest, in which our people are so largely engaged, has received a severe check by the sudden fall and depression of tonnage and freights. These casualties have operated severely upon persons engaged in those important pursuits, and neces-

sarily involved a scarcity of 41
money, which has been felt by
all branches of industry through-
out the State: still I am hap-
py to believe that the resources
of the business community are
such, that these difficulties,
which have been unexpectedly
encountered, will cause only a
temporary embarrassment, and
will wholly disappear with the
opening of the approaching sea-
son. Notwithstanding these seri-
ous misfortunes to which I have
alluded, our State is enjoying
a goodly measure of prosperi-
ty.

The facilities afforded by
our railways are being felt,
giving life and energy to busi-
ness, opening new avenues of
trade, bringing interior por-
tions of the State into proxim-
ity with the coast, giving value
to property and location which
had been valueless for want of
a proper channel through
which to reach a market.
Maine has about four hun-
dred miles of railway in
successful operation, with a
constantly increasing business,
which must, at an early day,
make them good paying roads.

42 Every interest of the State is favorably affected by these great improvements; and we cannot easily over-estimate the benefit and substantial wealth they are destined to afford the community.

For want of opportunity to examine the reports from the Treasury and other departments, I must refer you to those reports, which will be laid before you, for the information you will desire.

As the resources of our State are being developed, calling forth and employing mechanical skill in the various departments of trade, it is highly important that a deeper interest should be felt for the advancement of agriculture. Maine, with a soil sufficiently rich and fertile, under proper husbandry, to produce the necessary or staple articles of consumption for her population, in any abundance, should not pay such large sums of money to other States for corn, flour or other products, as she is paying from year to year.

There should be no necessity 43
for this outlay. We should
produce our own supply of
those important articles of
food, besides many others
for which we go abroad.
The lumbermen, whose exten-
sive operations are rapidly hur-
rying our vast forest timber
into market, draw their sup-
plies very largely from other
States. The men who fill our
shipyards to an extent that
makes Maine the first State
in the Union in point of
ship-building, are not supplied
with the products of our
own soil; their tables not fur-
nished by our farmers. So
with all branches of manufac-
tures, and extensive railway
improvements carried on in
this State; the operators and
laborers, to a very great extent,
are fed on foreign products.

The very large amount
of money thus sent out of the
State, should be distributed
among our farming communi-
ty: until this is done, the
agricultural interests of the
State will flourish but poorly.
Unless that interest become
prosperous, although our State

44 be rich in resources, and manufactures and commerce increase, the masses of the people will be poor and dependent. The cities and towns may grow in wealth, but the rural districts will lack those elements of affluence and independence, which should ever distinguish the yeomanry of a republic. All branches of industry and classes of citizens are directly interested in the prosperity of agricultural pursuits; and whatever can properly be done, permanently to benefit that interest, I shall be happy to unite with you in doing.

For the purpose of awakening a deeper interest in farming; of connecting science with practical economy; introducing the most improved breeds of cattle and other domestic animals; procuring the choicest kinds of grains, and valuable and rare seeds; testing their qualities and adaptation to our soil and climate, and bringing them to the notice and within the reach of every farmer in the State; — for these and other

valuable purposes, it is belie- 45
ed that an experimental
farm, under the care and
patronage of the State, would
be of essential service. The
outlay would be but trifling,
compared with the amount
of good that might reasonably
be anticipated by the move-
ment; and the people would
cheerfully sustain such an
establishment, if economically
and properly conducted.

The subject of agricultural
chemistry is attracting much
attention; and there appears
to be a very strong desire
with our most intelligent
agriculturists, to have the
elements of agriculture taught
in our common schools, and,
as a science, constitute a per-
manent feature in the educa-
tional system of the State. This
subject has been urged upon
the Legislature by the Board
of Agriculture for the last two
years, but has not received
that attention which I think
its importance demands. Be-
lieving it unnecessary for me
to elaborate a subject, the util-
ity of which must be so ap-
parent to all who give it

46 reflection, I earnestly invite you to give it that consideration, which that great interest of our State demands.

The main pillars of our free institutions rest upon the intelligence of the people. The only true ground of hope that this republic will survive the lapse of ages, and be perpetuated from generation to generation, following, not in the downward course of those republics which have disappeared from the governments of the earth, is, that knowledge, in this country, is more universally diffused among the people, and that they know their political rights, and knowing, will insist on having those rights as intelligent freemen. Of what avail will it be, ere another century shall have elapsed, that we boast of a Constitution surpassing in its provisions and principles, any other law written by man, if the people are not imbued with the spirit of liberty, and enjoy such means of education as shall qualify them to assert their political rights at the polls and in the halls of legislation?

No subject can be urged⁴⁷
upon your attention, more
important to the vital inter-
ests of your constituents and
country, than that of educa-
tion. Educate the people, and
they become really, what
without education they are
but nominally, sovereign.
I am aware that there is a
sentiment pervading the
community to some extent,
that the State has already
been very liberal in donations
to the different institutions
of learning, and that it is
time to narrow or suspend
further appropriations. True,
the State has been measur-
ably liberal in aiding our
colleges and seminaries, and
it is equally true that for
no purposes could the money
thus expended, have been ap-
propriated with results more
honorable and beneficial to
the State.

Our common schools have
also, from time to time, received
the munificence of the State;
and an enlightened policy
dictates that they be assidu-
ously fostered, as the indis-
pensable nurseries of education.

48 Their improvement cannot be too earnestly urged upon your attention.

The purchase of lands of Massachusetts made by this State, has added more than a million of acres to our domain, for which a large debt has been created, for the payment of which, in due time, provision must be made. However that purchase may be considered, as a commercial transaction, involving the question of immediate loss or gain, it was certainly very desirable to divest Massachusetts of the title to those lands, even if it be found advisable to sell them again, as fair prices can be had, and the wants of the Treasury may demand.

By extinguishing her title, we dissolved connection with a co-tenant who had interests not felt to be in common with ours, and therefore would bear none of the burdens of building roads and bridges in the territory owned in common; and by the act of Separation, Maine could

tax no lands owned by Massa- 49
chusetts, for any purposes what-
ever. It was an object then of
considerable importance to have
the fee pass from that State, that
those lands might ultimately be
held, liable to taxation, for the
usual purposes for which other
lands are assessed in this State.

I have no doubt it is for
the interest of the State to con-
tinue to sell her timber lands,
as fair prices can be obtained
for them, especially those lying
on the upper waters of the St.
John, Allegash and Penobscot
rivers. These lands are not so
situated as to make it desirable
that they be kept for settling
purposes. They are exposed to
trespass, and must be protected
at considerable expense annu-
ally; and the Treasury will
need the proceeds to pay the
indebtedness created by the
purchase of Massachusetts. I
would not, however, recom-
mend the sale of any lands
belonging to the State, for the
present, or until money shall
have become very much easier
with the community generally.

The lands of the State in the

50 valley of the Arroostook, and on the St. John, included mostly in the six eastern ranges of townships, are generally good settling lands, many of them superior; but still much good timber may be found on nearly all of these townships; and if the State desires to keep the greater portion of this territory in order to promote the settlement of the country, it would be well, and I think it important, for the interest of the State, to authorize permits to be granted to cut timber annually, in a prudent manner, on those tracts, until they are occupied by actual settlers. If permits be not granted, the timber will be cut by trespass; and under a judicious system of permitting, much may be realized to the Treasury, and the lands not be so far stripped, but that an abundance of suitable timber will remain for all purposes of building by settlers.

The law for the suppression of drinkinghouses and tippling shops has been fully discussed by the people of this State, and become a question of prominence and deep interest in our elec-

tions. The result proves conclu- 51
sively that the people are, by
a very large majority, in favor
of sustaining that law; a hap-
py verdict for the cause of
humanity throughout the land.
Glad Maine declared against
the law, her decision would
have been felt most disas-
trously by other communities,
where strong efforts are being
made to obtain similar legis-
lation. That any law which
human wisdom can devise,
will at once rid the public
of an evil so vast and deep-
rooted as intemperance, should
not be expected; but that the
traffic which produces it, can
be circumscribed and controlled
by penal enactments, as surely
and as legitimately as other
crimes, there can be no reason-
able doubt. And it is equal-
ly clear that the people are
determined to pursue the effort
faithfully, and give the law a
fair trial. They see and feel
the terrible ravages the traffic
in intoxicating drinks has made
on society and its best interests.
They feel deeply the loss of
many valued citizens, who are
constantly being hurried to the
inebriate's grave. They fully

52 realize that the sale and use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, are in direct conflict with the health, morals, industry, peace and happiness of society, and that this fact is so apparent, that those individuals who insist on selling in violation of the law should be made to feel its consequences.

It is too late to plead that making men inebriates, or giving them the facilities to become such, is no crime; none but the more depraved or reckless will support a doctrine so pernicious and absurd; and it is believed that few are now engaged in the traffic, in this State, except those persons who are alike indifferent to public sentiment, the demands of humanity, and their own best interests. Persuasive efforts having been exhausted on this class of men, the law should be enforced in protection of society and in mercy to the offender. This important statute has not had a fair trial. Executive officers have been culpably negligent in seeing it enforced. Too often has the officer, whose duty it was to honor and execute it

as the law of the Commonwealth, 53
been found more willing to
exculpate the offender than
to bring him to justice. Such
official dereliction emboldened
violators of the law to repeated
offences, which they would not
have committed, with the full
assurance that the law was to
be faithfully administered. This
error must be corrected; the
law must be faithfully en-
forced. The people demand
that grogshops be closed, wheth-
er found in spacious saloons
and popular hotels, where the
temptation is presented in the
most alluring form; or in the
filthy cellar or den, where poor,
degraded humanity is made
loathsome to the last degree.

No man sells ardent spir-
its in violation of this law, through
the promptings of patriotism
or humanity: he has no higher
motive than a reckless or sordid
love of gain: he should be
held strictly accountable for
the mischief his traffic pro-
duces. Let this be done, and
none will continue in the
business, except such as are
madly bent on suicide.

I would suggest the importance of so amending the law as to impose imprisonment for the first offence. The penalty for the first conviction is trifling; and the schemes devised to avoid detection are so numerous, that many sellers, undoubtedly, realize large amounts from the business before a conviction is had.

Let the prison be opened for their reception and reformation, as it is for offenders of less magnitude, even the unhappy victims of their traffic, and be assured its prospective chastening influences will be felt more restrainingly, than merely taking by fine, from the pockets of the delinquents, a trifling part of the money the business has given them.

The willingness of rum-sellers in other States to supply those in the same business, and the facilities afforded by steamboats and other common carriers to bring liquors into this State for unlawful purposes, call for such improvement

in the law as shall meet this 55
prolific source of evil, and
cut off a great artery
which is pouring the poison-
ous liquid into this State.
Other amendments may be
desirable to give efficiency
to the law, and meet the
modes of evasion which the
ingenuity and cupidity of
determined violators have in-
vented.

I would direct your at-
tention to the subject of ex-
tending the elective franchise
to certain offices that are
now filled by executive ap-
pointment or legislative elec-
tion. If a reform of this
kind be desirable, it will
be necessary to submit the
question to the people for an
amendment of the Constitu-
tion.

From various portions of
the State, much dissatisfaction
is expressed with our present
Judiciary system. Under its
operation, it is contended
that justice is not and can-
not be promptly and eco-
nomically administered. If
these serious charges be well

56 founded, a change is undoubtedly demanded. The subject is one of very great importance; and the present system having been so recently established, wisdom dictates that no new system be substituted without mature deliberation.

A people possessing a democratic form of government, cannot too highly regard the sacredness and importance of the right of suffrage. There can be no doubt that in the later history of the country, this right has been often slightly estimated and debased to mercenary and immoral purposes. The abuse of this inestimable privilege of freemen by many of our population but recently emigrated from the Old World, has given occasion for a strong movement, calling for the amendment or radical change of our naturalization laws. While the genius of our institutions and the policy of our fathers, lead us to give the hand of welcome to persons from other countries, who come to secure freedom and homes

in our midst, we are bound to be 57
vigilant against all evils that
may assail our political system
through the influence of such
emigration. It will hardly be
questioned that men but recently
arrived on our shores, and whol-
ly unacquainted with the princi-
ples and operation of our govern-
ment, degraded more or less by the
vices of monarchical institutions,
are unprepared to wield the
potent agency of the ballot. The
founders of our government
wisely instituted laws by which a
residence of five years at least, in
the country, is a requisite of citi-
zenship; and to certain important
offices, no citizen of foreign birth
can be eligible. That the letter and
spirit of the law conferring citizen-
ship has been often and grossly
violated, is a matter of the fullest
publicity. Whether new legislative
provisions are necessary to pre-
serve the sacredness of the elective
franchise, and to guard the purity
of our institutions, may be worthy
of your investigation.

As one of the sovereign States
constituting this great confederacy,
we have a deep interest in every
important act of the federal
government. We can but look

58 to its policy, foreign and domestic, with the deepest solicitude. Millions are being added to our population, almost annually; and State after State, in rapid succession, is coming into the Union. Annexation having extended our borders, until States are springing into existence on the shores of the Pacific, the islands of that Ocean are asking that annexation may bring them under the protection of our government, and to the enjoyment of our institutions.

Progress is stamped on every feature of our country; and where the extended boundaries of the republic shall finally be fixed, Infinite Wisdom can alone determine. With this increase of population, enlargement of territory and addition of States, must come a corresponding responsibility on those who administer the government; thereby increasing the responsibility of the millions whose free suffrages must determine on whom shall rest the honors and weight of official power. And while we are called upon, as men true to our country and the Union, to sustain the honest efforts of

those intrusted with that power, 59
to promote the best interests of
the entire confederacy, we are
under the strongest obligations to
oppose any and all action of public
men, which has the remotest tenden-
cy to undermine the free institu-
tions of this republic, by giving such
construction to the Constitution as
shall permit the institution of
Slavery, with its withering and in-
creasing evils, to spread over our
territories, and to extend such con-
trolling influence over this govern-
ment, as shall finally install it over
Freedom throughout the Union.
However desirous a large por-
tion of the people of the North
have been to forbear to discuss
or agitate the question of Slavery,
lest such agitation might impair
the permanency of the Union, to
which they have ever shown a
most devoted attachment, it is
evident that the time has arrived,
when that question must be met
and discussed, in our National
and State councils, and in pri-
mary meetings of the people,
with the same freedom with which
other grave questions are wont
to be considered.

This question is one of too much
importance to the whole country,

60 to the North as well as the South, to suppress discussion only when it is moved by the friends of Slavery, in order to extend its jurisdiction, or obtain for the institution some new advantage over Freedom.

That the North has been too willingly hushed into silence on this great question by the menaces of the South, cannot be denied; and the unanimity with which the two great political parties acquiesced in the extraordinary Compromises of 1850, shows anything but a disposition on the part of the free States to continue agitation, of which the South so loudly complained.

Notwithstanding that most exceptionable, and as is believed unconstitutional law for the rendition of fugitive slaves, forced upon the North, compelling freemen to aid, at their peril, in seizing and returning to captivity persons who are guilty of no crime known to the Constitution of the United States, and struggling only for the right of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," the free States were still disposed to resist a renewal of that agitation,

which as was contended threatened
a dismemberment of the Union.
- while this feeling pervaded the
North, the bill for organizing
the territories of Nebraska and
Kansas was brought before Con-
gress, connected with a scheme
to extend slavery over that vast
region of country north of 36°
 $30'$, which had been solemnly
dedicated to Freedom by the
compact of 1820. This aggressive
movement, carried through
Congress by the South, aided by
a few Northern politicians, who
have been foremost in denounc-
ing agitation and the loudest
advocates of Compromises, has
again forced upon the country
the consideration of the question
of negro slavery.

To attempt now to smother
the sentiment of the North, or to
put down free speaking and in-
dependent action, would not
only be an unavailing effort;
but any attempt to turn the
public mind away from the
fullest contemplation of the
subject, and the most search-
ing investigation into it, in its
largest national aspect, its rela-
tion to the whole country, so-
cially, morally and politically,

62 would be an affront to the intelligence of the people.

The universal sentiment of the nation, in its early history, was hostile to the existence of slavery; regarding it as incompatible with justice, and dangerous to the spirit of freedom. The policy of the country was to inhibit slavery directly and absolutely in the territories; the express and declared object being to prevent the extension of that institution. This common abhorrence of slavery distinctly shows itself in the early legislation of the country; and the distinguished men of the nation of all parties, looked forward to the time when the system itself should become extinct. This national sentiment, pervading the slave, as it did the free States, has come to be reversed by the South, and in its place has sprung up an attachment and devotion to slavery, which is made paramount to the provisions of the Federal Constitution; and a dismemberment of the Union even, is treated as a matter to be invoked, rather than its perpetuity should present a barrier to the spread of that local institution, for

which its friends claim the right, 63
under the Constitution, beyond the
power of Congress, to plant it
in any and all the territories
of the government. This new
and startling doctrine is sought
to be established as the judgment
of the people of this country.
It cannot be doubted that Con-
gress, in its recent action on the
bill referred to, for the organiza-
tion of Nebraska and Kansas,
favored such extraordinary as-
sumption. And what renders
this aggressive movement the
more alarming, is the evident
complicity of the Chief Magis-
trate of the country, in open
disregard and direct violation
of a voluntary assurance, given
the people who had elevated
him to that high position,
that no movement of that
character should "shock the re-
pose of the country, if in his
power to avert it, during his
official term."

From this alarming action
of Congress, and subserviency of
men high in official power, we
turn with unusual satisfaction
to the action of the people of
the several States where popular
elections have recently taken place,

64 and witness the strong condemnation by the honest and intelligent masses, of that bold attempt to change the original policy of the government, and give nationality to an institution wholly local in its character, and existing only by force of municipal law.

I would recommend no action, nor would I participate in any movement, that should have the semblance of encroachment on the constitutional rights of the South. But we are unworthy of being freemen, if we do not resist the unconstitutional advances of slavery; and as we love the Union, as we wish to perpetuate the blessings of civil liberty, as we desire the prosperity of the whole country, we are urged to meet this crisis with a manly firmness, that shall say, in the most friendly yet decided manner, we ask nothing but what is right, and shall submit to nothing wrong.

The Constitution of the United States is of itself an absolute law of impartial liberty, to the full extent of federal jurisdiction. It authorizes no

crime, it permits no oppression; 65
but outside of State limits, solemnly guaranties the security of freedom to all human beings under its exclusive authority. Had this principle always been maintained, our country would have escaped the threatening evils which its surrender has brought upon us. The compromise policy having been repudiated by the slave States, every consideration of honor, humanity and patriotism, demands an immediate return to the Constitution.

Let men who think and feel alike on this paramount political question, be no longer alienated by obsolete issues and antagonistic organizations, but unite under the same banner, and insist that the policy of the government shall be in the future, what it was in the beginning, when administered by Washington and those illustrious men who were with him in the field and in the cabinet.

Anson P. Morrill.

January 6, 1855.

On motion of Mr. Smith of
Mattawamkeag, the foregoing
message was laid on the table,
and two thousand five hun-
dred copies ordered to be
printed for the use of the
House.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Monday, January 8, 1853.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Webb of Augusta.

Bill to abolish the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Franklin County, reported by the joint delegation of that County, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and was read twice, amended as on sheet annexed marked A, and, the rules having been suspended, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed as amended. Sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees of the House:

On Elections.

Messrs. Hill of Bangor,
Garrison of Eastport,
Burgess of Oldtown,

Bowson of Waldoborough,
 Andrews of Biddeford,
 Ham of Lewiston,
 Staples of Swanville.

On Finance.

Messrs. Thomas of Portland,
 Burpee of Rockland,
 Hobart of Edmunds,
 McGilvery of Searsport,
 Lincoln of Hallowell,
 Bray of Turner,
 Stillings of Berwick.

Mr. Hill of Bangor presented the remonstrance of John Murphy Jr. against the right of Alden Kennedy of Jefferson to a seat in the House; and the same was referred to the Committee on Elections.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor,

Ordered, That the credentials of members of the House be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Hill of Bangor, by leave, 69
laid on the table, bill additional
to chapter one hundred and
seventy of the Revised Statutes,
which was read twice and to-
morrow assigned for the third
reading.

A communication was re-
ceived from the Treasurer of
State, transmitting his annual
statement of receipts and ex-
penditures for the year ending
December 30, 1854; and the same
was, on motion of Mr. Hill of
Bangor, referred to the Committee
on Finance.

Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell, by
leave, laid on the table, bill ad-
ditional to an act to incorpo-
rate the Maine Oil Cloth and
Carpet Company, approved April
1, 1854, — which was read twice
and tomorrow assigned for the
third reading.

Adjourned.

H. K. Baker, Clerk.

Tuesday, January 9, 1853.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Armitage
of Augusta.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Willis, Hickborn and Watson, with such as the House may join, to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of State and settle the same, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Thomas of Portland, Burpee of Rockland, Hobart of Edmunds, McGilvery of Searsport, Lincoln of Hallowell, Bray of Turner, and Stilling of Berwick, were joined on the part of the House.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees of the House:

Committee on County Estimates.

Messrs. McKune of Wiscasset,
Berry of Gardiner,

Libby of Westbrook,
Andrews of Camden,
Weeks of Wilton,
Ricker of Acton,
Trafton of Cornish.

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Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Messrs. Caine of Portland,
Clark of Washington,
Lincoln of Bath,
Wallace of Millbridge,
Chamberlain of Bristol,
Lauderson of Sweden,
Dike of Lebago.

Committee on Leave of Absence.

Messrs. York of Temple,
Ingalls of Denmark,
Lake of Atkinson,
Chase of Waterborough,
Mallett of Topsham,
Gilman of Enfield,
Main of Albion.

Committee on the Pay Roll.

Messrs. Barrows of Harrison,
Gilchrist of St. George,
Hill of Greene,
Butler of Sanford,

Burrington of Richmond,
Curry of Hancock,
Pratt of Palmyra.

Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. Stone of Kennebunkport,
Osgood of New Gloucester,
Cushing of Frankfort,
Pike of Topsfield,
McLaughlin of Scarborough,
Cole of Harrington,
Beavey of Whiting.

Committee on Change of Names.

Messrs. Stanton of Poland,
Goodale of Wells,
Bridges of Ledybemps.

Petition of Charles Braun;

Petition of Benjamin M. Colton;

Petition of John Braden;

Petition of George Storer 3d;

Petition of Mary Clark;

Petition of John Colly Stretch;

Petition of Mary Bumps; - seven 73
ally asking for change of name;
and also a paper from James
Clark, assenting to the petition of
Mary Clark; - were presented
and referred to the Committee
on Change of Names.

The Committee on Engrossed
Bills reported as truly and strictly
engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to abolish the January
term of the Supreme Judicial
Court for the County of Franklin;
and the same was passed to be
enacted, and was sent to the Sen-
ate.

Bill to amend an act to
incorporate the Maine Oil Cloth
and Carpet Company, passed
April 1, 1854, - was read a third
time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent up for concurrence.

Communications were received
from Abner Coburn, Ammi Cutter,
Marshall Cram, Charles Danforth
and Noah Smith Jr, signifying
their acceptance of the office of
Councillor, and their readiness
to take and subscribe the oaths of
office.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing a convention of the two branches in the Representatives' Hall at fifteen minutes past eleven o'clock, for the purpose of qualifying the Councillors elect who have signified their acceptance of the office. The Clerk delivered the message.

A message was received from the Senate by its Secretary, announcing the concurrence of that body in the proposition.

At the hour assigned, the Senate came in and a convention was formed.

In Convention.

On motion of Mr. Willis, of the Senate,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Councillors elect who have signified their acceptance, informing them that the two branches are now assembled in convention for the purpose of administering to them the constitutional oaths of office.

Mr. Willis was charged with 75
the message, and subsequently
announced, that he had dis-
charged the duty assigned
him, and that the Councillors
elect were pleased to say, that
they would attend forthwith
for the purpose of taking and
subscribing the oaths requir-
ed.

Whereupon Noah Smith Jr.,
Abner Coburn, Charles Danforth,
Ammi Cutter and Marshall
Cram, came in, and in presence
of the two Houses, and before
the President of the Senate, took
and subscribed the oaths re-
quired by the Constitution to
qualify them to enter on their
official duties.

The Councillors then retired,
and the convention was dis-
solved.

The message of Gov. Crosby,
returning with his objections
an act entitled "An Act for the
taxation of certain bank stock,"
came up by assignment, the
question being—"Shall this bill be-
come a law notwithstanding the
objections of the Governor?"—which

76 question was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative, yea one, nays one hundred and fortytwo.

The member who voted in the affirmative, was Mr. Bruce.

Those who voted in the negative were

Messrs H. Andrews,	Messrs Joseph Chase,
Bachelor,	Josiah Chase,
Bacon,	A. Clark,
Baker,	H. T. Clark,
Barton,	Cole,
Barker,	Comins,
Barrows,	Coombs,
Berry,	Curry,
Blake,	Cushing,
Blanchard,	Cushman,
Bradbury,	Cutler,
Bragg,	Dike,
Bray,	Doble,
Bridges,	Durell,
E. H. Brown,	Eames,
L. Brown,	Elliott,
Buck,	Fenn,
Burgess,	Files,
Burpee,	Furbish,
Butler,	Garland,
Came,	Gerrish,
Carr,	Getchell,
Chamberlain,	Gilchrist,
Charles,	G. Gilman,
D. L. Chase,	L. Gilman,

Messrs. Goodale,	Messrs. A. Merrill,	77
Greenleaf,	W. Merrill,	
Gunnison,	Miller,	
Haines,	Nason,	
Hall,	Nickerson,	
Ham,	Norris,	
Hauscome,	Oakes,	
Haskell,	O'Brien,	
J. Heald,	Osgood,	
J. Heald,	Park,	
Flight,	Pattee,	
J. B. Hill,	Patterson,	
T. Hill,	Payson,	
Hinckley,	Peavey,	
Hobart,	Perham,	
Hobbs,	Phillips,	
Holt,	Pike,	
E. Hutchins,	Pillsbury,	
Ingalls,	Poor,	
Johnson,	Porter,	
Jones,	Pratt,	
Josselyn,	Purington,	
Kennedy,	Rawson,	
Lake,	Raynes,	
S. R. Leavitt,	Remick,	
Leighton,	Richards,	
Libby,	Ricker,	
J. M. Lincoln,	Rogers,	
R. G. Lincoln,	Sanderson,	
Main,	Scaummon,	
Mallett,	Skolfield,	
Mayo,	Small,	
McIlvory,	A. Smith,	
McLaughlin,	S. Smith,	
Means,	Snell,	

Messrs. G. W. Stanton,	Messrs. Turner,
W. Stanton,	Twitchell,
Staples,	Walker,
R. L. Stevens,	Wallace
W. P. Stevens,	Wasson,
Stillings,	Weeks,
Stone,	Whitcomb,
Sweat,	Winslow,
Thomas,	Woodbury,
Titcomb,	Woodman,
Trafton,	York.

Adjourned.

L. K. Baker, Clerk.

Wednesday, January 10, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott of
Augusta.

Petition of Rachel E. Stoddard;

Petition of Andrew Carr and
Sarah A. Mason;

Petition of Amariah M. Robbins;
severally asking for change of name,
were presented and referred to
the Committee on Change of Names.

Remonstrance of Charles Abbott
against the right of John J. Bragg
of Letter B to a seat in the House;

Remonstrance of Isaac J. Stevens
against the right of Asa Smith of
Mattawamkeag to a seat in the
House; - were severally presented
and referred to the Committee on
Elections.

The Joint Standing Committees

80 provided for by the Rules and Orders, were received from the Senate, and, having been joined on the part of the House, are as follows:

Committee on the Judiciary.

Messrs. Willis,
Goodwin, and
Dunnell,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Ingersoll of Bangor,
Fitcomb of Augusta,
Came of Portland,
Stone of Kennebunkport,
Leavitt of Skowhegan,
Snell of Fairfield, and
Andrews of Biddeford,
of the House.

*Committee on Mercantile Affairs
and Insurance.*

Messrs. Thorndike,
Newell Blake, and
Goodwin,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Hobart of Edmunds,
Leavitt of Portland,
Bradbury of Standish,
Nickerson of Belfast,
Rawson of Waldoborough,

Woodbury of Houlton, and 81
Combs of Brooksville,
of the House.

Committee on Education.

Messrs. Torsey,
Boody, and
Hickborn,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Feunq of Augusta,
Nickerson of Belfast,
Haskell of Hodgdon,
Esgood of New Gloucester,
Scammon of Laco,
Sweet of Parsonsfield, and
Josselyn of Phillips,
of the House.

Committee on Banks and Banking.

Messrs. Eaton,
Downes, and
Quincy,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Lincoln of Hallowell,
Burpee of Rockland,
Titcomb of Augusta,
Thomas of Portland,
Bradbury of Standish,
Porter of Strong, and
Chapin of Brewer,
of the House.

Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Messrs. Flint,
 Shepard, and
 Sprague,
 of the Senate
 Messrs. Norris of Monmouth,
 Elliott of Freedom,
 Cutler of Ripley,
 Hight of Athens,
 Stanton of Wellington,
 Whitcomb of Mercer,
 Payson of Cushing, and
 Bruce of Patricks town,
 of the House.

Committee on Division of Towns.

Messrs. Bennett,
 Thorndike, and
 Nathaniel Blake,
 of the Senate.

Messrs. Hall of Alfred,
 Charles of Fryeburg,
 Austin of Newcastle,
 Bacon of Freeport,
 Mason of Kennebecus,
 Richards of Eden, and
 Heald of Anson,
 of the House.

Messrs. Hichborn,
Sprague, and
Elliott,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Walker of Hampden,
Woodman of Minot,
Cushing of Frankfort,
Hanscom of Waterville,
Raynes of Deer Isle,
Nichols of Moscow, and
Blanchard of Cumberland,
of the House.

Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Messrs. Nathaniel Blake,
Walker, and
Ruggles,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Hall of Bangor,
Gunnison of Eastport,
Smith of Mattawamkeag,
Stevens of Paris,
Pattee of Fort Fairfield,
Porter of Strong, and
Phillips of Shirley,
of the House.

Committee on Indian Affairs.

Messrs. Newell Blake,
 Dascomb, and
 Adams,
 of the Senate.

Messrs. Gunnison of Eastport,
 Blake of Orneville,
 Winslow of Nobleborough,
 Skolfield of Harpswell,
 Banton of Lagrange,
 Ruines of Clinton, and
 Miller of Lincolnville,
 of the House.

Committee on Agriculture.

Messrs. Pease,
 Barker, and
 Watson,
 of the Senate.

Messrs. Porter of Strong,
 Kennedy of Jefferson,
 Hutchins of Penobscot,
 Brown of Chesterville,
 Baker of Gorham,
 Rogers of Stetson, and
 Comins of Eddington,
 of the House.

Messrs. Crehore,
Barker, and
Watson,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Skolfield of Harpswell,
Turner of Cutler,
Combs of Brooksville,
Greenleaf of Westport,
Chase of York,
Hinchley of Georgetown, and
James of Islesborough,
of the House.

Committee on Manufactures.

Messrs. Scammon,
Turner, and
Cushing,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Carr of Dexter,
Leavitt of Portland,
Bachelder of Whitneyville,
Clark of Pittston,
Barker of Ellsworth,
Furbish of Brunswick, and
Austin of Newcastle,
of the House.

86 Committee on Railroads and Bridges.

Miss. Ruggles,
Willis, and
Parcelou,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Smith of Mattawamkeag,
Hall of Bangor,
Lincoln of Hallowell,
Thomas of Portland,
Small of Gray,
Chase of Calais, and
Parks of Dixfield,
of the House.

Committee on Interior Waters.

Messrs. Dascomb,
Crehore, and
Adams,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Berry of Gardiner,
Libby of Westbrook,
Jones of China,
Poor of Andover,
McGilvery of Searsport,
Chase of Calais, and
Mayo of Orino,
of the House.

Messrs. Watson,
Deunnett, and
Carrier,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Buck of Bucksport,
Wallace of Millbridge,
Files of Thorndike,
Leighton of Elliott,
Stevens of Springfield,
Gilman of Hollis, and
Pike of Topsfield,
of the House.

Committee on Claims.

Messrs. Cushing,
Carrier, and
Shepard,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Woodbury of Houlton,
Durell of Oxford,
Hobbs of Hope,
Walker of Hampden,
Patterson of Dresden,
Merrill of Burton, and
Peavey of Whiting,
of the House.

Committee on the Militia.

Messrs. Adams,
Walker, and
Turner,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Ingersoll of Bangor,
Mayo of Orono,
Woodman of Minot,
Hall of Alfred,
Wasson of Franklin,
Gerrish of Durham, and
Cushman of Winthrop,
of the House.

Committee on Military Pensions.

Messrs. Elliott,
Pleas, and
Flint,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Poor of Andover,
Gilman of Enfield,
Stillings of Berwick,
Pillsbury of Cape Elizabeth,
Patterson of Dresden,
Smith of Belgrade, and
Brown of Bridgton,
of the House.

Committee on the Insane Hospital 89

Messrs. Downes,
Pease, and
Garcelon,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Cakes of Auburn,
Sweet of Parsonsfield,
Pattée of Fort Fairfield,
Blanchard of Cumberland,
Johnson of Herman,
Jones of China, and
Cushman of Winthrop,
of the House.

Committee on the Reform School.

Messrs. Garcelon,
Newell Blake, and
Dascomb,
of the Senate.

Messrs. Hill of Bangor,
Cume of Portland,
Libby of Westbrook,
Lincoln of Bath,
Scammon of Laco,
Herald of Troy, and
Turner of Cutler,
of the House.

Committee on the State Prison.

Messrs. Dixenby,

Eaton, and

Ruggles,

of the Senate.

Messrs. Burpee of Rockland,

Hobart of Edmunds,

Buck of Bucksport,

Hann of Lewiston,

Merrill of Vassalborough,

Means of Surry, and

O'Brien of Thomaston,

of the House.

Committee on Public Buildings.

Messrs. Barker,

Cohere, and

Sprague,

of the Senate.

Messrs. McKenney of Wiscasset,

Brown of Bridgton,

Cushman of Winthrop,

Furbish of Brunswick,

Remick of Fittery,

Holt of Garland, and

Piles of Thorndike,

of the House.

Messrs. Quunell,
Boody, and
Torsey,

of the Senate.

Messrs. Stone of Keenebunk port,
Fenno of Augusta,
Osgood of New Gloucester,
Stevens of Paris,
Cole of Harrington,
Garland of East Livermore, and
Doble of Etna,

of the House.

On motion of Mr. Thomas of
Portland,

Ordered, That the Committee
on Finance be instructed to in-
quire into the expediency of
laying a State tax of two hun-
dred thousand dollars for the
present year.

On motion of the same gen-
tleman,

Ordered, That the Committee
on Finance be instructed to in-
quire into the expediency of
making provision for the payment
of so much of the State debt

92 as falls due on the seventh of March next.

Bill additional to chapter one hundred and seventy of the Revised Statutes, was read a third time, amended as on sheets annexed marked A and B, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cushing of Frankfort,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the subject of naturalization, be referred to a joint Select Committee, to consist of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join. Messrs. Cushing of Frankfort, Lincoln of Hallowell, Caine of Portland, Ham of Lewiston, Buck of Bucksport, Fenno of Augusta and Burgess of Hallowell, were appointed on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

The Clerk was subsequently informed by the Secretary of the Senate, that the Senate had concurred, and had joined Messrs. Goodwin, Boody and

Nathaniel Blake to the Commit-93
tee.

Orders from the Senate, relative to the establishment of normal schools;

Relative to a revision of the Judiciary system;

Referring so much of the Governor's Message as relates to an experimental farm to the Committee on Agriculture; - were severally passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell,

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

Petition of A. R. Thompson for balance pay as Quartermaster General, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Jefferson Moulton and another to be set off from Lyman and annexed to Alfred,

94 was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of the President, Directors and Company of Union Bank for leave to increase their capital stock, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of A. C. Small and others for reconstruction of lock through Millbridge Company Dam in Millbridge;

Petition of Hiram Burrill and others for a charter for a bridge across Kennebec river in Somerset County;— were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of Jane H. Lewis for divorce, was received from the Senate referred to a joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Pease, Scammon and Hichborn, on the part of the Senate; and

the House concurred, and joined Messrs. Garland of East Livermore, Leavitt of Skowhegan, Doble of Etna, Chamberlain of Bristol, Ham of Lewiston, Furbish of Brunswick, and Brown of Chesterville to the Committee.

Petition of Susan Thing for divorce, was received from the Senate, and referred to the joint Select Committee having under consideration the petition of Jane H. Lewis in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hall of Bangor,

Ordered, That six hundred copies of the Rules and Orders hereafter to be adopted for the government of the House during the present session, with the Constitution of the United States and of this State, the census of this State for 1840 and 1850, the last State valuation, the last apportionment of this State for members of the Legislature and members of Congress, and the Presidential vote of 1852, with an index, be printed for the use of the House.

Order from the Senate, that so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Maine Liquor Law be referred to a joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hichborn, Downes, Willis, Ruggles, and Deunett, on the part of the Senate, - was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Hill of Bangor, Lincoln of Bath, Berry of Gardiner, Osgood of New Gloucester, Jones of China, Leavitt of Portland, Hobart of Edmunds, Stevens of Paris, Stillings of Berwick and Noble of Etna, were joined on the part of the House.

Petition of C. H. Smith and others of Saco;

Petition of E. H. Hart and others of Harrison, for incorporation and endowment of Maine State Seminary;

Petition of David Billings and others for an appropriation in aid of Litchfield Liberal Institute;

Petition of trustees of Maine Wesleyan Seminary for aid; - were severally presented and referred

to the Committee on Education. 97
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of L. C. Whittier and
another that certain land may
be set off from Farmingdale
and annexed to Flallowell, was
taken up and referred to the
Committee on Division of Towns.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Cushing
and others of Belmont for a
division of said town;

Petition of Alfred Lamont
and others to be set off from
West Bath and annexed to
Bath;

Petition of John Barker for his
land to be set off from Chelsea
and annexed to Pittston;

Petition of Willoughby Prescott
and others that part of Norridge-
wock may be set off and an-
nexed to Skowhegan;

Petition of T. J. Flains and
others that certain lands may
be set off from Levant and
annexed to Kenduskeag; - were

98 severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ellis Subtail and others for confirmation of title to certain lands in Enfield, - was presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. E. Donnell and others for a charter for a Marine Insurance Company, was presented, and, together with a bill to incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company, laid on the table by Mr. Caine of Portland by leave, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joel Fuller and others that the town of East Livermore may be set off from Androscoggin Agricultural Society and annexed to Kennebec Agricultural Society,

was presented and referred to 99
the Committee on Agriculture.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Andrew Peters and
others;

Petition of Israel B. Bradley
and others;

Petition of J. J. Colburn and
others;

Petition of George Walker and
others; all for an act for the
preservation of timber lands
from destruction by fire;

Petition of John H. Spring
and others for increased pay for
County Commissioners;

Petition of L. F. Small and
others for an amendment to the
Constitution;

Petition of Joshua Hubbard
for compensation for land taken
for a public road; - were sever-
ally presented and referred to
the Committee on the Judiciary.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of G. D. King and others;

Petition of John Hickey and others;

Petition of William Pike and others; all for amendment of an act allowing the city of Calais to loan its credit to the Lewy's Island Railroad Company;

Petition of Thomas Crocker and others for incorporation of the Bangor and Piscataquis State Company;

Petition of Lewy's Island Railroad Company for change in act of incorporation; - were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the city of Belfast for remuneration for expenses incurred for an insane pauper having no settlement in the State, - was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Hollis and Buxton for a bank;

Petition of Ezra Center Jr. and 101 others that the time for putting the Mechanics' Bank into operation may be extended;

Petition of Ocean Bank in Kennebunk for increase of capital stock; - were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Ocean Bank, laid on the table by Mr. Stone of Kennebunkport, by leave, was referred to the same Committee. Sent up for concurrence.

The following papers referred by the Legislature of 1854 to the present Legislature, were received from the Senate, and were disposed of in concurrence:

Order relative to the support of paupers by Counties;

Petition of Barnard Morse and others;

Resolve in addition to a

102 resolve authorizing a tax on the several Counties;

Petition of Nathaniel Churchill and others, accompanied by sundry other petitions and orders;

Petition of L. P. Wentworth and others;

Petition of Joel Wellington;

Petition of First Parish in Winthrop;

Bill extending the time for the Franklin Bank to commence and maintain civil suits; - were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of A. D. Atwood and others;

Petition of Sewall Merrill and others;

Petition of Abner Oakes and others, with sundry other petitions;

Petition of Abner Weekes and others; - were severally re-

ferred to the Committee on 103
Mercantile Affairs and Insurance
in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of plantations
in Washington County;

Bill requiring persons having
the control of youth to
procure for them public instruction; -
were severally referred to the Committee on
Education in concurrence.

Petition of William Butterfield
and others;

Petition of Lenas Tozier;

Petition of Edward Hall and
others;

Petition of John Hubbard
and others;

Petition of Reuben Ladd; -
were severally referred to the
Committee on Division of Towns
in concurrence.

Petition of James R. Cleaveland
and others, - was referred to

104 the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Bill to establish an Experimental Farm, - was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Penobscot river and bay and other tributaries, - was referred to the Committee on Fisheries in concurrence.

Petition of Abigail O'Brien, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel C. Chase Jr.;

Petition of John Sargent, - were severally referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of John Kendall and others;

Petition of Mattawamkeag 105
Log Driving Company;

Petition of Seth Paine and others;

Petition of Ephraim Paulk
and others;

Petition of John Wain and
others; - were severally referred
to the Committee on Interior
Waters in concurrence.

Petition of James Allen and
others;

Petition of Bangor and Pis-
cataquis Railroad Company;

Petition of David Bunker and
others;

Petition of John Cameron and
others;

Petition of Franklin Clark
and others;

Petition of James L. Holmes
and others;

Petition of William Morse
and others;

Petition of John Short and others;

Petition of stockholders of
Martin's Point Bridge;

Resolve authorizing a survey for a railway between the eastern shore of the Penobscot waters and the eastern boundary of the State;

Resolve in favor of the survey of the Aroostook Railroad;

Bill to incorporate the National Pacific Railroad Company;

Bill to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad;

Petition of E. G. Woodman and others;

Petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, and also fiftytwo other petitions, all in favor of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad;

Remonstrance of Phineas Barnes and others;

Remonstrance of Allen H. Cobb and others, and thirtyseven

other remonstrances, all against 107
said railroad; - were severally
referred to the Committee on
Railroads and Bridges in con-
currence.

Adjourned.

H. K. Baker, Clerk.

Thursday, January 11, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dillingham of Augusta.

Mr. Gunnison of Eastport, from the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of John Murphy Jr. against the right of Alden Kennedy of Jefferson to a seat in the House, reported that the remonstrant have leave to withdraw. On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor, the report was recommitted, with instructions to report the facts.

On motion of Mr. Berry of Gardiner,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the sale of public lands, and granting permits for cutting timber thereon, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills 109 reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to amend an act incorporating the Maine Oil Cloth and Carpet Company, passed House April 1, 1854; - and the same was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Small of Gray, by leave, laid on the table a bill to regulate the sale of oats; and the same was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, referring so much of the Governor's Message as relates to State Lands, to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was passed in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing a convention of the two branches in the Representatives' Hall at a quarter before eleven o'clock this day, for the election of a Treasurer of State. The House con-

110 curred in the proposition, and Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell was charged with a message to the Senate, announcing the concurrence of the House.

At the hour assigned, the Senate came in, and a convention was formed.

In Convention.

Messrs. Flichborn and Barker, of the Senate, Wallace of Millbridge, Hobbs of Hope, Stanton of Wellington, Chapin of Brewer and Ingalls of Denmark, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Treasurer of State.

Having performed that duty, the Committee reported that

The whole number of ballots was one hundred and sixtysix;

Necessary to a choice eighty-four votes;

Woodbury Davis had one hundred and twentytwo;

James L. Child had fortythree; and

Joseph A. Lamborn had one.

The report was accepted; and 111
Woodbury Davis was declared to be
duly elected Treasurer of State.

The convention then separated.

Mr. Thomas of Portland, from
the Committee on Finance, on an
order relative to the State debt
falling due on the seventh of
March next, reported a resolve
authorizing a loan in behalf
of the State, which was read
once, and the rules having
been suspended, was read a sec-
ond time and passed to be en-
grossed. Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received
from the Treasurer of State, trans-
mitting sundry claims for al-
lowance of bounties on wild
animals; and the same were re-
ferred to the Committee on Ac-
counts. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln of
Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Committee
on Banks and Banking be in-
structed to inquire into the ex-
pediency of instituting an

112 investigation into the doings of the late President and Directors of the Shipbuilders Bank of Rockland, with power to send for persons and papers. Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting a communication from Jason Weeks of Bangor, declining the office of Councillor. The communication was read and sent up.

A message was received from the Senate, by its Secretary, proposing a convention of the two branches in the Representatives Hall at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock this day, to elect a Councillor to fill the vacancy occasioned by Jason Weeks declining the office. The House concurred, and its concurrence was communicated to the Senate by message transmitted by the Clerk.

At the hour assigned, the Senate came in, and a convention was formed.

Messrs. Ruggles and Sprague, of the Senate, Gunnison of Eastport, Hill of Greene and Nickerson of Belfast, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Councillor.

Having discharged that duty, the Committee reported that

The whole number of ballots was one hundred and fifty seven;

Necessary to a choice seventy-nine votes;

Henry Richardson had one hundred and sixteen; and

William Jameson had thirty-eight.

The report was accepted; and Henry Richardson was declared to be duly elected a Councillor to advise the Governor in the Executive Department of the government for the current political year.

The convention then separated.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell,

Ordered, That so much of the

114 Governor's Message as relates to extending the elective franchise to certain offices now filled by Executive appointment, be referred to a joint Select Committee, to consist of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join; and Messrs. Lincoln of Hallowell, Staples of Swanville, Titcomb of Augusta, Cakes of Auburn, Turbick of Brunswick, Nason of Kenduskeag and Snell of Fairfield, were appointed on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence. The Clerk was subsequently informed by the Secretary of the Senate, that the Senate had concurred, and joined Messrs. Downes, Barker and Newell Blake to the Committee.

Petition of William Small and others in aid of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Account of the city of Calais for expenses paid for William Brown,

an insane pauper and foreigner, 115
was presented and referred to
the Committee on Claims. Sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of T. H. Marsh and
others for change of name of
Charles L. Dingley, was present-
ed and referred to the Com-
mittee on Change of Names.

Petition of Peter S. Folsom
for a military pension, was pre-
sented and referred to the
Committee on Military Pensions.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George M. Ben-
nett for change of name, was
presented and referred to the
Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Joshua Flatha-
way for a lot of land;

Petition of Nathaniel Web-
ster for remuneration for money
paid for land; — were severally
presented and referred to the
Committee on State Lands and State
Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Eddington that part of Brewer may be set off and annexed to Eddington;

Petition of inhabitants of Gilead that Fryeburg Academy Grant may be annexed to Gilead;

Petition of inhabitants of Fryeburg Academy Grant to be annexed to Gilead;

Petition of Amos R. Messer and others that certain lands be set off from Lowell and annexed to Enfield; - were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Leoard Merrill and others for permission to build wharves in Portland harbor;

Petition of Hiram Peavey for a charter to run a steamboat on Passadumkeag river;

Petition of J. T. Lewis for leave to build a dike across

tide waters at Salt Marsh Creek 117
in Millbridge; - were severally
presented and referred to the
Committee on Interior Waters.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of selectmen of
Scarborough that the doings of
the selectmen of said town
for the years 1850 and 1851
may be legalized;

Petitions of Samuel Pratt
and others, and of Dan Pineo
and others, for further legisla-
tion to protect the forests of
Maine against fire;

Petition of inhabitants of
Centreville and vicinity in ref-
erence to taxes on nonresident
lands;

Petition of Elisha H. Dun-
ham of Deer Isle for divorce;

Petition of city of Bath by
the Mayor for amendment to
the city charter; - were several-
ly presented and referred to
the Committee on the Judicia-
ry. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jephtha Young
and others;

Petition of Lot M. Morrill
and others;

Petition of Free Will Baptist
State Convention;

Petition of James Small and
others; all for the incorporation
and endowment of the Maine
State Seminary;

Petition of the Mayor of
Belfast and others that the city
district may be authorized
to raise additional school
money; - were severally pre-
sented and referred to the
Committee on Education. Sent
up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Friday, January 12, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ware
of Augusta.

Mr. Nason of Kenduskeag,
from the Committee on Division
of Towns, on the petition of
T. J. Haines and others, re-
ported an order of notice;
and on motion of Mr. Hill
of Bangor, the same was re-
committed. Sent up for con-
currence.

Petition of Thomas Crocker
and others for incorporation of
Bangor and Piscataquis State
Company, referred by the House
to the Committee on Railroads
and Bridges, was returned
from the Senate, the reference
nonconcurring, and the petition
referred to the Committee on
Manufactures; and the House
receded and concurred.

Petition of James B. Cahoon and others, committee of the inhabitants of Portland, inviting attention to the Paris Exposition of 1855, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Orders from the Senate, relating to petitions of last year in aid of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute;

Relating to amendment of chapter fortyfour of the Revised Statutes;

Relating to assessment of taxes;

Relating to costs in real and mixed actions; and

Relating to a general banking law; - were severally passed in concurrence.

Mr. Caine of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend an act respecting

the erection of wooden buildings ¹²¹ in the city of Portland, approved April 1, 1854; which was read twice, and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

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

Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State; - and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Hall of Bangor presented the credentials of Peol Loken, delegate of the Penobscot tribe of Indians; and the same were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of New Gloucester,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pay per diem of members of superintending school committees for their services, and also of compensating

122 them for travel in the regular discharge of their duties. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of amending the law for the collection of County taxes on unincorporated lands, so that the County Treasurer shall be obliged to receive the amount of tax due from any one of the proprietors as his proportion, and give a receipt for the same. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Mark Scott and others to be incorporated into a town by the name of Woodville, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Governor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians for an appropriation for a school at Oldtown for the Indians, was presented and referred to the committee on Indian Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Elizabeth Sylves 123
ter of Windham for divorce,
was presented and referred
to the joint Select Committee
having under consideration the
petition of Jane H. Lewis. Sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of S. C. Fessenden and
others for the incorporation and
endowment of the Maine State
Seminary, was presented and
referred to the Committee on
Education. Sent up for concu-
rence.

Petition of Darius Wentworth
for the right to erect a weir
on Damariscotta river, was
presented and referred to the
Committee on Interior Waters.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the town of Detroit
to be set off from Somerset
County and annexed to Penob-
scot County, was presented and
referred to the Committee on
Division of Counties. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of J. M. Moor and others that certain lands may be set off from Detroit and annexed to Pittsfield, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Elbridge Harris that the name of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company be changed;

Petition of E. B. Pierce and others for the revival of the Oldtown and Milford Bridge Company and for other purposes;

Petition of Rufus Dwinell, President of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad Company, for authority for the city of Bangor to loan its credit in aid of said railroad;

Petition of George W. Pickering, Mayor of the city of Bangor, in aid of the petition of Rufus Dwinell; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George Plaisted 125
and others of Gardiner for a
bank charter; was presented
and referred to the Committee
on Banks and Banking. Sent
up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Me-
chanics' and Manufacturers' Bank,
laid on the table by Mr Berry
of Gardiner, by leave, was re-
ferred to the same Committee.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Oliver S. Livermore
and others for incorporation as
Eastport Gas Light Company;

Petition of John Bird and
others for incorporation of North
Insurance Company of Rockland;
— were severally presented and
referred to the Committee on
Mercantile Affairs and Insur-
ance. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Saturday, January 13, 1853.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tappan
of Augusta.

Mr. Hill of Bangor, by leave,
laid on the table a bill in addi-
tion to an act to establish the
County of Sagadahoc; and the
same was referred to the joint
delegation from the County of
Sagadahoc. Sent up for concu-
rence.

Mr. Andrews of Biddeford, by
leave, laid on the table a bill to
incorporate the city of Bidde-
ford; and the same was re-
ferred to the Committee on the
Judiciary. Sent up for concu-
rence.

On motion of Mr. Hill of
Bangor,

Ordered, That the papers and
documents on the files of the
last Legislature, relating to the

purchase of the fee of the real¹²⁷
estate of the Reform School,
be taken from the files, and
referred to the Committee on the
Reform School. Sent up for con-
currence.

On motion of Mr. Skolfield
of Harpswell,

Ordered, That the Committee
on the Judiciary be instructed
to inquire into the expediency
of repealing chapter sixtynine of
the Revised Statutes, chapter one
hundred and ninetytwo of the
public laws approved July 22,
1846, and chapter two hundred
and two of the public laws ap-
proved August 7, 1846, common-
ly known as the usury laws.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of N. E. Paine and
others of Exeter for the incorpo-
ration and endowment of the
Maine State Seminary, was re-
ceived from the Senate, and
referred to the Committee on
Education in concurrence.

Petition of Elisha H. Dunkham
for divorce, referred by the House

128 to the Committee on the Judiciary, was returned from the Senate, the reference nonconcurring, and the petition referred to the joint Select Committee having under consideration the petition of Jane K. Lewis; and the House receded and concurred.

Petition of Elias Harmon and others;

Petition of B. E. Cutter and others;

Petition of Harrison Lowell and others;

Petition of George A. Warren and others;

Petition of J. H. Allen and others;

Petition of Thomas H. Cole and others;

Petition of E. M. Witherell and others;

Petition of William R. Haines and others; - all of Biddeford, asking for a city charter, were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Berry of 129
Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay upon the Speaker's table forthwith the several County estimates received at his office.

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to balance certain accounts for Taxes, was received from the Senate, read once, and Monday assigned for a second reading.

Memorial of the New York Law Institute for a donation of the Statutes of Maine for a public library, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Library. Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Blake of Penobscot, informing the House, that in the absence of their Secretary, the Senate has made choice of Joseph W. Knowlton as Secretary pro tempore.

Bill to amend an act respecting the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Portland, approved April 1, 1854, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, referring so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the subject of slavery, to a joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Torrey, Boody and Pease, on the part of the Senate, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Ingersoll of Bangor, Scammon of Saco, Cutler of Ripley, Barrows of Harrison, Nickerson of Belfast, Mayo of Orono and Sweet of Parsonsfield, were joined on the part of the House.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Garcelon, Newell Blake and Flint, with such as the House may join, a Committee to prepare joint rules and orders for the government of the two Houses, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Leavitt of Skowhegan, Stone of Kennebunkport, Brown of Bridgton, Josselyn of Phillips, Mc Gilvery

of Searsport, Woodbury of Houlton, and Coombs of Brooksville, were joined on the part of the House. 131

Petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary for aid;

Petition of Seth May and others of Winthrop that aid may be granted to Towle Academy;

Petition of the Trustees of Limington Academy for a grant of land;

Petitions of Thomas Burdlin and others, and of Asael Lovejoy and others, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of the selectmen of Farmingdale against the petition of S. C. Whittier and another, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of David Stewart and others that certain doings of the town of Coriuna may be made valid;

Petition of the city of Bath, by the Mayor, for power to pass an ordinance for the removal of snow from sidewalks;

Petitions of William Freeman and others, and of Daniel Lord and others, for a law to protect forests against fire; - were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. R. Baker, Clerk.

Monday, January 15, 1835.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ingraham
of Augusta.

Petition of J. C. Stetson for
change of name of two orphan
boys;

Petition of Samuel Gray for
change of name; - were sever-
ally presented and referred to
the Committee on Change of
Names.

Petition of the Trustees of Co-
riuna Union Academy for aid;

Petition of Joseph Staples and
others of Peru for the incorpora-
tion and endowment of the
Maine State Seminary; - were
severally presented and referred
to the Committee on Education.
Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Berry of
Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law reducing the salary of the Attorney General. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be requested to consider the expediency of passing a law compelling truant and vagrant children to attend school; and if the Committee think such a law would be expedient or would be effectual, that they report a bill. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. N. Baker, Clerk.

Tuesday, January 16, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Aspinwall of Gardiner.

Petition of E. M. Wood and others of Camden for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of J. T. Champlin and others for incorporation by the name of the Waterville Library Association; — were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Bancroft for a law concerning certain school funds, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative

136 to the repeal of an act additional to an act incorporating the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad Company, was passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether the amount of monthly wages due for the services of a principal defendant, and of his family, and which is by statute exempted from the reach of trustee process, should not be limited to some definite sum. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Butler of Sanford,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the seventh section of the seventeenth chapter of the Revised Statutes. Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting various County

estimates; and the same was 137 referred, with the accompanying papers, to the Committee on County Estimates.

Remonstrance of John Gardiner of Albion against the petition of Charles Brawn for change of name, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Mr. Holt of Garland, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend chapter sixtysix of the Revised Statutes; also a bill in relation to the power of County Commissioners; and the same were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Leavitt of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill to establish a police court in Portland, and to abolish the municipal court; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from Woodbury Davis, accepting the office of Treasurer of State, accompanied by his official bond, was received from the Senate and referred to the joint Select Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the late Treasurer in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell,

Ordered, That a Committee of seven be appointed to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of the House; and Messrs. Leavitt of Skowhegan, Stone of Kennebunkport, Brown of Bridgton, Josselyn of Phillips, McGilvery of Searsport, Woodbury of Houlton and Coombs of Brooksville, were appointed.

Mr. Stone of Kennebunkport, by leave, laid on the table a bill granting appeals from the decisions of the County Commissioners of two or more Counties; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, appointing

Messrs. Downes, Nathaniel Blake 139
and Quimby, with such as the
House may join, a Committee
to consider what further legis-
lation, if any, is necessary, in
relation to elections in planta-
tions as provided in chapter
eightynine of the laws passed
at the extra session in 1840,
and which was approved Octo-
ber 2, 1840, - was passed in con-
currence; and Messrs. Lincoln
of Hallowell, Woodman of Mi-
not, Caine of Portland, Smith
of Mattawamkeag, Gunnison of
Eastport, Barrows of Harrison
and Durell of Oxford, were
joined on the part of the
House.

The Committee on Engrossed
Bills reported as truly and strict-
ly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to amend an act
respecting the erection of wooden
buildings in the city of Port-
land, approved April 1, 1854;
and the same was passed to be
enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Petition of Hiram Ricker and
others;

140 Petition of Daniel Brown and
others;

Petition of Nathaniel S. Shurtleff and others; all in behalf of the incorporation of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, - were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Marshall and others, Directors of the Belfast Bank, for extension of time to pay in new capital stock authorized by act of March, 1854, - was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Otis and others that certain lands may be set off from Manchester and annexed to Hallowell;

Petition of Oakes Thompson and others to be set off from Hartford and annexed to Canton;

Petition of F. Sibley and others

that part of the town of Brewer 141
may be set off and annexed to
Eddington;

Remonstrance of William B.
Ward and others of Eddington
against the annexation of part
of Brewer to Eddington; - were
severally presented and referred
to the Committee on Division
of Towns. Sent up for concu-
rence.

Petition of William A. Rust
and others for aid to the Oxford
Normal Institute;

Petition of G. W. Bean and
others of Waterville for the in-
corporation and endowment
of the Maine State Seminary;
- were severally presented and
referred to the Committee on
Education. Sent up for concu-
rence.

Petition of L. D. Hanson and
others for a law to prevent the
destruction of timber lands by
fire, was presented and re-
ferred to the Committee on
the Judiciary. Sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of Albert G. Barbour for a divorce, was presented and referred to the joint Select Committee having under consideration the petition of Jane H. Lewis. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles W. Rideout and others for an amendment of the State Constitution, was presented and referred to the joint Select Committee having under consideration the naturalization laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Wednesday, January 17, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hanson of Augusta.

Order from the Senate, appointing Messrs. Boody, Willis and Torsey, with such as the House may join, a Committee to consider the expediency of an appropriation to complete the geological survey of the State, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Leamon of Laco, Charles of Frgeburg, Burrington of Richmond, Heald of Troy, Wallace of Millbridge, Baker of Gorham and Curry of Hancock, were joined on the part of the House.

Mr. Hill of Bangor, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of Ellis Gubtail, reported that legislation is inexpedient; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the joint Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Susan Thing for divorce, ordering notice on the same, was received from the Senate recommitted with instructions to report reference to the next Legislature; and on motion of Mr. Scammon of Saco, the House nonconcurring, and the report and petition were indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph M. Moor and others to be set off from Detroit and annexed to Pittsfield, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of the trustees of Waterville College for aid, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Abraham Andrews and others for alteration of the law for taxing lumber, was received from the Senate and

referred to the Committee on the 145
Judiciary in concurrence.

Mr. Smith of Mattawamkeag,
from the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads, on the petition
of Joshua Hathaway, reported
leave to withdraw; and the
report was accepted. Sent up
for concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the
House the proceedings of the
third session of the American
Pomological Society; and the
same was referred to the Com-
mittee on Agriculture. Sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of Peter Haines and
others, inhabitants of township
numbered three, being a part
of Rangely plantation in the
County of Franklin, to be in-
corporated into a town, was
presented and referred to the
Committee on Incorporation of
Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Portland Cavalry
Guards that cavalry companies

146 be furnished with necessary horse equipments, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Militia. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Casco Bank in Portland for increase of capital stock;

Petition of the Directors of the Merchants' Bank in Portland for increase of capital stock; - were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Oren Williamson and others for the incorporation of the Mechanics' Association, was presented and referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Richard Sargent and another that certain lands be set off from the town of Porter and annexed to Brownfield, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of 147
Moscow that their doings may
be made valid;

Petition of Rufus Berry
and others for leave to sell the
Free Will Baptist Meeting-
house in Wayne; - were sever-
ally presented and referred
to the Committee on the Judi-
ciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ezra Myrick and
others to be incorporated into
a town by the name of Alma;

Remonstrance of Francis
Weeks and others against the
same; - were severally pre-
sented and referred to the
next Legislature. Sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of Zachariah Jor-
dan and others of Limerick;

Petition of William Smith
and others of Topsham;

Petition of A. B. Meservey
and others of Oldtown;

Petition of Ebenezer Snowlton

148 and others of South Montville;
all for the incorporation and
endowment of the Maine
State Seminary, — were sever-
ally presented and referred
to the Committee on Education,
Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. K. Baker, Clerk.

Thursday, January 18, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Squier
of Hallowell.

Report of the joint Select
Committee to which was referred
the bond of the Treasurer of
State, that the same is correct-
ly drawn, and the sureties
satisfactory, was received from
the Senate and accepted in
concurrence.

Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell
was appointed to notify Wood-
bury Davis, Treasurer elect, of
the acceptance of his bond,
and to conduct him to the
Governor and Council that he
may take and subscribe the
oaths of office. Mr. Lincoln
subsequently reported, that he
had discharged the duty as-
signed him, and that the
Treasurer of State had taken
and subscribed the necessary
oaths.

Mr. Hall of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend chapter two hundred and forty four of the public laws of 1852; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Communications from Franklin Clark and Henry Richardson, Councillors elect, signifying their acceptance of the office, and readiness to take and subscribe the necessary oaths, were received; and the same were read and sent up.

On motion of Mr. Pike of Topsfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the existing law granting a bounty on wolves and bears, as to increase the bounty on wolves to ten dollars, instead of eight dollars, the amount now allowed. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Edward Emerson

and others of China, for the elec- 151
tion of all State officers by the
people, and also for a change
in the naturalization laws, was
presented by Mr. Jones of Chi-
na; and on motion of Mr.
Lincoln of Hallowell, so much
of said petition as relates to
elections by the people, was
referred to the joint Select
Committee on the Elective
Franchise, and so much as
relates to alteration of the
naturalization laws to the
joint Select Committee on
the Naturalization Laws.
Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hobart
of Edmunds,

Ordered, That a message
be sent to the Senate, propos-
ing a convention of both
branches in the Representatives
Hall at eleven o'clock, for
the purpose of qualifying
Franklin Clark and Henry
Richardson, Councillors elect.
The Clerk delivered the mes-
sage.

A message was received
from the Senate, by its Secretary,
announcing the concurrence of
that body in the proposed con-
vention.

At the hour assigned, the Senate came in, and a convention was formed.

In Convention.

Mr. Holt of Bangor was charged with a message to Franklin Clark and Henry Richardson, Councillors elect, informing them that the two branches are assembled in convention for the purpose of administering to them the oaths of office; and subsequently announced that he had discharged the duty assigned him, and that the Councillors elect would attend forthwith, and take and subscribe the oaths.

Whereupon Messrs. Clark and Richardson came in, and in presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them for their official duties.

The Councillors then retired, and the convention separated.

On motion of Mr. Buck of 153
Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Committee on the State Prison consult upon the expediency of allowing convicts in the State Prison a certain per centage of their earnings, to be paid when their term expires. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brown of
Bridgton,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law for the relief of insolvent debtors, and for the more equal distribution of their effects. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Chase of
Calais,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider and report upon the expediency of authorizing the Governor to appoint one Commissioner to revise, abridge and arrange the public laws of this State; also to prepare for publication a copy of all the private and special laws, and also a copy

154 of all resolves which have been passed, up to and including the present session, indicating what have been repealed; and makes report to the next Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fenn of Augusta,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the Chaplains of this Legislature have the same privileges in regard to the Library as members of the Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act entitled an act to establish the County of Sagadahoc, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Petition of C. W. Goddard, County Attorney of Androscoggin County, for increase of salary;

Petition of the County officers of Androscoggin County in aid of the same; - were severally received from the Senate and

referred to the Committee on the 155
Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln of
Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Committee
on Public Buildings be instruct-
ed to inquire as to the expedi-
ency of sinking a cistern of
large capacity on the northerly
side of the State House, to be
used in case of fire. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of Amos Hitchings
and others of Waterville;

Petition of G. M. Burleigh
and others of Dexter;

Petition of Ezra Totman and
others of Fairfield;

Petition of Henry J. Warren
and others of New Gloucester;

Petition of P. M. Withington
and others of Chesterville;

Petition of A. C. Buffum and
others of Orono and vicinity;

Petition of W. A. P. Dillingham

156 and others of Augusta; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of James M. Neal and others of Belmont and vicinity;

Petition of J. D. Collins and others of Palermo and vicinity;

Petition of Edward Emerson and others of China; all for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Hiram E. Peirce and others of Belfast for incorporation for manufacturing purposes, was presented and referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Nickerson of Belfast, by leave, laid on the Table a bill to incorporate the Hiram Dale Manufacturing Company; and the same was referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Randall Savings 157
and Benevolent Association for
amendment of charter;

Petition of Benjamin J. Her-
rick and others of Alfred for
a bank charter; - rose severally
presented and referred to the
Committee on Banks and Bank-
ing. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Butterfield
and others for a law to pro-
tect forests against fire, was
presented and referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary. Sent
up for concurrence.

Memorial of the citizens of
Bangor, praying that no fur-
ther action may be had on
the petition of the Penobscot
and Kennebec Railroad Com-
pany for power for the city of
Bangor to loan its credit in
aid of said road, until an in-
vestigation of the affairs of said
Company can be had, - was
presented and referred to the
Committee on Railroads and
Bridges. Sent up for concu-
rence.

Remonstrance of Abner Toothaker and others of township numbered three, being part of Rangely plantation, against being incorporated into a town, — was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Paul Hammond and others of Sidney for a law to prevent the destruction of fish in certain ponds and streams in St. Lawrence County, was presented and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses Fogg of Wales for change of name, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Adjourned.

H. N. Baker, Clerk.

Friday, January 19, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cone of
Hallowell.

Report of the Committee on
State Lands and State Roads, on
the petition of inhabitants of
Bancroft plantation, that legis-
lation thereon is inexpedient, was
received from the Senate and
accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on
Claims, on the petition of L. C.
Chase Jr., granting leave to with-
draw, was received from the
Senate and accepted in con-
currence.

Petition of Daniel Bunker
Jr and others of North Anson
that the towns of Anson and
North Anson may be reunited
into one town, was received
from the Senate and referred to
the Committee on Division of
Towns in concurrence.

160 Petition of Isaac Rogers and others of Farmington and vicinity for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of John Jewell and others of Pittston in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary; — were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending section thirtyfive of chapter one hundred and twentyfive of the Revised Statutes, was passed in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Hunt and others for an amendment of the State Constitution in relation to the election of State officers, and also in relation to persons of foreign birth, was received from the Senate referred to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise; and

the House nonconcurred, and 161 referred so much of said petition as relates to the election of State officers to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to persons of foreign birth, to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor,

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted, on Thursday evening next, to the friends of Temperance, for a general meeting to consider the present condition and prospects of the cause.

Report of the joint Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Susan Thing, indefinitely postponed by the House, was returned from the Senate, that body insisting on its former vote recommending with instructions to report reference to the next Legislature.

Mr. Hill of Bangor moved

162 that the House adhere to its former vote.

On motion of Mr. Remick of Fidelity, the question was ordered to be taken by yeas and nays; and being taken, it was decided in the affirmative, yeas sixtyfour, nays fifty.

Those who voted in the affirmative were

Messrs. H. Andrews, Messrs. Gunnison,

Bachelor, Hall,

Baker, Ham,

Barker, Haskell,

Barrows, J. B. Hill,

Bradbury, T. Hill,

Bridges, Hobart,

E. H. Brown, Hobbs,

Surpee, Holt,

Came, E. Hatchins,

Chapin, Josselyn,

Charles, Kennedy,

D. H. Chase, J. T. Leavitt,

Joseph Chase, A. R. Leavitt,

A. Clark, J. M. Lincoln,

Cole, R. G. Lincoln,

Curry, Main,

Cushing, Mallett,

Durell, McKeuney,

Eames, Means,

Fennor, Nickerson,

Gilchrist, Norris,

S. Gilman, Oaks,

Messrs. Pattee,	Messrs. L. Smith, 163
Peacey,	Sweet,
Pike,	Titcomb,
Poor,	Turner,
Porter,	Wasson,
Raynes,	Weeks,
Ricker,	Whitcomb,
Scammon,	Woodbury,
Skotfield,	Yorke.

Those who voted in the negative were

Messrs. L. Andrews,	Messrs. Mayo,
Bacon,	McLaughlin,
Berry,	Miller,
Blanchard,	Nason,
L. Brown,	Nichols,
Burgess,	Osgood,
Carr,	Patterson,
Comins,	Perham,
Coombs,	Phillips,
Cushman,	Pillsbury,
Cutler,	Romick,
Dike,	Rogers,
Furbish,	Small,
Gerrish,	A. Smith,
Getchell,	Snell,
Greenleaf,	G. W. Stanton,
Haines,	W. Stanton,
J. Heald,	Staples,
L. Heald,	R. S. Stevens,
Hinkley,	W. P. Stevens,
J. Hutchins,	Stone,
Johnson,	Trafton,
Jones,	Twitchell,

Messrs. Walker,
Wallace,

Messrs. Winslow,
Woodman.

So the House adhered to its former vote. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Pattee of Fort Fairfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law requiring the several plantations in the State to raise money for the support of schools and the repair of highways, in the same manner as incorporated cities and towns are required to do by law. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Chesterville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the law establishing the basis of the distribution of the common school funds, that their benefits may be more fully equalized among the poorer

and less populous districts. Sent 165 up for concurrence.

Mr. Carne of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional to an act to incorporate the Mechanics' Bank, approved April 18, 1854.

Bill in addition to an act entitled an act to establish the County of Sagadahoc, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Jesse Hayes and others of Lewiston and vicinity for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Davis Johnson and others for authority to call a meeting of the stockholders of the New York City and Portland Exchange Granite Company;

Remonstrance of Elbridge Harris, in behalf of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company, against the repeal of an act approved March 24, 1843; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Saturday, January 20, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tappan
of Augusta.

Mr. Fenno of Augusta, by
leave, laid on the table a bill
to incorporate the Augusta
and Hallowell Gas Light
Company; and the same was
referred to the Committee on
the Judiciary. Sent up for
concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Peol
Lockis, was received from the
Senate passed to be engrossed;
and the same was read, and
the rules having been sus-
pended, was read a second
time and passed to be en-
grossed in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the
Treasurer of State to balance
certain accounts for taxes, was

168 read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act in addition to an act to establish the County of Sagadahoc; and the same was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill to amend chapter sixtysix of the Revised Statutes, reported that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Manufactures; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, that the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency

of abolishing all statutes providing for the appointment of fish wardens on the Penobscot waters, - was passed in concurrence.

Communication of J. G. Dickerson in favor of allowing school districts to raise money for schools;

Petition of Joshua F. Gerald and others of Plymouth in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary; - were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

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

Resolve in favor of Peol Lockis; and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell, by leave, laid on the table a bill in addition giving to

170 mortgagees of real estate a lien on policies of assurance against fire; and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of the city of Calais, and also the petition of the city of Belfast, that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph A. Linscott and others for increase of the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Franklin, was received from the Senate and referred to the joint delegation of the County of Franklin in concurrence.

Petition of B. T. Dinsmore and others of Anson in aid of the peti-

tion of Daniel Bunker Jr. and 171 others, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Bill to establish a municipal court in the city of Belfast, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter forty-four of the Revised Statutes, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Petition of James Benner third for change of name, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Thomas Taylor of Strong for renewal and increase of pension, was presented and referred to the Committee on

172 Military Pensions. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Frederic Frye and others that part of Dedham in the County of Hancock be set off and annexed to the town of Holden in the County of Penobscot, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Account of Dan Pineo for repairs on roads in Indian township in the County of Washington, was presented and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William H. Prentice and others of Bristol that foreigners be not allowed to vote until they have resided in this country twentyone years, and against the right of foreigners to organize military companies on our soil, - was presented and referred to the joint Select Committee on the

Naturalization Laws. Sent up 173
for concurrence.

Petition of Caroline F. Sargent
for power to convey certain
real estate;

Petition of A. S. Patten and
others of Piscataquis County
for amendment or revision of
the State Constitution;

Petition of James C. Madigan
and others of Houlton
for an act to prevent the
destruction of forests by fire;

Petition of Royal Williams
and others of Portland for
the repeal of the first clause
of the eighth section of the
act of 1851 against tippling
shops; — were severally
presented and referred to
the Committee on the Judiciary.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Elisha Coolidge
and others of Solon;

Petition of Edward Anderson
and others of Windham;

174 Petition of L. W. Johnson and
others of Carmel;

Petition of G. P. Sewall and
others of Oldtown;

Petition of Robert Blacker
and others of Auburn; all in
aid of the petition of the
trustees of Westbrook Semina-
ry;

Petition of T. E. Cilley and
others of Lewiston and vicinity;

Petition of E. P. Tobie and oth-
ers of Lewiston; all for the incor-
poration and endowment of
the Maine State Seminary; -
were severally presented and
referred to the Committee on
Education. Sent up for con-
currence.

Petition of the Allegash
Dam Company for increase of
toll, was presented and re-
ferred to the Committee on
Interior Waters. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors and
stockholders of the Penobscot

Railroad Company in favor of 175
the loan of the credit of the
city of Bangor in aid of said
road;

Petition of the same for
the extension of their road;

Petitions of C. H. Forbes and
others, and of John Winn and
others of Bangor in aid of
the petition of the Penobscot
Railroad Company;

Petition of M. M. Libby
and others of Poland for the
incorporation of the Portland
and Oxford Central Railroad
Company;

Petition of E. H. Douglass
and others of Guilford for aid
in building a bridge;

Petition of William G.
Bent and others in reference
to a toll bridge at Orono;

Petition of Elbridge Har-
ris, in behalf of the Bangor
and Piscataquis Canal and
Railroad Company, for leave
for the city of Bangor to
loan its credit to said Com-
pany; — were severally

176 presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Wayne Paper Company, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Mr. Smith of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of the stockholders of Martin's Point Bridge, reported a bill additional to an act to incorporate the proprietors of Martin's Point Bridge; and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

Adjourned.

H. N. Baker, Clerk.

Monday, January 22, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Drew
of Augusta.

Petition of H. C. Alden and
others, members of the bar of
the County of Waldo, that no
grand jury be required to
attend the January term
of the Supreme Judicial
Court in said County, and
that the criminal jurisdic-
tion of said Court at said
term be abolished, — was
received from the Senate
and referred to the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary
in concurrence.

Petition of Marshall Smith
and others of Boothbay;

Petition of Putnam In-
galls and others of Bluehill;
both for amendment of the
Constitution so that State offi-
cers may be elected by the

178 people, and against foreigners voting until after a residence of twenty one years; — were severally received from the Senate, so much as relates to elections of officers referred to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws; and the House concurred.

Petition of John Fowler
and others of Searsport;

Petition of N. L. Littlefield
and others of Bridgton;

Petition of Charles B.
Fisher and others of Booth-
bay;

Petition of Jerome Harris
and others of Prospect; all in
aid of the petition of the
trustees of Westbrook Semi-
nary; — were severally re-
ceived from the Senate and
referred to the Committee
on Education in concur-
rence.

Order from the Senate, di 179
recting the Committee on the
Judiciary to inquire if any
alterations are required
in the statutes regulating
divorce, to render it less
onerous for indigent par-
ties, — was passed in con-
currence.

Resolve authorizing the
acting Quartermaster Gener-
al to dispose of certain
military property, was re-
ceived from the Senate and
referred to the Committee on
the Militia in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln
of Hallowell, the vote where-
by the House on Saturday
referred the petition of
Royal Williams and others
to the Committee on the Ju-
diciary was reconsidered; and
the same was referred to
the joint Select Committee
on so much of the Gover-
nor's Message as relates to
the Maine Law. Sent up
for concurrence.

Remonstrance of T. A. De-
blois and others, members
of the Cumberland County
bar, against the abolition
of the municipal court in
Portland, - was presented
and referred to the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses Springer
and others of Gardiner;

Petition of George A. Pierce
and others of Charleston;

Petition of Frederick Mat-
ting and others of Casco and
Raymond;

Petition of L. P. Bachelder
and others of Falmouth;
all in aid of the petition
of the trustees of Westbrook
Seminary; - were severally
presented and referred to
the Committee on Education.
Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to establish the sala-
ry of the County Attorney
of the County of Andros-
coggin;

Bill additional to an act 181
for the assessment and collec-
tion of taxes in unincorporated
places;

Bill additional to an act
to authorize the city of Calais
to aid in the construction of
the Lewis Island Railroad;

Bill additional to an act
to incorporate the Androscog-
gin Agricultural and Horti-
cultural Society;

Bill to amend the thirty-
eighth section of the one hun-
dred and fourth chapter
of the Revised Statutes;

Bill to regulate the sale of
oats;

Bill to increase the salary
of the Register of Probate for
Aroostook County;

Bill to amend chapter
two hundred and forty four
of the public laws of 1852;

Bill to increase the salary
of the Judge of Probate for the
County of Aroostook;

Bill authorizing the Lewy's Island Railroad Company to alter its location; — were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve in favor of the New York Law Institute, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Petition of G. H. Douglass and others, referred by the House to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, was returned from the Senate, the reference non-concurred, and the petition referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. The House receded and concurred.

On motion of Mr. Buck of Bucksport,

Ordered, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the ex-

pediency of requiring secretaries 183
of savings institutions to make an
annual report of the amount
deposited, with the names of the
depositors, to the assessors of
those cities and towns where
such depositors reside. Sent
up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cane of
Portland,

Ordered, That the messengers
of the House of Representatives
and of the Senate be directed
to distribute six copies of the
Report of the Superintendent
and Trustees of the Reform
School to each member of the
House and Senate, and that
what remains after such dis-
tribution be reserved to the
Superintendent and Trustees
of the Reform School for
distribution by them. Sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of George F. Tucker
and others for an appropria-
tion for the repair of the
gunhouse in Bowdoinham,
was presented and referred to
the Committee on the Militia.
Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to an act to incorporate the proprietors of Martin's Point Bridge, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Wayne Paper Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to amend the fourteenth section of chapter fortyfour of the Revised Statutes, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor, was laid on the table.

Petition of E. G. Flarkness and others of Camden for amendment of the Constitution as to the election of officers, and for alteration of the naturalization laws, was presented and referred, so much as relates to elections to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to naturalization to the joint Select Committee on the Natu-

ratization Laws. Sent up for con-185
currence.

Mr. Titcomb of Augusta, by
leave, laid on the table a bill
to establish a police court in
the city of Augusta; and the
same was referred to the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary. Sent
up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bachelor
of Whitneyville,
Ordered, That the Committee
on the Judiciary be instructed
to inquire into the expediency
of so amending chapter sev-
entytwo of the laws of 1848,
and chapter two hundred
and sixteen of the laws of
1851, giving to laborers on
lumber a lien on the lumber
they may help cut and haul,
as to provide, first, that the
lien of the laborers shall not
wholly defeat the lien of the
proprietors for stumpage due
on the logs; second, that the
laborer, in order to secure his
lien, shall be required to have
his claim recorded by the town
clerk of the town where his
employer, or the person against

186 whom the suit is to be brought, lives, within thirty days after completing the labor which he shall have contracted to perform; third, that all laborers, having equal rights in the logs, shall be equally secured, as in chapter seventy-eight, allowing a lien on vessels; fourth, that the owners of the logs shall have notice of the attachment, and shall be allowed to come into court and defend such suits. And that the Committee report such amendments in said law, as may seem necessary to secure the rights of all concerned. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cushing of Frankfort,

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted, for Friday afternoon next, to Eli Thayer, Esquire, of Worcester, Massachusetts, a trustee of the Emigrant Aid Company, for the purpose of explaining the objects and plans of the Company, particularly in reference to securing the blessings of

free institutions to Kansas, 187
by colonizing it with free
men from the North.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Tuesday, January 23, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dexter of
Augusta.

On motion of Mr. Cornins
of Eddington,

Ordered, That the use of the
hall of this House be granted
to the friends of Agriculture,
this evening at half past
seven o'clock, for the purpose
of listening to a lecture on
the subject of agriculture
from Mr. E. C. Waring of
New York.

Orders from the Senate, di-
recting an inquiry into the
doings of the Somerset and
Kennebec Railroad Company,
particularly in respect to that
part of their charter between
Skowhegan and North Anson,
with power to send for per-
sons and papers;

Relative to amendment of

chapter one hundred and 189
seventy three of the Revised
Statutes, and repeal of chap-
ter one hundred and thirty
six of the laws of 1849;

Directing papers relative to
the geological survey of the
State to be taken from the
files of the last Legislature,
and referred to the joint
Select Committee who have
that subject under consid-
eration; — were severally
passed in concurrence.

Petition of the inhabitants
of Hebron that that Town may
be set off from the County of
Oxford and annexed to the
County of Androscoggin, was
received from the Senate and
referred to the Committee on
Division of Counties in con-
currence.

Remonstrance of Gideon
Richards and others of Bel-
mont, against the petition
of N. Cushman and others,
was received from the Senate
and referred to the Committee
on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of David Howland and others of Lincolnville in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Patee of Fort Fairfield,

Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of designating and setting apart certain townships for settling purposes. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to an act to incorporate the Mechanics Bank, approved April 18, 1854, laid on the table on Friday last by Mr. Cane of Portland, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as

truly and strictly engross-191
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Resolve authorizing the
Treasurer of State to balance
certain accounts; and the
same was finally passed
and sent to the Senate.

Petition of B. C. Bailey and
others of Bath;

Petition of Daniel Allen
and others of Monmouth;

Petition of A. H. Morrell
and others of Phillips; all
for the incorporation and
endowment of the Maine
State Seminary;

Petition of E. B. Averill
and others of Dover and vicin-
ity;

Petition of David Stanley
and others of Winthrop;

Petition of John Beem
and others of West Gardiner;
all in aid of the petition
of the Trustees of West-
brook Seminary; — were
severally presented and re-

192 referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of D. W. Dinsmore to be allowed certain moneys paid out by him, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Alfred Hutchins and others in aid of the petition of Darius Wentworth, was presented and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. Fairfield and others for an appropriation for a bridge over Crystal Stream in Township number four, range five, Aroostook County;

Petition of John Hearsey and others in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others;

Petition of Eliphalet Greeley

and others for the incorporation 193
of a company authorized to
construct the Northern Pacific
Railway; — were severally pre-
sented and referred to the
Committee on Railroads and
Bridges. Sent up for concu-
rence.

Petition of the Allegash Dam
Company for increase of toll,
referred by the House to the
Committee on Interior Waters,
was returned from the Senate,
the reference nonconcurring,
and the petition referred to
the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads. The House
receded and concurred.

Mr. Hill of Bangor, by
leave, laid on the table a bill
to establish the Northern Pa-
cific Railway; and the same
was referred to the Committee
on Railroads and Bridges.
Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln
of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Committee
on the Judiciary be directed

194 to inquire whether any amendments are necessary to be made to chapters two hundred and forty three, two hundred and eighty six, three hundred and eleven and three hundred and fifty two, of the special laws of 1854. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of R. P. Whitney and others for amendment of the Constitution in reference to elections of public officers, was presented and referred to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the joint Select Committee appointed to prepare joint Rules and Orders for the government of the two Houses, was received from the Senate amended by striking out the eleventh rule, and as amended accepted by that body; and on motion of Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan, the same was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Wednesday, January 24, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Burgess
of Gardiner.

Bill to amend chapter forty-four of the Revised Statutes, was taken up and recommit-
ted to the Committee on
Bills in the Third Reading.

Order from the Senate, that
papers of the last Legislature
in relation to the Reform
School, together with such
reports of the Trustees, Su-
perintendents or Committees
as may exist, be taken from
the files and referred to the
Committee on the Reform
School, — was passed in con-
currence.

Petition of J. L. Holmes and
others, trustees of Foxcroft
Academy, for aid, was re-
ceived from the Senate

196 and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Ephraim Atwood and others;

Petition of George Gregg and others;

Petition of Alden Keen and others;

Petition of Amory H. Allen and others; all in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others; — were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of A. D. Ames for divorce, was received from the Senate and referred to the joint Select Committee having under consideration the petition of Jane K. Lewis in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Deunett and others in aid of the petition of Jefferson Moulton, was

received from the Senate and 197 referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Resolve to promote education amongst the Penobscot Indians, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned for a second reading.

Bill to set off the town of Detroit from the County of Somerset and annex the same to the County of Penobscot, was received from the Senate amended and passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once, and on motion of Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Pike of Topshfield,

Ordered, That the petition of John Dudley and others, inhabitants of Waite plantation, for remuneration for lumber hauled from Schoor

198 Blocks, be taken from the files, and that the same, together with the certificate of John Dudley accompanying this order, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Garland of East Livermore,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of making it a penal offence for any person to convey real estate by deed or mortgage or otherwise, knowing that prior incumbrance exists, without making the same known to the grantee or mortgagee, before receiving the consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to regulate the sale of oats, was read a third time. Mr. Chase of Calais moved to amend by inserting the word "two" after the word "thirty." On motion of Mr. Mason of Kenduskeag, the bill and amendment were laid on the table.

Bill to establish the salary 199
of the County Attorney of the
County of Androscoggin, was
read a third time; and on
motion of Mr. Come of
Portland, the same was laid
on the table.

Bill to amend the thirty-
eighth section of the one
hundred and fourth chapter
of the Revised Statutes;

Bill to amend chapter
two hundred and fortyfour
of the public laws of 1852;

Bill additional to an act
to incorporate the Andros-
coggin Agricultural and
Horticultural Society;

Bill to authorize the Lewis
Island Railroad Company to
alter its location;

Bill to amend chapter
fortyfour of the Revised
Statutes;

Bill additional to an
act for the assessment and
collection of taxes in unin-
corporated places;

Bill to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Aroostook;

Bill additional to an act to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of the Lewys Island Railroad;

Bill to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Aroostook; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the New York Law Institute, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the city of Biddeford, was received from the Senate amended and passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. Hill of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table a bill for

the protection of forests and timber lands from fire; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Hancock and others of Gray for incorporation as a Mutual Benefit Association, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Jonathan Hatch and others against the incorporation of a town by the name of Woodville, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of L. B. Stevens and others of Westbrook;

Petition of Jonathan Smith and others of Westbrook;

Petition of Joseph Lufkin and others of Pownal;

Petition of William Mosely and others of Bowdoinham; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of J. H. Ingraham, in behalf of the trustees of Cong Female Academy, for aid from the State; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Elbridge Bowker and others of Phippsburg;

Petition of Sherburn Sleeper and others;

Petition of Samuel F. Hersey and others;

Petition of William Winslow and others of Bath; all for a law to protect forests and timber lands from fire; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Lowell and others of Minot and Flebron;

Petition of Warren Thayer and 203
others of Gray and New Gloucester;

Petition of William Cousins and
others of Poland;

Petition of Henry Pennell
and others of Gray and New Gloucester;
all in aid of the petition
of Ebenezer Cobb and others;

Petition of Kennebec and Wiscasset
Railroad Company for the
right to extend said road across
Kennebec river; — were severally
presented and referred to
the Committee on Railroads and
Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. B. Thordike and
others, legal voters of the city of
Portland;

Petition of Lowell Maxton
and others of Glenburn;

Petition of H. D. Fellows and
others of Richmond; all for
amendment of the Constitution
as to the election of public
officers, and against foreigners
holding office; — were
severally presented and referred,

204 so much as relates to the election of officers by the people, to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners holding office, to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Thursday, January 25, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Felch
of Hallowell.

The Committee on Engrossed
Bills reported as truly and
strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to incorporate the
Wayne Paper Company; and
the same was passed to be en-
acted and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of a com-
mission to prepare a judiciary
system, was received from the
Senate passed to be engrossed;
and the same was read once,
and on motion of Mr. Hill of
Bangor, was laid on the table.

Order from the Senate, di-
recting the Committee on Agri-
culture to inquire into the
expediency of amending
chapter twentyseven of the

206 laws of 1853, - was passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Paul Hammond and others, that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Fisheries, - was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of Seward Merrill and others, that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, - was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill additional in relation to criminal prosecutions;

Bill making further provision for the conveyance of land by married women; -

were severally received from the 207
Senate and referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary
in concurrence.

Petition of Asa Leavitt and
others of Westbrook in aid of the
petition of the trustees of West-
brook Seminary, was received
from the Senate and referred
to the Committee on Education
in concurrence.

Petition of certain inhabit-
ants of Hartford to be set off
from said town and annexed
to the town of Buckfield, was
received from the Senate and
referred to the Committee on
Division of Towns in concu-
rence.

Petition of E. C. Spinney of
Kittery for a grant of Duck
Island, was received from
the Senate and referred to
the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads in concu-
rence.

Petition of the Directors of

208 the Androscoggin and Kennebec Railroad Company for the charter of a railroad between Danville Junction and Portland;

Petition of Horace Billings and others for authority to construct a railroad from Portland to Stroudwater and for other purposes; — were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Resolve providing for the promulgation of the laws of the State, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once, and on motion of Mr. Caine of Portland, the rules were suspended, and the resolve was read a second time. The question being on passing the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence, on motion of Mr. Sweat of Parsonsfield, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, the question was decided in the affirmative, yeas eightyeight, nays thirtythree.

Those who voted in the affirmative 209

Messrs. H. Andrews,	Messrs. Gunnison,
L. Andrews,	Hall,
Bachelor,	Ham,
Bacon,	Hauscom,
Banton,	Haskell,
Barker,	L. Heald,
Barrows,	J. H. Hill,
Berry,	Hinckley,
Blanchard,	Hobbs,
E. H. Brown,	E. Hutchins,
L. Brown,	Jones,
Bruce,	Josselyn,
Buck,	Lake,
Burpee,	S. R. Leavitt,
Came,	Leighton,
Carr,	Libby,
Chamberlain,	J. M. Lincoln,
Charles,	R. G. Lincoln,
A. Clark,	Main,
Comins,	Mallett,
Coombes,	Mayo,
Curry,	McKenney,
Cushing,	McLaughlin,
Cutler,	Means,
Dike,	A. Merrill,
Doble,	W. Merrill,
Durell,	Nason,
Fenn,	Nickerson,
Files,	Norris,
Furbish,	Oaks,
Garland,	Osgood,
Getchell,	Pattee,
G. Gilman,	Patterson,

Messrs. Parkman,
 Phillips,
 Pillsbury,
 Purnington,
 Rawson,
 Reenick,
 Seaman,
 Snell,
 W. Stanton,
 Staples,
 R. S. Stevens,

Messrs. Titcomb,
 Twitchell,
 Walker,
 Wallace,
 Wasson,
 Weeks,
 Whitcomb,
 Winslow,
 Woodbury,
 Woodman,
 York.

Those who voted in the negative were

Messrs. Baker,
 Bradbury,
 Brag,
 Bridges,
 Burgess,
 Butler,
 Joseph Chase,
 H. T. Clark,
 Cushman,
 Eames,
 Elliott,
 Gerrish,
 Gilchrist,
 J. Gilman,
 Haines,
 J. Heald,
 Hobart,

Messrs. T. Hutchins,
 Johnson,
 J. T. Leavitt,
 Miller,
 Nichols,
 O'Brien,
 Peavey,
 Pike,
 Pratt,
 Raynes,
 Richards,
 Skolfield,
 L. Smith,
 G. W. Stanton,
 Sweat,
 Turner.

So the resolve was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on 211
Agriculture, on the printed volume of proceedings of the third session of the American Pomological Society, that the same be returned to the House of Representatives as properly belonging to that body, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hall of Bangor,

Ordered, That the printed volume of proceedings of the third session of the American Pomological Society be deposited in the State Library.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of Lyman against the petition of Jefferson Moulton and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Colton and others of Troy for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of John W. Rich and

212 others of Gorham in aid of the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. C. Newton of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for a grant of Duck Island, was presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Bayley and others of Woolwich that that town be set off from the County of Sagadahoc and annexed to the County of Lincoln, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. L. Carlton and others of Portland for a charter for a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. Q. Hawks and 213
others of Minot and vicinity
in aid of the Portland and
Oxford Central Railroad Com-
pany, was presented and re-
ferred to the Committee on
Railroads and Bridges. Sent
up for concurrence.

Report of the joint Select
Committee appointed to prepare
Joint Rules and Orders, was
taken up; and the question
being on concurring with the
Senate in striking out the
eleventh rule reported by the
Committee, on motion of Mr.
Leavitt of Skowhegan the yeas
and nays were ordered, and
being taken, the question was
decided in the negative, yeas
forty, nays seventy three.

Those who voted in the
affirmative were

Messrs. L. Andrews,	Messrs. Comins,
Bachelor,	Coombs,
Berry,	Cushman,
Blanchard,	Cutler,
L. Brown,	Dike,
Bruce,	Doble,
D. K. Chase,	Files,
A. Clark,	Farland,
Cole,	Gerrish,

Messrs. Gilchrist,
J. Heald,
L. Heald,
Huckley,
Johnson,
Jones,
J. R. Leavitt,
A. Merrill,
Nason,
Nichols,
Oaks,

Messrs. Osgood,
Patterson,
Phillips,
Pike,
Pratt,
Remick,
Seammon,
G. W. Stanton,
Staples,
Twitchell,
York.

Those who voted in the negative were

Messrs. Bacon,
Baker,
Benton,
Barker,
Barrows,
Blake,
Bradbury,
E. H. Brown,
Buck,
Burgess,
Burpee,
Butler,
Came,
Carr,
Charles,
Joseph Chase,
H. T. Clark,
Curry,
Cushing,
Durell,
Eames,

Messrs. Fenno,
Furbish,
Getchell,
G. Gilman,
L. Gilman,
Gunison,
Haines,
Hall,
Hanscom,
J. B. Hill,
Hobart,
Hobbs,
J. Hutchins,
Josselyn,
J. T. Leavitt,
Leighton,
Libby,
J. M. Lincoln,
R. G. Lincoln,
Main,
Mallett,

Messrs. Mayo,	Messrs. Skolfield,	215
McKeuney,	Small,	
McLaughlin,	S. Smith,	
Means,	Snell,	
W. Merrill,	W. Stanton,	
Miller,	R. L. Stevens,	
Nickerson,	Stone,	
Norris,	Sweat,	
O'Brien,	Trafton,	
Pattce,	Walker,	
Peavey,	Wasson,	
Perham,	Weeks,	
Pillsbury,	Whitcomb,	
Rawson,	Woodbury,	
Raynes,	Woodman.	
Ricker,		

The report was then accepted without amendment. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Friday, January 26, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Skeels of
Hallowell.

Bill to incorporate the city
of Biddeford, was read a third
time, the amendments of the
Senate adopted, and the bill
passed to be engrossed as
amended in concurrence.

Mr. Thomas of Portland,
from the Committee on Finance,
on an order relative to a State
tax, reported a bill to apportion
and assess on the inhabitants
of this State a tax of two hun-
dred and one thousand one
hundred and fiftythree dol-
lars and fortyfour cents for
the year 1855; and the same
was read twice and tomorrow
assigned for a third reading.

Report of the Committee on
Railroads and Bridges, on the

petition of J. Fairfield and others, 217 that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, - was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of a commission to prepare a judiciary system, was taken up, amended as on sheets annexed marked A and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to amend Chapter two hundred and forty four of the public laws of the year 1852;

An Act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Aroostook;

An Act to increase the salary of the Judge of Pro-

218 date for the County of Arros-
took;

An Act to amend the thirty-
eighth section of the one hundred
and fourth chapter of the Re-
vised Statutes;

An Act additional to an act
to incorporate the Androscoggin
Agricultural and Horticultu-
ral Society;

An Act additional to an act
for the assessment and collection
of taxes in unincorporated
places;

An Act to authorize the
Lewy's Island Railroad Company
to alter its location;

An Act to amend the four-
teenth section of chapter forty-
four of the Revised Statutes;

An Act additional to an act
to incorporate the proprietors of
Martin's Point Bridge;

An Act additional to an act
to authorize the city of Calais
to aid in the construction of
the Lewy's Island Railroad; —
and the same were severally

passed to be enacted and sent 219
to the Senate.

Bill to authorize the Free
Will Baptist Society of Wayne
to sell their meetinghouse on
the line between Winthrop and
Wayne;

Bill to incorporate the Au-
gusta and Hallowell Gas Light
Company;

Bill to allow the construction
of a dike across Pigeon Hill
Marsh Creek in the town of
Millbridge; — were received
from the Senate passed to be
engrossed; and the same were
severally read twice and to-
morrow assigned for a third
reading.

Mr. Staples of Swanville, by
leave, laid on the table a resolve
in favor of Charles Turner; and
the same was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture. Sent
up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed

220 Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve providing for the promulgation of the laws of the State;

Resolve in favor of the New York Law Institute; — and the same were severally finally passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Cairne of Portland,

Ordered, That the State Librarian be directed to procure one copy each of the thrice weekly Kennebec Journal and thrice weekly Age of the last session, and one copy each of said papers during the present session of the Legislature, and cause the same to be bound and placed in the Library. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Flett of Bangor,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed, to be composed of three from the Senate and

and five from the House, to 221
nominate three Commissioners
whose names shall be insert-
ed in the resolve providing
for the appointment of Com-
missioners to revise the judi-
ciary system of the State.

Messrs. Hill of Bangor, Leav-
itt of Skowhegan, Caine of Port-
land, Charles of Fryeburg, and
Cole of Harrington, were ap-
pointed the Committee on the
part of the House. Sent up
for concurrence. The Clerk was
subsequently informed by the
Secretary of the Senate, that the
Senate had concurred, and
joined Messrs. Willis, Eaton
and Cushing to the Committee.

Mr. Thomas of Portland, by
leave, laid on the table a re-
solve directing the State Treas-
urer to balance accounts with
the Washington County and St.
Croix Banks; and the same was
referred to the Committee on
Finance.

On motion of Mr. Cushing of
Frankfort,

Ordered, That the Committee
on the Judiciary be directed

222 to inquire into the expediency of so amending the seventy-fifth section of chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Revised Statutes as to allow members of railroad corporations to be witnesses in trials of actions where said corporations may be parties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Board of Agriculture for the incorporation and endowment of a State Agricultural Society, was presented and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Pickard and others for a charter for a bank in Danville, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Account of Daniel Putnam for distributing documents in Waldo County, was presented and referred to the Committee

on Accounts. Sent up for 223
concurrence.

Petition of John R. Whiting
of Belfast for incorporation for
manufacturing purposes, was
presented and referred to the
Committee on Manufactures.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of
the Gardiner and Pittston
Bridge Company for increase
of toll, was presented and
referred to the Committee on
Railroads and Bridges. Sent
up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of the select-
men of Woolwich against the
petition of James Bailey and
others, was presented and re-
ferred to the Committee on
Division of Counties. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of James Sargent
and others;

Petition of Samuel McEl-
lan and others;

Petition of Jared Fuller and others; all for a law to prevent the destruction of forests by fire; - were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the trustees of East Corinth Academy for aid;

Petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary for aid;

Petitions of Knott Crockett and others, and of Mrs. J. M. Tilton and others, in aid of the petition of the East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petition of John L. Hoyt and others of Monticello;

Petition of G. Purington and others of Temple;

Petition of J. C. Churchill and others of Portland;

Petition of R. M. Garcelon and others of Farmington; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of True W. Hall and 225
others of Brownfield;

Petition of L. D. Strout and
others of Raymond;

Petition of Campbell Bachelor
and others of Corinna;

Petition of Samuel Small
and others of Portland;

Petition of J. M. Mussey
and others of Brooks; all for
the incorporation and endow-
ment of the Maine State
Seminary; — were severally
presented and referred to the
Committee on Education. Sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of W. F. Tarbox and
others of Westport;

Petition of William Arnold
and others of Appleton;

Petition of Josiah Merrow
and others of Bowdoinham;

Petition of Moses E. Dow
and others of Portland;

Petition of H. H. Sherman
and others of Knox;

Petition of John B. Thwing
and others of Woolwich;

Petition of Thomas Hawkes
and others of Windham;

Petition of Henry J. Warren and others of Pownaland vicinity; all for amendment of the Constitution as to the election of public officers, and against foreigners holding office; — were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to the election of public officers, to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners, to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Fenn of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table the following resolves:

Resolved, in concurrence with the Senate, that the members of this Legislature

have heard with deep regret 227
of the decease of our late
fellowcitizen, the esteemed
and honored Luther Sev-
erance, for many years a
most useful and distin-
guished member of the
Legislature of this State.

Resolved, That as a testi-
monial of our sincere re-
gard for his memory as a
man of high integrity and
honor, and as a faithful
public officer, the members
of this body will attend
the funeral of the deceased
tomorrow afternoon.

Resolved, That a copy of
these resolutions be subscribed
by the presiding officers of
the two branches, and for-
warded to the family of the
deceased.

The resolves were seconded
by Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan,
and were passed. Sent up
for concurrence.

Order from the Senate,
appointing Messrs. Torsey, Wil-
lis and Ruggles, with such

228 as the House may join, a Committee to make arrangements for the funeral services of the Honorable Luther Leverance, was passed in concurrence; and Messrs. Leavitt of Skowhegan, Lincoln of Hallowell, O'Brien of Thomaston, Gunnison of Eastport and Nickerson of Belfast, were joined on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Saturday, January 27, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cone of Hallowell.

Mr. Fenn of Augusta, from the Committee on Education, on the petition of Lot M. Morrill and others, reported a bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary; and the same was read twice and Thursday next assigned for a third reading. On motion of Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan, the bill was ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Report of the joint Select Committee on Joint Rules and Orders, accepted by the House without amendment, was returned from the Senate, that body insisting on its former vote accepting the same with an amendment, proposing a conference, and appointing Messrs. Flickborn, Newell Blake and

230 Deunett, conferees on the part of the Senate. The House insisted on its former vote, concurred in the proposed conference, and appointed Messrs. Fenno of Augusta, Stone of Keenebunkport and Hobart of Edmunds, conferees on the part of the House.

Reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order respecting wages exempted from trustee process, and on an order respecting cases of divorce, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on bill to amend chapter sixtysix of the Revised Statutes, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Orders from the Senate, respecting amendment of chapter seventy-nine of the Revised Statutes;

Respecting the petition of the 231
trustees of Foxcroft Academy
and accompanying papers;

Respecting the repeal of
chapter twenty-eight of the
acts of 1847; — were severally
passed in concurrence.

Petition of Jesse Craig and
others for an appropriation to
open a road from Crystal
plantation to Island Falls and
Smyrna road, was received
from the Senate and referred
to the Committee on State
Lands and State Roads in
concurrence.

Remonstrances of Rufus B.
Walker and others, and of El-
bridge G. Durgin and others,
against the petition of Simon
Allen and others, were severally
received from the Senate and
referred to the Committee on
Railroads and Bridges in
concurrence.

Petition of Peter H. Racklyff
and others of Lincolnville;

Petition of William Mills
and others of Levant;

Petition of John R. Frohock
and others of Lincolnville; all
for amendment of the Con-
stitution as to elections of pub-
lic officers, and against per-
sons of foreign birth holding
office; - were severally re-
ceived from the Senate and
referred, so much as relates
to elections of officers, to
the joint Select Committee
on the Elective Franchise,
and so much as relates to
foreigners, to the joint Select
Committee on the Naturalisation
Laws, in concurrence.

Mr. Pattee of Fort Fairfield,
from the Committee on State
Lands and State Roads, on
the petition of the Allegash
Dam Company, reported a bill
additional to an act to in-
corporate the Allegash Dam
Company, approved June 3,
1857; and the same was
read twice and Monday
next assigned for a third
reading.

Mr. Richards of Eden, from 233
the Committee on Division of
Towns, on the petition of
Jefferson Moulton and an-
other, reported that the peti-
tioners have leave to with-
draw; and the report was
accepted. Sent up for con-
currence.

Mr. Hobart of Edmunds,
from the Committee on Merchan-
tile Affairs and Insurance,
on the memorial of James B.
Cahoon, Mayor of Portland, and
others, inviting attention to the
Paris Exposition of 1855, made
a report, accompanied by a
resolve for the representation
of Maine at the Paris Exposi-
tion in 1855; and the report
and resolve were laid on the
table, and one thousand cop-
ies of the same, together with
an extract from the memorial,
were ordered to be printed.

Bill to apportion and assess
on the inhabitants of this State
a tax of two hundred and
one thousand one hundred
and fiftythree dollars and
fortyfour cents for the year

234 1855, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan, by leave, laid on the table a bill regulating the use of railroad bridges; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of S. W. Taylor and others against the annexation of the gore to the town of Weston, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of David T. Stevens and others of Lewiston Falls, and of A. B. Dyer and others of Lagrange, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of John Black and others in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petition of S. P. Shaw and 235
others in aid of the petition
of the trustees of Waterville
College; - were severally pre-
sented and referred to the
Committee on Education. Sent
up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Monday, January 29, 1855.

No Chaplain was present.

On motion of Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Reform School be directed to visit said school, and to examine the condition of the same, and report to the present Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting returns of the cashiers of banks and clerks of corporations, comprising the names of stockholders, their residence, and the amount of stock held by each, was received, read and sent up.

Communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting the official statements of the

several Agricultural Societies, 237
was received and referred,
with the accompanying paper,
to the Committee on Agriculture.
Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from the
Secretary of State, transmitting
a list of the names of In-
spectors of Fish in commission
the past year, designating
such as have made returns
in conformity to law, was re-
ceived and referred to the
Committee on Fisheries. Sent
up for concurrence.

Bill to provide for the edu-
cation of youth, and to estab-
lish a department of public
instruction, was received
from the Senate and re-
ferred to the Committee on
Education in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, in
reference to giving to parties
in equity the right of trial
by jury, was passed in
concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hobart of Edmunds,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws in relation to the assessment of taxes, as to require the assessors of cities, towns and plantations, to make their assessments on the first day of May instead of the first day of April as now provided. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ingersoll of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the February term of the criminal court in the County of Penobscot. Sent up for concurrence.

Communication from Alden Jackson, Secretary of State and Librarian, transmitting his annual report in relation to the State Library, was received and referred, with the accompanying documents,

to the committee on the Libra- 239
ry. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Edward McLaugh-
lin for change of name, was
presented and referred to the
Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Joel Hodgman,
agent of school district number
eight in Cauden, that the doings
of the agent and building com-
mittee in the erection of a
school house in that district
may be legalized, - was pre-
sented and referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Warren
for a grant to build a wharf
in waters in Penobscot Bay
near Crow Cove, was presented
and referred to the Committee
on Interior Waters. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of R. D. Sprague and
others of Islesborough, for amend-
ment of the Constitution as to
the election of State officers, and

240 against foreigners holding office, was presented and referred, so much as relates to elections of officers, to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners, to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Tabor for a grant of land in township number six, range five, in the County of Aroostook, for certain purposes;

Petition of Charles Kidder and others for a grant of land in township Letter B, Aroostook County, for certain purposes; were severally presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of Jacob Bemis and others of Coriuna and vicinity; and of William A. Fry and others of Newport, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Coriuna Union Academy;

Petition of Walter Hubbard and 241 others of Wiscasset in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of L. L. Thoy and others of Bucksport for aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Gunnison of Eastport presented the credentials of John Newell, representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians; and the same were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Tuesday, January 30, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dexter
of Augusta.

Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan,
by leave, laid on the table a
bill to incorporate the master,
wardens and members of the
Key Stone Lodge, and present-
ed the petition of C. R. Bachel-
ler and others asking for the
passage of the same; and the
bill and petition were referred
to the Committee on Mercantile
Affairs and Insurance. Sent up
for concurrence.

Bill to allow the construction
of a dike across Pigeon Hill
Marsh Creek in the town of
Millbridge;

Bill to authorize the Free
Will Baptist Society of Wayne
to sell their meetinghouse on
the line between Winthrop and
Wayne;

Bill to incorporate the Augusta and Hallowell Gas Light Company; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to regulate the sale of oats, was taken up, and tomorrow assigned for its further consideration.

Remonstrance of Noah Woods and others of the city of Gardiner against the petition of the Directors of the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Kilborn and others in aid of the petition of Samuel Pickard and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Jumper and

244 others of New Gloucester for amendment of the Constitution in relation to elections of officers, and against foreigners holding office, was presented and referred, so much as relates to elections of officers, to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreignness, to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Henry Emesson and others of North Castine;

Petition of Emery O. Bean and others of Readfield;

Petition of A. M. Foss and others of Oldtown; all in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of Albert Smith and others of St. Albans in aid of the petition of the trustees of Corinna Union Academy;

Petition of Dustin Page and others for endowment of Charles-

ton Academy; — were severally 245
presented and referred to
the Committee on Education.
Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee of
Conference on the disagreeing
votes of the two Houses on the
report of the joint Select
Committee on Joint Rules and
Orders, that the House recede
from its former vote and con-
cur with the Senate, was re-
ceived from the Senate and
accepted in concurrence.

The House accordingly re-
ceded and concurred with
the Senate in striking out
the eleventh rule as reported,
and accepted the report on
Joint Rules and Orders as
amended in concurrence.

Bill additional to an act
to incorporate the Alleghash
Dam Company, approved June
3, 1857, was read a third time
and passed to be engrossed.
Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed

246 Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act to incorporate the city of Biddeford; and the same was passed to be enacted and sent to the Senate.

Petition of John M. Wood and others of Portland that the municipal court may be abolished, was presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill repealing chapter twenty-eight of the public laws approved March 29, 1853, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, and the rules having been suspended, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr McKenney of Wiscasset, from the Committee on County Estimates, reported a resolve authorizing the assessment of County taxes on the several Counties; and the same was

read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading. 247

Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of F. Lyford, Treasurer, reported a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Randall Savings and Benevolent Association; and the same was read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill in addition to an act in relation to elections, passed at the extra session in 1840, and approved October 2, 1840, was received from the Senate amended and passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Daniel Bunker Jr and others, ordering notice thereon, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

248 Order from the Senate, relative to the petition of the Ladies' Temperance Band in Liberty, was passed in concurrence.

Petition of Stephen Williamson and others of Mercer and vicinity;

Petition of William Bucknam and others of Lisbon;

Petition of Orrin Baillett and others of Abbott; all for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary; - were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Mill Bridge Company against the petition of A. C. Small and others, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of William Bucknam and others for power to sell the Union Meetinghouse

in Webster, was received from 249
the Senate and referred to
the Committee on Mercantile
Affairs and Insurance in
concurrence.

Petition of Allen Monroe and
others that this Legislature may
instruct our Senators and re-
quest our Representatives in
Congress to use their influ-
ence to procure the entire
prohibition of the importation
of alcoholic liquors, was re-
ceived from the Senate and
referred to the joint Select
Committee on the Maine Law
in concurrence.

Petition of John Dwyer and
others of Castine for a bridge
across Davis's Narrows;

Petition of Alexander Snow-
man and others of Sedgwick
and Brooklin for the same; -
were severally presented and
referred to the Committee on
Railroads and Bridges. Sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of William Ham

250 and others of Leeds to be set off from said town and annexed to the town of Wales;

Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Manchester against the petition of John Otis and others; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses Abbott and others of Etna for the incorporation of a new County by the name of Sebastcook, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jacob W. Reed and others of Dresden for amendment of the Constitution so that no person of foreign birth shall hold an office, was presented and referred to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalisation Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Francis Silphus

and others of Dresden for 251
amendment of the Constitution
so that all State officers
shall be elected by the peo-
ple, was presented and
referred to the joint Select
Committee on the Elective Fran-
chise. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Maine Char-
itable Mechanics' Association
for extension of charter, was
presented and referred to
the Committee on Mercantile
Affairs and Insurance. Sent
up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. L. Baker, Clerk.

Wednesday, January 31, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tappan
of Augusta.

Mr. Skolfield of Harpswell,
by leave, laid on the table a bill
to incorporate the Harpswell
Mutual Fire Insurance Com-
pany; and the same was re-
ferred to the Committee on
Mercantile Affairs and In-
surance. Sent up for concu-
rence.

Mr. Hall of Alfred, from
the Committee on Division of
Towns, on the petition of
John Otis and others, re-
ported that the petitioners
have leave to withdraw;
and on motion of Mr. Lincoln
of Hallowell, the report was
laid on the table.

Mr. Patter of Fort Fairfield
presented the petition of

Edward Guy for aid to build a 253
carding machine and other
machinery connected there-
with; and the same was laid
on the table and four hun-
dred copies ordered to be
printed in French and En-
glish.

Mr. Gunnison of Eastport,
from the Committee on Indian
Affairs, to which were refer-
red the credentials of John
Newell as delegate of the
Passamaquoddy tribe of In-
dians, reported a resolve in
favor of John Newell and
Joseph Lola Selmore; and the
same was read, and the rules
having been suspended, was
read a second time, and
passed to be engrossed. Sent
up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed
Bills reported as truly and
strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to allow the con-
struction of a dike across
Pigeon Hill Marsh Creek
in the Town of Millbridge;

An Act to incorporate the Augusta and Hallowell Gas Light Company;

An Act to authorize the Free Will Baptist Society of Wayne to sell their meeting house on the line between Winthrop and Wayne; — and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act repealing chapter twentyeighth of the public laws, approved March 29, 1853; and the question being on the passage of the bill to be enacted, on motion of Mr. Hall of Bangor, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, the question was decided in the affirmative, yeas sixtyeight, nays fortyfour.

Those who voted in the affirmative were

Messrs. H. Andrews,	Messrs. Baker,
L. Andrews,	Benton,
Bachelor,	Barrows,

Messrs. Berry,	Messrs. Kennedy, 255
Blanchard,	L.R. Leavitt,
Bridges,	Leighton,
E. H. Brown,	Main,
L. Brown,	McKeuney,
Bruce,	Meaus,
Buck,	Nickerson,
Burgess,	Oaks,
D. H. Chase,	Osgood,
A. Clark,	Park,
Cole,	Patterson,
Coombs,	Peavy,
Curry,	Perham,
Cushman,	Phillips,
Cutler,	Pike,
Dike,	Porter,
Doble,	Pratt,
Durell,	Parrington,
Fanno,	Reinick,
Files,	Scammon,
Garland,	Small,
Gerrish,	S. Smith,
G. Gilman,	Snell,
Gunnison,	Staples,
Hall,	W. R. Stearns,
Hauscom,	Stone,
Hobart,	Sweat,
Hobbs,	Trafton,
E. Hutchings,	Wallace,
Johnson,	Whitcomb,
Jones,	Winslow,

Those who voted in the negative were

Messrs. Bacon,

Bray,

Came,

Carr,

Chapin,

Josiah Chase,

H. T. Clark,

Cushing,

Elliott,

Furbish,

Getchell,

Gilchrist,

J. Gilman,

Goodale,

Haines,

Hann,

J. B. Hill,

T. Hutchins,

Ingalls,

Ingersoll,

Lake,

J. T. Leavitt,

Messrs. Libby,

J. M. Lincoln,

R. D. Lincoln,

Mallett,

Mayo,

W. Merrill,

Miller,

Norris,

O'Brien,

Pattee,

Pillsbury,

Poor,

Rawson,

Richards,

Rogers,

Tholfeld,

R. S. Stevens,

Stillings,

Thomas,

Tilcomb,

Turner,

Woodbury.

So the bill was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of John Newell and Joseph Lola Selmon; and the same was finally passed, and sent to the Senate.

Petition of Joseph Dunkham 257
for change of name of a minor
child;

Petition of Ann Maria Far-
rington for change of name; —
were severally presented and
referred to the Committee on
Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. Fenno of
Augusta,

Ordered, The Senate concurring,
That one thousand copies of
bill entitled an act to provide
for the education of youth,
and to establish a department
of public instruction, be
printed for the use of the
Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Cushman
of Winthrop,

Ordered, That the petition
of Furber Libby and others,
together with the accompa-
nying papers, be taken from
the files of the last Legisla-
ture, and referred to the
Committee on Division of
Towns. Sent up for concur-
rence.

Mr. Chase of Calais, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, presented a minority report; and the same was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. Sweat of Parsonsfield offered the following order:

Ordered, The Senate concurring, That one thousand copies of the accompanying bill, entitled an act for the establishment of normal schools, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Ingersoll of Bangor, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Came of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill making further provision for the protection of public ways; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Berry of Gardiner, from 259
the Committee on Interior Writ-
ters, on the petition of Dari-
us Wentworth, reported an
order of notice; and the re-
port was accepted. Sent up
for concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act
in relation to elections, ap-
proved October 2, 1840, was
read a third time, and on
motion of Mr. Hill of Bang-
or, laid on the table.

Resolve to promote the
education of the Penobscot
Indians, was read a second
time and passed to be en-
grossed in concurrence.

Bill to amend an act
entitled an act to incorpo-
rate the Randall Savings
and Benevolent Association,
was read a third time and
passed to be engrossed. Sent
up for concurrence.

Bill to regulate the sale of
oats, assigned for consideration

260 this day, was indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled

An Act additional to an act to incorporate the Alleghash Dam Company, approved June 3, 1851; — and the same was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing the assessment of County taxes on the several Counties, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the pewholders of the first Congregational Church of Leasport;

Petition of J. H. Williams that the charges against him may be investigated in the manner prescribed by the Constitution; — were severally

received from the Senate and 261
referred to the Committee on
the Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill making further provision for the conveyance of property of married women;

Bill to amend certain acts passed by the last Legislature;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank;

Bill to incorporate the North Insurance Company, Rockland;

Bill additional relating to the Merchants' Bank, Portland; — were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Petition of A. L. McDonald and others of Orono;

Petition of A. R. R. Smart and others of Dexter;

Petition of A. P. Haskell and
others of Chesterville;

Petition of Solomon Dunning
and others of Charleston;

Petition of Timothy Bailey
and others of Auburn;

Petition of A. Waterhouse
of Durham; all for amendment
of the Constitution as to elec-
tions of officers, and against
foreigners holding office; -
were severally presented and
referred, so much as relates
to elections of officers, to the
joint Select Committee on the
Elective Franchise, and so much
as relates to foreigners hold-
ing office, to the joint Select
Committee on the Naturalisa-
tion Laws. Sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of Henri Dionne
in aid of the petition of
Edward Guy, was presented
and referred to the Committee
on Manufactures. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of Arthur Caverno 263
and others of Biddeford;

Petition of C. C. Libby and
others of Parsonsfield; both for
the incorporation and endow-
ment of the Maine State Semi-
nary;

Petition of Samuel Gibson
and others of Woodstock;

Petition of Alpheus Lyon
and others of Bangor;

Petition of Calvin Bridgham
and others of Minot;

Petition of Jonas Farnsworth
and others of Pembroke; all in
aid of the petition of the trus-
tees of Westbrook Seminary; -
were severally presented and
referred to the Committee on
Education. Sent up for con-
currence.

Petition of P. R. Curtis and
others for the incorporation of
the Harpswell Mutual Fire
Insurance Company;

Petition of L. C. Pierce and
others in aid of the same; -

264 were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Luther Curtis for remuneration for services and expenses in arresting a criminal, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Durham that that town may be set off from Androscoggin County and annexed to Cumberland County, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of John Winn and others against the petition of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Asa Paine 265
and others against the petition
of Daniel Bunker and others,
was presented and referred
to the Committee on Division
of Towns. Sent up for concur-
rence.

Petition of F. W. Dillingham
and others that the police court
of the city of Bangor may be
abolished, was presented and
referred to the Committee on
the Judiciary. Sent up for
concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Thursday, February 1, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Armitage
of Augusta.

Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare Rules and Orders for the government of the House, made a report, which was accepted; and the Rules and Orders reported by the Committee were amended, on motion of Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell, so as to require the members to be uncovered during the sessions of the House, and as amended were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan, the vote whereby the House ordered the report of the minority of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, to be printed, was reconsidered; and on motion of Mr. Chase of Calais,

the report was laid on the 267 table.

Mr. Cane of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill further defining the power of mayors of cities in the election of city officers; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Moses B. Bartlett for change of name, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr. Ingersoll of Bangor, the vote whereby the House passed an order directing the printing of a bill to provide for the education of youth, and to establish a department of public instruction, was reconsidered; and on motion of Mr. Fenn of Augusta, the order was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition

268 of Frederic Frye and others,
ordering notice thereon, was
received from the Senate,
and accepted in concurrence.

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

Resolve to promote the
education of the Penobscot
Indians; and the same was
finally passed, and sent to
the Senate.

Bill to incorporate the trus-
tees of the Maine State Semi-
nary, was read a third time,
amended as on sheets annexed
marked A and B, and on mo-
tion of Mr. Ingersoll of Bangor,
was laid on the table, and
Wednesday next assigned for
its further consideration.

Bill to abolish the Febru-
ary term of the criminal court
in the County of Penobscot,
was read a third time and
passed to be engrossed. Sent
up for concurrence.

Mr. McLaughlin of Scarbo 269
rough, by leave, laid on the
table a bill additional respect-
ing the assessment and col-
lection of taxes; and the same
was referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary. Sent up
for concurrence.

Mr. Park of Dixfield, by
leave, laid on the table a bill
to authorize Hosea Austin
and others to sell the Union
meetinghouse in Dixfield;
and the same was referred
to the Committee on the Judi-
ciary. Sent up for concur-
rence.

Petition of Ephraim Mar-
ble and others for power to
sell Dixfield Union Meeting-
house;

Remonstrance of inhabit-
ants of School District number
three in Belmont against the
petition of the selectmen of
Belmont; — were severally
presented and referred to
the Committee on the Judi-
ciary. Sent up for concur-
rence.

Petition of Cornelius Holland and others of Canton;

Petition of Charles Foster and others of Machias and East Machias; both in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of the trustees of Fryeburg Academy for aid;

Petition of George Pratt and others in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary; were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles W. Snow and others for the incorporation of the Rockland Savings Bank, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the assessors and agent of Patricktown plantation for the establishment of part of their line, was presented

and referred to the Committee 271
on Incorporation of Towns. Sent
up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Edwin Noyes
and others of West Bath against
the petition of A. Lemont and
others, was presented and re-
ferred to the Committee on
Division of Towns. Sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of F. C. J. Smith for
incorporation for building a
bridge at Canton Point;

Petition of John B. Marrow
and others in aid of the peti-
tion of Ebenezer Cobb and others;
— were severally presented and
referred to the Committee on
Railroads and Bridges. Sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of Watson Cook and
others of Newport;

Petition of John Puffer and
others of Dexter;

Petition of Moses M. Eaton
and others of Plymouth; all

272 for a new County by the name of Sebesticook; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Deannett and others of Webster;

Petition of Wales E. Packard and others of Ellsworth;

Petition of J. L. Merrill and others of Webster;

Petition of Thomas L. Fuller and others of Deer Isle; all for amendment of the Constitution as to elections of officers, and against foreigners holding office; — were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to the election of officers, to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners holding office, to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Berry of Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Committee 273
on the Judiciary be directed
to inquire into the expediency
of passing a law repealing
chapter ninetyone of the
public laws passed by the
Legislature of 1854. Sent
up for concurrence.

The Secretary of State came
in and laid upon the table
the following message from
the Governor:

To the Senate and House of
Representatives.

I herewith transmit for
the action of the Legislature,
a communication and accom-
panying papers from the Sec-
retary of the Treasury of the
United States, relative to ced-
ing certain lands for public
uses, situated in the towns of
Belfast and Ellsworth in this
State.

Anson D. Morrill.
Council Chamber,
Augusta, February 1, 1855. }

The message was read and laid on
the table. Adjourned.

H. N. Baker, Clerk.

Friday, February 2, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abbott
of Augusta.

Petition of John Spooner and
others of Portland in aid of the
petition of the trustees of West-
brook Seminary, was received
from the Senate and referred
to the Committee on Education
in concurrence.

Petition of Adams Treat and
others for authority to con-
struct a railroad from Frank-
fort to Bangor, was received
from the Senate and referred
to the Committee on Railroads
and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of C. H. B. Wood-
bury and others of Dover for
an amendment of the Consti-
tution so that all State offices
shall be elected by the people,
was received from the Senate

and referred to the joint Select 275
Committee on the Elective Fran-
chise in concurrence.

Petition of Ephraim Flint
and others that the doings of
the assessors, treasurers and
collectors of the town of Bald-
win for the years 1838, 1839,
1840, 1841 and 1847, may be le-
galized;

Bill in amendment of the
ninetyfirst chapter of the
Revised Statutes; — were sever-
ally received from the Senate
and referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary in concur-
rence.

Petition of George Dodge
and others to be set off from
Bridgton Centre Village Corpo-
ration, was received from the
Senate and referred to the
Committee on Division of Towns
in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, res-
pecting bill to authorize the
business of banking;

Relative to repealing the resolve granting a pension to William Poor Jr;

Relative to the employment of competent teachers in literary institutions endowed by the State; — were severally passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the account of Dau Pineo against the State, that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the joint Select Committee to nominate three Commissioners to revise the Judiciary system of the State, nominating Edward Kent of Bangor, Lot M. Morrill of Augusta and John Randal of Portland for that purpose, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on 277
Railroads and Bridges, on the
petition of Eliphalet Greely and
others, reporting a bill to es-
tablish the Northern Pacific
Railway, was received from
the Senate and recommitted
in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, ap-
pointing Messrs. Walker, Downes
and Eaton, with such as the
House may join, to contract
with some person or persons
to do the State printing and
binding for the current politi-
cal year, was passed in con-
currence; and Messrs. Ingersoll
of Bangor, Vitcomb of Augusta,
Brown of Bridgton, Files of
Thorndike, Woodman of Minot,
Porter of Strong and Durell
of Oxford, were joined on
the part of the House.

Bill to amend chapter one
hundred and seventythree of
the Revised Statutes, and chapter
one hundred and thirty six
of the public laws of 1849,
was received from the Senate
passed to be engrossed; and
was read twice, and on motion

278 of Mr. Hill of Bangor, was recommitted. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read once, and Wednesday of next week assigned for a second reading.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Union Bank, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill to establish the salary of the County Attorney of the County of Androscoggin, was taken up; and Mr. Hill of Greene moved that the same be committed to the joint delegation from the County of Androscoggin. On this question, on motion of Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, the question was decided in

the affirmative, yeas seventyfour, 279
nays thirtysix.

Those who voted in the af-
firmative were

Messrs. H. Andrews,	Messrs. Gilchrist,
Bachelder,	G. Gilman,
Bacon,	Goodale,
Baker,	Gunnison,
Barker,	Ham,
Berry,	Haskell,
Blanchard,	J. Heald,
Bradbury,	J. B. Hill,
Bray,	T. Hill,
Bridges,	Hobbs,
E. H. Brown,	E. Hutchinson,
L. Brown,	Ingalls,
Bruce,	Johnson,
Buck,	Jones,
Burgess,	Josselyn,
Carr,	Kennedy,
Chamberlain,	Lake,
Chapin,	J. M. Lincoln,
Charles,	Main,
H. T. Clark,	Mallott,
Comins,	Mayer,
Coombs,	McLaughlin,
Curry,	Meant,
Dike,	W. Merrill,
Doble,	Nickerson,
Durell,	O'Brien,
Eames,	Park,
Furbish,	Pattinson,
Gerrish,	Perham,
Getchell,	Pike,

Messrs. Remick,
Rogers,
Sanderson,
Scammon,
Skolfield,
W. Stanton,
Staples,

Messrs. R. L. Stearns,
Turner,
Wallace,
Wasson,
Whitcomb,
Woodman,
York.

Those who voted in the negative were

Messrs. L. Andrews,
Bragg,
Burpee,
Caine,
Josiah Chase,
A. Clark,
Cole,
Cushman,
Cutler,
Fenn,
J. Gilman,
Haines,
Hauscom,
T. Hutchins,
Ingersoll,
J. T. Leavitt,
J. R. Leavitt,
Leighton,

Messrs. R. G. Lincoln,
Miller,
Nason,
Nichols,
Oaks,
Pattee,
Porter,
Pratt,
Rawson,
Raynes,
Small,
J. Smith,
Snell,
Steddings,
Sweet,
Thomas,
Titcomb,
Woodbury.

So the bill was committed to the joint delegation from the County of Androscoggin. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Fenn of Augusta, from 281
the Committee on Education, on
the petition of the trustees of
Waterville College, reported a
resolve in favor of Waterville
College, which was read once,
Wednesday next assigned for
a second reading, and the
resolve ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fenn of Augusta moved
a reconsideration of the vote
whereby the House yesterday
amended the bill to incorpo-
rate the trustees of the Maine
State Seminary (by striking out
lands and inserting money;) and
the motion to reconsider
was laid on the table, and
Wednesday next assigned for
its consideration.

Bill to incorporate the North
Insurance Company, Rockland,
was read a third time, and
on motion of Mr. Hill of
Bangor, recommitted with
instructions to report a bill
in accordance with the pro-
visions of the statute. Sent
up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Randall Savings and Benevolent Association;"

An Act to apportion and assess on the inhabitants of this State a tax of two hundred and one thousand one hundred and fiftythree dollars fortyfour cents for the year 1855; — and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Bill additional relating to the Merchants' Bank of Portland;

Bill making further provision for the conveyance of the property of married women;

Bill to amend certain acts passed by the last Legislature;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Casco Bank; — were severally read a third

time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. 283

Mr. Thomas of Portland, from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred a resolve directing the State Treasurer to balance accounts with the Washington County and St. Croix Banks, reported the same without amendment; and the same was read once, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Ingersoll of Bangor, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill additional in relation to criminal prosecutions, reported the same without amendment; and the same was read twice, and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. Scammon of Saco, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27,

284 1850; and the same was referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Thomas of Portland, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill to provide in part for the expenditures of government; and the same was read twice, and the rules being suspended, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Caine of Portland,

Ordered, That the papers relating to the Portland Society of Natural History be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln of Bath,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education consider and report what legislation, if any, may be requisite to enable

cities to choose annually a ²⁸⁵
suitable number of persons
who shall constitute the
board of school committee
for the city, and who shall
be subject to such rules
and regulations as the
Councils of said cities may
prescribe, provided the same
do not conflict with the
provisions of the statutes
for the education of youth.
Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hill of Greene, by leave,
laid on the table a bill abol-
ishing the April term of
the Supreme Judicial Court
in Androscooggin County;
and the same was referred
to the joint delegation,
from that County. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of A. J. Lord and
others of A Company of Cav-
alry for an appropriation
for equipments, was present-
ed and referred to the Com-
mittee on the Militia. Sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Burnam and others of Penobscot for an alteration of the Constitution so that all officers may be elected by the people, was presented and referred to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Amasa Stetson for an act for the protection and preservation of highways, was presented and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Elisha Brown and others of Township number six, range five, Aroostook County, for an appropriation to build a bridge, was presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of L. L. Libby and others, and of Stephen Wedgwood and others, all of Corinna, for a new County by the name of Sebecook, were severally presented and referred to the

Committee on Division of Counties. 287
Sent up for concurrence.

Memorial of a meeting of the citizens of Bangor on the subject of the loan of the credit of the city in aid of the construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad;

Petition of George Pierce and others for a railroad charter from Portland to Lovell;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Luther Hapworth and others of the north half of Township number eight, south division of Bingham purchase, Hancock County, to be incorporated into a town by the name of Middleton;

Petitions of Joseph A. Woodward and others of Waltham, and of Joseph A. Deane and others of Ellsworth, in aid of the same;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Peleg Thomas and others for the repeal of an act passed May 23, 1850;

Remonstrance of Edward Kent and others of the Quabbin bar against the proposed change in the Judiciary system;

Petition of the selectmen and clerk of the town of Sweden that their doings may be made valid; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrances of the selectmen of Pittsfield, and of William C. Hinson and others of Pittsfield, against the petition of Joseph M. Moor and another, were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of East Pittston Academy for aid;

Petition of Charles Hurlin and others of Lyman for the incorporation

and endowment of the Maine 289
State Seminary;

Petition of Joseph Woodman
and others of Buxton and Hollis;

Petition of William Nash and
others of Addison;

Petition of Isaac H. Grover
and others of Glenburn; all in
aid of the petition of the
trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of Joseph Baker and
others of Brewer;

Petition of J. H. Nickerson
and others of Orrington;

Petition of Timothy Nye and
others of Orrington; all in aid
of the petition of the Trustees
of East Maine Conference Sem-
inary; — were severally pre-
sented and referred to the
Committee on Education. Sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of Joshua Hawes and
others of Corinth;

Petition of Francis Soule and
others of Orland;

Petition of George Co. and others of Vassalborough; all for amendment of the Constitution as to elections of officers, and against foreigners holding office; - were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to the elections of officers, to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners holding office, to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hall of Alfred, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of Oakes Thompson and others, ~~on the petition~~ of T. J. Flaines and others, and on the petition of inhabitants of Fryeburg Academy Grant, reported orders of notice; and said reports were severally accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. N. Baker, Clerk.

Saturday, February 3, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dillingham of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. Furbish of Brunswick,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation on chapter seventeen, section fortytwo, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the duties of district school agents. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Leavitt of Portland, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Paul R. Curtis and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Harpswell Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and the same was read twice and Monday next assigned for a third reading.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on the petition of Samuel L. Carleton and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and the same was read twice and Monday assigned for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Leammon of Laco, the order directing the printing of one thousand copies of bill entitled an act for the establishment of normal schools, was taken up and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve directing the State Treasurer to balance accounts with the Washington County and St. Croix Banks, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Union Bank, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill additional in relation 293
to criminal prosecutions,
was read a third time, and
on motion of Mr. Leavitt
of Skowhegan, was laid on
the table.

Mr. Titcomb of Augusta,
by leave, laid on the table a
bill repealing chapter two
hundred and eightysix of
the public laws of 1852; and
the same was referred to
the Committee on the Judi-
ciary. Sent up for concur-
rence.

Mr. Nason of Kenduskeag, from
the Committee on Division of Towns,
on the petition of William Ham
and others, reported an order
of notice; and the report was
accepted. Sent up for concur-
rence.

Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell, from
the Committee on Banks and
Banking, on an order relative
to returns from savings institu-
tions, reported that legislation
thereon is inexpedient; and on
motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor,

294 the report was laid on the table.

Reports of the Judiciary Committee, on an order relative to repealing the act establishing fish wardens on the Penobscot waters, and on a bill in relation to the powers of County Commissioners, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Reports of the same Committee, on the petition of Davis Johnson, and on the petition of Caroline F. Sargent, granting leave to withdraw, were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to increasing the pay of Inspectors of the State Prison, was passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Piconic Bank for increase of

capital stock, was received from 295
the Senate and referred to the
Committee on Banks and Bank-
ing in concurrence.

Petition of J. A. Milliken
in behalf of a public meet-
ing, for an appropriation to
defray the expense of survey-
ing a shore route for the Eu-
ropean and North American
Railroad between Penobscot
and St. Croix waters;

Petition of Jeremiah O'Brien
and others for the same; - were
severally received from the
Senate and referred to the
Committee on Railroads and
Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of H. N. West and
others for an appropriation for
building a bridge, was re-
ceived from the Senate and
referred to the Committee on
State Lands and State Roads
in concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Andrews
and others of Pittsfield and
vicinity for the incorporation

296 and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of A. Burbank and others of Lewiston for aid to Waterville College; - were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petitions of Michael Shea and others of Gouldsbrough, and of Charles Jewett and others of Clinton, for amendment of the Constitution, were severally received from the Senate and referred, so much as relates to elections of officers, to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners, to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act making further provision for the conveyance of property of married women;

An Act additional relating 297
to the Merchants' Bank of
Portland;

An Act to amend certain
acts passed by the last Legis-
lature;

An Act to increase the
capital stock of the Casco
Bank; - and the same were
severally passed to be enact-
ed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Bachelder of Whitney-
ville, by leave, laid on the table
a resolve in favor of Lydia
Lorymer; and the same was
referred to the Committee on
the Judiciary. Sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of Lydia Lorymer
that the State will relinquish
to her the real estate of her
late husband;

Petition of Samuel Tainter
and others for amendment
of the homestead law; - were
severally presented and re-
ferred to the Committee on the
Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jonas Trury and others for an appropriation to build a road in number four, range five, Arrostook County, was presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of B. D. Bryant of Webster against the petition of William Bucknam and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of P. Sheldon and others of Farmingdale, and of E. G. Rideout and others of Fairfield and Clinton, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petition of Henry Clark and others of Wiscasset, in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petition of Thomas Robinson and others of Ellsworth, in aid

of the petition of the Trustees of Waterville College; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Goodridge and others for the charter of a railroad from Portland to Waterford;

Petition of Ebenezer Hinkley and others of Bluehill for a bridge across Davis's Narrows; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. H. Killis for remuneration for expenses on account of the sickness of George Hathaway; was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of John A. Marsden and others of Veazie, and of William Reed and others of Mount Desert, for amendment of the Constitution, were severally

300 presented and referred, so much as
as relates to elections of officers,
cers, to the joint Select Com-
mittee on the Elective Franchise,
and so much as relates to for-
eigners, to the joint Select
Committee on the Naturaliza-
tion Laws. Sent up for con-
currence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Monday, February 5, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ware of
Angusta.

Orders from the Senate, relative to exempting from taxation blood animals imported into this State for the purpose of improving the breeds of stock;

Relative to the petition of George H. Smith for a military pension, and the accompanying papers; — were severally passed in concurrence.

Bill to give the Supreme Judicial Court power to examine the parties in cases of divorce, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petitions of

302 A. L. Patten and others, and of
S. F. Small and others, that said
Committee be discharged from
the further consideration thereof,
and that the same be referred
to the joint Select Committees
on the Elective Franchise, and
on the Naturalization Laws,
was received from the Senate
and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on
Division of Counties, on the petition
of James Bayley and others,
granting leave to withdraw,
was received from the Senate
and accepted in concurrence.

Bill in addition, giving to
mortgagees of real estate a lien
on policies of assurance against
fire, was received from the
Senate passed to be engrossed;
and the same was read twice,
and on motion of Mr. Hill of
Bangor, was laid on the table.

Bill making further provision
for the protection of public ways;

Bill additional to an act in-
corporating the city of Bath;

Bill to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Franklin; - were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and were severally read twice and to-morrow assigned for a third reading. 303

Order that the Committee on State printing and binding be instructed to inquire and report the most favorable terms on which the printing and binding may be done by separate and distinct contracting parties, prior to making any contract, - was received from the Senate; and Mr. Ingersoll of Bangor moved that the same be indefinitely postponed. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Hobart of Edmunds, and being taken, the question was decided in the negative, yeas twentyeight, nays sixtyseven.

Those who voted in the affirmative were

Messrs. Baker,	Messrs. Burgess,
L. Brown,	Cutler,
Bruce,	Durell,

Messrs. Eames,

Files,

Gerrish,

J. Gilman,

Goodale,

Hains,

Hight,

J. B. Hill,

T. Hill

T. Hutchins,

Ingersoll,

Messrs. Lake,

Miller,

Nasau,

Norris,

Perham,

Staples,

R. L. Stevens,

Stillings,

Wallace,

Woodbury,

Woodman.

Those who voted in the negative were

Messrs. Bachelder,

Bacon,

Banton,

Barker,

Berry,

Blake,

Blanchard,

Bragg,

C. H. Brown,

Burpee,

Came,

Carr,

Chamberlain,

Chapin,

Charles,

Josiah Chase,

A. Clark,

H. T. Clark,

Cole,

Comins,

Coombs,

Messrs. Curry,

Cushing,

Dike,

Elliott,

Fenn,

G. Gilman,

Greenleaf,

Garrison,

Haw,

Hobart,

Hobbs,

Ingalls,

Johnson,

Josselyn,

Kennedy,

J. T. Leavitt,

L. H. Leavitt,

Leighton,

J. M. Lincoln,

R. G. Lincoln,

Main,

Messrs. Mallett,	Messrs. Rogers,	305
McGilvery,	Landerson,	
Means,	Scammon,	
W. Merrill,	Small,	
Nickerson,	W. Stanton,	
Osgood,	W. P. Stearns,	
Pattée,	Sweat,	
Pratt,	Titcomb,	
Purington,	Twitchell,	
Rawson,	Wasson,	
Raynes,	Whitcomb,	
Remick,	York.	
Richards,		

Mr. Pike of Topsfield was excused from voting.

The order was then passed in concurrence.

Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional to the act incorporating the city of Hallowell; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hill of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table a bill to abolish the police court in the city of Bangor, and to establish a municipal court

306 in said city with enlarged jurisdiction; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Sampson Reed and others of Hartford, in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, was presented and laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on an order relative to returns from savings institutions, that legislation thereon is inexpedient, was taken up and recommit-
ted. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to abolish the January term of the criminal court in the County of Penobscot;

An Act to increase the capital stock of the Union Bank;
—and the same were severally

passed to be enacted, and were 307
sent to the Senate.

Petition of Josiah Grindle
and others of Penobscot for a
bridge across Davis's Narrows;

Petition of John Barry and
others for an appropriation
for the survey of a shore route
for the European and North
American Railroad; — were
severally presented and referred
to the Committee on Railroads
and Bridges. Sent up for con-
currence.

Petition of the owners of the
free meetinghouse in Hartford,
for authority to sell the same,
was presented and referred
to the Committee on Mercantile
Affairs and Insurance. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of George W. Springer
and others of Franklin, in aid
of the petition of the Trustees
of East Maine Conference Sem-
inary, was presented and re-
ferred to the Committee on Edu-
cation. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of a commission to prepare a judiciary system, was returned from the Senate, the amendments of the House concurred, and the resolve further amended as on sheet annexed marked C, and passed to be engrossed as amended. The House receded, concurred in the amendment of the Senate, and passed the resolve to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Mr. Hill of Bangor, from the Committee on Elections, to which was recommitted the report of said Committee on the remonstrance of John Murphy Jr. against the right of Alden Kennedy to a seat in the House, reported a statement of facts; and the report, on motion of Mr. Berry of Gardiner, was laid on the table.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, reported that the Committee had examined the credentials referred to them, and that the following

gentlemen were entitled to seats 309
in the House:

County of Androscoggin.

William Gray of Turner,
Gilman D. Garland of East Livermore,
Herskiah Gerrish of Durham,
Jacob B. Ham of Lewiston,
Fristram Hill of Greene,
Sylvester Oaks of Auburn,
William Stanton of Poland,
Isaiah Woodman of Minot.

County of Arrowsick.

George W. Haskell of Hodgdon,
Stephen B. Patten of Fort Fairfield,
Ebenezer Woodbury of Houlton.

County of Cumberland.

George Bacon of Freeport,
Jacob C. Baker of Gorham,
George W. Barrows of Harrison,
Sewall Blanchard of Cumberland,
Theodore M. Bradbury of Standish,
Luke Brown of Bridgton,
Charles G. Came of Portland,
Oliver D. Dike of Sebago,
Benjamin Farbish of Brunswick,
Samuel R. Leavitt of Portland,
George Libby of Westbrook,
Robert McLaughlin Jr. of Scarborough,
Hiram P. Osgood of New Gloucester,
Enoch L. Pillsbury of Cape Elizabeth,
Clement Skolfield of Harpswell,

James Small Jr. of Gray,
William W. Thomas of Portland.

County of Franklin.

Elias H. Brown of Chesterville,
William H. Josselyn of Phillips,
Jeremy W. Porter of Strong,
Abel H. Weeks of Wilton,
James J. York of Temple.

County of Hancock.

Benjamin Barker of Ellsworth,
Rufus Buck of Bucksport,
James W. Coombs of Brooksville,
Thomas Curry of Hancock,
Ebenezer Hutchings of Penobscot,
Hesekiah Means of Surry,
Benjamin Raynes of Deer Isle,
Samuel H. Richards of Eden,
Samuel Wasson of Franklin.

County of Kennebec.

John Berry Jr. of Gardiner,
Hiram L. Clark of Pittston,
Benjamin H. Cushman of Winthrop,
Edward Feuno of Augusta,
Mark Detchell of Litchfield,
Samuel Haines of Clinton,
Moses Hanscom of Waterville,
Eli Jones of China,
Rodney S. Lincoln of Hallowell,
John T. Main of Albion,
William Merrill of Vassalborough,
Charles S. Norris of Monmouth,

Stephen Smith of Belgrade, 311
Samuel Titcomb of Augusta.

County of Lincoln.

Algernon L. Austin of Newcastle,
Josiah Bruce of Patrichtown,
Nathaniel A. Burpee of Rockland,
David Chamberlain of Bristol,
Aaron Clark of Washington,
George Gilchrist of St. George,
Ebenezer Greenleaf of Westport,
Elisha McKenney of Wiscasset,
Edward O'Brien of Thomaston,
Leth Patterson of Dresden,
Isaac Payson of Cushing,
Meaube M. Rawson of Waldoborough,
Lyman H. Winslow of Nobleborough.

County of Oxford.

Nathaniel Charles of Fryeburg,
Charles Duseell of Oxford,
Leonard H. Ingalls of Denmark,
Isaac Park of Dixfield,
Sidney Perham of Woodstock,
Samuel Poor of Andover,
Charles C. Sanderson of Sweden,
Rufus L. Stevens of Paris.

County of Penobscot.

William Banton of La Grange,
James H. Burgess of Oldtown,
Hiram Carr of Dexter,
Daniel S. Chapin of Brewer,
Elijah Comins of Eddington,
Elias Doble of Etna,

Smith Gilman of Enfield,
 John B. Hall of Bangor,
 Thomas K. Holt of Garland,
 George W. Ingerson of Bangor,
 James H. Johnson of Herman,
 Eidevon Mayo of Orono,
 Oliver K. Nason of Kennebec,
 James Rogers of Stetson,
 William R. Stevens of Springfield,
 Amasa K. Walker of Hampden.

County of Piscataquis.

Samuel Blake of Otneville,
 Benjamin R. Lake of Atkinson,
 Isaac Phillips of Shirley,
 George W. Stanton of Wellington.

County of Sagadahoc.

John Hinkley of Georgetown.
 James M. Lincoln of Bath,
 Humphrey P. Mallett of Topsham,
 Collamore Purrington of Richmond.

County of Somerset.

George Cutler of Ripley,
 John Hald of Anson,
 John Hight of Athens,
 Thomas Hutchins of Lexington,
 James T. Leavitt of Skowhegan,
 Joseph L. Nichols of Moscow,
 Thomas J. Pratt of Palmyra,
 William B. Snell of Fairfield,
 Alvinzy Whitcomb of Mercer.

Hanson Andrews of Camden,
Theophilus H. Cushing of Frankfort,
Calvin Eames of Islesborough,
Robert Elliott of Freedom,
Elihu Files of Thorndike,
Samuel Heald of Troy,
Josiah Hobbs of Hope,
William McGilvery of Searsport,
John Miller of Lincolnville,
Salathiel C. Nickerson of Belfast,
Miles S. Staples of Swanville,
James L. Twitchell of Montville.

County of Washington.

Nathan Bachelder of Whitneyville,
Isaac W. Bridges of Meddybemps,
Daniel K. Chase of Calais,
Robert Cole of Harrington,
Joseph Gunnison of Eastport,
Daniel H. Hobart of Edmunds,
William S. Peasey of Whiting,
John B. Pike of Topsfield,
Ellery Turner of Cutler,
James Wallace of Millbridge.

County of York.

Leonard Andrews of Biddeford,
Nehemiah Butler of Sanford,
Joseph Chase of Waterborough,
Josiah Chase of York,
George Gitman of Hollis,
Enoch Goodale of Wells,
Ivory Hall of Alfred,
Andrew Leighton of Elliot,

Ansel Merrill of Buxton,
Levi Remick of Killsey,
Ebenezer Ricker of Acton,
Leth Scammon of Laco,
Samuel Stillings of Berwick,
James M. Stone of Keenebunkport,
John B. Sweet of Parsonsfield,
Alpheus Trafton of Cornish.

The report was accepted.

Adjourned.

H. K. Baker, Clerk.

Tuesday, February 6, 1853.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tappan
of Augusta.

Bill in addition to an act
in relation to elections, approved
October 2, 1840, was taken up
and passed to be engrossed
as amended in concurrence.

Petition of L. P. Dunsen and
others, creditors of the Sullivan
and Hancock Bridge Compa-
ny, that the acts of said com-
pany may be made valid;

Petition of A. D. White and
others in aid of the same;

Petition of A. P. Fuller and
others for increase of pay for
witnesses attending court;

Petition of Rockland Water
Company for amendment of
charter;

Petition of the City Council
and others of Rockland in aid
of the same;

Petition of the City Council
and others of Rockland for
amendment of the city charter;
— were severally presented and
referred to the Committee on
the Judiciary. Sent up for
concurrence.

Resolve in favor of a com-
mission to prepare a judici-
ary system, was returned from
the Senate, the vote passing the
same to be engrossed reconsid-
ered, the resolve further amend-
ed as on sheet annexed marked
D, and passed to be engrossed
as amended on sheets marked
A, B, C and D. The House re-
ceded from its former vote,
concurred in amendment
marked D, and passed the
resolve to be engrossed as
amended in concurrence.

Remonstrance of H. Beverage
and others of North Haven
against the petition of Peleg
Thomas and others;

Petition of James A. Clay for 317
alteration of the marriage law;
and the disbanding of the
militia;

Petition of L. Royal and
others for a law to regulate
bowling alleys; - were sever-
ally presented and referred
to the Committee on the Judi-
ciary. Sent up for concur-
rence.

Petition of David Benjamin
and others for a charter to build
a dam on Swift river;

Petition of David Wasson
and sons of West Brooksville
for wharf extension; - were
severally presented and refer-
red to the Committee on In-
terior Waters. Sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of the President, Di-
rectors and Company of the
State Bank for increase of
capital stock, was presented
and referred to the Commit-
tee on Banks and Banking.
Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to petitions for the incorporation of the town of Umbagog, was passed in concurrence.

Reports of the joint Select Committee, on the petition of Jane H. Lewis; on the petition of Elisha H. Dunham; on the petition of Albert G. Barbour; and on the petition of Elizabeth Sylvester; - granting leave to withdraw said petitions, were severally received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Elections, on the remonstrance of John Murphy Jr. against the right of Alden Kennedy of Jefferson to a seat in the House, was taken up; and the question being on the acceptance of the same, on motion of Mr. Brown of Bridgton, the yeas and nays were ordered, and being taken, the question was decided in the negative, yeas forty-nine, nays sixty-eight.

Those who voted in the affirmative were

Messrs. Baker,

Bradbury,

Bragg,

Bruce,

Burgess,

Burpee,

Came,

Chapin,

Joseph Chase,

Josiah Chase,

H. T. Clark,

Cushman,

Eames,

Elliott,

Garland,

Gerrish

L. Gilman,

Goodale,

Greenleaf,

Gunnison,

Haines,

J. Heald,

L. Heald,

Hight,

Hobart,

Messrs. Hobbs,

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T. Hutchins,

Ingalls,

Ingersoll,

Johnson,

J. T. Leavitt,

Means,

Miller,

Nickerson,

Norris,

Osgood,

Pattée,

Pike,

Pratt,

Rawson,

Raynes,

Richards,

Sanderson,

Skolfield,

Stillings,

Sweat,

Vitcomb,

Turner,

Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative were

Messrs. H. Andrews,

L. Andrews,

Bachelor,

Bacon,

Banton,

Barker,

Barrows,

Messrs. Berry,

Blake,

Blanchard,

E. H. Brown,

L. Brown,

Carr,

Chamberlain,

Messrs. Charles,
 A. Clark,
 Cole,
 Comins,
 Coombs,
 Curry,
 Cutler,
 Dike,
 Doble,
 Durell,
 Files,
 G. Gilman,
 Haug,
 Hauscom,
 Haskell,
 J. B. Hill,
 T. Hill,
 E. Hutchings,
 Jones,
 Josselyn,
 Lake,
 L. R. Leavitt,
 Leighton,
 Libby,
 J. M. Lincoln,
 R. G. Lincoln,
 Main,

Messrs. Mallott,
 McElvery,
 McLaughlin,
 A. Merrill,
 W. Merrill,
 Mason,
 Patterson,
 Perham,
 Phillips,
 Purrington,
 Remick,
 Rogers,
 Scammon,
 Small,
 S. Smith,
 W. Stanton,
 Staples,
 R. L. Stevens,
 W. P. Stevens,
 Twitchell,
 Wallace,
 Wasson,
 Weeks,
 Whitcomb,
 Winslow,
 Woodman,
 York.

Mr. Fenno of Augusta was excused from voting.

Mr. Hill of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table the following resolves:

Resolved, That in the last 321
September election, Alden Kennedy was not duly elected a member of this House from the town of Jefferson.

Resolved, That no person was at that election duly elected a Representative from that district.

Resolved, That the Speaker be directed to inform the selectmen of Jefferson, that a vacancy exists in that election district.

The question being on the passage of the foregoing resolves, on motion of Mr. Heald of Anson, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Berry of Gardiner moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered to be now put.

The resolves were passed, yeas sixtyseven, nays fortythree.

Those who voted in the affirmative were

Messrs. H. Andrews,	Messrs. Lake,
L. Andrews,	L. R. Leavitt,
Bachelor,	Leighton,
Bacon,	Libby,
Banton,	J. M. Lincoln,
Barker,	R. G. Lincoln,
Barrows,	Main,
Berry,	Mallett,
Blake,	McGilvery,
Blanchard,	McLaughlin,
E. H. Brown,	Means,
L. Brown,	A. Merrill,
Carr,	W. Merrill,
Chamberlain,	Nason,
A. Clark,	Patterson,
Cole,	Perham,
Comins,	Purington,
Coombs,	Remick,
Curry,	Scammon,
Cutler,	Small,
Dike,	L. Smith,
Doble,	Staples,
Durell,	K. L. Stevens,
Files,	W. P. Stevens,
Gerrish,	Twitchell,
Getchell,	Wallace,
G. Gilman,	Wasson,
Hann,	Weeks,
Hawson,	Whitcomb,
Haskell,	Winslow,
J. B. Hill,	Woodman,
J. Hill,	Yorke.
E. Hutchings,	
Jones,	
Josselyn,	

Those who voted in the neg-323
ative were

Mess. Baker,	Mess. Ingalls,
Bradbury,	Ingersoll,
Bragg,	Johnson,
Bruce,	J. I. Leavitt,
Burgess,	Miller,
Burpee,	Norris,
Came,	Osgood,
Chapin,	Paltee,
Joseph Chase,	Pike,
Josiah Chase,	Pratt,
H. T. Clark,	Rawson,
Cushman,	Raynes,
Eames,	Richards,
Garland,	Rogers,
I. Gilman,	Sanderson,
Goodale,	Skolfield,
Greenleaf,	Stillings,
Quarison,	Sweet,
Haines,	Titcomb,
J. Heald,	Turner,
Hobart,	Woodbury.
Hobbs,	

Bill to abolish the February term of the criminal court in the County of Penobscot, was returned from the Senate, the vote passing the same to be enacted reconsidered, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary. The House receded from its former

324 vote, and concurred with the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Staples of Swanville,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the act entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of common schools, and for county conventions of teachers, approved by the Governor April 17, 1854. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of Alden Kennedy as a member of this House for his travel and attendance up to and including to-morrow.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of John

Murphy Jr. as a member of 325
this House for his travel and
attendance up to and in-
cluding tomorrow.

Petition of Oliver Moses and
others of Bath;

Petition of Oren Smith and
others of Clinton;

Petition of John Page and
others of Hartland and St. Al-
bans;

Petition of Richard May-
berry and others of Casco;—
all in aid of the petition of
the trustees of Westbrook
Seminary;

Petition of George Leavitt
and others of Addison for aid
for common schools;

Petition of J. Merithew and
others of Searsport;

Petition of Mary L. Wa-
terhouse and others of Searsport;
both in aid of the petition of
the trustees of East Maine
Conference Seminary;

Petition of Aaron Ayer and others of Newfield in aid of Maine State Seminary; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the assessors and agent of Patricktown for aid for building and repairing highways and bridges;

Petition of Joseph Nash and others of Addison for the survey of a railroad between Bangor and Calais through the shore towns; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. A. Bittnes for authority to erect a wharf in tide waters in Augusta, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Henry R. Parsons and others of Paris for the removal of the County buildings

in Oxford County, was presented 327
and referred to the joint dele-
gation from the County of Ox-
ford. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the assessors and
agent of Patricktown for a part
of Whitefield and Jefferson to
be set off and annexed to
Patricktown, was presented
and referred to the Committee
on Division of Towns. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of A. L. Nichols and
others of Brewer for amendment
of the Constitution, was presented
and referred, so much as relates
to elections, to the joint Select
Committee on the Elective Fran-
chise, and so much as relates to
foreigners, to the joint Select
Committee on the Naturaliza-
tion Laws. Sent up for con-
currence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Wednesday, February 7, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ingraham
of Augusta.

Memorial of a meeting of
the inhabitants of Bangor, in
aid of the petition of the Pe-
nobscoot Railroad Company,
was presented and referred to
the Committee on Railroads and
Bridges. Sent up for concur-
rence.

Mr. Hill of Bangor, by leave,
laid on the table a bill to au-
thorize the stockholders and
proprietors of the York Street
Free Will Baptist Meetinghouse
in Bangor to sell their meet-
inghouse; and the same was
referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary. Sent up for con-
currence.

Bill in addition giving to
mortgagees of real estate a lien

on policies of assurance against 329
fire, was taken up, amended
as on sheet annexed marked
A, and on motion of Mr. Lin-
coln of Hallowell, laid on the
table.

Mr Thomas of Portland, by
leave, laid on the table a bill
to incorporate the Portland
Sugar Company; and the same
was referred to the Committee
on Manufactures. Sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of Edward Guy for
aid to build a carding ma-
chine and other machinery,
was taken up and referred to
the Committee on Manufac-
tures. Sent up for concur-
rence.

Mr. Charles of Fryeburg, from
the Committee on Division of
Towns, on the petition of
George Dodge and others, re-
ported order of notice; and
the report was accepted.
Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Franklin;

Bill making further provision for the protection of public ways;

Bill additional to an act incorporating the city of Bath; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill to incorporate the Harpswell Mutual Fire Insurance Company; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

The message of the Governor, transmitting a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, asking for the cession of certain territory, was taken up and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of D. L. Witham and 331
others of Smithfield;

Petition of James Weymouth
and others of Sabattisville;

Petition of B. H. Taylor and
others of New Sharon; all for the
incorporation and endowment
of the Maine State Seminary;

Petition of Charles R. McFadden
and others of Vassalborough,
in aid of the petition of the
trustees of Westbrook Seminary;
— were severally presented and
referred to the Committee on
Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. Webster and
others for a law to prevent
the destruction of trout in
Cold Stream pond in Enfield,
was presented and referred
to the Committee on Fisheries.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jorry Brooks and
others of Sanford that section
two, chapter two hundred and
eleven, of the public laws of
1851, may be amended, was

332 presented and referred to the joint Select Committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Maine Law. Sent up for concurrence.

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Petition of William Kilburn and others for an act to incorporate the Auburn Block Company, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Oliver Boothby and others of Saco;

Petition of David Burnham and others of Saco;

Petition of Joseph Hobson Jr and others of Saco;

Petition of Daniel Libby and others of Saco; all for stringent legislative enactments to prevent the destruction of our forests and woods by fire;

Petition of the stockholders of the York Street Free Will Baptist Meetinghouse in Bangor, for leave to sell said house;

Remonstrance of Jeremiah Merithew and others against the incorporation of the first Congregational Society of Searsport;— were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of L. M. West and others of Franklin that all State and County officers may be elected by the people, was presented and referred to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. F. Hamilton and others of Franklin;

Petition of James M. Deering and others of Laco;

Petition of Egwood Carr and others of Mercer;

Petition of E. W. French and others of Eastport;

Petition of Nathan Woodbury and others of Auburn;

Petition of Charles Witherbee
and others of Belmont;

Petition of John J. Lovejoy
and others of Lebec; all for
amendment of the Constitution;
— were severally presented and
referred, so much as relates to
the election of officers by the
people, to the joint Select
Committee on the Elective Fran-
chise, and so much as relates
to foreigners voting and hold-
ing office, to the joint Select
Committee on the Naturalisa-
tion Laws. Sent up for concur-
rence.

Bill to incorporate the trustees
of the Maine State Seminary,
came up by assignment, the
question being on the motion of
Mr. Fenn of Augusta to re-
consider the vote whereby the
House adopted the amendment
marked B; pending which
question, the House adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Thursday, February 8, 1855

The Speaker being absent, the House was called to order by the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Mattawamkeag,

Resolved, That in the absence of the Speaker of the House, John B. Hill, Esquire, Representative from Bangor, be unanimously declared to be chosen Speaker pro tempore.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Drew of Augusta.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary, pending when the House last adjourned, was laid on the table.

Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks

336 and Banking, to which was re-committed their report that legislation is inexpedient on an order relative to returns from savings institutions, reported back the same report without amendment; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional in relation to criminal prosecutions, was taken up and recommitted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Purrington of Richmond, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional in relation to public schools; and the same was referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend the thirtyfifth section of chapter twentyfive of the Revised Statutes; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Pas- 337
samaquoddy Indians, was read
a second time and passed to
be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Smith of
Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the Committee
on State Lands and State Roads
be directed to inquire into the
expediency of making an
appropriation to finish the
repairs on the bridge at Mat-
tawamkeag Point. Sent up for
concurrence.

Mr. Jones of China was
appointed a member of the
joint standing Committee on
Agriculture, in place of Mr.
Reunedy of Jefferson, whose seat
has been vacated by the deci-
sion of the House.

Bill to increase the capital
stock of the Ocean Bank;

Bill to extend the charter
of the Maine Charitable
Mechanics' Association;

Bill to incorporate the Gray

338 Mutual Benefit and Library Association; - were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. Hobart of Edmunds, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Seward Merrill and others, reported a bill to authorize Seward Merrill and others to construct a wharf in the tide waters of Portland harbor; and the same was read twice and Wednesday next assigned for a third reading.

The same gentleman, from the same Committee, on the petition of Oliver L. Livermore and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Eastport Gas Light Company; and the same was read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. Pattee of Fort Fairfield, 339
from the Committee on State
Lands and State Roads, re-
ported a resolve in aid of
roads in the Counties of
Arroostook and Penobscot;
and the same was read once
and Wednesday of next week
assigned for a second reading.

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

Resolve in favor of a com-
mission to prepare a judi-
ciary system; and the same
was finally passed, and sent
to the Senate.

Mr. Andrews of Bidde-
ford, by leave, laid on the
table a bill in relation to
the set-off of demands;
and the same was referred
to the Committee on the Ju-
diiciary. Sent up for con-
currence.

Order from the Senate, re-
lative to abolishing the office
of superintendent of common

340 schools, and reestablishing the board of education and teachers' institutes, was passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, on the petition of J. St. Hillsa, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill to authorize the business of banking, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Ebeneser Cobb and others, and also on sundry petitions in aid of the same, granting leave to withdraw was received from the Senate accepted; and on motion of Mr. Chase of Calais, was laid on the table.

Petition of Hiram Barrows

and others of Hebron for a 341
change in the naturalization
laws, was received from the
Senate and referred to the
joint Select Committee hav-
ing that subject under con-
sideration, in concurrence.

Petition of Haskell Fuller
and others for further legis-
lation in regard to appeals
from County Commissioners,
was received from the Sen-
ate and referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary
in concurrence.

Petitions of Jeremiah Worm-
ell and others of Rumford, and
of Joseph Barrows and others
of Hebron, for the removal of
the County buildings in the
County of Oxford, were several-
ly received from the Senate and
referred to the joint delega-
tion from the County of Ox-
ford in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Webber
and others;

Petition of Lewis W. Houghton
and others;

Petition of Franklin Sawyer
and others;

Petition of Stephen Phinney
and others; all in aid of the
petition of Horace Billings
and others; — were severally re-
ceived from the Senate and
referred to the Committee on
Railroads and Bridges in con-
currence.

Petition of Stephen Emery and
others of Paris;

Petition of L. C. Stevens and
others of Lebanon;

Petition of James White and
others of Belfast; all in aid of
the petition of the trustees of
Waterville College;

Petitions of Sullivan Bray
and others of Georgetown, and
of H. L. Bray and others of
Arranosis, in aid of the peti-
tion of the trustees of East
Maine Conference Seminary;

Petitions of Thomas C. Norris
and others of Vienna, and of
Joseph Berry and others of
Georgetown, for the incorporation

and endowment of the Maine 343
State Seminary;

Petition of Samuel Fletcher
and others of Belmont, in aid
of the petition of the trustees
of Westbrook Seminary; —
were severally received from
the Senate and referred to the
Committee on Education in con-
currence.

Petitions of Eunice Ann Hus-
sey, and of Isaac Crane second,
for change of name, were sever-
ally presented and referred
to the Committee on Change
of Names.

Petition of L. H. Tewkesbury
and other members of the Maine
Medical Association, for an act
for the advancement of medi-
cal science, was presented and
referred to the Committee on
the Judiciary. Sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Percival
and others for a charter for a
bank at Waterville, was pre-
sented and referred to the

344 Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nehemiah Ellis and others for compensation for services and expenses in arresting a criminal, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Wilder for a grant of land in consideration of building mills on number thirteen, range three;

Petition of Moses L. Appleton and others for aid to make roads in Township number six, range five; - were severally presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Warren Leighton and others for an appropriation for the survey of a railroad route from Bangor to Colais;

Remonstrance of Peleg Hall and others against the petition

of E. B. Pierce and others; — 345
were severally presented and
referred to the Committee on
Railroads and Bridges. Sent
up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of G. M. Bur-
leigh and others of Dexter
against the incorporation of
the County of Sebecook,
was presented and referred
to the Committee on Division
of Counties. Sent up for con-
currence.

Petition of B. W. Varnum and
others of Wayne;

Petition of Robinson Cook
and others of Bolster's Mills;

Petition of David Butler and
others of Industry;

Petition of Benjamin Rachel-
ler and others of Fayette;

Petition of James S. Emery
and others of Hampden; all
in aid of the petition of
the trustees of Westbrook
Seminary;

Petition of Hiram Belcher and others of Farmington, in aid of the petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petitions of Levi Emery Jr and others of Bloomfield, and of E. D. King and others of Calais, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Waterville College; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Silvanus Poor and others of Andover;

Petition of Moses M. Merrill and others of Roxbury;

Petition of Richard Taylor and others of Byron; all for the removal of the County buildings in Oxford County; — were severally presented and referred to the joint delegation from the County of Oxford. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Richard Mayberry and others of Casco;

Petition of Asa Fleeth and 347
others of Detroit;

Petition of Samuel T. Rob-
inson and others of Bath;

Petition of James Cochran
Jr and others of Monmouth;
all for amendment of the
Constitution; — were severally
presented and referred, so
much as relates to the election
of officers by the people, to
the joint Select Committee on
the Elective Franchise, and so
much as relates to foreign-
ers voting and holding of-
fice, to the joint Select
Committee on the Naturali-
zation Laws. Sent up for
concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln
of Hallowell,

Ordered, That a message
be sent to the Senate, inform-
ing that body, that in the
absence of the Speaker,
John B. Hill, Esquire, of Ban-
gor, has been chosen Speaker
pro tempore of the House.

Mr. Lincoln was charged
with the message.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Mattawamkeag, a similar message was ordered to be sent to the Governor and Council. Mr. Smith was charged with the message.

Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Maine State Seminary, was taken up, the question being on the motion of Mr. Fano of Augusta to reconsider the vote whereby the House adopted the amendment marked B; pending which question, the House adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Friday, February 9, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hanson
of Augusta.

Bill in addition giving to mortgagees a lien on policies of assurance against fire, was taken up; and on motion of Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell, the vote whereby the House adopted the amendment marked A was reconsidered, and the bill was amended as on sheet marked B, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Subsequently, the vote passing the bill to be engrossed was reconsidered, and the bill was re-committed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ingersoll
of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of removing all objection to the testimony of witnesses in civil

350 and criminal actions on the ground of interest or infamy. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Andrews of Camden,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of legalizing the doings of school district number eight in Camden. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws be directed to inquire into the expediency of restricting or annulling the naturalization powers of our courts. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ingersoll of Bangor,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of making void all notes, bills of exchange, drafts, or any

description of paper, discount 351
ed or purchased by the banks
of this State, or their agents,
wherein more than six per
cent. interest was taken or re-
served, directly or indirectly.
Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Gunnison of Eastport,
from the Committee on State
Lands and State Roads, on
the petition of Dan Pineo,
reported a resolve in favor
of Dan Pineo; and the same
was once read and Wednes-
day next assigned for a
second reading.

Bill to incorporate the trustees
of the Maine State Seminary,
was taken up, the question
being on the motion to recon-
sider the vote whereby the
House adopted the amend-
ment marked B; and on
motion of Mr. Fenno of Au-
gusta, the bill was referred
to a Committee of the whole
House.

The House accordingly
went into Committee of the
whole, and Mr. Fenno of Augusta

352 was called to the chair. The Committee having considered the bill, on motion of Mr. Ingersoll of Bangor, the Committee rose and reported the bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Fennor of Augusta, the bill was re-committed to the Committee on Education; and Wednesday next was assigned for its further consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Waterville College, was re-committed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Berry of Gardiner,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether any legislation is necessary to secure the public against loss by express men. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Valentine Ripley for remuneration for losses incurred by aiding an

officer while executing a criminal precept; 353

Petition of Lewis Biddee and others;

Petition of Tristram Hensley and others;

Petition of A. D. White and others; all in aid of the petition of Valentine Ripley;

Petition of Samuel F. Rawson for remuneration for services and expenses of an inquest on the dead body of a person not belonging to the State; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Amos M. Roberts and others for a line of telegraph through the State from the east to the west line thereof;

Petition of Nathaniel L. Thompson and others of Nebraska for incorporation for insurance purposes;

Petition of the County Commissioners of Androscoggin County for a loan for erecting County buildings; - were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Bucksport Bank for an increase of capital stock, was presented and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel F. Hershey and another to have a contract made by them with the Land Agent of Massachusetts complied with on the part of Maine, was presented and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Milliken and others of North Hancock for a more stringent liquor

law, was presented and re- 355
ferred to the joint Select
Committee on that part of
the Governor's message which
relates to the Maine Law.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Toma Lewy
to be restored to the posses-
sion of a certain meadow,
was presented and referred
to the Committee on Indian
Affairs. Sent up for concu-
rence.

Petition of Thomas Ellsworth
and others of Avon, that that
town may be divided, and
a part of the same be an-
nexed to the town of Phil-
lips, and the other part to
the town of Strong, was pre-
sented and referred to the
Committee on Division of Towns.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen
and clerk of Stoneham that
their doings may be made
valid;

Petition of Henry Hobbs

356 and others, proprietors of the free meeting house in Hope, for power to sell the same;

Petition of A. G. Gould and others for leave to sell the Free Will Baptist Meetinghouse in Woolwich; - were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of R. H. Gilman and others of Liberty, and of William McFarland and others of Hancock, for amendment of the Constitution, were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to the election of officers by the people, to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners voting and holding office, to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to authorise the city of Bangor to extend further aid to the construction of the

Penobscot and Kennebec Rail-357
road, was received from the
Senate passed to be engross-
ed; and the same was read
twice, the rules suspended,
and the bill read a third
time and passed to be en-
grossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed
Bills reported as truly and
strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act in addition to
an act in relation to elec-
tions, approved October 2, 1840;

An Act additional to an
act incorporating the city of
Bath;

An Act to provide in part
for the expenditures of gov-
ernment;

An Act making further
provision for the protection
of public ways;

An Act to increase the
salary of the Register of
Probate for the County of
Franklin;—and the same were

358 severally passed to be enacted,
and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported
as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolve in favor of the
Passamaquoddy Indians;

Resolve directing the State
Treasurer to balance accounts
with the Washington County
and St. Croix Banks; —
and the same were severally
finally passed, and sent to
the Senate.

The Secretary of State came
in and laid on the table the
following message from the
Governor:

To the Senate and House
of Representatives.

I herewith lay before the
Legislature the report of Seth
W. Smith, Esquire, Passama-
quoddy Indian Agent, made
in compliance with a resolve
of the Legislature of 1854.

Anson P. Morrill.

Council Chamber,
Augusta, February 9, 1855. }

The message was referred, 359
with the accompanying re-
port, to the Committee on
Indian Affairs. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of George F. Talbot
and others of Machias and
East Machias;

Petition of L. L. Shaw and
others of Dover and Foxcroft;

Petition of Isaac W. Tabor
and others of Houlton; all
in aid of the petition of the
trustees of East Maine Confer-
ence Seminary; - were sever-
ally presented and referred
to the Committee on Educa-
tion. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, re-
lative to the fees of officers
for commitments on criminal
process, was passed in con-
currence.

Bill to define the rights
of the owners of Steamboat
wharf, was re-
ceived from the Senate

360 and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petition of W. J. Robinson and others of Castine for aid to East Maine Conference Seminary, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of George Copeland and others for incorporation to manufacture twilled seamless bags, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Petition of Caleb Blake for remuneration for services in pursuit of a fugitive from justice, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of John M. Wood and others in aid of the petition of Horace Billings and others;

Petition of Joseph Walker and 361 others for authority to build a bridge across Flutchinson's ferry; — were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Russ and others for a charter for a bank in China;

Petition of Amasa Taylor and others in aid of the same; — were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of Leonard Joyce and others for amendment of the Constitution, was received from the Senate and referred to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise in concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of Prospect for protection from foreign paupers thrown on said town by means of laborers on Fort Knox, was received from

362 the Senate, referred to a joint Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hichborn, Turner and Goodwin, on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join; and the House concurred, and joined Messrs. McGilvery of Searsport, Burgess of Oldtown, Stillings of Berwick, Stevens of Paris and Cole of Harrington.

Mr. Richards of Eden, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on the petition of the assessors and agent of Patrick town, reported an order of notice; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Comins of Eddington, from the Committee on Agriculture, on an order relative to increasing the bounty on wolves, reported that legislation is inexpedient; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Porter of Strong, from the Committee on Agriculture,

reported that said Committee 363
be discharged from the further consideration of a resolve in favor of Charles Turner, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on the petition of the assessors and agent of Patricks town, ordering notice thereon, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Luther Curtis;

Resolve in favor of Lydia Lorymere; — were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read once and Wednesday next as signed for a second reading.

Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition

364 of the Directors of Ticonic Bank, reported a bill to increase the capital stock of the Ticonic Bank; and the same was twice read and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. Berry of Gardiner, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on the petition of John Kendall and others, reported an order of notice; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill to amend chapter one hundred and seventy three of the Revised Statutes, and chapter one hundred and thirty six of the public laws of 1849, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice and Wednesday next assigned for a third reading.

Bill authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Castine river, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was twice read and

tomorrow assigned for a third 365
reading.

Bill to increase the capital
stock of the Ocean Bank,
was read a third time
and passed to be engrossed
in concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. N. Baker, Clerk.

Saturday, February 10, 1833.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Squier
of Hallowell.

The Committee on Engrossed
Bills reported as truly and
strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to authorize the
city of Bangor to extend fur-
ther aid to the construction
of the Penobscot and Kennebec
Railroad;

An Act to increase the
capital stock of the Ocean
Bank; — and the same were
severally passed to be enact-
ed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill relating to the trans-
fer of actions;

Petition of Stephen Johnson
Jr. and others for authority to
sell the Union meetinghouse
in Sullivan; — were severally

received from the Senate and 367
referred to the Committee on
the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Joel Howe and
others for the removal of the
County buildings in Oxford
County, was received from
the Senate and referred to
the joint delegation from
the County of Oxford in
concurrence.

Petition of John Preston and
others of Arrowsic for amend-
ment of the Constitution, was
received from the Senate and
referred to the joint Select
Committee on the Naturaliza-
tion Laws in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln
of Bath,

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

Mr. Stevens of Paris, from
the joint delegation of Oxford
County, on the petition of

368 Henry R. Parsons and others, reported an order of notice; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Scaumon of Saco, from the Committee on Manufactures, on the petition of Thomas Crocker and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis Slate Company; and the same was read twice, the rules suspended, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fenn of Augusta, the vote whereby the House assigned Wednesday next for the third reading of bill amending chapter one hundred and seventythree of the Revised Statutes, and chapter one hundred and thirtysix of the public laws of 1849, was reconsidered; and the bill was laid on the Table, and ordered to be printed, together with the sections proposed to be repealed or modified.

Mr. Hobart of Edmunds, 369
from the Committee on Mer-
cantile Affairs and Insurance,
on the petition of C. R. Bach-
ler and others, reported a bill
to incorporate the master, war-
dens and members of Key Stone
Lodge; and the same was
read twice and Monday next
assigned for a third reading.

Mr. Josselyn of Phillips, from
the Committee on Education, to
which was referred a bill to
amend an act to provide
for the education of youth,
reported a bill to amend an
act to provide for the edu-
cation of youth, approved
August 27, 1850; and the same
was twice read and Monday
next assigned for a third read-
ing.

On motion of Mr. Butler of
Sanford,

Ordered, That the Committee
on the Judiciary be directed
to inquire whether any further
legislation is necessary for the
protection of private bury-
ing grounds. Sent up for
concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the West
Penobscot Agricultural Society;

Bill further defining the
power of mayors of cities in
the election of city officers;

Bill to set off certain lands
from Chelsea and annex the
same to Pittston; — were received
from the Senate passed to be
engrossed; and the same were
severally read twice and Mon-
day next assigned for a third
reading.

Resolve in favor of Peter
Folsom, was received from
the Senate passed to be en-
grossed; and the same was
once read and Wednesday
next assigned for a second
reading.

Bill additional to the act
incorporating the city of Hal-
lowell, was received from
the Senate passed to be en-
grossed; and the same was
read twice, and on motion
of Mr. Berry of Gardiner,
laid on the table.

Reports of the Committee on the 371
Judiciary, on an order relative
to the conveyance of real estate,
on the petition of the selectmen
of Moscow, and on the petition
of A. P. Fuller and others, that
legislation thereon is inexpedi-
ent, were severally received
from the Senate and accepted
in concurrence.

Reports of the same Committee,
that bill relative to criminal
prosecutions, and bill repealing
chapter two hundred and eigh-
tysix of the laws of 1852, ought
not to pass, were severally
received from the Senate and
accepted in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Gray
Mutual Benefit and Library
Association;

Bill authorizing the exten-
sion of a wharf into tide waters
of Castine river;

Bill to extend the charter
of the Maine Charitable Me-
chanic Association; — were sev-
erally read a third time and pass-
ed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to increase the capital stock of Ticonic Bank;

Bill to incorporate the Eastport Gas Light Company;— were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Order from the Senate, relative to restraining lotteries and other species of gambling, was passed in concurrence.

Mr. Fennell of Augusta, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional to chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the Revised Statutes; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell, by leave, laid on the table a bill to incorporate the Maine Bleaching and Laundering Company; and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Mark Trafton 373
for lot number twelve, letter
D, range one, in the County
of Arrostook, for labor done
on roads, was presented and
referred to the Committee on
State Lands and State Roads.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. L. Boulter and
others of Jackson Brook to be
incorporated into a town,
was presented and referred
to the Committee on Incorpo-
ration of Towns. Sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of C. G. Robbins and
others of Dover;

Petition of Joseph Jones and
others of Camden;

Petition of Mrs. Hope L.
Berry and others of Camden;
all in aid of the petition of
the Trustees of East Maine
Conference Seminary;

Petition of B. Freeman and
others of Yarmouth, in aid of
the petition of the trustees
of Waterville College; —

374 were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Claim of the Sheriff of Penobscot County for distributing certain blank returns, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the first school district in Bucksport for authority to raise money, was presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Thomas Jordan and others against the petition of William Bucknam and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. H. Kimball and others of Rockland for a new County, was presented

and referred to the Committee 375
on Division of Counties.
Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Benjamin S. Perkins and others
against the petition of the
Directors of Gardiner and
Pittston Bridge;

Remonstrances of St. Pen-
dleton and others, and of St.
Leighton and others, against
the city of Bangor loaning
its credit for the construc-
tion of the Penobscot Rail-
road; — were severally pre-
sented and referred to the
Committee on Railroads and
Bridges. Sent up for concu-
rence.

Petition of Henry F. Win-
gate and others of Hallowell;

Petition of J. R. Weed and
others of St. Albans;

Petition of Levi Loring
and others of Guilford; all
for amendment of the Con-
stitution; — were severally
presented and referred, so

376 much as relates to the election of officers by the people, to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners voting and holding office, to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

J. H. Baker, Clerk.

Monday, February 12, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Burgess
of Gardiner.

On motion of Mr. Fenno of Augusta, the vote whereby the House assigned Wednesday next for the second reading of a resolve in favor of Lydia Longmire, was reconsidered; and the same was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Walker of Hampden, from the Committee on Division of Counties, on the petitions of inhabitants of Newport and others for a new County, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Andrews of Biddeford, by leave, laid on the table a

378 bill to incorporate the York Insurance Company; and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Comins of Eddington,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending our school laws as to require the number of scholars to be returned the first day of April, instead of the first day of May as it now is, that it may correspond with the amendment of the tax act, requiring the inventory to be taken the first day of April. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill additional to the act incorporating the city of Hallowell, was taken up, read a third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on

the petition of the Androscog-379
gin and Kennebec Railroad
Company, granting leave
to withdraw, was received
from the Senate and ac-
cepted in concurrence.

Orders from the Senate, re-
lative to repealing an act
concerning railroads, ap-
proved March 30, 1853, and
appointing railroad com-
missioners to whom all
schemes for new charters
shall be presented for ap-
proval, prior to application
to the Legislature;

Relative to the petition
of Jefferson Moulton and
another to be set off from
Lyman and annexed to
Alfred, and petitions in
aid of the same; — were
severally passed in concu-
rence.

Petition of Alvin Barden
for remuneration for expense
of sickness while in the
service of the State, was re-
ceived from the Senate and

380 referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac R. Clark for an investigation as to taxes on township number two, range eight, Penobscot County, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Fowler and others of Lubec for aid for East Maine Conference Seminary, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Joseph Porter and others against the petition of Hiram Peavey, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Mr. Ingersoll of Bangor, by leave, laid on the table a bill to provide for the promulgation

of the public laws; and the 381
same was referred to the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary. Sent
up for concurrence.

Mr. Wasson of Franklin,
from the Committee on the
Militia, on the petition of
A. J. Lord and others, reported
a resolve in favor of A com-
pany of cavalry, first division;
and the same was once read,
and Wednesday of next week
assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Smith of
Mattawamkeag,
Ordered, That the Secretary
of State be directed to deliver
to the Messenger of the House
two maps of the State of Maine,
to be suspended in the hall of
the House, for the use of the
members.

Petition of Lydia Cushman
that certain lands and build-
ings may be restored to her,
was presented and referred
to a joint Select Committee,
consisting of Messrs. Rawson of
Waldoborough, Cushing of Frankfort,

382 Came of Portland, Stone of
Keenebunkport and Mayo of
Orono, on the part of the
House, with such as the
Senate may join. Sent up
for concurrence.

Resolve for the representation
of Maine at the Paris Expo-
sition of 1855, was taken up,
once read, and Wednesday of
next week assigned for a
second reading.

Bill to incorporate the pew-
holders of the first Congrega-
tional Church in Searsport;

Bill to incorporate the
Mechanics' Association;

Bill to annex certain ter-
ritory to the town of Weston;

Bill in amendment of the
ninetyfirst chapter of the Re-
vised Statutes;

Bill ceding to the United
States jurisdiction over certain
lands and their appurtenances;
— were received from the
Senate passed to be engrossed;

and the same were severally 383
read twice and tomorrow
assigned for a third read-
ing.

Petition of James Hartford
and others of Weston and vi-
cinity;

Petition of Lemuel Trott
and others of Woolwich;

Petition of Joshua Hill
and others of Hampden;

Petition of W. D. Jewell
and others of Appleton, Sears-
mont and Liberty; all for
aid to the East Maine Con-
ference Seminary; — were
severally presented and re-
ferred to the Committee on
Education. Sent up for con-
currence.

Petition of Moses B. Sears
and others, committee of the
proprietors of the Universalist
meetinghouse in Winthrop,
for leave to sell a part of
their real estate;

Petition of B. F. Sprague of

384 Woolwich for amendment of the Constitution as to the right of voting;

Remonstrance of the mayor, aldermen and common councilmen of Belfast against changing the police court in that city; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles Lothrop and others for the incorporation of the Augusta Shoe Company, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of B. J. Mitchell and others for the repeal of an act dividing the town of Wilson, passed in 1848, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Andrew Wiggin and others for an appropriation

for the repair of the State road from 385
Kingsbury to Moose Head Lake,
was presented and referred to
the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads. Sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of John B. Coffin and
others of Harrington for the sur-
vey of a railroad from Bangor
to Calais, was presented and re-
ferred to the Committee on Rail-
roads and Bridges. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of William L. Mitch-
ell and others of Bangor and
vicinity for amendment of the
Constitution, was presented and
referred, so much as relates to
the election of officers by the
people, to the joint Select
Committee on the Elective Fran-
chise, and so much as relates
to foreigners voting and
holding office, to the joint
Select Committee on the Nat-
uralization Laws. Sent up
for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Tuesday, February 13, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hyde of Gardiner.

Petition of Anson Jordan for improvements in our school system;

Petition of Joseph Plummer and others of Gorham for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary;—were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill additional to an act incorporating the city of Bath;

Bill authorizing the erection of a wharf in tide waters in the city of Augusta;—were received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same were severally read twice and

tomorrow assigned for a third 387
reading.

On motion of Mr. Barrows
of Harrison,

Ordered, That a joint
Select Committee, consisting
of five on the part of the
House, with such as the
Senate may join, be appointed,
to inquire of the several
joint standing and select
Committees, and report as
soon as may be, at what
time they will be able to
report finally on all business
before them, and also
to report what day may
be fixed upon when the two
Houses may adjourn without
day. Messrs. Barrows of
Harrison, Hill of Greene,
Hutchings of Penobscot,
O'Brien of Thomaston and
Gilman of Enfield, were appointed
the Committee on the
part of the House. Sent up
for concurrence. The Clerk
was subsequently informed by
the Secretary of the Senate,
that the Senate had concurred,
and had joined
Messrs. Puggles, Adams and
Sprague to the Committee.

Bill to incorporate the Brooksville Bridge Company, was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was read twice, the rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of L. P. Waterhouse and others of Detroit, in aid of the petition of Joseph M. Moor and another, was presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to extend the charter of the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association;

An Act to incorporate the Gray Mutual Benefit and Library Association;

An Act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Castine river;

An Act to incorporate the 389
Harpwell Mutual Fire In-
surance Company; — and
the same were severally
passed to be enacted, and
sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Osgood
of New Gloucester, the vote
whereby the House passed
to be engrossed a bill to
incorporate the Atlantic
Mutual Fire Insurance
Company, was reconsidered;
and the bill was laid on
the table.

Bill additional to chap-
ter one hundred and seven-
ty of the Revised Statute,
was received from the Senate
and recommitted in con-
currence.

Mr. Titcomb of Augusta,
by leave, laid on the table a
bill to incorporate the Glen
Mills Manufacturing Com-
pany; and the same was
referred to the Committee on
Mercantile Affairs and Insur-
ance. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Andrews of Biddeford, by leave, laid on the table a bill to establish a municipal court in the city of Biddeford; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Andrews of Biddeford, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of J. A. Clay, reported that legislation on the subject of the marriage laws is inexpedient; and the report was accepted. On motion of Mr. Andrews, so much of the same petition as relates to disbanding the militia, army and navy, was referred to the Committee on the Militia. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill ceding to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands and their appurtenances;

Bill to annex certain territory to the town of Weston;

Bill to incorporate the

West Penobscot Agricultural 391
Society;

Bill in amendment of
the ninetyfirst chapter of
the Revised Statutes;

Bill to set off certain lands
from Chelsea and annex the
same to Pittston;

Bill further defining the
power of mayors of cities
in the election of city offi-
cers;

Bill to incorporate the
pewholders of the first Con-
gregational Church in Sears-
port;

Bill to incorporate the
Mechanics' Association; — were
severally read a third time
and passed to be engrossed
in concurrence.

Bill to amend an act
to provide for the education
of youth, approved August
27, 1850;

Bill to incorporate the
master, wardens and members

392 of Key Stone Lodge; — were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Scammon of Saco,

Ordered, That the Governor be requested to communicate to this House what action has been taken under the provisions of a resolve approved August 24, 1850, setting apart and reserving twentyfour half townships of the public lands for a common school fund. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Libby of Westbrook, by leave, laid on the table a bill to amend chapter fifty of the Revised Statutes; and the same was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Wasson of Franklin, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional to an

act for the education of 393
youth, approved August
27, 1850; and the same
was referred to the Com-
mittee on Education. Sent
up for concurrence.

Mr. Ham of Lewiston, by
leave, laid on the table a
bill to incorporate the
officers and members of
King Hiram Chapter; and
the same was referred to
the Committee on the Ju-
diciary. Sent up for con-
currence.

Petition of Thomas Drag-
don for a military pension,
was presented and referred
to the Committee on Mili-
tary Pensions. Sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of Ezra Potman and
others for a bank at Kendall's
Mills, was presented and
referred to the Committee
on Banks and Banking.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Sumner Burnham for allowance of a bill incurred in the arrest of Reuben Wiley, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions of Isaac L. Small and others of Wales, and of John C. Fogg and others of Wales, in aid of the petition of William Flann and others, were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of H. H. Hill and others for an act of incorporation, was presented and referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of G. W. Taylor and others for an appropriation for the survey of a shore route for the European and North American Railway;

Petition of John Creighton³⁹⁵
and others of Warren and
Thomaston for the repeal of
the second section of an act
to amend an act incorpo-
rating the Warren Toll
Bridge Company; — were
severally presented and
referred to the Committee
on Railroads and Bridges.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of B. W. Hinkley
and others for the incorpo-
ration of the Bluehill Flori-
cultural Society;

Petition of the Trustees of
Keenebec Agricultural So-
ciety for an appropriation
to establish and endow a
stock and experimental
farm; — were severally pre-
sented and referred to the
Committee on Agriculture.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Andrews
and others for the incorpo-
ration of the Warren Mutual
Fire Insurance Company;

Petition of Joseph Wight

396 and others for amendment of laws relating to hawkers and pedlars; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Henry Hobbs and others of Hope;

Petition of Christopher Young and others of Union;

Petition of J. L. Smith and others of North Haven;

Petition of W. E. Tolman and others of Rockland; all for a new County to be composed of parts of Lincoln and Waldo Counties; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of W. M. E. Brown and others;

Petition of George Deanning and others;

Petition of E. G. Savage and 397
others; all for an appropriation
for a road from Solon to
Moose Head Lake; — were sev-
erally presented and referred
to the Committee on State
Lands and State Roads. Sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of William Moor
and others for increase of
toll on the Fairfield Boom
Corporation;

Petition of Calvin L. Rowe
and others of Kirkland that
the name of said town may
be changed to Hudson;

Petition of H. A. Wood
and others for an extension
of the charter of the Bangor
and Brewer Ferry Company;

Petition of A. C. Buffum and
others for a canal across
the point of Orson Island;

Petition of A. C. Buffum
and others for commissioners
to examine the inlet of the
Stillwater branch of Penobscot
river, and report the cause
of its filling up; — were sev-

398 erally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas L. Stanton and others for the incorporation of Union Meeting-house Parish;

Petition of Timothy Ludden for increase of the salary of the Judge of Probate in Oxford County;

Petition of Charles Hill and others of Saco for the repeal of the law exempting the proceeds of personal labor from attachment; - were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of F. A. Jarvis and others of Surry; for aid to East Maine Conference Seminary;

Petition of David Bronson and others of Bath;

Petition of O. B. Walker and 399
others of Franklin;

Petition of E. B. Harvey
and others of Calais; all
for aid to Waterville College;

Petition of the Trustees
of Belgrade Academy for
aid; — were severally pre-
sented and referred to the
Committee on Education.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Harris
and others of Bath;

Petition of Joseph R. Har-
ris and others of Durham;

Petition of Samuel Eames
and others of Bath;

Petition of Thomas W. Hale
and others of Yarmouth;

Petition of Hersey Bradbu-
ry and others of Auburn;

Petition of Daniel Coffin
and others of Yarmouth;

Petition of G. W. Farr and
others of Lewiston;

400 Petition of William Field
and others of Freeport;

Petition of Edward Thompson
and others of Freeport;

Petition of G. V. Mills and
others of Brooksville;

Petition of William Porter
and others of Freeport;

Petition of Rufus Stoddard
and others of Freeport;

Petition of Ichabod Horn
and others of Bingham and
vicinity; all for amendment
of the Constitution; — were
severally presented and re-
ferred, so much as relates
to elections of officers by
the people, to the joint Se-
lect Committee on the Elective
Franchise, and so much as
relates to foreigners voting
and holding office, to the
joint Select Committee on
the Naturalization Laws.
Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Wednesday, February 14, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Aspinwall of Gardiner.

Bill additional to and explanatory of the act authorizing the city of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewis's Island Railroad, passed and approved April 14, 1854, and of the act additional to an act to authorize the city of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewis's Island Railroad, passed January 29, 1855, - was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed; and the same was twice read, the rules suspended, and the bill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Lydia Cushman, referred by the House to a joint Select Committee, was returned from the Senate,

402 the reference nonconcurring, and the petition referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The House receded from its former vote, nonconcurring in the Senate's reference, and referred the petition to a Select Committee of the House, consisting of Messrs. Rawson of Waldoborough, Cushing of Frankfort, Caine of Portland, Stone of Kennebunkport, Mayo of Orono, Hobart of Edmunds, Pike of Topshfield and Ham of Lewiston.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Mattawamkeag,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Hussey and others, praying to be set off from Kenduskeag to Levant, be taken from the files of 1853, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of D. D. Lakeman and others for authority to alter the Methodist Meeting-house in Hallowell, was presented and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs

and Insurance. Sent up for 403
concurrence.

Resolve in aid of roads
in the Counties of Aroostook
and Penobscot;

Resolve in favor of Dan
Pineo; - were severally read
a second time and passed
to be engrossed. Sent up
for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Luther
Curtis;

Resolve in favor of Peter
L. Folsom; - were severally
read a second time and
passed to be engrossed in
concurrence.

Bill to authorize Seward
Merrill and others to con-
struct a wharf in the tide
waters of Portland harbor,
was read a third time and
passed to be engrossed. Sent
up for concurrence.

Bill additional to an

404 act incorporating the city of Bath;

Bill authorizing the erection of a wharf in tide waters in the city of Augusta; - were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis State Company;

An Act to increase the capital stock of the Ticonic Bank;

An Act to incorporate the Eastport Gas Light Company;

An Act to amend an act incorporating the city of Hallowell;

An Act additional to and explanatory of the act authorizing the city of Calais to

aid in the construction of 405
Lewy's Island Railroad, passed
and approved April 14, 1854,
and of the act additional to
an act to authorize the city
of Calais to aid in the con-
struction of Lewy's Island
Railroad, passed January
29, 1855; — and the same
were severally passed to be
enacted, and sent to the
Senate.

Mr. Titcomb of Augusta,
from the Committee on Banks
and Banking, on the peti-
tion of the President, Di-
rectors and Company of
the State Bank, reported a
bill to increase the capital
stock of the State Bank;

Mr. Burpee of Rockland,
from the same Committee, on
the petition of the President
and Directors of Bucksport
Bank, reported a bill to in-
crease the capital stock of
the Bucksport Bank; —
and said bills were sever-
ally read twice and to-
morrow assigned for a third
reading.

Mr. Nickerson of Belfast, from the Committee on Education, on an order relative to the compensation of superintending school committees, reported a bill additional to article first, section eighth of the school law approved August 27, 1850; and the same was twice read and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. Thomas of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill additional to chapter seventynine of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance companies; and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Lincoln of Bath, by leave, laid on the table a bill to regulate billiard rooms; and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Pitcomb of Augusta, 407
by leave, laid on the table
a bill in relation to the
contracts of minors; and
the same was referred to
the Committee on the Judi-
ciary. Sent up for con-
currence.

Bill to amend chapter
one hundred and seventy-
three of the Revised Statute,
and chapter one hundred
and thirty-six of the public
laws for the year 1849, was
taken up and passed to be
engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the
Atlantic Mutual Fire In-
surance Company, was ta-
ken up, amended as on
sheet annexed marked A,
and as amended passed
to be engrossed. Sent up
for concurrence.

Report of the Committee
on Railroads and Bridges,
that said Committee be dis-
charged from the further
consideration of the petition

408 of the assessors and agent of Patricktown plantation, and that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, — was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Bill in addition to an act to incorporate the York County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of Alvin Davis and others for a new County, to be composed of parts of Cumberland and Oxford Counties;

Petitions of Luther Billings and others, and of N. V. Littlefield and others, in aid of the petition of Alvin Davis and others; — were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties in concurrence.

Petition of Peleg Wadsworth 409
and others of Hiram for the
removal of the County
buildings in Oxford County,
was received from the Sen-
ate and referred to the
joint delegation from the
County of Oxford in con-
currence.

Petition of Charles Far-
rand and others of Mercer
for the incorporation and
endowment of the Maine
State Seminary, was received
from the Senate and re-
ferred to the Committee on
Education in concurrence.

Petition of Oliver Mower
and others, for amendment
of the Constitution as to elec-
tions of officers, and as to
foreigners voting and hold-
ing office, was received
from the Senate and re-
ferred to the joint Select
Committees having those sub-
jects under consideration
in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of

410 the Bank of Winthrop for increase of capital stock, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petitions of David Walker and others, and of William Freeman and others, for an appropriation for the survey of a shore route for the European and North American Railroad;

Remonstrances of Moses Fickett and others, and of Albert Hayford and others, against the petition of A. C. Small and others; - were severally received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah F. Sanborn and others for authority to sell the Methodist meetinghouse in West Baldwin;

Petition of Samuel Melvin and others for authority to

sell the Methodist meeting 411
house in East Headfield;—
were severally received from
the Senate and referred to
the Committee on the Judi-
ciary in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Samuel
Braley and others against
the petition of E. B. Pierce
and others;

Petition of John Hilby and
others of Deunysville for an
appropriation for the survey
of a railroad route from
Bangor to Calais through
the shore towns;

Petitions of selectmen of
Oldtown, of inhabitants of
Oldtown, and of inhabitants
on Penobscot river above
Oldtown, that the railroad
bridge at Oldtown may be
used for ordinary travel;—
were severally presented and
referred to the Committee
on Railroads and Bridges.
Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of George Shid-
den and others of Indian

412 township number two, against being incorporated into a town, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Ellsworth,

Ordered, That one thousand copies of an act to provide for the education of youth, and to establish a department of public instruction, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Petition of Jonas Drury that he may be released in part for stampage cut on township number four, range five;

Petition of E. G. Stetson and others, in aid of the petition of Jonas Drury;

Petition of Ephraim Packard and others for an appropriation on the State road from Kingsbury to Blanchard; — were severally presented and referred to

the Committee on State Lands 413
and State Roads. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of Dorcas Farnum,
aged eightyfour years, and
other ladies of Rumford,
that the sale of alcoholic
liquors for medicinal and
mechanical purposes may
be prohibited, was present-
ed and referred to the joint
Select Committee having under
consideration so much of
the Governor's message as
relates to the Maine Law.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Howe
and others of Norway, for the
removal of the County build-
ings in Oxford County, was
presented and referred to
the joint delegation from
that County. Sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of Moses Spring-
er and others for an act to
regulate billiard rooms;

Petition of John Potter

414 and others for additional protection to mechanics by lien on buildings;

Petition of the Independent Baptist Society in Corinth, for leave to remove their meetinghouse and sell the land on which it stands;

Petition of the selectmen and assessors of Cutler for an abatement of the State tax of that town;

Petition of W. S. Brown and others for an insolvent law;

Petition of T. H. Mead and others of Bridgton for a law requiring shafts and whipple-trees of single sleighs to be so constructed that the migh runner shall follow directly after the horse; - were severally presented and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Carne of Portland, by leave, laid on the table a bill

relating to criminal pro- 415
ceedings; and the same
was referred to the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. P. Emerson
and others of Orland;

Petition of Daniel Clark
and others of Dresden;

Petition of Joseph Laugh-
ton and others of Harmony;

Petition of William Marsh
and others of Orrington; all
for aid to East Maine Con-
ference Seminary;

Petition of Isaac S. Kal-
lock and others of Rockland
for aid to Waterville College;
— were severally presented
and referred to the Com-
mittee on Education. Sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of Osias Millett
and others of Leeds;

Petition of John Colby
and others of Kennebunk;

Petition of Reuben Fliggins and others of Cape Elizabeth;

Petition of David Norton and others of Mountville; all for amendment of the Constitution; — were severally presented and referred, so much as relates to the election of officers by the people, to the joint Select Committee on the Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners voting and holding office, to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalisation Laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Thursday, February 15, 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Nugent
of Gardiner.

Mr. Hobart of Edmunds,
from the Committee on Mercan-
tile Affairs and Insurance,
on the petition of D. D.
Lakeman and others, reported
a bill authorizing the Meth-
odist Society in Hallowell
to repair and remodel their
meetinghouse; and the same
was read twice and tomorrow
assigned for a third reading.

Petition of Timothy Lud-
den, referred by the House
to the Committee on the Ju-
diciary, was returned from
the Senate, the reference
nonconcurring, and the peti-
tion referred to the joint
delegation from the County
of Oxford. The House re-
ceded and concurred.

Bill to incorporate the Lincolnville Steamboat Wharf Company, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

Petitions of Ira Nash and others of Steuben, and of John McLean and others of Alna, for amendment of the Constitution, were severally received from the Senate and referred to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws in concurrence.

Petition of Mark R. Smith and others for the incorporation of the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was received from the Senate and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Petition of Ira B. Delano for remuneration for damages sustained in the purchase of logs, was received

from the Senate and refer-419
red to the Committee on
State Lands and State Roads
in concurrence.

Petition of H. D. McLe-
lan and others for an act
of incorporation, was re-
ceived from the Senate and
referred to the Committee
on Education in concur-
rence.

Petition of John McTad-
den and others of George-
town, that said town may
be authorized to raise
money by tax for a town
library;

Petition of citizens of
Westbrook for the repeal of
the law exempting the
wages of laborers from
trustee process;

Petition of Oliver M.
Pike and others that per-
sons prosecuted in behalf
of the State, and acquitted,
may be entitled by law
to costs and damages;—
were severally received

420 from the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to costs in real and mixed actions, that legislation is inexpedient, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, on the petition of B. F. Sprague, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of the Directors of the Belfast Bank, granting leave to withdraw, was received from the Senate and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims, that said Committee

be discharged from the further 421
consideration of the petition of
Samuel F. Rawson, and that
the same be referred to the
Committee on Accounts, was
received from the Senate and
accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed
Bills reported as truly and
strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act in amendment of
the ninetyfirst chapter of the
Revised Statutes;

An Act to annex certain
territory to the town of Wes-
ton;

An Act to amend chap-
ter one hundred and seventy-
three of the Revised Statutes;
and chapter one hundred
and thirtysix of the public
Laws for the year 1849;

An Act further defining
the power of mayors of cities
in the election of city officers;

An Act to incorporate the
Mechanics' Association;

An Act additional to an act incorporating the city of Bath;

An Act ceding to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands and their appurtenances;

An Act authorizing the erection of a wharf in tide waters in the city of Augusta;

An Act to incorporate the pewholders of the first Congregational Church in Searsport;

An Act to set off certain lands from Chelsea and annex the same to Pittston; — and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

The same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolved in favor of Luther Curtis;

Resolved in favor of Peter S. Tolson; — and the same were

severally finally passed, and 423
sent to the Senate.

Petition of William C. Dow
and others for an act to in-
demnify persons for depre-
dations committed upon
their property by enforcing
the Maine Law, was received
from the Senate and referred
to the joint Select Committee
on so much of the Governor's
message as relates to the
Maine Law in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Giles of
Thorncliffe,

Ordered, That the Commit-
tee on the Judiciary inquire
if any further legislation
is necessary to prevent
treasurers of corporations
from using the money or
funds of such companies
for purposes of private spec-
ulation. Sent up for con-
currence.

Mr. Hobart of Edmunds,
from the Committee on Mer-
cantile Affairs and Insur-
ance, to which was referred

424 a bill to incorporate the York Insurance Company, reported a bill to incorporate the Atlas Insurance Company; and the same was read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. Smith of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on Railroads and Bridges, on the petition of Daniel Bunker and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Leavitt of Portland, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of John E. Donnell and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company; and the same was read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Resolve for the support of schools among the Passamaquoddy Indians, was received from the Senate passed to be

engrossed; and the same was 425
read once and Wednesday
next assigned for a second
reading.

Mr. Hall of Alfred, from
the Committee on Division of
Towns, on the petition of
Willoughby Prescott and oth-
ers, reported an order of
notice; and the report was
accepted. Sent up for concur-
rence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury
of Houlton,

Ordered, That the Committee
on the Judiciary be directed
to report what further legis-
lation is necessary to compel
the proprietors of unincorpo-
rated places to maintain in
good repair public highways
in such places, and to en-
force the payment of dama-
ges for neglect of the same.
Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Stanton of Poland, from
the Committee on Change of
Names, to which were referred
sundry petitions for change

426 of names, reported a bill to change the names of certain persons; and the same was read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Bill additional to article first, section eighth, of the school law approved August 27, 1850;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the Bucksport Bank;

Bill to increase the capital stock of the State Bank;—were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Gunnison of Eastport,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what further legislation may be proper to enable mortgagors desiring to redeem mortgages held by persons residing out of the United States to do so. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hill of Bangor, from the 427
Committee on Railroads and
Bridges, on the petition of the
Penobscot Railroad Company,
reported a bill to authorize
the city of Bangor to aid
the construction of the Pe-
nobscot Railroad; and the
same was read twice and
tomorrow assigned for a
third reading.

Bill to establish normal
schools, was received from
the Senate passed to be en-
grossed; and the same was
read twice and Wednesday
next assigned for a third
reading.

Petition of D. E. Lomes and
others for a charter for a bank
at Biddeford, was presented
and referred the Committee
on Banks and Banking.
Sent up for concurrence.

Pay-roll of company B,
first regiment, first brigade,
fourth division, with papers
relating to the services of said
company during the riot

428 in Bath in July, 1854, was presented and referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John M. Nelson and others;

Petition of William Witherslee and others of Castine;

Petition of John T. Wallace Jr. and others;

Petition of William Snow and others of Centreville; all for the survey of a shore route for a railroad from Bangor to Calais;

Petition of O. Pearson and others in aid of the petition of E. B. Pierce and others;

Petition of Franklin Flossner and others for a railroad from Portland to Lovell; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Plaisted and others of Gardiner;

Petition of John G. Percy and 429
others of Bath;

Petition of L. B. Holt and
others of Turner;

Petition of James H. Tibbets
and others of Brunswick;

Petition of William F. Hig-
gins and others of Thorndike;

Petition of John W. Ler-
mond and others of Union;

Petition of Robert E. Rider
and others of Washington;

Petition of Oren C. Stewart
and others of Union;

Petition of Job Tuttle and
others of Smithfield; all for
amendment of the Constitution
as to the election of officers
by the people, and as to
foreigners voting and hold-
ing office; — were severally
presented and referred to the
joint Select Committees hav-
ing those subjects under con-
sideration. Sent up for con-
currence.

Petition of Nathaniel Davis Emery for change of name, was presented and referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Petition of Lydia Cushman that widows' homes may be guaranteed to them, was presented and referred to the Select Committee of the House having under consideration a former petition of Lydia Cushman.

Petitions of Annie Storer and others of Yarmouth, and of Samuel T. Flinds and others of Bristol, in aid of the petition of the trustees of Westbrook Seminary;

Petitions of John L. Bowman and others of Eastport, and of John Walker and others of Exeter and vicinity, for aid to East Maine Conference Seminary; — were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George B. Barrows, in behalf of the second parish

in Fryeburg, that the funds of 431
said parish be exempted from
taxation;

Petition of William Hillsborn,
in behalf of the Maine Medi-
cal Association, for incorpora-
tion;

Petition of C. G. Morrill and
others for authority to sell the
second free meetinghouse in Wil-
ton;

Petition of James H. Holden
and others for a law regulating
the construction of sleighs;

Petition of F. T. Pike and oth-
ers for an insolvent law;

Petition of H. H. Hill and
others for amendment of the
city charter of Augusta as to
the measurement of wood and
bark; — were severally present-
ed and referred to the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary. Sent
up for concurrence.

Mr. Weeks of Wilton, by leave,
laid on the table a bill au-
thorizing the sale of the second
free meetinghouse in Wilton;

432 and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of E. W. Woodbury and others of Sweden;

Petition of Sewall Fly and others of Denmark;

Petition of S. C. Flunkins and others of Waterford;

Petition of Franklin Hosmer and others of Sweden;

Petition of John P. Hubbard and others of Hiram; all for a new County to be named the County of Sebago;

Petition of John C. Moody and others of Rockland, for a new County, to be composed of parts of Lincoln and Waldo Counties;—were severally presented and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Samuel Gatchell and others of Wales,

against the petition of Wil- 433
liam Flann and others, was
presented and referred to the
Committee on Division of Towns.
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Alden Chase and
others;

Petition of Jonathan Bart-
lett and others;

Petition of Samuel Gibson
and others; all for the remo-
val of the County buildings
in the County of Oxford; - were
severally presented and referred
to the joint delegation from
that County. Sent up for con-
currence.

Adjourned.

H. H. Baker, Clerk.

Friday, February 16, 1855.

The Speaker of the House, being present, resumed the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Prof. Champion of Waterville.

On motion of Mr. Lincoln of Hallowell,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be authorized to purchase a suitable number of copies of the Revised Statutes, and the subsequent public laws, for the use of the Library, and for distribution to parties entitled to the same under existing laws, not exceeding twenty copies of the Revised Statutes, and ten copies of the subsequent public laws. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Smith of Mattawamkeag, from the Committee on

State Lands and State Roads, 435
on the petition of James B.
Cleaveland and others, and
on the petition of Nathaniel
Webster, reported leave to
withdraw; and the reports
were severally accepted.
Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Rawson of Waldoboro-
rough offered the following
order:

Ordered, That the use of
this hall be tendered to H.
C. Cole, Esquire, of Portland,
this evening, to address the
citizens of Augusta on the
evils of intemperance.

And the question being
on the passage of the order;
on motion of Mr. Hill of
Bangor, the yeas and nays
were ordered; and being ta-
ken, the question was decid-
ed in the affirmative,
yeas fiftythree, nays fifty.

Those who voted in the
affirmative were

Messrs. H. Andrews,	Messrs. Bradbury,
Baker,	Bridges,
Bauntou,	Burgess,
Berry,	Burpee,
Blanchard,	Came,

Messrs. D. H. Chase,	Messrs. Main,
Joseph Chase,	McGilverry,
Josiah Chase,	A. Merrill,
Elliott,	Patterson,
Feunoy,	Phillips,
Furbish,	Pillsbury,
Gilchrist,	Poor,
J. Gilman,	Rawson,
Goodale,	Raynes,
Greenleaf,	Remick,
Haines,	Richards,
Hall,	Rogers,
Haw,	Sanderson,
Haskell,	Skotfield,
L. Hald,	Small,
Hight,	E. W. Stanton,
Hobart,	W. Stanton,
T. Hutchins,	R. L. Stevens,
Johnson,	Stillings,
Josselyn,	Turner,
J. T. Leavitt,	Woodbury.
Leighton,	

Those who voted in the negative were

Messrs. Bachelder,	Messrs. A. Clarke,
Bacon,	Comins,
Barker,	Coombs,
Barrows,	Cutler,
E. H. Brown,	Dike,
L. Brown,	Doble,
Buck,	Files,
Carr,	Getchell,
Chapin,	J. Gilman,
Charles,	Gunnison,

Messrs. Hanscom,	Messrs. Nichols, 437
J. B. Hill,	Nickerson,
T. Hill,	Norris,
Hinckley,	Osgood,
E. Hutchings,	Pattee,
Ingalls,	Payson,
Jones,	Perham,
Lake,	Snell,
J. R. Leavitt,	Staples,
J. M. Lincoln,	Stone,
R. G. Lincoln,	Wallace,
Mallett,	Weeks,
Mayo,	Whitcomb,
M'Kenney,	Winslow,
Nason,	York.

So the order was passed.

Mr. Stevens of Paris, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of G. H. Douglas and others, reported leave to withdraw; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Berry of Gardiner, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported that said Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Calvin L. Rowe and others, and that the same be referred

438 to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Gunnison of Eastport, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on an order relative to the petition of John Dudley and others, reported that legislation is inexpedient; and the report was accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Nickerson of Belfast, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of William Kilburn and others, reported a bill to incorporate the Auburn Block Company; and the same was read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading.

Mr. Leavitt of Skowhegan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to private burying grounds, reported a bill additional to the twentythird chapter of the Revised Statutes; and the

same was read twice and to 439
morrow assigned for a third
reading.

Mr. Hill of Bangor, from
the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads, to which
was referred the resolve in
favor of Lydia Lorymere, re-
ported a resolve in favor of
Lydia Lorymere; and the
same was read once and
Wednesday next assigned
for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Smith
of Mattawamkeag, the third
reading of the bill to author-
ize the city of Bangor to aid
the construction of the Penob-
scot Railroad, assigned for
this day, was postponed to
Tuesday next.

The Committee on Engrossed
Bills reported as truly and
strictly engrossed, bills entitled

An Act to incorporate
the West Penobscot Agricul-
tural Society;

An Act to incorporate the master, wardens and members of the Key Stone Lodge;

An Act to amend an act to provide for the education of youth, approved August 27, 1850;

An Act to incorporate the Brooksville Bridge Company;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted, and sent to the Senate.

Mr Leavitt of Skowhegan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relative to revising the statutes and private laws and resolves, reported a resolve providing for a revision of the private and special laws and the resolves of this State;

Mr. Andrews of Bidddeford, from the same Committee, on the same order, reported a resolve providing for a revision of the public laws of this State;— and said resolves were severally read once and laid on the table.

Mr. Berry of Gardiner, 441
from the Committee on Interior
Waters, on the petition
of H. A. Wood and others, re-
ported a bill in addition
to an act to incorporate the
Bauger and Brewer Ferry
Company; and the same was
read twice and to-morrow
assigned for a third read-
ing.

Mr. Osgood of New Glouc-
ester, from the Committee on
Education, on an order rela-
tive to truuant children, re-
ported a bill to amend sec-
tion fourteen of article one
of an act entitled an act
to provide for the education
of youth, approved August
27, 1850; and the same was
read twice and tomorrow as-
signed for a third reading.

Petition of C. H. Higgins
and others of Brooklyn;

Petition of Edwin Wood and
others of Luray;

Petition of Arno Wiswell
and others of Ellsworth; all

442 for the survey of a shore route for a railroad from Bangor to Calais; — were severally presented and referred to the next Legislature.

Petition of Ebenezer Stearns and others for a law prohibiting persons from seizing mackerel under certain restrictions, was presented and referred to the Committee on Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. W. Palmer and others against the petition of S. L. Boulter and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A. B. Chesley and others in aid of the petition of E. B. Pierce and others, was presented and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

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Petition of Albert Davis
and others of Bridgton;
all in aid of the petition
of Alvin Davis and others;

Remonstrance of John
P. Perley and others of Bridg-
ton against the same; — were
severally presented and
referred to the Committee
on Division of Counties. Sent
up for concurrence.

Mr. Brown of Bridgton
offered the following order:

Ordered, That all petitions
in aid of petitions now pend-
ing before Committees, and
all remonstrances against
such petitions, may be pre-
sented and referred to the
respective Committees, so long
as said Committees shall
have the subjects under
consideration.

On the passage of the fore-
going order, the question being

444 taken, it appeared that there was not a quorum voting; and the House adjourned.

J. H. Baker, Clerk.

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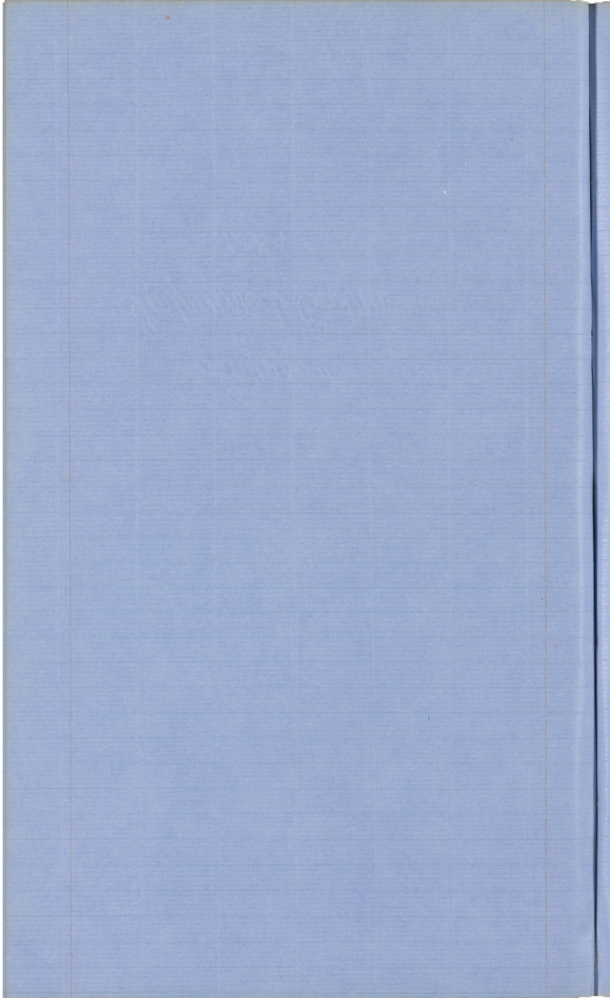
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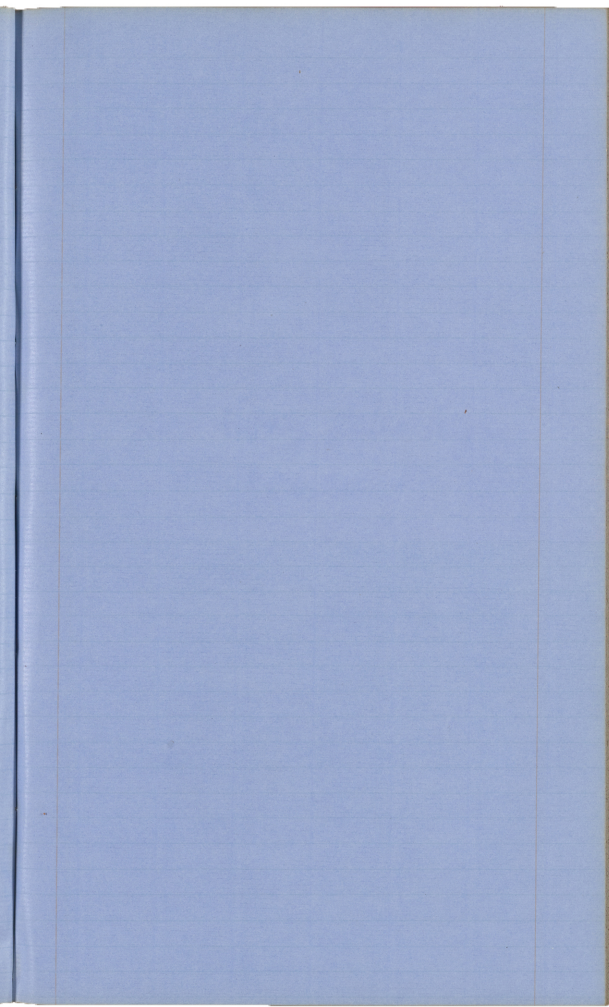
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