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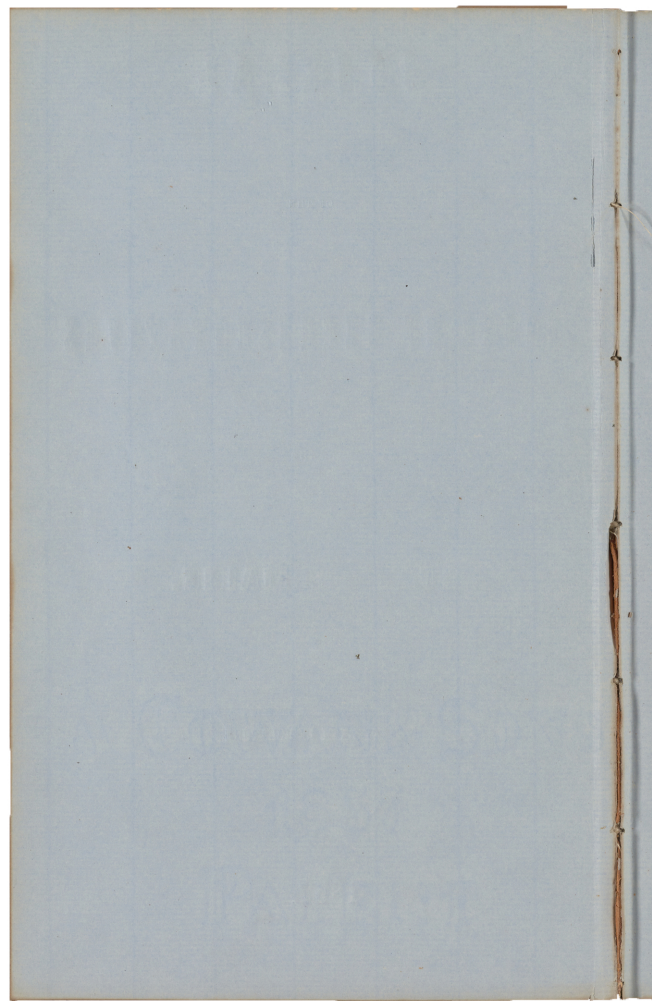
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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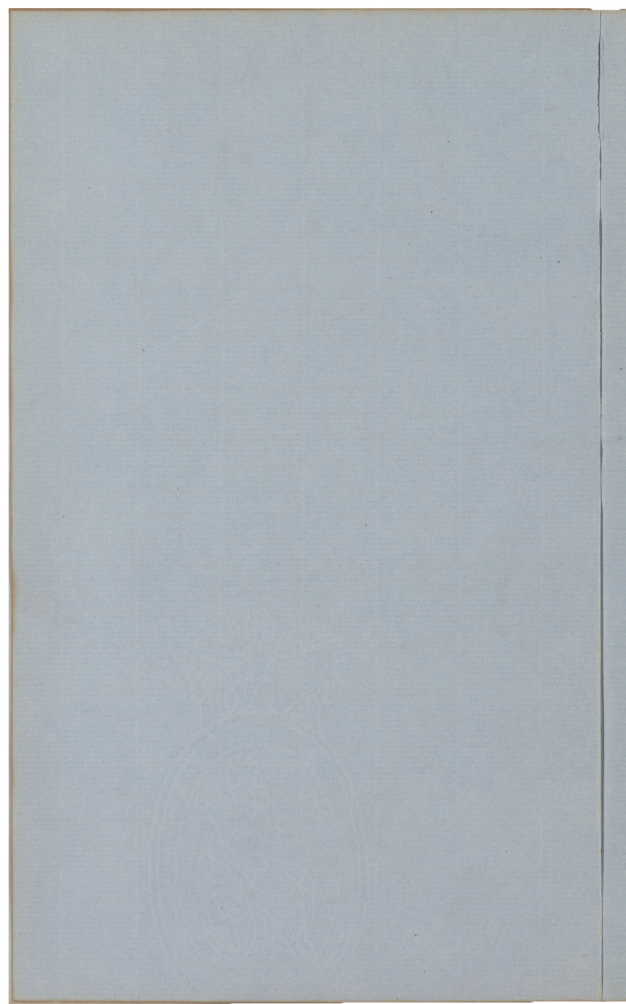
STATE OF MAINE.

THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

1857.







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State of Maine
Journal of the House of Representatives

Augusta Wednesday January 7th 1857.

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 Garcelon of Lemiston and Mr Vinton of Gray was appointed chairman of the Convention.

On motion of Mr Adams of Kenfield Messrs Adams of Kenfield, Mills of Freeport, Russell of South Thomaston, Moore of Ellsworth, Tabbut of Addison, Danforth of Gardiner, Deering of Denmark, Brown of Solon, Hamnall of Howland, Milliken of Camden, Garrison of Phillips, Burleigh of Linneus, Gilbert of Bath, Holt of Turner, and Rice of Monson, were appointed to receive and examine the credentials of the members elect and report whether a quorum was present.

Mr Adams of this Committee subsequently reported that a quorum of members elect was in attendance.

Mr Johnson of Augusta 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

2 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 Johnson 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.

On motion of Mr Bicknell of Augusta Messrs Bicknell of Augusta, Ingalls of Bridgton, Marshall of Belfast, Bickford of Newburg, Talbot of Lubec, Hathaway of Bloomfield, and Hobbs of Harford were appointed a committee to receive sort and count the votes for clerk.

Having attended to that duty the committee reported that the whole number of votes was one hundred and forty three, necessary to a choice seventy two. George W. Wilcox had one hundred and eighteen, Alanson B. Farnell had twenty five. The report was accepted and George W. Wilcox was declared to be duly elected Clerk.

The clerk elect appeared and before James B. Madigan a member of the executive Council took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution 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. Stinchfield of Lincoln Messrs Stinchfield of Lincoln, Bowen of Elliot, Dureau of Benoit, Johnson of Augusta, Lewis of Sangerville, Moulton of Porter, and Bickford of Aremberg were appointed 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 one.

necessary to a choice seventy one.

Charles A. Spofford had one hundred and eighteen

John C. Talbot Jr had twenty three

The report was accepted and Charles A Spofford was declared to be duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives

Mr Spofford was conducted to the chair by Mr Talbot of Lubec, and addressed the House as follows.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, I am deeply grateful for this expression of your confidence and for the honor you

4. have conferred upon me, by this election, and although I enter upon the responsible duties of this office, with a diffidence perhaps justified by my limited experience I pledge you an honest purpose impartially at least, and faithfully to the extent of my ability to discharge those duties, and so long as I shall not forget, that the grand purpose of all rules and forms is to subserve the will of the assembly and to facilitate the expression of their deliberate sense. I shall hope to rely upon your kind indulgence and cooperation,

On motion of Mr Duran of Calais, Messrs Duran of Calais, Murch of Dayton, Wells of Freeport, Day of Maldenborough, Whitaker of Trenton, Wells of Clinton and Rice of Monson were appointed a committee 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 140,
necessary to a choice seventy one, 71.
Benjamin Freeman had one hundred and twenty one 121.
Elias G. Hedge had nineteen 19.

The report was accepted and Benjamin Freeman was declared to be elected Assistant Clerk,

Mr Dusen of Calais was charged with a 5
message to the Senate informing that body
that, the House had permanently organized
by the election of Charles A. Spofford Speaker
and George W. Milcox Clerk

Mr Dusen subsequently announced that he
had discharged the duty assigned him

On motion of Mr Brown of Solon Ordered
that Benjamin B. Thomas is hereby appointed
messenger of this House for the ensuing
political year with authority to choose
his assistants,

On motion of Mr Mead of Oldtown. Ordered
that the rules and orders of the last House
of Representatives. be adopted for the govern-
ment 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 this House

On motion of Mr Dusen of Calais Ordered
that the Clerk of the House invite the several
clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell & Gardiner
to officiate as Chaplains during the present
Session of the Legislature

The Speaker of the House announced that he
had received a communication from the Hon
Hannibal Hamlin which he read to the
House as follows

6.

January 7th 1857.

Dear Sir

I hereby resign the office of
Senator in the Congress of the United
States to take effect on this day

Very Respectfully Yrs

H. Hamlin

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives
of the State of Maine

A communication was received from the
Secretary of State informing the House that
he had this day laid before the Senate the
returns of votes for Governor

State of Maine

In Senate January 7th 1857

Ordered that the returns of votes for Gov-
ernor given in the several cities towns
and plantations of this State for the cur-
rent political year be referred to a joint
select committee consisting of seven on the
part of the Senate with such as the House
may join. Read and passed in concd.
Messrs Schapman of Lincoln Hallowell of
Penobscot, Brown of Cumberland, Smith of
Arroostook Henick of Kennebec Dane of
York & Trasson of Hancock were appointed
on the part of the Senate

Joseph B. Hall Secretary

Read and passed in concurrence Linds-
Messrs Vinton of Gray Adams of Norfield
Day of Waldoborough, Webber of Eastline
Foster of East Machias Drummond of Waterville
Muse of Paris, Brown of Solon Crosby of Dex-
ter Marshall of Belfast, Morrison of Farm-

ington. Lewis of Sangerville Barron of Tops 7
ham. Dingley of Auburn and Burleigh of
Linneus were appointed on the part of the
House

On motion of Mr Garcelon of Lewiston
Ordered, that when we adjourn, we adjourn
to meet tomorrow morning at ten o'clock

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox Clerk

8, January 8th 1857.

At ten O'clock A M
the House was called to order by the Speaker
and the journal of Yesterday was read

Prayer by the Rev^d Mr Colby of Augusta.

The Speaker announced the following
gentlemen as monitors

First Division.	Woodman	of	Bucksport
Second	Do	Chadbourn	" Perry
Third	"	Hall	" Gorham
Fourth	"	Bicknell	" Augusta
Fifth	"	Coragie	" Embden
Sixth	"	Lane	" Poland
Seventh	"	Weed	" Oldtown
Eighth	"	Came	" York

On motion of Mr Duren of Calais Ordered
that the committee on the pay roll be
authorised to make up the pay of the old
messenger and his assistants for ten days
attendance at the present session

On motion of Mr Duren of Calais Ordered
that the Secretary of State be directed to
deliver to the messenger the journals of
preceding sessions for the use of the House

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta Ordered
that a committee be appointed to report
Rules and orders for the government of
this House

The report of the joint select committee to
whom was referred the returns of votes for
Governor was made by Mr Vinlon of said
committee, read and accepted and sent
to the Senate for concurrence

The committee report the whole number of
votes to be One hundred and nineteen
thousand Eight hundred and fourteen 119,814
necessary to a choice Fifty nine
nine hundred and Eight 59,908

Hannibal Hamlin had Sixty
nine thousand five hundred & twenty four 69,574

Samuel Mills had forty three thousand
Six hundred and twenty Eight 43,628

George F Patten had Six thousand
five hundred and fifty four 6554

George M Patten had twenty three 23

Edgar Shepley had Eight 8

Samuel Mills had Eight 8

Joseph Titcomb had five 5

George Patten had three 3

Madison Stevens had two 2

Ezekiel Holmes had two 2

Philip Oden had two 2

Mark Shepherd had one 1

Samuel Foxcroft had one 1

Steven Rice had one 1

C Moore had one 1

Samuel had one 1

On motion of Mr Parlin of Winthrop ordered
that after today and until otherwise ordered
this House hold one session a day commencing
at ten O'clock, excepting Mondays when the
hour of meeting shall be eleven O'clock

State of Maine

In Senate January 8th 1857

Ordered that a committee of three with such as the House may join be a committee to wait on the Hon Hannibal Hamlin and inform him that he has been elected by the people Governor of the State of Maine for the current political year Reads and passed and Messrs Hersey of Penobscot, Burbank of Cumberland and Conner of Somerset were appointed on the part of the Senate sent down for concurrence
Joseph B. Hall Secretary

House of Representatives January 8th 1857

Read and passed in concurrence and Messrs Vinton of Gray Deering of Hampden Woodman of Bucksport Danforth of Gardiner Talbot of Lubec Buxton of Warren and Marshall of Belfast were joined on the part of the House

Subsequently the committee through Mr Vinton reported that they had waited on the Governor elect and performed the duty assigned them and that he was pleased to say that he accepted the election and that he would be in attendance upon the convention of the Legislature at the time indicated in order to take and subscribe the necessary oaths of office.

A message was received from the Governor in relation to the reservation of certain Townships of the public lands for the use of Schools, which was read and laid on the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

On motion of Mr Garcelon of Lerriston Ordered that a message be sent to the Senate, proposing a convention of the two bodies at twelve O'clock this day in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the Governor elect and receiving from him such communication as he may be pleased to make

Mr Garcelon was charged with the message

Subsequently a message was received from the Senate through its Secretary announcing the concurrence of that body.

At twelve O'clock agreeably to assignment the Senate came in and a convention was formed and was called to order by the President of the Senate

In Convention

On motion of Mr Magoun of Lincoln a message was directed to be sent to the Governor elect informing him that a convention of the two branches of the Legislature was now in session for

12 the purpose of qualifying him as Governor of the State of Maine

Mr Magoun was charged with the message and reported that the Governor elect would be in attendance forthwith

Whereupon the Governor elect attended by the Council and heads of Departments and preceded by the Sheriff of the county of Kennebec 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, after which the Governor was pleased to communicate to the convention by message, information upon the affairs and condition of the state. The Governor and suite then retired and the convention was dissolved.

The House was called to order by the Speaker and On motion of Mr Bicknell of Augusta it was ordered that the Governor be requested to furnish to the House of Representatives a copy of his address to the convention of the two Houses, adjourned

Attest George M. Milcox Clerk

Friday January 9.th 1857

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Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Webb of Augusta.

State of Maine

Office of Secretary of State,

Augusta January 9th 1857

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives

I have the honor herewith to lay
before you one hundred and fifty one
copies of the fortieth annual report
of the Directors of the American Asylum
at Hartford for the education and in-
struction of the Deaf and Dumb for the
use of the members of the House of Rep-
resentatives very respectfully your
Obedt Svt.

C. R. Ayer

Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr Adams of Kenfield
Ordered that the sixty second rule be
suspended for this day.

On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport
Ordered that the clerk be directed to
procure and distribute to each member
of the Houses one copy of the Thrice weekly
Journal and Thrice weekly Age during
the present session of the Legislature

On motion of Mr Hickbarn of Prospect
Ordered that a message be sent to the
Senate proposing a convention of both
Houses in this Hall today at eleven o.
clock for the purpose of electing Secretary

Mr Sticks born of Prospect was charged with the message and he subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him

A message from the Senate by its Secretary announced the concurrence of that body for a convention at eleven o'clock to elect a Secretary of State and seven Councillors.

On motion of Mr Deering of Hampden Ordered that the Clerk of the House cause to be prepared for the use of the House lists of the members of the House arranged alphabetically, according to the number of their seats, and according to their political classification including their places of residence, Post office address and boarding place and a Diagram of the House of Representatives and that four hundred and fifty copies of the same be printed.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta Ordered, that six hundred copies of the rules and orders hereafter to be adopted for the government of this House 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 1856, with an index,

be printed for the use of the House

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Messrs. Johnson of Augusta
Talbot of Lubec
Woodman of Bucksport
Gilbert of Bath and
Hammatt of Hallowell
were appointed the Committee on rules
and orders.

On motion of Mr Duran of Calais, Ordered
that a joint select committee consisting
of seven on the part of the House with
such as the Senate may join be appointed
to contract with person or persons to do
the State printing and binding for
the current political Year. Read and
passed and Messrs.

Duran of Calais
Strickland of Bangor
Burr of Mercer
Morison of Farmington
Dowdmond of Waterville
Fox of Portland
and Dunn of No Eleven were
appointed on the part of the House
Sent up for concurrence

Bill, An Act, intituled an act to amend
an act for the better security of the moneys
in the State Treasury approved April 4,
1856 came from The Senate having had
two several readings, the rules & orders
having been suspended for that purpose
passed to be engrossed and sent to the
House for concurrence

16. House of Representatives January 9th 1857. Read once, and on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta it was ordered to be laid upon the table,

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

In Convention,

On motion of Mr Scammon of York of the Senate Messrs Scammon of York Smith of Arrostook, Garcelon of Lewiston Dunning of Harpswell and Chadbourne of Perry 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 votes was one hundred and Seventy one

Necessary to a choice Eighty Six

Alden Jackson had one hundred and forty four

Caleb R Ayer had twenty six

Samuel C. Fessenden had one

It appearing that Alden Jackson had a majority of all the votes cast he was thereupon declared to be duly elected as Secretary of State for the State of Maine for the current political year

On motion of Mr Chapman of Lincoln Messrs Chapman of Lincoln, Tritchell of Oxford Johnson of Augusta Adams of Winfield and Crosby of Dexter were appointed

a committee, to receive sort and count 17
the votes for seven councillors,

Having attended to that duty
the committee reported, that the whole
number of votes to be one hundred and
seventy three

necessary to a choice Eighty Seven

William M Reed had one hundred
and forty six

Ichabod Frost had one
hundred and forty seven

Isaac Lincoln had one
hundred and forty seven

Nathaniel A Joy had one
hundred and forty six

Benjamin F Eastman had one
hundred and forty seven

Joseph S. Monroe had one
hundred and forty six

Abner Coburn had one
hundred and forty seven

Israel Chadbourne had twenty six

Samuel Jordan had twenty six

Henry Spaulding had twenty six

Aino Wismell had twenty six

William R. Kimball had twenty six

Joseph W. Eaton had twenty six

Joseph Murch had one

Ezra B. French had one

and William M. Reed, Ichabod Frost, Isaac
Lincoln Nathaniel A. Joy Benjamin F Eastman
Joseph S. Monroe and Abner Coburn having
severally received a majority of the votes
cast, were declared to be duly elected as the
councillors of the Governor of the State of Maine

18 On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta
Ordered, that the Secretary of State be
directed to furnish to the House one
unabridged copy of Webster's Dictionary
for the use of the House.

adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox Clerk

Saturday January 10th 1857.

19.

Prayer by
the Rev^d Mr Dexter of Augusta

In Senate January 9th 1857.
Ordered that a committee of three on
the part of the Senate with as many as
the House may join, be raised to prepare
joint rules and orders for the government
of the two Houses for 1857.

In Senate January 9th 1857.
Read and passed and Messrs Seammon
of York Magoun of Lincoln and Ring
of Washington were appointed on the
part of the Senate, Sent down for concurrence

Joseph B. Hall Secretary
House of Representatives January 10, 1857
Read and passed in concurrence and
Messrs Johnson of Augusta Talbot of
Lubec Woodman of Bucksport Gilbert
of Bath and Hammatt of Portland
were joined on the part of the House

The Speaker announced the stand-
ing Committees of the House as follows,

On Elections

Duren	of	Catais
Talbot	"	Lubec
Moore	"	Ellsworth
Drummond	"	Waterville
Wick	"	Oldtown
Brackett	"	Westbrook
Rosell	"	St Thomaston

20. On Engrossed Bills

Deering of Hampden
Allen of Thomaston
Hobson of Saco
Clark of Wells
Deveraux of Penobscot
Chadbourn of Perry
Given of Brunswick

On Finance

Foster of East Machias
Strickland of Bangor
Ingalls of Bridgton
Adams of Norfield
Danforth of Gardiner
Dingley of Auburn
Day of Waldoborough

On County Estimates

Tolman of Rockland
Bicknell of Augusta
Bunning of Charleston
Tabbutt of Addison
Hall of Gorham
Hathaway of Bloomfield
Hobbs of Waterford

On Bills of the third Reading

Marshall of Belfast
Fox of Portland
Buxton of Warren
Woodman of Bucksport
Sampson of Manchester
Milliken of Camden & Brown of Kennebunkport

On Leave of Absence

21.

Hinds of Dover
Hunter of Clinton Gore
Lewis of Boothbay
Pike of Eastport
Linscott of Jay
Brackett of Acton
Stone of Union

On Pay Roll.

Dunn of Number Eleven
Joy of Sunny
Fletcher of Lincolnville
Brown of Winnebunkport
Huff of Alexander
Merrill of Lee
Gould of Casco.

On Change of Names

Burleigh of Linneus
Gowen of Elliot
Smith of Belgrade

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

22 Gentlemen of the Senate

and House of Representatives

You have assembled to discharge the Legislative duties devolved upon you by the people of the State, It becomes my duty under the provisions of the constitution to communicate to you such information as I may possess upon the condition of the State and to recommend such measures for your consideration as I may deem expedient, With a just reliance upon Divine Providence to sustain and direct us all in our deliberations - with a sincere desire to maintain and advance the best interests of our State and to act in unison with the prosperity and harmony of our whole country, with thankful hearts that the husbandman has been rewarded for his toil, by an abundant harvest - that peace and health have prevailed within our borders, and that the industrial pursuits of the State are in a prosperous condition - let us enter upon the duties severally committed to our charge

Whatever relates to the whole country interests and affects the people of Maine as they constitute a part thereof.

The country has just emerged from an important and exciting Presidential election more important perhaps than any which has preceded it. In the issues involved in that contest, Maine as one of the States of the Union, had in common with all the others a deep and direct interest, The general result was different from what was desired and hoped

by a large majority of the people of the 23
State, and from what they believed to be
for the welfare of the whole country, and
what they earnestly sought to accomplish
still, it furnishes the highest hope for the
future and foretells with unerring cer-
tainty the ultimate triumph of that
great principle for which we have strug-
gled. Ten other States have concurred with
Maine in the effort to restore the Govern-
ment of the United States to what its
wise and patriotic founders designed
and intended it should be. New Eng-
land, stood in the contest, substantially
where she was in the struggle of the Revo-
lution, That was an effort to establish
a free government, and she was pre-em-
inent in her sacrifices and devotion
to accomplish that object, as she is now
to preserve and perpetuate what was
then accomplished. The true question
involved in the late election was sub-
stantially, whether the advancement of
human freedom should continue to be
a fundamental principle and a
pre-eminent object of our National gov-
ernment within the line marked out
by the constitution, or whether its pow-
ers should be perverted to the extension
of Slavery. This it was that underlaid
all other issues, however others may have
mingled with it, or whatever may be the
results that shall come out of it.

It was an effort on one side to make the
government of the United States, either
by its direct acts, or its acquiescence

24. or its complicity aid in spreading the evils of slavery over territories where it did not exist but from which it had been excluded by positive law. The history of the government shows conclusively, that the wise and good men who instituted and laid its foundation, and those who framed our constitution, designed and expected that it should be one of freedom and not of slavery. It was upon this idea that the revolutionary war was successfully prosecuted and the constitution adopted.

Slavery it is true existed in most of the states as it had been forced upon the colonies by Great Britain against their earnest and eloquent remonstrances. The fact was set forth in the original draft of the Declaration of Independance, as one of the causes of the Revolution, when it came from the hand and pen of Jefferson. After our independance had been finally achieved, the institution was regarded as one of temporary character, and is not even named in the constitution. The acts of the men of that day show the sincerity of their intention. They did not desire to found a government upon moral, social and political wrong. The history of all the past warned them, it could not be done. Their recorded acts prove indisputably what they did mean. Before the constitution was framed or adopted, and in a Congress acting under the articles of confederation Mr Jefferson reported in a bill for the government of the territories the follow-

ing clause viz. "That after the Year 1800 of the 25th Christian Era there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in any of said States, otherwise than in punishment of crimes, whereof the parties shall have been convicted to have been personally guilty" This provision applied to all the territory belonging to the United States at that time and out of which the States referred to were to be formed. That provision failed to become a law for the want of a single vote, and by the absence of a single member. In 1787 an ordinance for the government of the territories was adopted, and in that was included an article forever excluding slavery from all the territories of the United States, with the addition, that persons held to service in any State under the laws thereof, and escaping into the territories should be delivered up - the same provision having been incorporated into the Constitution by the convention then in session.

In 1789, after the adoption of the Constitution by the States, the question necessarily arose, whether that did not abrogate or annul the ordinance of '87. To remove all doubt, or to make all certain, Congress at its first session under the Constitution in 1789 affirmed and made valid that ordinance and the law was approved by George Washington. Such briefly is the early history of this government; and it proves beyond all doubt that the men of that day designed and expected that the extension of slavery should be

26 prevented by the government. Such is just what is now proposed - to follow the lights of their counsel and by excluding slavery from the territories of the United States make them the homes of freemen.

Such are the prominent acts of the men who laid the foundations of our government and who may be justly supposed to know what they intended. Could any doubt exist, as there cannot an examination of the debates and the history of the times render it more certain and clear as to what were their purposes.

The opinions of that day were concurred in by the prominent men of the South. They were eloquent in depicting the wrongs and injuries which slavery inflicted upon both the coloured and the white man. The sad evils connected with it in all their relations, were portrayed by them in vivid colors. They saw felt and acknowledged its withering effect. But now all this is changed. In the Southern States, it has been boldly and fearlessly avowed, that they must have the right to people the territories with their slaves, who are made such (in the language of the constitution referring to the States where slavery existed) "under the laws thereof," thus seeking to control and regulate the territories by virtue of State laws. It has also been asserted, that slavery is right - that is the normal condition of the laboring man and not confined to race or color. Principles and objects like these strike at the very foun-

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-dation of our government. To preserve that government and to have it administered as designed by our fathers, should ever remain the purpose of all who cherish our free institutions.

In 1820, when Missouri as a part of the Louisiana purchase sought admission as a State into the Union and just preceding that time the question of restricting Slavery in the territories again arose and agitated the country. After much controversy a proposition was submitted and supported almost unanimously by the South and approved by President Monroe and his cabinet, prohibiting slavery in all the territory north of the parallel of $36^{\circ} 30'$ north latitude, but south of that line leaving it unprohibited by law. The proposition was at the time resisted by the North, for the reason that it did not exclude slavery from all the territory. As a compromise it was however adopted and good faith required that it should not be disturbed or violated.

It so remained for more than a third of a century; and after all of the territory south of that line had been admitted as slave States into the Union except a small portion reserved as Indian possessions, then, in utter violation of good faith and at a time when quiet and peace had been restored to the country it was ruthlessly violated and repealed. From that repeal has arisen the angry discussions in the country.

28 The object of the repeal, as frankly admitted and affirmed by some, and as could well be seen by all was solely to extend slavery. The acts of men are matters of just criticism, and we have a right to suppose and believe that men intend what is the fair and necessary result of their acts. If such were not the object the repeal was useless. - The facts, that slavery was prohibited - that it has since been forced into the territory - that disgraceful and odious laws repugnant to humanity and the age in which we live, have been enacted in Kansas by a Legislature elected by persons who invaded the territory from a neighboring State. And all the scenes of anarchy and bloodshed which have there transpired with the complicity, if not the direct aid of the general government it would seem can leave no room for doubt or controversy as to the object intended to be accomplished.

Those who did that act are justly chargeable with all the discussion and excitement with which the public mind has been agitated - an agitation which cannot and will not cease until slavery is confined to the States where it belongs. Despotism is always aggressive, but freemen cannot submit to the aggressions of slavery and will not be excluded from our territories. Quietly to submit to its despotic aggression, and its supremacy, would make slaves of our posterity while we should deserve no better fate ourselves, with slavery in the States we have nothing to do. For its extension or continuance there we are not responsible.

ble. It there depends upon State laws, But 29
outside of the States and in the territories
belonging to the United States and subject to
their jurisdiction and of which States we
constitute a part we have both an interest
and a responsibility. An interest to preserve
them for the homes of freemen from the blight
and mildew of slavery where men may be
advanced socially morally and intellectually
in the scale of human existence, Responsible
because if such an evil is there allowed to
spread and exist, it must be by the aid or
acquiescence of the general government of which
we are a part. I can see no difference
morally, between doing a wrong directly and
in allowing it to be done when we have the
power, and it is our duty to prevent it.
There can be no distinction. We are alike
responsible in each. A cheerful acquiescence
by all the States in the exercise of all the
rights that belong to each is our constitutional
duty. While Maine as one of the States of
the Union should at all times remain loyal
to the Constitution and the Union and be
ready to maintain all the rights secured
by them to all the other States and while
her citizens should manifest a fraternal
regard for the citizens of each of the States
she should also be true to that freedom
and those principles which the Constitu-
tion was formed to preserve and perpetuate.
This is the object which has so cordially
united our people to an extent before un-
known but upon a principle on which they
have always had a uniformity of opinion

30 To accomplish so great and desirable a good and of such vital importance prudence will dictate that our counsels shall not be disturbed by matters of less moment. The great question which underlies all others, should be kept steadily in view by all, and success will be the sure and final reward. What we propose is neither sectional or fanatical, has the greatest good of the whole country for its basis, is in accordance with the practice of the government for more than sixty years and is worthy of the sincere and patriotic efforts of all. The time now is and will continue when all who agree in the great importance of restoring the country to what it was under Washington and Jefferson must cordially unite in undivided ranks for that purpose. What will be the line of policy adopted by the incoming administration of the general government and how far it will be affected under all the circumstances which surround it, by the recent demonstration of public opinion in the free States are questions to be solved in the future. To that future also must its own exigencies be left, and what those exigencies may demand. You cannot however have failed to notice a somewhat ominous foreshadowing in the claim of Constitutional doctrine recently put forth viz That as the institution of slavery is by virtue of certain constitutional provisions made an element of political power it is therefore entitled to an expansion and increase outside of the States where it exists

Whether the incoming administration will 31
adopt and sanction a doctrine so utterly
untenable as a part of its policy remains
to be seen. Our duty is plain in any event.
It is to maintain the rights of freedom by oppo-
sing in every legal mode the extension of slave-
ry over the territory of the United States and
by persevering in that effort firmly and con-
sistently to the end.

The state of affairs
which has existed in the territory of Kansas
growing out of the repeal of the Missouri com-
promise line of 1820 furnishes only a true
exhibition of what results from attempts
to establish and extend slavery. It presents
a deplorable spectacle and which makes
what is called a free government a mis-
erable mockery. The free navigation of a
great public river has been impeded or
prevented. A Legislature has been elected
by armed mobs from an adjoining State.
The rights guaranteed by the Constitution to
the citizens of each State have been dis-
regarded. Laws have been passed by a
Legislature, thus fraudulently elected which
are unequalled in their atrocity in any
civilized country in the world which
virtually deny the right of trial by jury
abolishing the freedom of the press and of
speech, and which do not allow a citizen
to participate in the government without
first taking an oath repugnant to and
in violation of, the constitution. All these
wrongs have been sustained by the government
and a judiciary in the territory which has

32 added to the oppression otherwise existing
Honest citizens have been murdered and
dwellings burned and the laborer interrup-
ted in, or driven from his pursuits instead
of receiving that protection in his rights and
person to which he was justly as well as
constitutionally entitled. From this sad state
of things produced, it would seem to be the
duty of our State to furnish the citizens of
Maine who have gone into that territory, with
such aid and assistance as may be in its
power. When the government of the United
States shall become remiss in or shall neg-
lect its plain duty it becomes the State
to act. There can be no doubt that there
is actual and severe suffering in that
territory by those who have been prevented
from pursuing their ordinary industrial
avocations. I would therefore suggest should
the existing state of things continue in that
territory by the remissness or neglect of the
general government a liberal appro-
priation for the relief, in food and cloth-
ing of the citizens of Maine in the terri-
tory of Kansas under such limitations
as you may deem necessary. It is due
as an act of humanity, and if the gov-
ernment of the United States shall fail
in its duty to them, and has neglected
its plain constitutional obligations, they
should know and feel, that they are still
cared for in the State from which they
went to establish new homes and extend
liberty and civilization in the West

I have been unable to examine the re³³port of the Treasurer of State. It will be submitted to the Legislature and will exhibit the finances of the State, as I learn from the Treasurer in a very prosperous condition. The whole amount of the funded debt of the State Dec^r 31, 1856 was, \$699,000. of that sum thirty thousand dollars will become due March 1, 1857 which will be paid at that time and the current expenses of the year will be discharged without resorting to other means than the usual State tax imposed by the Legislature. No Legislation will be required to provide for the payment of that sum. The receipts and disbursements for the year ending Dec^r 31, 1856 have been as follows.

Receipts.	
Balance from year 1855.	\$ 39,130.37
From all other sources.	<u>593,312.04</u>
Total	\$ 632,442.41
Disbursements	<u>\$ 486,165.00</u>
Balance in the Treasury	\$ 146,277.41

A detailed account of the receipts and expenditures will be presented in the report of the Treasurer

The amount of capital invested in the State under corporate charters, and especially for the construction of Railroads is of a magnitude to call for specific and certain laws which shall protect not only the rights of the corporation but the public and individuals. Bodies of this corporate character may become embar

34. raised and may be levied on, by an execution creditor or be transferred by assignment and thus become the property of a single individual while the charter requires an organised administration consisting of several officers. What may be the rights of the respective parties in such a case under existing laws is at least very doubtful. While no evils are known to have resulted from such a state of things, they may be easily foreseen, and against which it is prudent, the Legislature should guard as far as practicable,

The evils of intemperance are seen and acknowledged by all even by its unfortunate victims. The crime, pauperism and consequent misery produced by its present melancholy spectacle. Its prevention is earnestly desired by all right thinking men but unfortunately upon the best method of suppressing or preventing it, there is a difference of opinion in our community. Laws for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops have been passed designed to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks except for mechanical and medicinal purposes. These laws have been repealed and another enacted instead licensing and permitting the sale of intoxicating liquors for all purposes under the limitations and penalties therein contained. This law was passed under the alleged belief that it would better promote and secure the cause of temperance than one of a prohibi-

itory character. This is the state of the ques- 35
tion as it is now presented, what should be
done? What is wisest and best?

The public mind, has been much and deeply
agitated upon the matter, and it would seem
to be most wise under existing circumstances
not to disturb the present law until the
whole subject can be more dispassionately
discussed and determined. Such undoubt-
edly is the desire and expectation of the
people of the State, such the implied if not
the actual pledge given in our recent election
Political bodies like individuals should
always maintain good faith - and good
faith requires that the question should
not be disturbed during the present session.
It is far better to wait patiently until all
angry feeling shall have subsided and when
the whole subject can be more appropriately
acted upon, then let a well matured and
carefully prepared bill be submitted direct-
ly to the people for their approval or rejection
at meetings held expressly for that purpose.
The question would then be wrested from the
vortex of party politics connected with
which any such measure must always
inevitably be exposed to a constantly re-
curring opposition and fail to secure
that general acquiescence which alone
can give it permanence. Under a gov-
ernment like ours no law can stand the
test of time, which does not meet the
support of a deliberate and enlightened
public judgment. No judicious friend
of either a license or a prohibitory sys-

36 -tom. can desire to see either become a law, again to be repealed. That law and that only, which shall receive the approbation of the community by and for which it is enacted can be permanent and useful

An independent Judiciary is of the utmost importance. A destruction of that independence is one step towards its corruption. Independent honest and able it is one of the strongest ramparts of defence for the liberty of the country and the protection of its citizens. So far as may be possible, those who exercise the power should be removed from all influence of fear or hope, upon its judicial action. It exercises its power over life liberty and property and therefore interests all in the highest degree. That it should not depend for the exercise of its powers on the fluctuation, caprice or whim of party success is most obvious. A Judiciary thus dependant would soon lose all respect of the community, if it did not become corrupt.

At the last session of the Legislature one of the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court was arbitrarily, if not unconstitutionally removed by address. In the opinion of many of the best legal minds of the State the act was entirely unconstitutional. Whether so or not, it was at least confessedly predicated upon an error of judgment honestly exercised in the discharge of official duty upon a matter of indisputable

jurisdiction. Such error if error it was, in 37
involved no want of adequate judicial a-
bilities or integrity of purpose. If for such a
cause, a judicial officer may be removed
in the malice or madness of party organiza-
tion where is the independence of the Judiciary
and what can it become but the mere in-
strument of party? Does our Constitution
in truth contemplate a right of removal
by address in such a case? I would sug-
gest, the propriety of ascertaining definitely
how far the power of the Legislature under
Art IX. Sec 5. of the Constitution extends
If it, shall be determined that a judicial
officer can be removed in the mode there
pointed out, for any opinion which may
seem to the Legislature erroneous, without
other cause, then I would recommend
such an amendment of the Constitution
as will meet the necessity of the case. Clearly
if such power does exist, it may prostrate
the Judicial at the feet of the Legislative
and executive branches of the government
The bad example set by one Legislature
may be followed by another. Such a pow-
er, in my judgment cannot co-exist with
an independent Judiciary. At least let
the matter if necessary be submitted to the
tribunal of the people whose whole inter-
ests are so intimately and directly in-
volved. It may also become the duty of
the Legislature, to ascertain whether the
public exigencies require the aid of
additional justices to discharge the du-
ties that devolve upon the Supreme
Judicial Court

38 In a State like ours where the industrial pursuits are so varied with a large population upon the frontier still progressing into, and subduing the forests there is undoubtedly a greater necessity for legislation, than in a community where its industry has become settled and systematized. But still one of the evils under which we suffer is excessive and useless legislation. Continual changes in our laws are productive of evil. Legislation so far as practicable, should be general and designed to produce system and order. Our people soon adapt themselves to laws so framed. Frequent amendments soon leave us in doubt as to what the law is. He who shall devote himself to prevent unnecessary changes and useless laws, will acquire the reputation of a conservative and wise legislator.

These frequent changes have led to the necessity of a revision of our Statutes made under the provisions of the Resolves of March 12, 1855 and April 1, 1856. The code will be submitted to you for your action. Such ordinary legislation as shall be necessary at this session may form a part of the revised code. It is I think fairly to be presumed, that the principal object of the legislation referred to was to condense existing laws, on the same subject into one, with such alterations and amendments as the Commissioners shall recommend and be approved by the Legislature. The enacting of this code will

be an important labor for you to discharge 39
When a Statute has received a judicial
construction it would seem most wise to retain
its language, so far as possible so as not to
render it necessary again to submit it to
the Judiciary for construction and adjudication.
The revision of the laws will necessarily be
a labor which will require a longer session
of the Legislature than would be otherwise
necessary. Still with that degree of indus-
try which will be given to its considera-
tion, and with a wise efforts to prevent
useless amendments, it is sincerely hoped
our labors may not be as extended, and
that an example may be set of more lim-
ited sessions of the Legislature.

It has grown
into a proverb, that he who makes two
blades of grass grow, where one grew be-
fore, is a public benefactor. The Agriculture
of every State is one of the most important
and necessary branches of its industry.
No State can be prosperous without it, it
is as old as man and we must depend
upon it for most of the necessities of life.
That policy which therefore shall, in the
greatest degree develop the resources
and capabilities of the soil, and which
shall teach the best method of producing
the greatest crop at the least expense,
is surely worthy of the attention of every
State. There can be no doubt, that we have
a soil capable of producing, not only all
the substantial articles consumed by the
people of the State, but of sustaining a
population much greater than we now

40 have, sound economy demands that we should produce more and purchase less as we may easily do. The art of husbandry, ought as it may, to be reduced to a science. All may not be accomplished at once, but may we not make a commencement in what shall produce in the end that result? The State has done something for the purpose of increasing its productions, and developing its agricultural resources. It has given a direct bounty to stimulate the production of certain crops. As a system however, this, though seemingly, partially to accomplish its purpose was found objectionable, and was abandoned. Agricultural Societies have been formed for the same object and it is confidently believed with far greater success, even if they have failed to accomplish all that is desirable. Sums of money are granted to these societies which are awarded to those who produce the largest crops, raise the best stock, and manufacture the most finished articles. All this has its good effect, and under that provision of the law of last year which requires an account of the mode of culture and to some extent the kind of soil on which the crop is produced, we may fairly suppose will be productive of much practical goods. An improved state of Agriculture may be seen in other countries resulting from similar associations. Each learns from the experience and practice of the other, and each is also stimulated.

to excel the other. A. State Board of Agri-41
culture has also been created by the Leg
islature to promote that science, It is com
posed of one member from each county
in the State, and a Secretary chosen by the
Board whose duties under the laws are
prescribed by the Board. The duties of the
Secretary are responsible and arduous, as
will be seen on examination. If his duties
are faithfully and efficiently discharged
they must result in much good. His first
annual report will be submitted to you
for your consideration. From an examina
tion of it I am led to believe it will be most
useful to the agricultural interests of the State
for the valuable information it contains. These
are now existing institutions under the care of
the State and it is hardly necessary to enlarge
on their importance. While however they re
main, I would suggest the propriety of hav
ing the Board consist of one member from
each society, instead of one from each county
as is now the case. I would also recommend
that the Selectmen of towns. Aldermen of cities
and assessors of plantations be required to
make an annual return to the Board of Ag
riculture of all agricultural products of
each city, town, and plantation. Such statis
tics would soon furnish us a correct account
of our productions, and as continued from
year to year would show the progress made
The compensation of the Secretary seems entirely
inadequate for his services after deducting his
necessary expenses. But does not the true and
best policy of the State require that we should
go one step further? Knowledge is the only sound

42 basis of all pursuits, Practice, I know, is indispensable, but a knowledge of that which lies at the foundation, is necessary to guide and direct practice, Agricultural Chemistry is the foundation of enlightened agriculture. A knowledge of what composes the soil, of what it contains, of what it is deficient, what should be added or subtracted, to make it productive, and what are the plants or roots best adapted to each, is most obviously necessary, to an improved and enlightened cultivation, The relation between agriculture and chemistry is truly important, and when that relation shall be fully understood and applied, agriculture will really become a science, and production will, it is believed be so much increased, that our present crops will be regarded almost insignificant. I have not the time nor is this the occasion to go into details of experiments which test the truth of what I have said, We all understand the high necessity of the knowledge to which I have alluded, The question for us, is, shall we make an attempt to acquire information so necessary to advance the best interests of the State? To me it would seem most wise, Next to a knowledge of our own language I would hold in importance a knowledge of the soil we cultivate. All are interested, and more are employed in that pursuit than in any other, if not more than in all others. How necessary then is a full knowledge and understanding of it, to advance the prosperity of the State. It is confidently believed that a wise system which shall develop our agricultural

resources will tend to check the great emigra- 43
tion of our citizens to other sections. It is
highly desirable that such an object, should
be accomplished and I have full confidence
that much can be done to effect it. I would
therefore recommend for the consideration
of the Legislature that some provision be made
by law for teaching agricultural chemistry
in our schools, and for analysing soils at
some place in each county or to endow
some of the existing literary institutions in
the State at which agricultural chemistry
and the analysis of soils shall be taught.
It can hardly be denied that some of the
past legislation of the State has tended to
lessen the efficiency if not bring into dis-
repute one of our institutions created by the
constitution of the United States and adopted
by our State. Its importance has been con-
clusively demonstrated in the history of the
past. The prevalence of any sentiment in the
community, which has a tendency to lessen our
regard and respect for an efficient milita-
ry system, must necessarily occasion the
advancement of a policy which will lead
to an increase of the standing army of the
United States. Such a result was feared by
the fathers of the Republic, and is to be
depreciated by all true friends of Consti-
tutional liberty.

The Constitution of the United
States declares "that a well regulated mi-
litia is necessary to the security of a free
State and requires Congress to provide for
organizing, arming, and disciplining the
Militia of the several States, reserving to

44 the States, the appointment of the officers and training the troops according to the discipline prescribed by Congress. The Constitution of Maine provides "that no person of the age of eighteen years and under the age of forty five years (excepting certain specified classes) shall be exempt from military duty unless he shall pay an equivalent to be fixed by law" It will be within your province to enquire whether our present militia laws are in conformity with these constitutional requirements and to provide by legislative enactment for any important defects that shall be found to exist. It cannot be doubted that sufficient numbers of our citizens, can at all times be relied upon, whose zeal and patriotism will induce them to engage in voluntary military organisations suitable for presents, and which shall form a sufficient nucleus for all prospective purposes. They should understand, that they may confidently rely upon all proper aid and be protected in the enjoyment of their rights. The small amount which would be found sufficient to lighten the military labors of our citizen soldiers, would bear no comparison to what we would be obliged, as a State to contribute for the support of a standing army. The entire abolition of the Militia would tend to that result. It is presumed that such a system may be enacted as will impose upon the soldier, only a contribution of his time and the cost of the uniform of his corps. The whole subject is one of great importance and is commended to your

careful consideration.

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The State Reform School, was it is believed most wisely instituted, and promises to accomplish all the good results that were anticipated. It will undoubtedly be the means of reclaiming by its system of discipline & education many of the youths who become its inmates, from habits of vice and make them useful members of society. Its true value cannot well be over estimated. It is wise even in an economical point of view without regard to the more important aspect of it; in a moral sense, it is cordially commended to the fostering care of the Legislature.

The Reports of the Trustees and of the Superintendant present a very satisfactory account of the condition of the school its management and importance. These reports will be submitted to you for your examination, and will furnish you with information of the school in detail. It will be noticed that there is a deficiency in the current expenses for the year ending March 31, 1857 of five thousand dollars. This deficiency it will be seen, has mostly arisen from an underestimate of the number of inmates for the preceding year. Unless that deficiency shall be supplied at an early day, the usefulness of the school will be impeded very much, by the embarrassment it must necessarily occasion.

It is believed that all the affairs of the school have been managed with rigid

46 economy, perhaps with more economy than its best interests, and the interest of the State will justify. A rigid economy, in all the departments of the School, is not only desirable, but is demanded. But it may be a want of economy to withhold necessary appropriations, when demanded for public objects. The attention of the Legislature, is invited to early action on this subject.

I have not been able to examine, as I have not seen, the report of the Superintendent of the Insane Hospital of the State. For information of its condition and its necessities I must refer the Legislature to that report. And I commend the Institution to your liberal and generous care. It was founded by the State, for a most humane and noble purpose and is entitled to receive its support. Its unfortunate inmates appeal to the humanity and benevolence of the State and are entitled to it from every consideration, that should govern an enlightened community.

Intelligence is, the sure basis of a free government. A well informed people is the only security upon which we can rely for the perpetuity of our liberties. The common school is one of the most cherished institutions and marks the wisdom of its founders. There is no duty more important, than in providing by just and wise laws, for the general advancement of Education. In a revision of the laws our School system, in all its departments, should, as I am sure it will receive your careful attention, our schools have

always received the fostering care of the Legislature and it cannot be doubted or justly questioned that our common schools have much improved within the few past years. Much more however may be accomplished, and they may be more useful and efficient in educating the children of the State. Wise laws and such means as the Legislature may impart will still advance their usefulness.

Schools and institutions of a higher grade become necessary for instructing those who engage in teaching and for other and important pursuits. Their importance is as obvious as the common schools though of a different character. So important have they been regarded, that the Constitution of the State requires that the Legislature shall suitably endow them. The whole matter is one of deep interest to the welfare of the State, and as such is submitted to your care and attention.

The Report of the Land Agent will be submitted to you, and you will learn from it the transactions of the past year, and the condition of the public lands and of all that relates to that department. I have not had an opportunity to examine the same.

The present system of managing our lands on the whole so far as I am able to judge, is wise and proper. The best interests of all require, that the timber lands should not be put into the market in quantities, but

48 beyond the actual wants of the community. It is believed the laws now regulating the sale of the public lands, answer all present necessities. If however any measure can be devised which shall induce the settlement of the lands suitable for agricultural purposes, it will commend itself to, and should receive your cordial action, we have vast tracts of land of unsurpassed fertility and when made productive by the husbandman, will add much to the wealth and power of the State. If that can be effected by any reasonable system of legislation, it is surely desirable.

It will be seen, on examination of the law that the charters of all the Banks in the State, will expire on the first day of October 1857. The subject of their re-charter will invite your early attention. The system of Banking in Maine, as a whole has proved a safe one for the public. No losses to the public have taken place it is believed, which cannot be traced to a violation of the spirit, or letter of the law. Such additional safeguards as time and experience shall have proved to be necessary for the safety of the community should be added. It may be deemed expedient to designate some officer by law who shall deliver to each Bank, blank bills duly countersigned and registered, which shall constitute the circulation of the Bank, and also to determine by law, the amount of bills, to be thus delivered.

Having resigned the office of Senator from 49.
this State in the United States Senate to
take effect on the seventh instant, it
will become necessary for the Legislature
to make an appointment to supply the
vacancy thus created. The duty will also
devolve upon you to make an appoint-
ment of Senator for six years from and
after the fourth of March next when the
present term will expire by Constitution-
al limitation.

It will become my duty and I shall
with great pleasure co-operate with the
Legislature in all measures to secure
and advance the prosperity of the State.
If any facts shall come to my knowledge
demanding your consideration the same
will be duly and promptly communicated.

On motion of Mr Nickborn of Prospect
Ordered that the copy of the Governor's mes-
sage be laid on the table and two thousand
copies be printed for the use of the Legis-
lature.

Mr Johnson of Augusta presented a Remon-
strance of Firmian Cyr against the right
of William Dickey to hold his seat as a
representative from the Madamaska
District. Read and referred to the com-
mittee on Elections.

Petition of James Couzeus for Change of
Name. Referred to the committee on
Change of Names.

50. Mr Pool of Bristol presented the Remonstrance of Levi Willey against the right of Silas Lewis to a seat in this House. Referred to the committee on Elections

Mr Parlin of Winthrop moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House on the ninth day of January directed the clerk to procure and distribute to each member one copy of the Thrice Weekly Journal and one copy of the Thrice Weekly Age during this session of the Legislature

The House refused to reconsider the vote by which the order was passed

On motion of Mr Weed of Oldtown ordered, that the credentials of the members of the House be taken from the files and referred to the committee on elections

A. communication was received from Abner Coburn Joseph S Munroe M.A. Joy. B. F. Eastman Schabod Frost and William M Reed severally signifying their acceptance of the office of members of the Executive Council to which they had been elected.

On motion of Mr Drummonds of Waterville Ordered that a message be sent to the Senate proposing a joint convention this day at twelve o'clock in this Hall for the purpose of choosing a State Treasurer and Land Agent for the current political year and of qualifying the Executive Councilors

who have signified their acceptance of the St. office to which they had been elected

Read and passed, and Mr Drummond was charged with the message.

Mr Drummond subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary informing the House that the Senate concurred in the proposal of the House for a convention for the purpose of choosing a Treasurer of State a Land Agent and of qualifying such of the Councilors elect as had signified their acceptance

At twelve O'clock that being the hour assigned, the Senate came in and a Convention was formed.

In Convention

On motion of Mr Herrick of Kennebec a committee of five was raised to receive sort and count the votes for Treasurer of State And Messrs Herrick of Kennebec, Burbank of Cumberland, Weston of Gray, Marshall of Belfast and Leavitt of Pembroke were appointed such committee

The committee reported, the whole number of votes given was. One hundred and forty nine Necessary to a choice Seventy five B. D Peck had One hundred and Seventeen Isaac Reed had twenty four. Scattering Six. Blank two. It appearing that B. D.

52 Peck had a majority of all the votes cast he was declared to be duly elected as Treasurer of the State of Maine for the current political Year.

On Motion of Mr Dane of York a committee of seven was raised to receive and sort and count the votes for Land Agent. Messrs Dane of York, Woodbury of Oxford, Brown of Solon, Richardson of Tremont, Talbot of Lubec, Milliken of Camden and Chadbourne of Perry were appointed such committee,

The committee reported, that the whole number of votes was, One hundred and fifty five. Necessary to a choice Seventy eight. Noah Barker had one hundred and thirty. James Walker had twenty four. B. D. Peck had one, and it appearing that Noah Barker had a majority of all the votes he was declared to be duly elected Land Agent for the current political year

On Motion of Mr Brown of Cumberland Ordered, that the Secretary be directed to inform the councillors elect that the two Houses are met and are now in convention for the purpose of their taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Secretary of the Convention was charged ⁵³,
with the message, and he subsequently
reported that he had discharged the
duty assigned him, and that the Coun-
cillors elect would attend forthwith
upon the convention for the purpose in-
dicated in the message.

The Councillors elect attended by the
members of the council and the heads of
departments came into the convention
and William M. Reed, Ichabod Frost,
Nathaniel A. Joy, Benjamin F. Eastman,
Joseph S. Munroe and Abner Coburn
in the presence of both Houses of the Legis-
lature and before the President of the Sen-
ate severally took and subscribed the oaths
required by law to enable them to enter
upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Councillors then retired from the Con-
vention which was then dissolved and
the House adjourned.

attest

George W. Wilcox Clerk.

54 Monday January 12th 1857.

Prayer by the Rev^d Mr Dillingham

On motion of Mr Brown of Kennebunkport
Ordered, that the Secretary of State be
requested to deliver to the Messenger for
the use of the House six copies of the Re-
vised Statutes and six copies of the
public laws from 1852 to 1856 inclusive

Mr Dusen of Calais presented the cre-
dentials of John Sobrail a Representa-
tive of the Passamaquoddy Indians
Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

Adjourned

attest

George W. Wilcox
Clerk,

Tuesday January 13th 1857.

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Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Dillingham of Augusta.

The Speaker announced that the Clerk would be absent several days and it would be necessary to choose a Clerk.

On motion of Mr Brown of Kennebunkport Ordered, that in the absence of the Clerk Benjamin Freeman be unanimously declared elected Clerk protempore The Clerk was duly qualified by taking and subscribing the necessary oaths before the Governor of the State.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta, the Clerk was authorized to employ an assistant

Mr Talbot of Lubec presented the credentials of John Lombard of Wales Representative elect and by direction of the Speaker he was accompanied to the Council Chamber by Mr Talbot where he took and subscribed the oaths of office

Mr Weed of Oldtown presented the credentials of Peol Sokes Representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians and they were referred to the committee on Indian Affairs

A communication was received through the Senate from Isaac Lincoln Council elect respectfully declining the office to which he had been elected The communication was read and placed on the files.

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56. A message was received from the Senate proposing a joint convention of the two branches in the Representatives Hall at half past ten O'clock to choose an Adjutant General, Attorney General and one Executive Councillor.

The House non-concurred and proposed Eleven O'clock as the hour for holding the convention. The Senate recessed and concurred.

Messages were sent respectively to the Senate and the Governor and Council informing those branches of the government that the House had in the absence of the Clerk chosen Benjamin Freeman as Clerk pro. tempore. The message to the Senate was conveyed by Mr Durin of Calais and that to the Governor and Council by Mr Drummond of Waterville.

The following orders came from the Senate That there be a committee of three with such as the House may join whose duty it shall be to examine the papers and files relating to the business referred by the last Legislature to the present and report what disposition ought to be made of the same, passed and Messrs Hersey of Penobscot, Davis of Cumberland, and Smith of Arrostook were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate. The order passed in concurrence and the House joined Brown of Solon, Banks of Biddeford, Pearson of Machias, Morrison

of Farmington, Gross of New Gloucester, Holt 57
of Turner and Bicknell of Augusta as com-
mittee on its part.

The vote of the House, passing an order in-
troduced yesterday by Mr Brown of Kenne-
bunkport relating to copies of the Revised
Statutes and the public laws was reconsi-
dered, the order amended by substituting
1842 for 1852 and on his motion passed as
amended.

Order from the Senate, referring the report
of the Treasurer of Maine to a joint select
committee, consisting of three on the part
of the Senate, with such as the House may
join, was passed in concurrence, and
Messrs. Foster of East Machias, Strickland
of Bangor, Ingalls of Bridgton Adams of
Newfield, Danforth of Gardiner, Dingley
of Auburn, and Day of Waldoborough
were appointed on the part of the House.

Resolve, providing for a State paper report-
ed as truly and strictly engrossed, was
finally passed, signed by the Speaker and
sent to the Senate.

In Convention

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

Messrs. Scammon and Graves of the Sen-
ate, and Messrs. Hathaway, Ingalls
Leavitt, Lombard and Dingley of the

58. of the House were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Attorney General.

Having attended to that duty they reported, that the whole number of votes, was one hundred and sixty nine

169

necessary to a choice Eighty five

85

N. D. Appleton had one hundred & forty four

144

George Evans, had twenty two

22

Scattering, three -

3

The report was accepted and Nathan D Appleton was declared to be duly and constitutionally elected, Attorney General for the current political year.

Messrs. Mc Gilvery and Berry of the Senate, and Morrison, Foster, Woodman Barr and Gilbert of the House were appointed a committee to receive sort and count the votes for Adjutant General.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be One hundred and fifty seven

157

necessary to a choice Seventy nine

79

J. W. Webster had one hundred and thirty two

132

Darius Alden had twenty three

23

Scattering two

2

The report was accepted and James W. Webster declared to be duly and constitutionally elected Adjutant General for the current political year.

Messrs Davis and Hoyt of the Senate 59.
 and Parlin, Hunter, Rice, Chastaine
 & Hamblen, of the House, were appointed
 a committee to receive, sort and count
 the votes for our Councillor. Having
 attended to that duty they reported
 that the whole number of votes was
 One hundred and fifty eight 158
 necessary to a choice Eighty 80
 Edward Fox had one hundred
 and thirty six 136
 Samuel Jordan had twenty two 22

The Report was accepted and Edward
 Fox declared duly and constitutionally
 elected councillor for the current po-
 litical year.

The Convention then dissolved.

Adjourned

Attest Benjamin Freeman
 Clerk pro tem

A true transcript

Attest George M. Wilcox
 Clerk,

60. Wednesday January 14. 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Armitage of Augusta

The joint standing committees 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,

On Judiciary,

Meprs Herrick, Chapman, Chandler of the Senate, Deblois of Portland, Talbot of Lubec, Vinton of Gray, Woodman of Bucksport Danforth of Gardiner, Gilbert of Bath Crosby of Dexter, on the part of the House

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

Meprs. Magoun, Ring, and Davis on the part of the Senate, Fox of Portland, Deering of Hampden Hobson of Saco, Sampson of Manchester Weeks of Alna, Gammon of Phillips Tabbutt of Addison on the part of the House,

On Education,

Meprs. Hoyt, Masson and Tritchell of the Senate, Pearson of Machias, Garcelon of Leniston Morison of Farmington Brown of Kennebunkport, Hathaway of Bloomfield Moulton of Porter, Ingalls of Bridgton on the part of the House

On Banks and Banking,

61

Messrs Dane,
Brown, and Conner of the Senate,
Halsey of Bangor, Dusen of Calais, Drum-
mond of Waterville, Buxton of Warren
Marshall of Belfast, Brown of Solon, Hob-
son of Saco, on the part of the House.

On Incorporation of Towns.

Messrs Sargent
Mc Silvery and Hallmell of the Senate
Chadbourne of Perry, Merrill of Lee
Wells of Clinton, Chandler of Chesterville
McKinney of Limington Lane of Poland
Weeks of Jefferson, on the part of the House

On Division of Towns.

Messrs Chapman
Woodbury and Sargent of the Senate,
Pool of Bristol, Hobbs of Waterford, Tenney
of Chelsea, Gowan of Elliot, Pitcher of
Belmont, Lombard of Niles, Hinds of
Dover on the part of the House.

On Division of Counties.

~~Wall~~ Messrs Webb,
Wallace, and Hobbs of the Senate,
Blaisdell of Frankfort, Guptill of Ber-
wick, Powell of South Thomaston, Lewis
of Sangerville, Huff of Alexander
Fletcher of Lincolnville, Brown of Mil-
ford, on the part of the House

62. On State Lands and State Roads.

Messrs Hersey
Smith and Scamman of the Senate
Strickland of Bangor, Foster of East
Machias, Moore of Ellsworth, Williamson
of Starks, Muse of Paris, Littlefield of
Alfred, Walker of Harrison on the part
of the House.

On Indian Affairs.

Messrs Hallonell
Hobbs and Wallace of the Senate,
Woodbury of Litchfield, Med of Oldtown,
Leavitt of Pembroke, Marston of Windham,
Murch of Dayton, Silsby of Aurora
Albee of Fortis, on the part of the House

On Agriculture.

Messrs Lothrop
Scamman and Smith of the Senate
Hammatt of Hovland, Hall of Gorham
Leavitt of Pembroke, Allen of Thomaston
Pottle of Salem, Purlin of Winthrop, Coffin
of Waterboro, on the part of the House

On Fisheries.

Messrs. Ring, Sargent
and Mc Silvery of the Senate,
Dunning of Harpswell, Stone of Brewer
Webber of Castine, Baker of Miscapet
Leadbetter of North Haven, Dennett of
Hittery, Pike of Eastport on the part of
the House.

On Manufactures.

63.

Meprs West
Chandler and Dane of the Senate,
Banks of Biddeford, Dingley of Auburn
Day of Malden, Church of Levant
Brackett of Westbrook, Given of Brunswick
Deering of Denmark, on the part of the House

On Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Meprs Brown,
Lothrop and Hoyt of the Senate,
Drummond of Waterville, Sargent of Lew-
iston, Strickland of Bangor, Chadbourne
of Perry, Bicknell of Augusta, Fletcher of
China, Clark of Mills on the part of the
House.

On Interior Waters.

Meprs Conner
Hallowell and Woodbury of the Senate
Hickborn of Prospect, Adams of Kenfield
Dunning of Charleston, Dunn of No 11,
Stinchfield of Lincoln, Hobbs of Falmouth
Houdette of Dresden, on the part of the
House.

On Accounts.

Meprs Wallace, West
and Smith of the Senate, Adams of
Kenfield, Merrill of Harmony, Houghton
of Greenwood, Smith of Hudson, Ford
of Monroe, Chadbourne of Standish, Bur-
leigh of Linneus, on the part of the House.

64. On Claims.

Meprs. Woodbury, Lothrop
and Chandler of the Senate, Pierce
of Montville, Brackett of Acton, Devereaux
of Penobscot, Patten of Pittsfield, Pickford of
Newburg, Weeks of Roxbury, Hunter of Clin-
ton Gore, on the part of the House.

On Militia.

Meprs. Phinney, West and
Berry of the Senate, Milliken of Camden
Hambleton of Portland, Linscott of Jay
Steward of Newport, Lord of Detroit, Holt
of Turner, Carr of Palermo, on the part
of the House.

On Military Pensions.

Meprs Twitchell
Burbank and Webb of the Senate,
Davis of Buxton, Roak of Durham, Gould
of Casco, Whitaker of Trenton, Smith of Bel-
grade, Stone of Union, Copp of Liberty on
the part of the House.

On Insane Hospital.

Meprs Burbank
Graves and Jones of the Senate, Garcelon
of Lewiston, Wells of Freeport, Moulton
of Scarborough, Longfellow of Bridlington Bar-
ron of Topsham, Robinson of Sumner
Bennett of Troy on the part of the
House.

On State Reform School

65.

Meprs. Scamman
Oak and Wasson of the Senate, Vinton
of Gray, Deering of Hampden, Sawyer of
Minot, Rice of Monson, Kimball of Bethel
Joy of Surry, Richardson of Fremont on
the part of the House.

On State Prison.

Meprs. Jones, Hersey,
and Magoun of the Senate, Moore of
Ellsworth, Tolman of Rockland, Burr of
Mercer, Andrews of Monmouth, Burton
of Warren, Rollins of Livermore, Campbell
of Medford, on the part of the House.

On Public Buildings

Meprs. Graves, Berry
and Phinney of the Senate, Gross, of
New Gloucester, Caine of York, Little of Vienna
Lewis of Boothbay, Merriam of Garland
Cotton of Bordoin, Craigie of Embuden
on the part of the House.

On Library.

Meprs. Davis, Herrick, and
Oak of the Senate, Johnson of Augusta
Butler of Sanford, Bryant of Webster
Martin of Rome, Hilton of Bremen
Parsons of Glenburn, Jewell of Phipps-
burg, on the part of the House.

66 Mr Deering of Hampden, moved to reconsider the vote of the House of Friday last whereby, two thousand copies of the Governor's address, were ordered to be printed for the use of the House. The vote was reconsidered, and on his motion, three thousand copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Report of the Joint Select Committee to contract for public printing came from the Senate, with accompanying contract made with Stevens and Blaine of the Journal, to do the public printing, accepted and the contract approved. The Report and contract were read and the House concurred in the acceptance of the report and in the approval of the contract.

On motion of Mr Buxton of Warren Ordered that the committee on the judiciary, be instructed, to inquire into the expediency, of, altering sections 50 and 77, of Chapter 'one' of acts and amendments, of 1841, relating to Banks and Banking.

Mr Deblois, of Portland, presented the petition of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court for increase of their salaries, and the same, was read and on motion of Mr Vinton of Gray referred to the Judiciary Committee and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Titus B. Clark of Brownville 67.

Petition of Major Martin Prescott
Petition of Harrison, and Rufus Carter
were severally presented and referred
to the committee in charge of Names,

Petition of Lemuel Trott and als, of Wool-
rich for alteration of laws relating to pri-
vate ways, was received and referred to
the Judiciary Committee, sent up for concurrence

Petition of William Wakefield and others,
Petition of George Bran, were received and
severally referred to the committee in di-
vision of Towns, sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Singer of Thomaston Bank
for renewal of charter of said Bank and
for alteration in the laws relating to Banks
and Banking, was received and referred
to Committee on Banks and Banking, sent
up for concurrence

Petition of John M. Hall and others for in-
corporation, of Buxton Manufacturing Company
was received and referred to the committee
on Manufactures, sent up for concurrence

Bill, Entitled an act to secure a uniform
registration of the births, marriages and
deaths, and causes of death in the State
of Maine. Laid on the table by Mr
Danforth of Gardiner, referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary and sent up
for concurrence.

68. The credentials of Sockabasin Smason
were presented by Mr Reed of Odessa
and on his motion referred to the com-
mittee on Indian Affairs, sent up for
concurrence,

Adjourned

Attest

Benjamin Freeman
Clerk Pro Tem.

Thursday January 15, 1857.

69.

Prayer by the Rev
Mr Squier of Hallowell.

On motion of Mr Deering of Hampden, Or-
dered, that so much of the Governor's
message as relates to the Reform School
be referred to the committee on the Re-
form School. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Morrison of Farmington
Ordered, that so much of the Governor's
message as relates to a change in the
State Board of Agriculture, so that each
Agricultural and Horticultural Society
shall be represented, instead of each
County, as is now provided by law, be
referred to the Committee on Agriculture
Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Weed of Old Town, Or-
dered, that all petitions for private
legislation which shall be presented to
this Legislature, after the twentieth day
of February next, be referred to the next
Legislature, and that notice of the
passage of this order be published in the
Tri Weekly Journal, and in the Tri Week-
ly Age, three weeks successively. Sent
up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath, Ordered
that the Joint Standing Committee on
Education, be directed to enquire into
the expediency of establishing a Normal

70 School for the better education and qualification of teachers of common schools
And it is further ordered that the afore named committee be directed to inquire and report what amount of appropriations would be required for that purpose. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Brown of Kennebec, Ordered, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to Education be referred to the Committee on Education, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Dunn of Number Eleven Ordered, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to public lands be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray, Ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary enquire if any further legislation is necessary in relation to capital punishment, and report by Bill, or otherwise, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Fox of Portland, Ordered that so much of the Governor's message as relates to Banks, be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Wood of Oldtown, Ordered that so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Militia be referred to the Committee on the Militia Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Hickborn of Prospect Or. 71.
Ordered, that- the fourteenth day of February
next, be assigned as the last day of this
session, for receiving new business requiring
order of notice, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Hathaway of Bloomfield
Ordered that- so much of the Governor's message
as relates to Slavery and Kansas, affairs be
referred to a joint select Committee, on the
part of the House, consisting of seven, with
such as the Senate may join. Sent up
for concurrence.

Order

Ordered that- so much of the Governor's mes-
sage, as relates to the encouragement of
Agriculture be referred to the Committee on
Agriculture, On motion of Mr Parlin of
Winthrop, the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Garcelon, of Lemiston, Ordered
that- a Committee of five on the part of this
House, with such as the Senate may join be
appointed to take into consideration the
subject of the modification of the import
duties of the United States and especially
as respects, such articles or raw materials
as may be, or are used in manufactures
with instructions to report by resolve or
otherwise the sense of this Legislature upon
this subject. Sent up for concurrence.

72 On motion of Mr. Hichborn of Prospect ordered, that tomorrow at eleven o'clock be assigned as the time, for the House to go into a ballot for a United States Senator to fill the vacancy already existing and for the term commencing, the fourth of March next. The order was passed, Subsequently, the vote passing the same was reconsidered and on motion of Mr. Hichborn it was laid upon the table,

The following Resolve, was laid on the table by Mr. Vinton of Gray.

Resolved that on Friday, the sixteenth day of January instant at twelve o'clock at noon, both branches of the Legislature will proceed to ballot for a Senator, to fill the vacancy now existing in the United States Senate from this State occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin. Also to ballot for a Senator to be elected to the Senate of the United States for the term of six years from and after the third day of March AD 1857, and if any person shall be elected in either House, the result shall be communicated, to the other by message, and if the Senate and House of Representatives shall elect the same persons, such persons shall be considered as elected by the Legislature to be Senators, as aforesaid and the fact shall be communicated to the Governor by message from each House,

And if either House shall fail to make an election on

the first ballot, the balloting shall be con- 73.
tinued in each House until the adjourn-
ment thereof on that day, and afterwards
from day to day, from twelve o'clock at
noon until its adjournment until an election
shall be made or until otherwise ordered.
And if the Senate and House of Representatives
shall elect different persons, each House shall
proceed to ballot as hereinbefore provided and
until the same persons shall be elected in
both, or until otherwise provided.

This Resolve
was read once, the rules suspended, and the
same read the second time and passed
Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secre-
tary of State transmitting a copy of the sever-
al titles of the statutes of this State as revised
by the Hon. Ether Shepley.

On motion of Mr. Deblois of Portland Ordered
that, the report of the Commissioner appointed by
"Resolves to provide for the further revision of
the public laws" approved April the first
A.D. 1856, be referred to a committee consisting
members to be selected from this House, together
with such as the Senate may join. Read and
passed, and Messrs. Deblois of Portland, Talbot
of Lubec, Danforth of Gardiner, Woodman of
Bucksport, Adams of Newfield, Fletcher of
China, Drummend of Waterville, Hobbs of
Watersford, Hott of Turner, Brown of Solon, Crosby
of Dexter, Dunn of No. 11, Gilbert of Bath, Johnson
of Augusta, Pearson of Machias and Foster of East
Machias, were appointed on the part of the House, S. & C.

74 Orders from the Senate.

Ordered the House concurring, that the Committee on Banks and Banking, be directed to inquire into the Condition and standing of all Banks applying for recharter and report their conclusions on each application separately by Bill or otherwise, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Also ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of altering sections 50 and 77 of Chapter 1. of the acts and amendments of 1841, relating to Banks and Banking, was amended in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Banks and Bankings. The House amended and referred in concurrence.

A communication was received through the Senate, from B. D. Peck, Treasurer elect accepting the office to which he had been elected and the same was read and placed on file.

Mr Vinton of Grey, by leave laid upon the table, a Bill entitled an act to make valid the doings of School District number five, in the town of Otisfield and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of, Caroline, Mary Ann, and Joseph 75
Brimicombe.

Petition of Henry C Dace and others,

Petition of Mary Helen Dace,

Petition of Augusta Dace,

Petition of Eliza J Banks

Petition of Richard Boynton for change of
name of Edwin Wallis Averill, were sever-
ally received and referred to the Committee
on Change of Names

Mr Johnson from the Committee on Rules and
Orders made a Report, that the rules and
orders of the House of Representatives for the
year 1856, as amended, be permanently
adopted with the amendments herewith
submitted, and the same was accepted.

Petitions of Androscoggin Railroad Com-
pany for an act additional to their
charter, of David Hayes and others, of
C M Holland and others, of Simeon Gould
and others, severally asking for a charter
to be granted to the Portland and Oxford
Central Railroad were referred to the
Committee on Railroads Ways and Bridges
and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas J Haines and others
to be set off from Servant to Henderson
was referred to the Committee on Division
of Towns. Sent up for concurrence

76. Petition of Edward Robinson and others for a repeal of the act, incorporating the town of Bowerbank. was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, Sent up for concurrence,

Petition of Bangor Horticultural Society for representation in the Board of Agriculture was referred to the Committee on Agriculture sent up for concurrence,

Petition of the Directors of the Bank of Commerce of Belfast for a renewal of Charter was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, Sent up for concurrence,

Petition of Proprietors of Bangor House for authority to sell real estate was referred to the Committee on Judicary, Sent up for concurrence,

Petition of Proprietors of Falmouth Academy for aid to said Institution and to change its name, was referred to the Committee on Education, Sent up for concurrence,

Petition of Judge of Probate for Penobscot County, for increase of salary was referred to the Committee, composed of the Penobscot Delegation, Sent up for concurrence

Mr Drummond, presented the County Estimates, for the county of Kennebec and the same were referred to the Committee on County Estimates

Petition of Jesse Thiny for the promotion of 77
peace, was referred to the Committee on
the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of the Trustees of St Albans Acad-
emy for aid, was referred to the Committee
on Education in concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest.

Benjamin Freeman
Clerk pro tem.

78 Friday January 16. th 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Beau of Augusta.

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary informing the House that the Senate had concurred in the passage of the resolve defining the time and manner of choosing United States Senators, and that the Senate would at twelve O'clock at noon agreeably to the provisions of said resolve proceed to ballot for United States Senators.

On motion of Mr Adams of Springfield ordered that so much of the Governor's message as refers to the judiciary, be referred to the committee on the judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Brown of Kennebec, ~~not~~ ordered, that the committee on Fisheries be directed to enquire into the expediency of requesting our Representatives and Senators in Congress to use their influence against the repeal of the law giving bounty to vessels engaged in the cod fishery and report by Resolve or otherwise Sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced Messrs Garcelon of Lewiston, Banks of Biddeford Foster of East Machias, Danforth of Gardiner, and Buxton of Warren as the Committee on the part of the House, on order passed yesterday on motion of Mr Garcelon relating to the

impost duties, of the United States, Messrs 79.
Chandler of Piscataquis, Smith of Acworth
and Lathrop of Somerset were appointed
on the part of the Senate.

The Order laid on the table yesterday
by Mr Parlin of Winthrop relating to so
much of the Governor's message as relates
to the encouragement of Agriculture, was
taken up and on motion of Mr Parlin, it
was passed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced Messrs Hathaway
of Bloomfield, Mills of Freeport
Parlin of Winthrop, Garcelon of Lemiston
Dennett of Kittery, Dickey of Fort Kent
and Morrison of Farmington as the Com-
mittee, on the part of the House on order
passed yesterday on motion of Mr Hath-
away, relating to so much of the Gover-
nor's message as relates to Slavery, and
Kansas Affairs, Messrs Oak of Penob-
scot, Mason of Hancock, and Chandler
of Piscataquis were appointed on the
part of the Senate,

Order relating to so much of the Gover-
nor's message as relates to the Reform School
was received from the Senate, referred to the
Committee on Reform School. Referred in
concurrence.

On motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath Ordered
that the Joint Standing Committee on Agri-
culture, be directed to enquire into the

80 expediency of legislative action to encourage the art and practice of the underdraining of soils. And it is further ordered that the same committee, be directed to inquire into the expediency of such an alteration of the law as to withhold the aid of the State from such Agricultural Societies as shall introduce into their exhibitions fairs or cattle shows, - races or other trial of speed of horses, or horsemanship.

On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the Secretary of State be directed to procure twenty five copies of the Revised Statutes and twenty five copies of the Public Laws, of the State from 1842 to 1856 inclusive, for the use of the Legislature. The same was read and referred to the committee on Revision of the Statutes, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport Ordered, that the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire, if any, or what alteration should be made in that part of the law regulating attachments of real estate and immoveable personal property, which requires the attaching officer to state in the copy of his return filed with the Town clerk or Register of Deeds the sums sued for in the writ, and report by bill or otherwise. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received through the 81 Senate, from Edward Fox Esq, Councillor elect, from Cumberland Councillor district declining the office to which he had been elected. The same was read and placed on file.

Petition of Directors of Sandy River Banks for increase of capital, was received and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Aaron B. Holden Register of Probate for the county of Cumberland was referred to the Cumberland Delegation Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Tomas Sockalevis and Altem Orson, in relation to the booming privilege of the Penobscot tribe of Indians was referred to the committee on Indian Affairs, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Johnson Neal and others of Webster Plantation was referred to the Committee on Education, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Horace Oliver and others asking that said Oliver may be set off Sedge Wick, and be annexed to the town of Penobscot was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Arthur L Grant and others for a pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, Sent up for concurrence.

82 Petition of Treasurer of Eastbrook
Petition of Treasurer of Franklin, came
from the Senate referred to the Committee
on Claims, Referred in concurrence,

Petition of Thomas H Keating and others for
a charter for a Boat Company came from
the Senate referred to the Committee on Interi-
or Waters. Referred in concurrence,

A message was received from the Senate
proposing a Convention of the two branches
in the Representatives Hall at eleven, O
Clock. for the purpose of electing a Councillor
in place of Edward Fox declined. The
House, concurred in the proposition

At Eleven O'clock. the Senate came in
and a Convention was formed,

In Convention.

Messrs Phinney and Graves of the Senate
and Garcelon of Lerriston, Dunning. Jay
and Pike were appointed a Committee to
receive, sort, and count, the votes for a
Councillor, to advise with the Governor
in the Executive department for the current
political year. Having attended to that
duty, they reported, the whole number
of votes to be one hundred and sixty five
Necessary to a choice Eighty three, George
Pierce had one hundred and thirty nine
Samuel Jordan had twenty five and
one scattering vote. The Report was ac-
cepted and George Pierce declared duly and
Constitutionally elected Councillor

and the convention was then dissolved. 83.

The House then took a recess for fifteen minutes on motion of Mr Duren of Calais.

The House on being called to order proceeded agreeably to the provisions of the joint resolve, providing for the manner of choosing Senators, in Congress, at twelve O'clock at noon, to ballot for a Senator in Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hannibal Hamlin. Messrs Vinton of Gray, Chadbourne of Perry, Tolman of Rockland, Hersey of Bangor and Hall of Gorham were appointed a Committee, to receive the votes and report thereon.

On motion of Mr Talbot of Lubec, the Committee were directed to receive the votes of the members when called by the Clerk, and to count the votes at the Clerk's table, The Committee having attended to the duty assigned them, Reported the whole number of (votes) ballots to be one hundred and forty two.

Necessary to a choice Seventy two. 72

Amos House had one hundred and Eighteen 118

Nathan Clifford had twenty one 21

George Evans had three 3

Blank one, and the Committee further report, that they have sealed up the ballots and hereby forward them to the Clerk's desk

84 The Report was accepted and Amos House declared, duly and constitutionally elected Senator in Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hannibal Hamlin.

The same committee were charged with the duty of receiving, sorting, and counting the votes for a Senator in Congress for the term commencing with the fourth of March A D 1857, and having attended to that duty, reported, that the whole number of ballots to be one hundred and forty

140	
necessary to a choice seventy one	71
Hannibal Hamlin, had one hundred	
and fifteen	115
Nathan Clifford had twenty one	21
David Bronson had three	3
Lot M Merrill had one	1

Blank one, and the Committee further reported, that they have sealed up the votes and hereby forward them to the Clerk's desk. The report was accepted and Hannibal Hamlin declared duly and constitutionally elected Senator in Congress for the term of six years, commencing, with March 4th A D 1857.

A message was received from the Senate through its Secretary, informing the House that the Senate on its part, had chosen Amos House, Senator in Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hannibal Hamlin; and that it had also, on its part chosen, Hannibal Hamlin, Senator in Congress for the term of six years, commencing with March 4, A D 1857

A message was sent to the Senate informing 85.
that branch, that the House had by ballot
chosen, on its part, Amos House, Senator
in Congress, to fill the vacancy occasioned
by the resignation of Hannibal Hamlin
and that, it had also on its part, chosen
Hannibal Hamlin, Senator in Congress
for the term of six years, commencing
with March 4.th A.D. 1857.

A message, similar to that conveyed
to the Senate by the Clerk, was sent to
the Governor and Council by Mr Garce-
son of Leniston,

Adjourned

Attest

Benj^r Freeman, Clerk
(pro tem)

86. Saturday January 17th 1857.

No Chaplain present.

Bill, entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court, approved April 9, 1856 came from the Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee, Referred in concurrence

Order from the Senate, referring so much of the Governor's message as relates to Agriculture, to the Committee on Agriculture was referred in concurrence

Report of the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the papers and files referred by the last Legislature to this, with accompanying order reported by said Committee came from the Senate accepted and the order passed, The House accepted the report, and passed the order in concurrence.

The Bond, of B. D. Peck Treasurer Vech was referred to the Committee on Treasurer's reports in concurrence.

An order from the Senate, directing the Secretary of State, to notify all Banks wishing for a re-charter to petition on or before the tenth of February next, was passed in concurrence.

The reports of the Joint Select Committee on Treasurer's bond was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on 87
Rules and Orders, was accepted in concurrence

Bill, entitled an act to provide for the security of repairers of vessels, laid on the table by Mr Stone of Brewer, was referred to the Judiciary Committee, sent up for concurrence

Also a Bill, an act requiring the Indian Agent to sell lands in Brewer was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Attim and others of the Penobscot tribe of Indians in relation to Schools.

Petition of John Attim and others of the Penobscot Indians in relation to their funds

The above petitions were severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of A H Morrill and others of Van Buren for an appropriation, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Directors of Orono Bank for a renewal of charter, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence.

88 Remonstrance of Penobscot tribe of Indians against change in treaty, was referred to the committee on Indian Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of Westby for bounty was referred to the committee on accounts sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Silas S Low for compensation for services and losses was referred to the committee on Military Pensions in concurrence

Petition of William Buckman and others for an amendment to act, incorporating East Portland real estate, and mining company, was referred to the committee on Railroads and Bridges in concurrence

Petition of Traders Bank Bangor for renewal of charter was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence

Petition of Judge of Probate for Piscataquis County, for increase of salary was referred to Piscataquis delegation in concurrence
Adjourned

Attest

Benj Freeman

Clerk pro tempore

Monday January 19th 1857.

89.

No Chaplain present

The report of the joint select Committee on the Treasurer's report, was accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Ira Fish and others for an appropriation to erect a bridge over the Mat-tanamkeag stream.

Petition of Phineas Boynton for compensation for repairing bridge. The above petitions were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta. Ordered, that when this House adjourns it adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at Eleven O'clock

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, laying before the Legislature such returns of the Cashiers of Banks and Clerks of Corporations, comprising the names of Stockholders, their residence and the amount of stock owned by each, as had been returned to his office

Adjourned

Attest

Benj^r Freeman
Clerk pro tem.

90 Tuesday January 20, 1857

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Colby of Augusta

A message, was received from the Senate, informing the House that Joseph H. Clark, had been elected Secretary pro tempore, of the Senate,

Claim of the Treasurer of the town of Alexander, was referred to the committee on accounts, sent up for concurrence

Petition of J. H. Clark of township No. Nine to be set off from said township and annexed to the town of Franklin, was referred to the committee on Division of Towns in concurrence,

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta, the vote accepting the report of the joint select committee on the Treasurer's report was reconsidered, and on his motion the report was recommitted, sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary for aid, was referred to the committee on Education, sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Clara H. Timm for change of name, was referred to the committee on change of names.

On motion of Mr Stinchfield of Lincoln 91
Ordered, that the Secretary of State be
directed, to furnish, one copy of the late
edition, of Cotton's map of Maine, for
the use of this House.

A Bill, entitled an act to secure the safe-
ty of passengers at Railroad Crossings, was
referred to the Committee on Railroads, Trains
and Bridges in concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest

Benj. Freeman
Clerk pro tem.

92 Wednesday January 21. 1857.

The Journal of Yesterday. was read by the Clerk Motion

Prayer by the Rev^d Mr Dillingham of Augusta.

Orders from Senate
Ordered, that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the law relative to recording mortgages on personal property and report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered, the House concurring, that, the Joint Standing Committees, be directed in the consideration of business which shall be referred to them, to give precedence to public acts, and resolves, and to report such acts and resolves in the appropriate branch of the Legislature, as early in the session as practicable

The foregoing orders came from the Senate, having been read and passed, and, they were read and passed in concurrence.

Mr Brown of Solon presented the claim of the Treasurer of the town of Bingham for bounties paid on Animals, which was referred to the committee on accounts and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Andrews of Monmouth 93.
Ordered, that the Committee on Education
enquire into the expediency of a further
increase of the tax now required of the
several towns in this State for the support
of common schools and report thereon
Read and passed and sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Moore of Ellsworth Ordered
that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed
to enquire into the expediency of amending
Section 2^d of Chapter 123^d of the public laws of
1844, so that lands owned by non-residents, to be
advertized for unpaid taxes, shall be advertized
in the counties where such lands are located
provided, there be a paper published in such
counties, Read and passed, Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Chandler of Chesterfield, Ordered
that the Committee on Education be instructed
to enquire into the expediency of so altering
or amending the school laws of this State
as to provide for the distribution of a certain
per centage of the school money in each
town among the smaller districts. Read and
passed, and sent up for concurrence -

On motion of Mr Foster of East Machias Or-
dered. that the Committee on the Judiciary
enquire into the expediency of increasing
the pay of jurors and witnesses. Read and
passed and sent up for concurrence.

94. On motion of Mr Drummend of Waterville Ordered, the Senate concerning, that the Secretary of State, be directed to procure twenty five copies of the Revised Statutes for the use of the Legislature, Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Merrill, of Lee, presented, the claim of the Treasurer of the town of Lee for bounties paid on animals, which was referred to the committee on accounts and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Hensley of Bangor presented the petition of James Smith Jr and others, praying for a repeal of Chapter 168 of the Revised Statutes Read and passed, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Arthur Pratt and others praying that the Land Agent be authorized to sell a certain strip of land lying between Penobscot and Acworth Corners, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Road, Referred in concurrence,

On motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter, Ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making valid the doings of officers in retaliation to the attachment of real estate and personal property and the returns to the Register of Deeds office and to the town Clerk, and to report by bill or otherwise, Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

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Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on 95
the petition of William Wakefield and others,
came from the Senate, having been read and
accepted, Read and accepted in concurrence

Report of the same Committee on the petition
of George Brown came from the Senate
having been read and accepted, Read and
accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee on the petition
of Horace Mixer, came from the Senate
having been read and accepted, Read and
accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee on the petition
of J. H. Haynes, came from the Senate
having been read and accepted, Read
and accepted in concurrence.

Mr Sampson of Manchester presented the
petition of Harriet Emma Rockwood for
change of name, and on his motion it
was referred to the Committee on change
of Names.

Mr Bleisdell of Frankfort, presented the
petition of John Carlton 2^d of Frankfort
for an increase of pension, and on his
motion it was referred to the Committee
on Military Pensions, Sent up for concu-
-rence,

96. Mr Hamonatt of Hurland presented the petition of Daniel Sargent 2^d and others for a re charter of the Bangor Boom, and on his motion it was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, sent up for concurrence.

Mr Strickland of Bangor presented the petitions of the Eastern Bank of Bangor for re charter also of the Grocers Bank of Bangor for same, also the petition of the Merchants Bank of Bangor for same, and they were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Kimball of Bethel. presented the petition of Isaac S York, and others for aid to make a road through the town of Grafton. Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Fox of Portland, presented the petition of C H Waterhouse and others of Cape Elizabeth that, the charter of the Portland and Cape Elizabeth Ferry Company, be repealed and another Company be authorized by charter to take its place, Also the petition of Joseph H Perley and others for same object and they were referred to the Committee on Interior Waters and sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, laying before the Legislature, all the County Estimates and accompanying schedules, received at his office, prior to this date.

Thursday January 22nd 1857.

97.

Journal read.

Prayer by the Rev^d Mr Armitage of Augusta

Petition of Patrick Darling and others, praying that money be refunded, that was paid by said Darling for land in No 6 range 5. This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Referred in concurrence.

Mr Gilbert of Bath, presented the petition of Tallman Lowell and others, for leave to County Commissioners to lay out a road over tide waters in Bath and Phippsburg. Read and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Morrison of Farmington Ordered, that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of altering or amending Chapter 26 of the Public Laws, of 1847 entitled "an act respecting the election of Electors of President and Vice President" in such manner as will prevent the vote of any City, town or plantation being rejected because of its not being returned before a certain day named in said law. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Burleigh of Linneus presented the claim of the treasurer of the town of Linneus for bounty paid on Animals, which was referred to the Committee on accounts and sent up for concurrence.

98 Order from the Senate, Ordered that the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to enquire into the expediency of taxing in the towns where the Banks are located, Bank stocks of Banks in this State, held out of this State, and report by Bill, or otherwise, Read and passed in concurrence.

Mr Allen of Thomaston presented the petition of Edward O'Brien and others of Thomaston for the incorporation of the Thomaston Insurance Company. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the Secretary of State be directed to furnish twenty copies of the public laws of the State from 1842 to 1852 inclusive for the use of the Legislature, and if he has not a sufficient number of copies on hand, to procure enough to make up the deficiency. And it is further ordered, the Senate concurring, that he furnish twenty copies of the public laws from 1853 to 1856 inclusive, for the use of the Legislature Read and passed and sent up for concurrence

Petition of William Fisher and others for a law regulating fees of blank mits, and salary of Judge of Bath Municipal Court. came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Referred in concurrence.

Mr Stone of Brewer laid on the table a 99.
Bill to provide for the transcribing convey-
ances recorded in Lincoln and Hancock
of lands lying in Penobscot County. Re-
ferred to the joint delegation from Penobscot
County. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Seavitt of Pembroke, presented the pe-
tition of the citizens of the town of Prescott
asking, that the Fall Island so called, be
set off, from that town, to the town of
Pembroke. Referred to the Committee
on Division of Towns, Sent up for concurrence

The same gentleman, presented the petition
of the citizens of the town of Pembroke, asking
that the Fall Island so called, be set off, from
the town of Prescott to, the town of Pembroke
Referred, to the Committee on Division of
Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport, or-
dered, That the Committee on the Judiciary
be directed to enquire into the expediency of pro-
viding by law, that in case of the death of
a married woman, possessed of real or personal
estate not disposed of by will and leaving a hus-
band, that he shall be entitled to the same pro-
portion of said estate in the distribution thereof
that a widow now has, in the estate of her deceased
husband, and of further providing by law that
in all respects, the survivor whether husband or
wife, shall be entitled to an equal interest
or proportion in the estate real and personal
left by the other, Read and passed and s. u. f. c.

100. Bill, entitled an Act in favor of the State Reform School, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Reform School and was referred in concurrence,

Petition of S. L. Boynton and another that the proceeds of stumpage be allowed on their note, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Referred in concurrence,

On motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter ordered that the standing hour of adjournment be, to eleven o'clock in the forenoon until otherwise ordered, Read and passed,

On motion of Mr Stone of Brewer ordered that the Committee on Public Buildings be directed to enquire into the expediency of a new arrangement of seats in the Representatives Hall, with a view to the greater convenience of members of the House, Sent up for concurrence,

Petition of F. M. Sabine and others praying for an enactment of an Insolvent law came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Referred in concurrence,

Mr Lombard of Males, presented the petition of Isaac A Davis and others to be set off from Greene and annexed to Webster, Referred to the Committee on the Division of Towns and Sent up for concurrence.

Report of Joint Select Committee on Treas. 101
-uer's report came from the Senate with
the following endorsement thereon, in Senate
January 21st 1857. "The Senate recede and
recommit the report with instructions to
the Committee to report whether any,
and what sums have been drawn out
of the Treasury last year on warrants
for which no appropriations had been
made, and what sum has been paid
out of the Treasury since December 31st
1856 on warrants drawn before that
time"; sent down for concurrence

Lo^d K. Clarke

Secy. pro tem.

The House concurred in the instructions
of the Senate,

A communication was received from George
Pierce Esquire signifying his acceptance
of the office of Executive Councilor to which
he had been elected. to fill the vacancy
occasioned by the declination of Edmund
Fox Esquire.

A message was received from the Senate
through its Secretary, proposing a convention
of the two Houses of the Legislature at half
past eleven o'clock of this day for the
purpose of qualifying George Pierce
Esquire as a member of the Executive
Council by his taking and subscribing
the oaths of office required by law to
enable him to enter upon the discharge
of his official duties,

1112 The Clerk was charged with a message to the Senate signifying the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the proposition for a joint convention

At Eleven and a half O'clock the Senate came in and a Convention was formed

In Convention.

On motion of Mr Davis of Cumberland the Secretary of the Convention was directed to inform George Pierce Councilman elect to fill the vacancy occasioned by the declination of Edmund Fox Esquire that the two branches of the Legislature are now in Convention for the purpose of his taking and subscribing the oaths required by the constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The Secretary of the Convention subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him and that Mr Pierce was pleased to say that he would be in attendance upon the Convention forthwith.

Thereupon Mr Pierce attended by the members of the Executive Council and the Secretary of State came into the Convention and in presence of the two Houses of the Legislature and before the President of the Senate took and subscribed the oaths required by law to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties The Convention was then dissolved and the House, adjourned. Attest Geo. W. Wilcox Clerk.

Friday January 23rd 1857.

113.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Armitage of Augusta.

On motion of Mr Buxton of Warren, the
County Estimates were taken from the
Speaker's table and referred to the Com-
mittee on County Estimates

On motion of Mr Hammatt of Howland
ordered, that- the members of the Board
of Agriculture during their present
Session be admitted to the privileges of
the State Library on the same conditions
as the members of the Legislature. Passed.

On motion of Mr Brown of Milford Or-
dered, that- the Committee on the
Judiciary be directed to enquire what
further legislation is necessary and prop-
er to render the collection of taxes as-
sessed on lands of non residents more speedy
and certain, Read and passed and sent
up for concurrence.

The Committee on Elections on the remon-
strance of Levi Willey against the right
of Silas Lewis to a seat in this House, re-
ported that- the Remonstrants, have leave
to withdraw. Read and accepted -

On motion of Mr Med of Oldtown Ordered
that- the Committee on Pay Roll be directed
to make up the pay of Levi Willey up to
and including tomorrow. Read and passed

104. On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport ordered, that the committee upon the revision of the statutes be authorized to employ a clerk, Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Duran of Calais, laid on the table a Resolve, that there be paid out of the State Treasury to John Gobruik, delegate of the Passamaquoddy Indians the sum of eighty five dollars as a gratuity for his expenses in attending upon the present session of the Legislature. This Resolve having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Woodbury of Litchfield, laid upon the table a Resolve in favor of Socabason Smaison. This Resolve had two several readings and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Dunning of Charleston presented the claim of the treasurer of the town of Lagrange for bounty paid on wild animals. Referred to the committee on accounts, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Linscott of Jay, laid on the table a Bill, entitled "an act to amend chapter 149 of the Revised Statutes. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Seavitt of Pembroke, presented a peti- 105.
-tion from citizens of the towns of Pembroke
Charlotte, Perry and Robbinston asking
protection for the pickerel in the Penna-
magum and Boyden Lakes and tributary
waters, Referred to the Committee on
Fisheries and sent up for concurrence

Mr Allen of Thomaston presented the peti-
-tion, of J F Chapman and others of the
town of Thomaston, to surrender the charter
of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insu-
-rance Company, Referred to the Commit-
-tee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance
and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Incorpora-
-tion of Towns, on petition of Edmond Rob-
-inson and others, praying for a repeal
of the act incorporating the town of
Bowerbank, came from the Senate, or-
-dering notice thereon. The House concurred

On motion of Mr Tolman of Rockland, or-
-dered that the Committee on the Judi-
-ciary be instructed to inquire into the
expediency of amending the law in re-
-gard to Elections. approved April 10, 1856.
in such a manner that Aldermen of cities
Selectmen of towns, and Assessors of plantations
may be authorized to strike off the names of
persons from the check list when the evidence
is sufficient to satisfy said officers, that
said persons, are not voters in the city
town, or plantation where their names

106. appear upon the list, without giving notice to the party, of the intention to strike off his name as required by said act. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Linscott of Jay ordered, that the Committee on Education be instructed to enquire what further legislation is necessary if any, to secure the instruction of the higher English branches in our common schools and report by Bill or otherwise. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence

Petition of H. J. Libbey and others praying that they may be made a body corporate under the name of the Royal River Manufacturing Company, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Referred in concurrence

Petition of the Medomak Bank at Waldo-borough for a recharter of said Bank came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Jacob Frye and others for an appropriation to make a road from Patten to township No 5, Range 7, west from the east line of the State, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Referred in concurrence.

Order from the Senate relative to amend. 107.
ing section "four" of chapter 243, of laws
of 1852, and an Order relative to an a-
mendment of lien law, were severally re-
ceived from the Senate and passed in
concurrence.

Bill, an act additional to an act to es-
tablish a Board of Agriculture, approved
April 1, 1856 came from the Senate passed
to be engrossed, and the same was twice
read and tomorrow assigned for its
third reading.

Bill, an act amending section 20 of
chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes came
from the Senate referred to the committee
in the Judiciary, Referred in concurrence.

Bill, an act providing for the collection
of taxes, in incorporated places on lands
of non resident owners, came from the
Senate referred to the committee in the
Judiciary, Referred in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, Ordered that
the joint standing Committee in Banks
and Banking be and hereby are di-
rected to enquire into the expediency
of refusing all applications for the
charter or recharter of Banks where
the capital stock is less than one hun-
dred thousand dollars. This order was
read and passed in the Senate, and
read and passed in concurrence.

108 On motion of Mr Foster of East Machias Ordered, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to the modification of the impost duties of the United States, and especially as respects such articles or raw materials as may be, or are, used in manufactures, be referred to the Joint Select Committee, who have that subject under consideration. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Fox of Portland, Ordered that the Secretary of State be directed to ascertain from the Treasurers of the several counties within this State the amount of all the debts and liabilities of their respective counties at the present time and report the same to this Legislature

Bill, An act to make valid the doings of school district No. 1, in the Madamasken plantation, with accompanying papers. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence -

Mr Pearson of Machias, presented the petition of S. Stone and others, to have lot number one, range seven, set off from Columbia and annexed to Centreville. Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Dingley of Auburn, presented the petition of John Savell for change of name. Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

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Mr Burr of Mercer, presented the petition 109.
of Edwin M. Avery for change of name. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Change of Names.

On motion of Mr Moulton of Porter. Ordered
that the Committee on the Judiciary be
instructed to enquire into the expediency
of so altering the 30th Chapter of the Revised
Statutes, as to allow each town to provide
one or more buildings or inclosures for the
reception of such beasts, as may be, by
law liable to be impounded. Read and
passed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Huff of Alexander
ordered, that the Committee on the
Judiciary be instructed to inquire into
the expediency of repealing the fourth sec-
tion of Chapter 207 of the public laws
passed AD 1850 in order that persons
wishing to avail themselves of the pro-
visions of the Homestead act, may do so
without filing a certificate of property
in the office of Register of Deeds, and
that the Committee be instructed to
report by bill, or otherwise. Read and
passed and sent up for concurrence.

adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox

Clerk.

110. Saturday. January 24th 1857.

No Chaplain present

Order from the Senate relative to issuing illegally, certificates of stock in Corporations, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, Trays and Bridges, Referred in concurrence

Bill. Mr Duran of Calais, laid on the table a Bill an act relative to the City of Calais. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Stinchfield of Lincoln presented the petition of William S. Sawyer and others for an appropriation for a road through Mattamiscونت and number two. Read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence

Order from the Senate relative to 183^d Chapter of laws of 1855 referred by that branch to the Committee on the Judiciary. Referred in concurrence

Reports of the Committee on Railroads, Trays and Bridges, on petition of Tallman Lowell and others. On petition of Androscoggin Railroad Company, and on the petition of the East Portland Real Estate and Marine Company, ordering notice on the same, were severally accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the joint standing Committee on III.
the Judiciary granting leave to withdraw
on petition of Jesse Ting, was accepted
in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Hickborn of Prospect, Or-
dered, that the Judiciary Committee be
directed to enquire into the expediency of
so altering the Constitution and laws of
the State as to render elective by the
people, Secretary of State, State Treas-
urer, Land Agent, State Attorney At-
tendant General, Superintendent of
Schools, and Warden of State Prison and
report by Bill and resolve or otherwise
Read and passed, Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Hickborn of Prospect Or-
dered that the Committee on Banks and
Banking be directed to enquire into the ex-
pediency of refusing all applications for
charter or re-charter of Banks with a cap-
ital stock of over seventy five thousand
dollars, Read and passed and sent up
for concurrence.

Mr Stone of Brewer, offered the following order
Ordered, that the Clerk of the House cause to
be printed for the use of the Legislature, three
hundred and fifty copies of the General
Banking law of New York as found in
the laws of New York for 1841, from page
351 to page 368 inclusive. On motion of
Mr Hickborn of Prospect, the order was
laid upon the table.

112. Mr Baker of Miscapet, presented the petition of Caleb Pottle for change of name. Referred to the Committee on change of Names.

Mr Craig of Embden presented the petition of Albert Moore and others of Anson, Embden, Lexington and New Portland for an amendment of the law in relation to insane persons. Also the petition of Sophia Hilton and others for same object Read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence

Mr Kimball of Bethel. presented the claim of the treasurer of the town of Henry for bounty paid on bears. Referred to the Committee on accounts sent up for concurrence

Resolve in favor of John Gobril and
Resolve in favor of Jacobson Smasson
were severally reported as truly and
strictly engrossed, and were finally
passed, signed by the Speaker and sent
to the Senate.

Bill Entitled an act additional to an
act to establish a Board of Agriculture
approved April 1, 1856 was reported by
the Committee on Bills in the third reading
without amendment and on motion
of Mr Vinton of Gray the Bill was laid
upon the table

adjourned

Attest-

Geo. W. Wilcox Clerk.

Monday January 26th 1857.

113.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Fitch of Hallowell.

The first annual report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture for 1856 came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture. ~~Referred in concurrence~~

Order from the Senate, directing the Committee on Education to enquire into the expediency of supplying poor children with school books, without interfering with the right of suffrage. Read and concurred

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of John Moran and others of Prescott came from the Senate ordering notice, Read and concurred.

Report of same Committee on petition of Isaac A Davis and others came from the Senate ordering notice, Read and concurred

Report of the Committee on Interior Affairs on petition of Daniel Sargent 2^d and others came from the Senate ordering notice, Read and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Trays and Bridges, on petition of C M Holland and others for Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, came from the Senate ordering notice. On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray the report was ordered to be recommitted and sent up for concurrence.

114. Petition of the Directors of the South Berwick Bank for a renewal of charter came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, Referred in concurrence.

Order from the Senate, directing the petition of the inhabitants of Waldoborough to be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Delegation from Lincoln County, Referred in concurrence.

Mr Stone of Brewer offered the following Order Ordered that so much of the Governor's address as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law, be referred to a joint select committee to consist of one from each county on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, with leave to report by bill or otherwise. The order was laid upon the table.

Bill Mr Duren of Calais laid on the table a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the St Croix Insurance Company Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport leave was granted to Mr Silsby of Aurora to vote out of his seat.

Report of the Committee on Interior Matters on the petition of Joseph H Perley and others, came from the Senate with notice ordered thereon Read and concurred.

Mr Hammatt of Howland presented the 115.
petition of Hiram Peasey for charter to nav-
igate Passadumkeag stream with Steam
Boats, Referred to the Committee on Interior
Waters. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Tolman of Rockland presented the
petition of S N Hatch and others of the
City of Rockland for the renewal of the
charter of the North Bank of Rockland. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Banks and Bank-
ing. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Banks of Biddeford, ordered
that the Committee on the Judiciary be
directed to enquire into the expediency
of amending Section 65³ of Chapter 119 of
Revised Statutes relative to foreign attach-
ments. Read and passed, Sent up for concurrence

Mr Stinchfield of Lincoln presented the
petition of Aaron Clapp for a change
of name. Referred to the Committee on
Change of Names.

On motion of Mr Robinson of Sumner. Or-
dered that the Committee on Agriculture
be required to examine into the expedi-
ency of so altering or amending the 58th
Chapter of the Revised Statutes, relating
to the inspection of hops, that the same
shall be deemed merchantable with-
out inspection. Read and passed
Sent up for concurrence.

116 Report of the Commissioner to the Universal Exhibition of industry at Paris, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Manufactures, Referred in concurrence,

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Milcox Clerk.

Tuesday January 27th 1857.

117.

Prayer by
the Rev^d Mr Allen of Hallowell.

Order from the Senate directing the Committee on Education, to enquire into the expediency of altering the school law. Read and passed in concurrence.

Mr Bicknell of Augusta presented the petition of the Register of Probate for the County of Kennebec for an increase of salary. Referred to the delegation from Kennebec County, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, Mr Vinton of Gray laid on the table a bill, an act in relation to the registry of deeds, which was referred to the Committee on the judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, Mr Vinton of Gray laid on the table a Bill, an act in relation to wills. Referred to the Committee on the judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray, ordered that the Governor and Council be requested to furnish the House with any reports, paper, or reliable information, in their possession from the Commissioner on claims, of the State of Maine, at Washington, which will assist the House in determining the progress made or making of said Commissioner.

118 Mr Dickey of Fort Kent, presented the petition of A A West and James Watkins asking remuneration for building a bridge in Fish river, Also, the petition of S L Turner and another in aid of same, and they were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Deblois of Portland presented the petition of Senard Merrill and others for an act additional to an act approved February 24th 1855, the petition of Moses Gould and eighty three others in aid of same, and the petition of C D Pearce and 140 others in aid of same. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Fletcher of China presented the petition of Daniel Libbey, to have the names of Everett O. Starkey, and Edmund S. Starkie changed, Referred to the Committee on change of names.

Mr Danforth of Gardiner, presented the petition of the Oakland Bank of Gardiner for a renewal of charter. Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Longfellow of Briddington. presented the petition 119.
of Daniel W. Campbell and Alexander
Campbell, asking to be released from the
payment of certain notes. Referred to the
Committee on State Lands and State Roads,
and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Dunn of Number Eleven, presented the
claim of the treasurer of the town of Mon-
ticello for bounties paid on animals. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Accounts and
sent up for concurrence.

Mr Strickland of Bangor, presented the pe-
tition of inhabitants of Bangor for railings
to be put upon the roofs of slated buildings
to provide against accidents from snow
slides. Referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary, sent up for concurrence.

Mr Dunn of Number Eleven, presented
the petition of D. G. Cook and eleven others
for an appropriation in favor of San-
ford Noble. Referred to the Committee
on State Lands and State Roads, sent up
for concurrence.

Mr Lewis of Boothbay, presented the Remons-
trance of Ichabod Pinkham and others of
Boothbay, against the petition of Benjamin
Reed for a bridge from Indian town
Island to the main land. Referred to the
Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges
and sent up for concurrence.

120. Mr Mead of Oldtown, laid on the table a
Resolve to promote the education of the
Penobscot Indians. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Indian Affairs and sent up
for concurrence.

Mr Brown of Solon, presented the petition
of the Bank of Somerset for a renewal of
charter. Referred to the Committee on
Banks and Banking, sent up for concurrence

Mr Marks of Roxbury, presented the petition
of Jonas Green and forty others in favor of
the petition of Ebenezer Small and others
for a charter of the Portland and Oxford
Central Railroad. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Railroads, Trays and Bridges
Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Parlin of Winthrop, order-
ed, that, the Committee on Agriculture
be instructed to enquire into the expediency
of enacting a law directing the assessors
of the several cities, towns, and plantations
in the state, at the time of taking the val-
uation of personal and real estate, to also
procure the amount and estimated val-
ue of some of the principal agricultural
and mineral products and the manu-
factures resulting therefrom, agreeably
to the suggestions contained in a circu-
lar of the United States Commissioner of
Patents dated Feb'y 29, 1856 and pub-
lished in the agricultural Patent Office
report of 1855. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport 121.
Ordered, that the Secretary of State be directed to communicate to this House, the amount of compensation paid to the Commissioner of claims of this State upon the United States or to any other person on account of the same within the last two years when, and how paid, and by what authority, so far as such information may be gathered from the records of his office. Read and passed

On motion of Mr Dusen of Calais ordered, that the ten copies of the Revised statutes from the Secretary of State be distributed to the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, passed,

On motion of Mr Dickford of Newburgh ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution, that the Governor and Senators may be chosen by a plurality vote instead of a majority as they now are Read and passed and sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Little of Vienna ordered that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their influence in favor of the payment of the French spoliation claims. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence

122 The following communication was received
from the Secretary of State.

State of Maine,
Office of the Secretary of State
Augusta January 27, 1857.

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

In compliance of the order of the Legislature of the twenty first instant, and an order of the Legislature of the 23rd instant, I have procured ten copies of the Revised Statutes, ten copies of the public laws, from 1845 to 1854 inclusive, twenty copies of the public laws from 1842 to 1844 inclusive and twenty copies of the public laws from 1853 to 1856 inclusive, which are now ready for distribution. The residue of said orders, fifteen copies of the Revised Statutes and ten copies of the public laws from 1845 to 1854 inclusive will be ready for distribution in the course of the present week.

I have the honor to be very
respectfully your obedient
A Jackson, Secy of State

The order which was offered yesterday by Mr Stone of Brewer in relation to expiring that part of the Governor's message, relating to intemperance and a prohibiting liquer law, was on motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport taken from the

table and on motion of Mr Stone, amended 123.
so as to read as follows, "Ordered That so
much of the Governor's address as relates to
intemperance and a prohibitory liquor
law be referred to a joint select com-
mittee, with leave to report by bill or
otherwise, and that all Bills, Resolves
petitions and memorials relating to this
subject presented, or which may be pre-
sented during the session, be referred
to the same committee. The order was
passed and sent up for concurrence

Bill. Mr DeBlois of Portland laid on
the table a Bill, entitled an act for
the appointment of a Railroad Com-
missioner. Referred to the Committee on
Railroads Ways and Bridges, and sent
up for concurrence.

Mr Dickey of Fort Kent, laid on the table
a Resolve, repealing the resolve author-
izing the appointment of a Commissioner
to Washington, which lies over under the
Rule.

adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk

124. Wednesday January 28th 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Burges of Gardiner.

Report of the Committee on Railroads
Trays and Bridges on petition of Tall-
man Lowell and others came from the
Senate with the following indorsement
"In Senate January 28th 1857 The vote ac-
cepting the report of the Committee was
reconsidered and the same recommitted
to the Committee on Railroads, Trays and
Bridges" Reconsidered and recommitted
in Concurrence.

On motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath, Ordered
that the use of the Representatives Hall
be allowed to the Board of Agriculture
on the evening of Thursday the 29th inst
for the purpose of a public discussion
on subjects relating to agriculture
Read and passed.

On motion of Mr Dingley of Auburn
ordered, the Senate Concurring, that
the Chaplains of this Legislature, have
the same privileges in regard to the
Library, as members of this Legislature
Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Dickey of Fort Kent Order-
ed that the Committee on State Lands
and State roads be directed to enquire
into the expediency of repealing the
resolve authorizing the Calais Academy

or their assigns to locate their grant on 125
land in township No 18 Range 3.
Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Chandler of Chesterville
ordered that the Committee on Education
enquire into the expediency of amending
chapter eighty nine of the Statutes of
Eighteen hundred and fifty four by stri-
king out of the sixth section thereof, the
words "or which he may deem necessary
to be made by school officers and teachers"
thereby limiting the powers of the State
Superintendent in preparing blank
forms for school registers within the
bounds prescribed by the Statutes
Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence

Mr Bicknell of Augusta presented the peti-
tion of the Directors of the Freeman's Bank
of Augusta for a renewal of charter
Also the petition of the same parties
for an increase of its Capital stock
Referred to the Committee on Banks and
Banking and sent up for concurrence

Mr Brown of Solon presented the petition
of William H Stevens and others for
incorporation with the right of building
a Bridge, across the Kennebec river
from Solon to Embrew.

Mr Grop of New Gloucester presented
the petition of citizens of Raymond
in aid of the charter of the Portland

126 and Oxford Central Railroad. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Railroads, Trays and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Strickland of Bangor presented the petition of Charles T Holland for the adoption of the State of Maine log rule as the standard rule for scaling logs. Read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Gilbert of Bath presented the petition of Thomas Oliver and others, that Timber island in Phippsburg may be annexed to Bath. Referred to the Committee on the Division of Towns and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Dunn of Number eleven, presented the petition of J M Winslow and twenty two others for an appropriation to make a road from plantation Number nine to the Brookstock road. Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Milliken of Camden presented the petition of the Judge of Probate for the County of Waldo, praying for an increase of salary. Referred to the Delegation from Waldo County and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Gross of New Gloucester 127
ordered, that- the Committee on Educa-
tion be instructed to inquire into the ex-
pediency of reporting a Bill, authorising
School districts to take land for the
purpose of erecting a school house thereon
in a similar manner as lands are taken
for other public uses, Read and passed
and sent up for concurrence,

On motion of Mr Gross of New Gloucester
ordered that- the Committee on the Judi-
ciary be required to enquire into the ex-
pediency of so amending the law, that-
the Judge of Probate or any Justice of
the Supreme Judicial Court may have
the power of appointing some person
with power to relinquish the right of
dower of insane married women to real
estate of their husbands on proof of per-
manent insanity of such married
woman, Read and passed and sent
up for concurrence,

Mr Hammatt of Portland laid on the
table a Resolve as follows, Resolved
that- the Land Agent be, and he is
hereby authorised to sell the interest
of the State in any lands owned by the
State in the towns of Burlington Lowell
and Passadumkeag on such terms and
conditions as he shall deem to be for
the interest of the State, Referred to the
Committee on State Lands and State
Roads and sent up for concurrence

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128 Mr Duren of Calais presented the claim of the city of Calais for bounty paid on animals, Referred to the Committee on Accounts, and sent up for concurrence

Bill, an act entitled "an act to extend the time for the Waldo Mills Company to build their dam across Goose River, Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters and sent up for concurrence,

Mr Marshall of Belfast presented the bounty estimates for the County of Waldo Referred to the Committee on County Estimates

Mr Duren of Calais laid on the table a Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the State Lands in the town of Carroll, Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads and sent up for concurrence

Petition of the Directors of the York Bank of Saco for a renewal of charter, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, Referred in concurrence,

Order from the Senate directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of passing a law prohibiting the exhibition of Circusses Read and passed in concurrence

Bill, an act entitled an act to repeal 129.
the ninth section of an act authorizing
the consolidation of certain Railroad
Corporations approved April 1, 1856
came from the Senate referred to the
Committee on Railroads, Trays and Brid-
ges. Referred in concurrence.

Mr Dunn of Number Eleven presented
the petition of G. S. Foster and twenty
six others in aid of a road in township
"Letter C" Road and referred to the
Committee on State Lands and State Roads
and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest George W. Wilcox
Clerk.

130. Thursday January 29th 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Blake of Gardiner.

Mr Woodbury of Litchfield laid on the table a Resolve in favor of Peol Sot's. The Resolve was read twice, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The same gentleman laid on the table a Resolve in favor of Sabbaths Law which was twice read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges ordering notice on petition of Tallman Lowell and others was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Parlin of Winthrop ordered that the use of this Hall be granted to the State Temperance Convention this afternoon and evening. Read and passed.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee on the part of the House on so much of the Governor's address as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law. Stone of Brewer. Marison of Farmington. Holt of Turner. Hammatt of Howland. Littlefield of Alfred. Johnson of Rockland and Burr of Mercer and the order was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr Sampson of Manchester presented the 131.
petition of the Selectmen of Manchester
for a change of town line between Man-
chester and Augusta. Referred to the
Committee on Division of Towns and sent
up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Hamblen of Portland Or-
dered that the Committee on Banks and
Banking be directed to enquire into the
expediency of so far amending the 60th Sec-
tion of the 77th Chapter of the Revised Stat-
utes, as to add one more member to the
Board of Bank Commissioners and report
upon the same. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Strickland of Bangor presented the ac-
count of L H Eaton against the Land Of-
fice for survey of State lot in Clifton and
scaling logs cut thereon. Referred to the
Committee on Accounts and sent up for
concurrence.

Mr Parlin of Winthrop presented the pe-
tition of the Bank of Winthrop for a re-
newal of Charter.

Mr Gilbert of Bath presented the petition
of the Directors of the Richmond Bank for
renewal of Charter

Mr Hamblen of Portland, presented the
petition of the Mechanics Bank of Port-
land for a renewal of Charter.

132 Mr Hobson of Saco presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Manufacturers Bank of Saco for a renewal of charter

Mr Gilbert of Bath. presented the petition of the Directors of the Bath Bank for a renewal of charter. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence

Mr Hickbin of Prospect presented the petition of the Seaside Bank for a renewal of charter. Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Strickland of Bangor presented the petition of Gideon Mayo and others for the extension of the Penobscot Railroad to the North line of Milford, Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Stinchfield of Lincoln presented the petition of Joseph Snow and others inhabitants of Five Islands Plantation to be incorporated into a town to be called Winn. Referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Towns and sent up for concurrence.

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Mr Stone of Brewer presented the petition³³,
of J & Snell and seventy three others
for an appropriation for repairing Gun
House in Brewer. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Militia. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Weed of Oldtown presented a claim of the
county of Penobscot for the support of insane and
indigent Indians. Referred to the Committee
on accounts and sent up for concurrence

Bill, an act to amend Chapter 159 of the pub-
lic laws of 1845 in relation to the taxation
of logs and timber. Referred to the Com-
mittee on the judiciary and sent up for
concurrence.

Senate Papers.

Petition of C L Owen and others for a new
Bank at Bath in place of the Commercial Bank

Petition of the President and Directors of the
City Bank of Bath for a renewal of charter

Petition of the Directors of the Ocean Bank at
Kennebunk for a renewal of charter

Petition of the President and Directors of the
People's Bank for a renewal of charter

These petitions came from the Senate
severally referred to the Committee on
Banks and Banking and they were se-
verally referred in concurrence.

134. Petition of the Judge of Probate for the County of Somerset for an increase of salary came from the Senate referred to the Delegation from the County of Somerset. Referred in concurrence.

Petition of the President and Directors of the American Bank of Hallowell for a renewal of charter came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Referred in concurrence.

Bill, entitled an act to provide for the security of repairs of vessels, came from the Senate with a report of the Committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from any further consideration of the same and recommending its referral to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. The report was accepted in the Senate and the bill referred according to its recommendation. The House reconsidered its vote referring the Bill to the Judiciary Committee. Accepted the Report and referred the Bill in concurrence.

Claim of Robert Martin as Committee of Executive Committee of Maine State Agricultural Society for services and travel came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims. Referred in concurrence

Petition of William M Rogers and others for 135
an additional act in relation to the Sag-
adahoc Ferry, came from the Senate re-
ferred to the Committee on Railroads
Towns and Bridges, Referred in concurrence

Petition of the Westbrook Seminary for aid
This petition came from the Senate refer-
red to the Committee on Education, Refer-
ed in concurrence.

Order requiring the Judiciary Commit-
tee to inquire into the expediency of
law relating to plantations passed the
Senate and came down for concu-
rence. The House nonconcur with
the Senate in referring to the Judici-
ary Committee, and refer to a Com-
mittee of one from each County on
the part of the House with such as
the Senate may join, Sent up for concurrence

Order instructing the Committee on
Military Affairs to visit the Arsenal
at Portland, came from the Senate
having passed that House, Passed
in concurrence.

A communication was received from
Noah Barker Esquire signifying his
acceptance of the office of Land
Agent of the State of Maine.

136. Report of the Committee on Railroads
Trays and Bridges on an order relative
to issuing illegally certificates of stock
in corporations came from the Senate
accepted. Accepted in concurrence

Order, requesting the Committee on the
Reform School, to visit the Reform
School at some time during the session
came from the Senate having been read
and passed therein. Read and passed
in concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox

Clerk

Friday January 30th 1857

137.

On motion of Mr Foster of East Machias the reading of the Journal was dispensed with

The Rev^d Mr Matthews of Gardiner was in attendance upon the House as Chaplain

Report of the Committee on Elections on the remonstrance of Firmin Cyr against the right of William Dickey to a seat in this House with Resolutions accompanying the same, was laid on the table, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr Dickey of Fort Kent ordered, that when this House adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday morning next at eleven o'clock

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

138 Monday February 2nd 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Garraty of Gardiner

Report of the Committee on Railroads
ways and Bridges on petition of C
M. Holland and others, came from
the Senate ordering notice thereon
Accepted in concurrence.

Mr Vinton of Gray laid on the table a
Bill, entitled "an act to establish the
Portland and Oxford Central Rail
road Company, and three hundred
and fifty copies of the same were
ordered to be printed for the use of
the Legislature.

A message from the Governor transmit-
ting a report of the Bank Commission-
ers came from the Senate, the report
having been referred to the Committee
on Banks and Banking, Referred
in concurrence

Petition of Sagadahoc Bank for renewal of
charter.

Petition of Manufacturers and Traders
Bank of Portland for renewal of char-
ter, and increase of capital stock,
with a Bill, came from the Senate
referred to the Committee on Banks
and Banking, Referred in concurrence

Order referring reports of Trustees of In 139.
same Hospital, came from the Senate
said reports referred to the Committee
on Insane Hospital, Referred in concu-
rence.

An order instructing the Committee on
Education to enquire into the expedi-
ency of any legislation on a Resolve
approved April 9, 18 came from the
Senate having been passed therein,
Passed in concurrence.

Order directing the Committee on Ag-
riculture to enquire into the expedi-
ency of allowing Agricultural and Her-
ticultural Societies to hold real and
personal estate came from the Senate
having passed that House, Passed in
concurrence.

Order directing petition of Henry Up-
ton and others, to be taken from the
files and referred to the Committee
on Military Pensions came from the Sen-
ate, having passed therein. Passed in
concurrence.

Report of Committee on Banks and
Banking on order directing said Com-
mittee to enquire into the expediency
of amending section fifty of Chapter
seventy seven of the Revised Statutes

140. Report of the Committee on Public Printing and binding, with contract with Hartford and Smith for binding came from the Senate the contract having been approved, approved in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on petition of John W Hall and others for an act of incorporation

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw in petition of Patrick Darling and others, These reports came from the Senate having been severally read and accepted, They were severally read and accepted in concurrence

On motion of Mr Hall of Gorham Ordered that the Committee on Agriculture be directed to enquire into the management of the Cumberland County Agricultural Society for the past year, with reference to the payment of the allowance, provided by the State for Agricultural Societies and report a statement of facts Read and passed, Sent up for concurrence

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting an abstract of the sums paid to the Commissioners at Washington during the last ten years, Also copies of the respective accounts, together with the reports of Council thereon,

Bill, Mr Vinton of Gray by leave laid on 141.
the table a Bill entitled an act con-
cerning reviews in civil actions

Bill, The same gentleman by leave laid
upon the table a Bill, entitled an act
concerning suits for false representations

The above Bills, were severally referred to
the Committee on the judiciary and
sent up for concurrence.

Bill, Mr Hobbs of Waterford, by leave laid
on the table a Bill entitled an act to
amend an act entitled an act in relation
to homes, and agencies of foreign Insurance
Companies. Referred to the Committee on
Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent
up for concurrence.

Bill, Mr Reed of Oldtown by leave, laid
upon the table a Bill entitled "an act
to make valid the doings of the County
Commissioners in the several Counties in
this State. Referred to the Committee on
the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Campbell of Medford presented
the claim of James H. Macomber
treasurer of the town of Milo in the
County of Piscataquis for bounty
paid on bears. Referred to the
Committee on Accounts. Sent up
for concurrence.

142. On motion of Mr Adams of Kenfield ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to consider the expediency of reducing the bounty on wild animals. Read and passed, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Moulton of Porter, ordered that the petition of Robert Patterson for pension, with the accompanying papers be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions. Read and passed, and Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Brown of Milford ordered that the 28th Chapter of the second revision of the laws of Maine, be taken from the Committee on Revised Statutes and referred to the joint select committees to which was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to temperance and a prohibitory liquor law. Read and passed and Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Adams of Kenfield presented the petition of Nathaniel Brackett and others of the town of Cornish to have certain lands of said town set off and annexed to the town of Limerick. Read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns and Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Meriam of Garland 143.
ordered, that the Committee on Education
be directed to lay before the Legislature
the number of Academies and other in-
stitutions of learning endowed by the
State - the date of their incorporation
their location - the sum of each endow-
ment - the amount of appropriation to
each and when made, whether such
appropriations were in money or land
and the number of students attending
each the last year, Read and passed
and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Deblois of Portland presented the
petition of the President, Directors, and
Company of the Atlantic Bank at Port-
land for a renewal of charter

Mr Dusen of Calais, presented the
petition of President and Directors
of the Calais Bank for a renewal
of charter.

Mr Drummond of Waterville pre-
sented the petition of D. L. Milliken
and others, for a recharter of Wate-
ville Bank. These petitions were read
and severally referred to the Commit-
tee on Banks and Banking and sent
up for concurrence.

144. Mr Mc Kenney of Lemington presented the petition of Thomas Webb for pension Referred to the Committee on Military Pensions. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Hammatt of Hurland presented the petition of Charles S Crosby and another. to have certain taxes illegally assessed, refunded. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Drummond of Waterville presented the petition of Samuel Appleton and others accompanied with a Bill, for the incorporation of the Messalonskee Manufacturing Company. Referred to the Committee on Manufactures and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Dunn of Sumner Eleven moved a suspension of the twenty fourth rule of the House. The House voted not to suspend the rule.

Adjourned

Attest George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

Tuesday February 3rd 1857.

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Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Hanson of Gardiner.

Resolve in favor of Sabattis Lemay and
Resolve in favor of Peol Sotkis, were reported
by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly
and strictly engrossed, were severally read
a second time, finally passed, signed by
the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Petition of Selectmen of Strong for abate-
ment of State tax came from the Senate
referred to the Committee on Division of
Towns. Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Dennis Sprague and others for an
appropriation to build a gun house, was
received from the Senate referred to the
Committee on Militia. Referred in concurrence.

Claim of Daniel Blanchard, treasurer of
Blanchard for bounty on bears, came
from the Senate referred to the Committee
on Accounts. Referred in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Sandy River Bank
for a renewal of charter of said Bank.

Petition of A H Kimball and others for the
recharter of the Rockland Bank at Rockland.

Petition of Knott Crockett and others of
Rockland for the recharter of the Lime
Rock Bank at Rockland.

146. Petition of the Directors of the Belfast Bank
for renewal of charter

Petition of President Directors and Company
of Bucksport Bank for renewal of charter

Petition of Ezra Tobie and twelve others
Citizens of Gray, praying for a Bank

The foregoing petitions were severally read
and referred to the Committee on Banks
and Banking and sent up for concurrence

Petition of Luther Luce and others to be set off
from the town of Industry, and annexed to
the town of Farmington. Read and referred
to the Committee in Division of Towns and
sent up for concurrence

Petition of Wilson Hickborn and ninety five
others, inhabitants of Prospect for division
of said town. Referred to the Committee on
Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence

Petition of Lucy Crockett and nine others of
the City of Rockland for the incorporation of
the Achorn Lime Rock Company. Referred
to the Committee on Manufactures and
sent up for concurrence.

Petition of R. S. Morse and twenty four oth-
ers of the town of Disfield for an altera-
tion of County and town lines. Referred
to the Committee in Division of Counties
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of E. C. Parks relative to Maine State 147
Register. Referred to the Committee on Library
and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Witten Manufacturing Company
for repeal of charter. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Manufactures, sent up for concurrence

Petition of Assessors of Plantation Number two
second range, praying that the name of said
plantation may be changed to Buchanan
Referred to the Committee on the Incorpora-
tion of Towns and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Kennebec Log Driving
Company for amendment of their charter
Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters
Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Bickford of Newburg laid on the table
a Resolve in favor of the town of Newburg
Referred to the Committee on Education and
sent up for concurrence.

Mr Hammatt of Hallowell laid on the
table a Resolve providing for the payment
of certain persons in attendance upon the
Board of Agriculture and for other purposes
Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and
sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Copp of Liberty ordered that the Committee
on State Library be directed to report to this House
what public documents there are in the several depart-
ments of said Library that may be had for distribution
bound and papered and sent up for concurrence

148 On motion of Mr Woodbury of Litchfield Ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to Enquire into the expediency of making some alteration in or addition to, an act entitled an act in addition to the thirty second Chapter of the Revised Statutes touching the settlement of paupers in certain cases approved Aug 10 1846 and report by bill or otherwise. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence,

On motion of Mr Vinton of Grey ordered that the use of this Hall be granted to the Board of Agriculture this evening. Read and passed.

On motion of Mr Rollins of Livermore ordered that so much of the Governor's address as relates to the State Prison, together with the reports of the Warden and Inspectors of the Maine State Prison, be referred to the joint standing Committee on State Prison. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

The Secretary of State laid upon the Speaker's table a message from the Governor transmitting copies of all papers on file in the State Department relating to the Commissioner on Claims at Washington under Resolve of March 12, 1855. It was ordered that three hundred and fifty copies thereof, together with the communication of the Secretary of State, transmitting information in relation to sums paid to said Commissioner be printed for the use of the Legislature.

149.
Mr Dickey, of Fort Kent, moved to take from the table a Resolve in relation to the repeal of a Resolve appointing a Commissioner of Claims of the State of Maine against the United States. The House refused to take the Resolve from the table.

On motion of Mr Duran of Calais the report of the Committee on elections, on the remonstrance of Fermion Cyr against the right of William Dickey to a seat in this House was taken up, and tomorrow at eleven o'clock assigned for the consideration thereof.

Mr Dickey of Fort Kent, offered the following order. Ordered that the Committee on the Revision of the public laws, enquire into the expediency of striking out the word "one" in the eighth line of section sixty three, chapter Eighty, Title, Eight. so that it shall read "And the Sheriff of Acrostook to two hundred and twenty five dollars" On motion of Mr Duran of Calais, the order was laid upon the table.

Order from the Senate directing the Committee on the judiciary to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the security of persons signing notes and securities. This order having passed the Senate, came to the House for concurrence. The House refused to concur, and laid the order on the table.

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox Clerk.

150 Wednesday February 4th 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Hathaway of Bloomfield.

On motion of Mr Burstin of Warren ordered, that the papers relating to the claim of S G Bowes for pension, be taken from the files in the Secretary of State's office and placed before the Committee on Military Pensions. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence

Petition of Northern Bank of Hallowell for a renewal of charter.

Petition of Edmund Smith and one hundred and twelve others for a new Bank at Lerriston

Petition of the Farmer's Bank at Bangor for extension of charter.

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George Thoms and one hundred and seventy two others, citizens of Buckfield praying for a charter for the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company

Petition of Shannon Robinson and fifty five others, citizens of Sumner for same

Petition of A. G. Tinkham and seventy two others citizens of Hartford for same purpose

The foregoing petitions were severally read and 151.
referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways
and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George Rhoades for change of name. Re-
ferred to the Committee on change of Names.

Petition of D Brastow for deed of lot number
eleven in Indian Township number two. Re-
ferred to the Committee on State Lands and
State Roads and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S G Bowers of Washington for pension
referred to the Committee on Military Pen-
sions and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the President, Secretary and Tris-
ters of Corinna Union Academy for a do-
nation of land or money. Referred to the
Committee on Education, sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S H Haskell and others in aid of
the petition of Joseph Snow and others to
incorporate Five islands Plantations. Refer-
red to the Committee on the Incorporation
of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Claim of L A Jones treasurer of the town
of Holden for bounty on bears. Referred to
the Committee on Accounts, sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Dickey of Fort Kent or-
dered that the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads be instructed to enquire
into the expediency of making appropri-
ations to finish making the road from Fort

152 Went to Allequash. Also to finish making the road from Presque Isle to the St John River. Also for making an appropriation to assist the settlers in making some deep cuts and building bridges on the road from the boundary line to Fort Kent. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Gasco Bank at Portland for a renewal of charter.

Petition of the Bank of Cumberland at Portland for a renewal of charter. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas S McCook for change of name. Referred to the Committee in charge of names.

Petition of Moses Gould and others to construct a Railway around Munjoy Hill in Portland. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Memorial of the City of Portland with accompanying Bills, asking further legislation, first, in reference to opening streets second - in reference to interest on taxes overdue. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

Bill. Mr Garcelon of Lewiston laid on the table a Bill entitled an Act to incor

porate the Literary Fraternity Referred to the 153.
Committee on Education and sent up for
concurrence.

On motion of Mr Rollins of Livermore or-
dered, that when this House adjourns it
be to meet at ten o'clock in the forenoon
until otherwise ordered, Read and passed.

At the hour assigned the House took up the
report of the Committee on Elections and
the resolves accompanying the report
and considered the same. The report be-
ing on the remonstrance of Firmin Cyr
against the right of William Dickey to
a seat in this House, and the consideration
of the report and resolves was pending
when the House adjourned

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

154. Thursday February 5th 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Ingraham of Augusta.

Papers from Senate
Petition of the Augusta Bank for renewal of charter

Petition of the stockholders of State Bank at Au-
gusta for renewal of charter of said Bank.

Petition of the Granite Bank at Augusta for
renewal of charter.

Petition of the stockholders of Marine Bank for
renewal of charter.

Petition of President and Directors of Tricomic
Bank for renewal of charter

Petition of the stockholders of the Newcastle Bank
for renewal of charter. These petitions came
from the Senate having been severally referred
to the Committee on Banks and Banking and
they were referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on
petition of Samuel Merrill ordering notice
thereon.

Report of the Committee on Railroads Ways
and Bridges on petition of Hiram Mayo and
others ordering notice thereon.

Report of same Committee on petition of Will
Rogers ordering notice. These reports came
from the Senate accepted and they were ac-
cepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims with Resolve 55. accompanying, on petition of Charles S Crosby and another, came from the Senate accepted Accepted in concurrence. Resolve read once and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Petition of Thomas Webb for a law authorizing an appeal in certain cases. came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Smiley and eighty one others for a law prohibiting the exhibitions of travelling circusses in this State, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Trustees of Gould's Academy in Bethel for aid to enable them to purchase apparatus to teach Agricultural Chemistry

Petition of Josiah Brown Second, and others in behalf of petition of Gould's Academy for aid These petitions came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education. Referred in concurrence.

Bill, An Act, Entitled, An "Act to amend Chapter One hundred and eighty two of the public laws approved March 17, 1855" came from the Senate referred to the joint Select Committee on Slavery and Kansas affairs. Referred in concurrence.

156, Order directing the Committee on Judiciary to enquire into the expediency of repealing Chapter 212 of the public laws of 1856. came from the Senate having passed therein. Passed in concurrence.

Order directing the Committee on the Judiciary to enquire what further legislation is necessary respecting collection of taxes on real estate of resident owners. This order was received from the Senate as having passed that branch. Passed in concurrence.

A message from the Governor transmitting reports of Adjutant General, Trustees and Superintendent of Insane Hospital and of Trustees of State Reform Schools came from the Senate with the report of the Adjutant General referred to the Committee on Militia, Referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Brown of Solon ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to enquire into the expediency of increasing the fees of justices of the Peace, and report by bill or otherwise. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Banks of Biddford ordered that the papers in the office of the Secretary of State connected with the passage of an act entitled an act further defining the jurisdiction and powers of the Municipal Court of the City of Biddford approved April 1, 1856 be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Stinchfield of Lincoln ordered that 157.
the Land Agent be directed to procure for the use
of the Legislature a State plan on which shall
be delineated the townships and parts of
townships now belonging to the State. Read and
passed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Brown of Milford ordered that
the Committee on Indian Affairs be directed
to ascertain and report to this House the a
mount paid in bounties to the Penobscot
Indians the last year as appears by the
Agent's accounts, - the number of bushels
of the several agricultural products upon
which bounty has been paid, and (if practi-
cable) whether bounties or dividends have
been paid to persons not legally entitled
thereto. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Brown of Solon ordered, that
the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to
enquire into the expediency of repealing Chap-
ter 282 of the public laws of 1852 relating
to publication of intentions of marriage
and report by bill or otherwise. Read and
passed and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Merchants Bank at Portland for
the renewal of its charter.

Petition of the City Bank at Biddeford for
renewal of its charter. These petitions
were severally read and referred to the
Committee on Banks and Banking and
sent up for concurrence.

158 Petition of Nathaniel Burnill for a change of the name of Nathaniel Albert Nye. Referred to the Committee in Charge of Names

Petition of D. E. Somes and others inhabitants of Biddeford for change in the powers of the Municipal Court of the City of Biddeford. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas S. Roberts for compensation for land sold by the State.

Petition of John S. Patten and others that the Land Agent be authorized to sell State land in Lowell and Enfield. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Harriet Doe for compensation for injuries received by her husband, Esty A. Doe, while acting as an officer of the State

Petition of Constant A. McLaughlin for additional compensation for injuries received in aiding an officer. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of David Jenkins to be set off from Mt Gardiner and annexed to Gardiner. Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John W. West of Franklin and one 159.
hundred and twelve others for increase of
bounty on wolves, Referred to the Committee
on Agriculture and sent up for concurrence

Bill, an act additional to the Seventy seven-
enth chapter of the Revised Statutes, This
Bill was laid on the table by Mr Bicknell
of Augusta and referred to the Committee
on Banks and Banking, and sent up for
concurrence

Bill, Mr Moore of Ellsworth laid on the ta-
ble a Bill entitled an act for the educa-
tion of youth, Referred to the Committee
on Education, sent up for concurrence

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary
on the petition of William H. Mills and
others, granting leave to withdraw, Re-
port accepted, sent up for concurrence

Report of same Committee to which was
referred a Bill to make valid the doings
of School district number five in the town
of Otisfield was accepted, the Bill was
read twice, and tomorrow assigned for
its third reading.

On motion of Mr Hichborn of Prospect order-
ed that twelve o'clock tomorrow be the
hour assigned for taking the vote on the
question under discussion unless sooner
ordered by the House.

160 On motion of Mr. Miel of Oldtown ordered
that when the question is taken it be
taken by yeas and nays.

The report of the Committee on elections
with accompanying resolves, on the re-
monstrance of Farnin Cyr was under
consideration and pending when the
House adjourned

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox
Clerk.

Friday February 6th 1857.

161.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Dorr of Augusta.

The House, resumed the consideration of the report and accompanying resolves, of the Committee on Elections on the remonstrance of Firmin Cyr. against the right of William Dickey to a seat in this House, and the question being on the acceptance of the report and the passage of the resolves, the Yeas and Nays were taken and the report was accepted and the resolves passed by Yeas seventy eight, Nays thirty six, as follows. - Yeas. Messrs Andrews, Allen, A Brackett, W. Brown, Banks, Bicknell, S Brackett, M & C Brown, Bickford, Blaisdell, and Bennett, Barrow, Bryant & Chadbourne, Church, Chandler, Campbell, Cotton, Duren, Davis, Devereaux, Dunn, Dingley, Ford, A. Fletcher, E Fletcher, Given, Hamblen, Hersey, Hixton, Houghton, Hammatt, Hickborn, Hinds, Holt, Jewell, Littlefield, Leavitt, Longfellow, Little, Lord, Linscott, Leadbetter, Lane, Murch, T Moulton, J, W, Merrill, Merriam, D Merrill, Marshall, Middleton, Moore, Pearson, Parlin, Patten, Parsons, Pitcher, Rollins, Roak, Robinson, Spofford, Silsby, Sampson, G Smith, Steward, R Smith, Stinchfield, S. B. Stone, Tolman, Tenney, E. Mills, Walker, E Mills, W. Mills, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker. Nays.

162. Nays. Messrs. Albee, Burton, Burleigh,
Cragin, Clark, Carne, H. M. Chadbourne
Crosby, Copp, Carr, Dennett, J H Dun-
ning, Day, Danforth, Drummond Fox
Foster, Green, Gilbert, Huff, Hobson,
Hunter, J S Hobbs, Hathaway, Johnson
S. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, Lombard, Milliken
Pike, Pierce, Strickland, Tabbutt, R. Wells
Woodbury, Williamson

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

Saturday February 7th 1857.

163.

Prayer by
the Rev^d Mr Webb of Augusta.

The speaker announced the absence of the Clerk, and that it would be necessary to choose a Clerk during his absence.

On motion of Mr Brown of Kennebunkport Ordered, that in the absence of the Clerk Benjamin Freeman be declared elected Clerk pro tempore, with power to choose his assistant,

Mr Brown, accompanied, the Clerk elect pro tempore, to the Council Chamber where he took and subscribed the necessary oaths required by law, to enable him to enter upon the duties of his office before Hon B. F. Eastman, Councillor, authorized by *Dedimus Potestatem*,

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Luther Luce and others, ordering notice, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Moor of Ellsworth Ordered that so much of the Governor's message as relates to Agriculture and Chemistry be referred to the Committee on Agriculture Sent up for concurrence.

164. On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta a message was sent to the Senate informing that branch that the House in the absence of the Clerk had made choice of Benjamin Freeman as Clerk pro tempore.

Mr Johnson was charged with the message and he subsequently reported that he had discharged the same.

On motion of Mr Moor of Ellsworth ordered that the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prison, be authorized to visit that institution for the purpose of examining into its affairs and make a report thereon at any time during the present session of the Legislature sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Burleigh of Linneus ordered that the Joint Standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be directed to enquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a road across Township, Letter B, Range, One, in the county of Moosehead, sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Buseu of Calais. ordered that the Committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to make up the travel and attendance of William Dickey up to and including Monday next.

On motion of Mr Brackett of Westbrook, ordered 165
that the Cashiers of the several banks in this
State, be directed to make return to the Sec-
retary of State under oath, on or before the
first day of March next, of the amount
loaned by their several banks and the
amount of interest, and exchange, charged
thereon. Read and referred to the Com-
mittee on Banks and Banking and sent
up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Moulton of Porter, ordered
that the Committee on Education enquire
into the expediency of the State furnishing
the several towns and organised plan-
tations for the use of their respective Su-
perintending School Committees, Super-
visors and District Clerks one copy each
for said officers, of the school laws of this
State as contained in the revision printed
in pamphlet form, and containing such
important Judicial decisions relating to
public schools as said Committee shall
deem requisite, together with the blank
forms required by law in the management
of school district affairs. Read and
passed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, An Act to secure the safety of passen-
gers at Railroad crossings, reported by the
Committee on Bills in the third reading, was
read a third time, laid upon the table
and three hundred and fifty copies order-
ed to be printed for the use of the Legisla-
ture.

166 Report of Committee on Incorporation of Towns on petition of Joseph Snow and others calling notice. was accepted in concurrence

Petition of Miltoon Union Temperance Society

Petition of Mrs Lydia M Smith and one hundred and forty others

Petition of Mrs Hannah Lamb and ninety six others,

Petition of John T Tinker and seventy one others all for a prohibitory liquor law were severally referred to the joint special Committee on the subject of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, Sent up for concurrence

Claim of the treasurer of the town of Milford for bounty, and

Petition of T. H Fassett for compensation were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, and sent up for concurrence

Petition of Selectmen of Salem for aid in the construction of a road to Dead River settlements, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, Sent up for concurrence

Petition of John Hensley and twenty two others in aid of petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence

Petition of Stephen Purrinton and twenty one 167
others of Harkinswell, for a law for the pres-
ervation of clams, was referred to the Com-
mittee on Fisheries, Sent up for concurrence

Petition of Robert Bowker and others of Bruns-
wick for a Fire Insurance charter

Petition of Charles F. Barker and others for
a charter to build a Marine Railway in
the town of Jonesport, were severally re-
ferred to the Committee on Mercantile Af-
fairs and Insurance, Sent up for concurrence

Petition of Thomas J. Walker and thirty nine
others, in aid of petition of Thomas J. Haines
and others, and also the

Remonstrance of Greenleaf Wing of Levant
and one hundred and seventy two others
against the same were severally referred
to the Committee on Division of Towns, and
sent up for concurrence

Petition of Gilbert Vater and others for aid
in the construction of a road to Dead River
settlement was referred to the Committee
on State Lands and State Roads and sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of Abial Mc Allister for pay, for
timber, lumber and hay furnished the
State was referred to the Committee
on Claims and sent up for concu-
rence.

168 Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Mousam River Bank,

Petition of Market Bank at Bangor

Petition of Lumberman's Bank

Petition of Lemiston Falls Bank

Petition of Maldoborough Bank

Petition of Union Bank at Brunswick

Petition of William S. Dennett Cashier of the Bank of the State of Maine, all for the renewal of the charters of their respective Banks, were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of M. Coburn and others for a Bank charter,

Petition of Joseph Gilchrist and others of Thomaston asking for a renewal of charter of George's Bank, were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Clark and others for the repeal of the act incorporating the town of Bowerbank, was referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Commissioners of Cumberland 169.
County for leave to build a new jail in
said County, was referred to the Cumber-
land County Delegation and sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of William R Miller and others for
an appropriation to build a road, was referred
to the Committee on State Lands and State
Roads and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Pool, from the Committee on Division
of Towns reported order of notice on the fol-
lowing petitions to wit,

Petition of the Selectmen of the town of Manchester

Petition of Nathan Brackett and others

Petition of Thomas Oliver and others

Petition of S. Stone and others.

Petition of Wilson Hichborn and others
and the reports were severally accepted
and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Malvina S. Holt for change of
name, was referred to the Committee on change
of names.

Mr Gilbert from the Judiciary Committee
reported reference, on the Petition of Charles
T. Holland to the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads. Report accepted. Sent
up for concurrence

170. Resolve for the allowance of money paid to the State on account of Township number 8, Range 8, and

Bill entitled an act to incorporate the town of Islandport reported by Committee on Bills in the third reading, were severally passed to be engrossed

The Speaker announced the following members as the Committee on the part of the House, to which was referred an order relating to changes in the laws respecting the levying of taxes in plantations, for roads, schools, and support of poor, viz Burleigh of Linneus, Hammatt of Herland Hambleton of Portland, Sitsby of Aurora Woodbury of Litchfield, Holt of Turner, Barron of Topsham, Hinder of Dover, Pool of Bristol, Linscott of Jay, Bennett of Troy Hobbs of Waterford, Leavitt of Pembroke Merrill of Harmony and Brown of Kennebunkport.

Bill, entitled an act to make valid the doings of School District Number five in Otisfield, was read the third time and on motion of Mr Woodman, it was laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of the temporary Clerks in the office of the Secretary of State in 1855 was read a second time, and on motion of Mr Stinchfield of Lincoln, referred to the Committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence,

Petition of William Faye and others for change 171.
of law relating to roads, was referred to the
Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges
and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Newburg
came from the Senate. Papered to be en-
grossed, the same was read once and Wed-
nesday assigned for its second reading

Bills. an act to make valid the doings
of School District No 1. in the County of
Grovestock.

An act to amend the, thirty first section
of Chapter twenty five of the Revised Stat-
utes relating to the payment of damages
caused by the laying out of private ways

An act in relation to the attachment
of Real Estate and immoveable personal
property.

An act additional to an act to incorpo-
rate the Bangor House Proprietary, and

An act giving the Waldo Dam Company
further time to complete its Dam.

Reported in the Senate from the ju-
diciary Committee and papered to be
engrossed, were read twice and Monday
assigned for their third reading

172, Mr Merriam of Garland moved that the vote accepting the Report of the Committee on Elections on the remonstrance of Firmin Cyr and of the passage of the resolves accompanying the report, be reconsidered and Mr Crosby of Dexter moved to lay the lay the motion to reconsider on the table and assign Tuesday of week after next to further consider the same, and the question being taken, the motion to lay upon the table was lost, twenty six voting in favor and seventy voting against Mr Merriam, then withdrew his motion to reconsider.

Mr Duren of Calais, informed the House that Mr Firmin Cyr of Madamaska, was present, and ready to take the oaths to qualify him to discharge the duties of Representative from the Madamaska District and by direction of the Speaker, he was accompanied to the Council Chamber where he took and subscribed the oaths of office

Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the town of Blanchard for aid in supporting paupers at the Insane Hospital, was referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital in concurrence,

Petition of Caleb D Stevens and others of Jackson Plantation for aid in the construction of a road to Dead River Settlement was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in concurrence,

Petition of the stockholders of the Village Bank 173.

Petition of Hancock Bank.

Petition of Directors of Lincoln Bank at Bath

Petition of Alfred Bank all for renewal of charter

Petition of stockholders of Alfred Bank for increase of Capital stock. These petitions were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence

Petition of Hiram Ricker and others in aid of Portland and Oxford Central Railroad charter.

Petition of Samuel Beazie and others for the extension of the Bangor and Milford Railroad

Petition of Samuel Beazie and others for further time to complete the branch track of Bangor and Milford Railroad, were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads Ways and Bridges in concurrence

Remonstrance of Reuben S Hunt and two hundred and twelve others against the petition of Tallman Lowell and others, was referred to the Committee on Railroads Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns granting leave to withdraw on petition of George Bran and others was accepted in concurrence.

174. Report of Committee on Division of Towns
on petition of the selectmen of the town of
Strong, asking leave to be discharged from
the further consideration of the same, was
accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Mulliken of Camden
ordered, that when this House adjourns
it adjourn to meet at eleven o'clock
A.M. until otherwise ordered

Adjourned

Attest Benjamin Freeman
Clerk pro tem.

A true transcript

Attest George W. Wilcox, Clerk.

Monday February 9th 1857.

175

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Colby of Augusta.

Petition of the President and Directors of the Ca-
nal Bank.

Petition of the Directors of Skunkhogan Bank se-
cially for a renewal of charter came from
the Senate referred to the Committee on Banks
and Banking, Referred in concurrence.

Petition of E. S. Harlow and forty one others
citizens, tax payers and voters of Canton
for charter of Portland and Oxford Central
Railroads.

Petition of William and James Frye of North
Haven for corporation to build a bridge
across Pulpit Harbour with Bill, accom-
panying same. These papers came from
the Senate referred to the Committee on
Railroads, Ways and Bridges, Referred
in concurrence.

Petition of Sylvester J. Roberts for privilege to
maintain a weir near Bobear Island, This
petition came from the Senate referred to
the Committee on Fisheries, Referred in concur-
rence.

Petition of C. R. Paul of letter D. plantation that the Land
Agent be authorized to convey to him certain lands
in letter D. R. 1, came from the Senate, referred to
the Committee on State Lands and State Roads,
Referred in concurrence.

176. Petition of citizens of Medford and vicinity
for grant in aid of erecting a bridge across
Piscataquis river in said town of Medford.

Petition of Stephen Danforth and others,

Petition of inhabitants of the town of Atkinson

Petition of inhabitants of the town of Allen

Petition of Russell Kittredge and others

Petition of inhabitants of the town of Sebce

Petition of Eleazer Jenks and others in aid
of the petition of the petitioners from Medford

These petitions were severally read and refer-
red to the Committee on State Lands and
State Roads and sent up for concurrence

Petition of William McIlvory and others for
recharter of Maritime Bank

Petition of stockholders of Maritime Bank for
an increase of capital stock

Petition of Directors of Biddeford Bank for a
renewal of charter. These petitions were
severally read and referred to the Com-
mittee on Banks and Banking and sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of Cyrus A Packard and others for
an appropriation on the State Road from
Brighton to Greenville

Petition of inhabitants of Bridgewater Plan 177.
tation praying for an appropriation to repair
the road leading through township letter B.
R. 1. in the county of Acrostook.

Petition of Leonard Bradbury and others
for an appropriation on the State Road
from Brighton to Greenville

Petition of Isaac Witham and others for
an appropriation on the road from
Greenville to the head of Chesuncook
lake. These petitions were severally
read and referred to the Committee
on State Lands and State Roads and
sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John S Baker for an increase of
salary as county attorney of Sagadahoc
On motion of Mr Duree of Calais it was
laid on the table.

Petition of Charles R Porter for an increase
of salary as Judge of Probate of Sagadahoc
Referred to the Sagadahoc Delegation and
sent up for concurrence

Petition of Campbell Bachelder and others
for an act of incorporation for manufacturing
lumber and running a Grist mill. Referred
to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent up
for concurrence.

Petition of Charles Gayford for annexa-
tion to the town of Skowhegan.

178, Petition of Joshua E Jenkins and others to be set off from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation

Petition of J. H. Hutchins and eighteen others to be set off from the town of Rumpford and annexed to Hanover. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns and sent up for concurrence

Petition of the Selectmen of Burlington in relation to the collection of non resident taxes. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence

Petition of Selectmen of South Thomaston for expenses incurred by said town in supporting a pauper in the Insane Hospital. Referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital. Sent up for concurrence

Petition of Moses S. Rollins and others for aid to Vassalborough Academy. Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Hannah Murphy of Tremont for military pension. Referred to the Committee on Military Pensions. Sent up for concurrence

Petition of William B. Lapham and others to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's pond in Woodstock. Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin B. Benson and twenty 179.
others for a charter of a Marine Railway
at Tremont, Referred to the Committee on
Mercantile Affairs and Insurance and
sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel M Higgins of Eden for
change of name, Referred to the Committee
on Change of Names.

Remonstrance of Benjamin Clifford and
others against the petition of Tallman
Lorrell and others to lay out a road from
Bath to Phippsburg across tide waters of
Minnegance creek. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Railroads Trays and Bridges
and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Kimball of Bethel presented the
claim of the treasurer of Plantations
number one and two, Range, five in Oxford
County for bounty paid on animals. Also
the claim of the treasurer of the town of
Bethel for bounty paid on animals. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Accounts and
sent up for concurrence.

Bill, Mr Steward of Newport by leave
laid on the table, a Bill entitled an
act to incorporate the Newport Mutual
Fire Insurance Company, which on his
motion was referred to the Committee on
Mercantile Affairs and Insurance and
sent up for concurrence.

180 Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on order directing them to enquire into the condition and standing of Banks recommending a change in the phraseology of said order

Report of the Committee on Education reporting legislation inexpedient on order directing enquiry into the expediency of further legislation relative to a Resolution approved April 9, 1856.

Report of same Committee reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to authorizing School Districts to take land on which to erect school houses.

Report of same Committee reporting legislation inexpedient on order relative to instruction of the higher English branches in common schools.

Report of same Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order relative to increase of taxes for the support of common schools. The above reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted therein. They were read and accepted in concurrence.

A communication was received from the the Secretary of State transmitting the returns of the several County Treasurers in this State so far as they have been received at his office to this date.

The Committee on Interior matters reported 181, a Bill extending the time for the Waldo Mills Company to build their dam across Goose River. This Bill accompanying the report came from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Report accepted, amendment adopted, and Bill as amended passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Dennett of Kittery one member was added to the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs to fill the vacancy which occurred by the withdrawal of Mr Dickey of Fort Kent. Mr Allen of Thomaston was appointed to fill said vacancy.

On motion of Mr Deering of Hampden ordered, that the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to Insurance, that all foreign companies shall be required to establish an agency in accordance with Chapter 270 of the Acts and Resolves of 1856 before making insurance upon property in this State. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Huff of Alexander ordered that the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the repair of the Baring and Houlton road across the Indian Town.

182 ship in the county of Washington. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Merrill of Harmony ordered that the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to consider whether any legislation is necessary to secure the stockholders of Bank stock who may not consent to, or petition for a renewal of their charter, the right to withdraw their stock from such banks as may obtain such renewal, together with their full proportions of profits (if any) that may have accrued thereon, and report by bill or otherwise. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Chandler of Chesterville ordered that the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be requested to enquire into the expediency of so amending the twenty fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes, as to provide that the money raised in accordance with the seventy fifth section thereof, to repair ways and bridges may be expended by Highway Surveyors, whose duty it shall be to give every person in their respective districts an opportunity to furnish labor upon the road to the amount of his tax. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

The order offered by Mr Stone of Brewer on the twenty fourth day of January in relation to printing three hundred and fifty copies of the General Banking law

of New York, and which was on that day 183.
laid on the table, was on motion of Mr Sol
man of Rockland taken from the table and
passed.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary
on Bill, entitled an act to make valid
the doings of school district No one in
Madamaska Plantation, came from the
Senate with the report accepted, and
the Bill passed to be engrossed. Report
accepted Bill read three times and
passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Resolve for the payment of certain per
sons in attendance upon the Board of
Agriculture, as reported by the Com-
mittee on Agriculture, was read once
and assigned for a second reading on
Wednesday February eighteenth,

On motion of Mr Sampson of Manchester
ordered that when this House adjourns
it adjourn to meet at ten o'clock A
M. until otherwise ordered, except
Mondays, when it meet at eleven o
clock Read and passed

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox
Clerk

184. Tuesday February 10.th 1857.

Prayer by
the Rev^d Mr Dexter of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate.
Petition of the President Directors and Company
of Menduskeag Bank at Bangor for a re-
newal of charter. This petition came from
the Senate having been referred to the Com-
mittee on Banks and Banking, Referred
in concurrence

Bill, An act repealing chapter two hundred
and seventy nine of the laws of Maine
approved April 10, 1856, came from the
Senate referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary, Referred in concurrence.

Bill, An act to amend the one hundred
and nineteenth chapter of the Revised
Statutes relating to trustee process, This
Bill came from the Senate referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary, Referred in
concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary
reporting legislation inexpedient in order
directing them to enquire into the expedi-
ency of repealing section two, of chapter
one hundred and twenty three of the
laws of 1844. This report was received
from the Senate, having been read and
accepted, therein, Read and accepted
in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Sampson of Manchester, the, 185
twenty fourth Rule of the House was sus-
pended, the vote accepting the report of
the Committee on Division of Towns on the
petition of the Selectmen of Manchester was
reconsidered, said report was amended
by striking out the word "seventh" therein
and inserting in lieu thereof the word "eighth"
and the report, thus amended was accep-
ted and sent to the Senate for concurrence

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported
a Bill, an act to incorporate the town
of Islandport, as truly and strictly en-
grossed. This Bill was passed to be enac-
ted, signed by the Speaker and sent to
the Senate.

Petition of Cobboseecontee Bank for an ex-
tension of charter.

Petition of D Bugbee and others for a char-
ter for a Bank.

Petition of the Auburn Bank at Auburn
for a renewal of charter

Petition of H. H. Boody and others for a
charter for a Bank

Petition of Gardiner Bank at Gardiner
for a renewal of charter

Petition of City Bank, Bangor for renewal
of charter,

186. The foregoing petitions were severally received and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Larabee and others for extension of time to cut timber from the State land.

Petition of J A Cushing and others for a road from Nickatow to Patten. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Isaac S Hall and others of School district Number two, in South Thomaston praying that School district Number two may be set off from said town and annexed to Thomaston.

Petition of Milton Robbins and others of South Thomaston in favor of same. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee in Division of Towns and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for change of name. Read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Despacion Wardwell and fifty eight others asking for an additional act for the preservation of Moose and Deer.

Petition of E. Holmes and one hundred and two 187.
others, for a law to prevent the poisoning of
forses. These petitions were severally read and
referred to the Committee on Agriculture
Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Peter M. Folsom for compensation for
damages sustained while in the service
of the State. Referred to the Committee on
Military Pensions, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles St Germaine and others
officers and members of the Aurora Lodge
for an act of incorporation. Referred to
the Committee on Manufactures and sent
up for concurrence

The Committee on the Judiciary to which
was referred an order directing said Com-
mittee to inquire if any, and what alter-
ations of law regulating attachments of
real estate and other immoveable prop-
erty, reported a Bill an act entitled an
act in relation to the attachments of real
estate and immoveable personal property
The report was accepted and the bill
having had three several readings was
passed to be engrossed and sent up for
concurrence.

Report of same Committee on petition of the Ban-
ger House Proprietary with a Bill, came
from the Senate, with the report accepted and
the bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted
Bill read three times and passed to be engross-
ed in concurrence.

188. Mr Drummond of Waterville by leave laid on the table a Bill entitled "an act respecting Judicial Proceedings, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Burleigh of Lincoln by leave laid on the table a Bill entitled "an act respecting the redemption of land sold for taxes. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence,

The same gentleman by leave laid upon the table a Resolve authorizing the payment of school money to Hancock Plantation in the County of Knox. Referred to the Committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence,

On motion of Mr Dusen of Calais ordered that the Secretary of State be requested to communicate to this House the action of the Governor and Council under the Resolve in favor of Abiel Mc Allister approved April 2, 1856 together with a copy of the vouchers furnished by said Mc Allister in support of his claim recognized in said Resolve. Read and passed

On motion of Mr Merrill of Harming ordered that the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the common school fund of the State and report by bill or otherwise Read and passed and sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Buxton of Warren Ordered 189.
that the Committee on the Judiciary be in-
structed to enquire into the expediency of am-
ending Chapter 135 Section 35 of the Revi-
sed Statutes, so as more clearly to define
the extent of lien claims. Read and passed
and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Church of Levant Ordered
that the papers relating to the claim of
Arthur D Grant for pension, be taken
from the files in the Secretary of State's
Office, and placed before the Committee
on Military Pensions. Read and passed
and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Parlin of Wintthrop ordered
that the Committee on the Judiciary be
requested to inquire into the propriety of
enacting a law specifying those articles
embraced in the term "appurtenances" as
used in deeds conveying real estate. Read
and passed and sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Dixon of Calais ordered
that all petitions for increase of
salary of State or County Officers whose
salaries are paid by the State be referred
to a joint special Committee consisting
of one from each county with such as the
Senate may join, and all petitions on
that subject be referred to this commit-
tee. Read and passed and sent up
for concurrence

190. On motion of Mr Adams of Springfield ordered that the petitions for aid to the Limerick Academy referred to the Legislature of 1855 be taken from the files in the office of the Secretary of State and that the same be referred to the Committee on Education, Read and passed and sent up for concurrence,

On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville. Ordered, that when this House adjourns, it be to meet at eleven o'clock in the forenoon until otherwise ordered.
Read and passed.

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

Wednesday February 11, 1857.

191.

Prayer by
the Rev^d Mr Bean of Augusta.

On motion of Mr Rice of Monson ordered that the petition of the County Commissioners of Piscataquis County be taken from the files of 1856 and referred to the joint standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Theophilus Cushing and others for leave to purchase east half of number two, Range five, Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroad Maps and Bridges on petition of William Frye and others ordering notice was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Barnabas Webb and others of Thomaston against the petition of the inhabitants of school districts No 1 and two, of South Thomaston praying to be set off from said town and annexed to Thomaston, Read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Burleigh of Linneus ordered that the joint standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land

192 Agent to open and make passable the State road from Portage Lake to Fort Kent in the County of Aroostook, and to make such alterations in the location of said road as he may deem necessary, Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Duren of Calais ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire, whether any further legislation is necessary to protect bona fide creditors and stockholders of corporations and to report by bill or otherwise. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Hammatt of Portland ordered that the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the Resolve, "entitled a Resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office" approved March 22^d 1856, so that the mortgages of any part owner, may be better protected in case said part owner fails to comply with the provisions of said Resolve to save his land from forfeiture. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

The following named gentlemen were appointed on the part of the House on the Joint Special Committee on petitions for increase of salary of State or County officers. Messrs. Duren of Calais, Richard son of Tremont, Burleigh of Lincoln, Stinchfield of Lincoln, Hinds of Dover,

Chandler of Chesterville, Mase of Paris 193.
Marshall of Belfast, Baker of Wiscasset
Bicknell of Augusta, Jewell of Phipps-
burg, Holt of Turner, Adams of Kenfield
Hambden of Portland and Burn Jellison,

Petition of John M. Hayes and others in re-
gard to the publication of unpaid non-
resident taxes

Petition of First school district in Bucks-
port for leave to raise money in aid of
the bequest of J R Folsom

Petition of A Billington and others for
alteration of law, in advertizing unpaid
non resident taxes.

Petition of J. S. Osgood and others for same pur-
pose. These petitions were severally read
and referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the inhabitants of Nobleborough and
the adjoining towns for an alteration in
the law in regard to mill dams where there
are different owners on each side of the stream

Petition of H A Wood and others for exten-
sion of charter of Bangor and Brewer
Steam Ferry Company.

These petitions were severally read and
referred to the Committee on Interior
Affairs, and sent up for concurrence

194 Petition of William Jackman and forty one others for an appropriation for road from Nicasau to Patten. Read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads and sent up for concurrence

Petition of Charles O Record Keeper of the State Arsenal at Bangor for an appropriation to repair the same. Read and referred to the Committee on the Militia Sent up for concurrence

Petition of L M Howes of Rockland. That Rockland may be made a half shire town of the County of Lincoln. Read and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence

Petition of Charles E Ranlet and others of the town of Thomaston praying for the privilege of extending a wharf beyond tide waters in George's river. Read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Stone of Brewer laid on the table a Resolve for promulgating the annual general laws of the State. Referred to the Committee on Public Printing. Sent up for concurrence

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Samuel Trott

and others with a Bill accompanying. En 195.
titled an act to amend the thirty first sec-
tion of the twenty fifth chapter of the Re-
vised statutes relating to the payment of
damages caused by the laying out of pri-
vate ways. This Bill having had three sev-
eral readings was passed to be engrossed
and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the same Committee on order in
relation to property of deceased married
women reporting a Bill entitled an act
relating to the property of deceased mar-
ried women. This Bill was twice read
and on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta
was laid on the table and three hundred
and fifty copies ordered to be print-
ed. for the use of the Legislature.

Petition of Thomas A White and others for
a Bank.

Petition of Directors of the Bank of Hallow-
ell for renewal of charter. These petitions
came from the Senate referred to the Com-
mittee on Banks and Banking. They were
referred in concurrence.

Petition of William Bearce and others for
a law allowing owners of water power
on one side of streams to build dams
across the same. This petition came
from the Senate referred to the Com-
mittee on Interior Waters. Referred
in concurrence.

196, Petition of Johnson Riceout and others
for a Marine Insurance Company at Bath
This petition was received from the Sen-
ate referred to the Committee on Mercan-
tile Affairs and Insurance, Referred
in concurrence.

Petition of Paul Peavey asking to be re-im-
bursed for losses in building a bridge
in number six, range five, This petition
came from the Senate referred to the
Committee on State Lands and State
Roads, Referred in concurrence.

Order, relative to an appropriation
for Presque Isle road.

Order relative to the expediency of al-
tering chapter sixty seven of the Revised
Statutes, These orders came from the
Senate having been read and passed
therein, Read and passed in concurrence

Report of the Joint Select Committee to
which was recommended their report on
the "Treasurer's Report" was received from
the Senate having been read and ac-
cepted therein, Read and accepted
in concurrence.

Bill, Entitled an act to repeal an act
imposing a duty of twenty dollars up-
on Inspectors General before receiving
their commissions came from the Sen

ate passed to be engrossed. This Bill 197
was read twice and tomorrow assigned
for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary
to which was referred a Bill entitled
an act to amend chapter one hundred
and forty nine of the Revised Stat-
utes, reporting the Bill, and that it
ought to pass. This report came from the
Senate, with the Bill referred to the joint
select Committee, on Revision of the Stat-
utes. On motion of Mr Johnson of Au-
gusta the Bill was laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of the town of Averbury
came from the Senate, passed to be en-
grossed - and having had two several
readings was passed to be engrossed in
concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Charles S. Crosby and
another, came from the Senate, passed
to be engrossed, and having had two
several readings was passed to be en-
grossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on so
much of the Governor's address as relates to the ju-
diary, also on a Bill entitled an act to repeal
an act relating to the Supreme Judicial Court ap-
proved April 9, 1856. came from the Senate with the
report accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed.
Report accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice &
pending, a motion to suspend the rules to give the bill a
third reading the House adjourned. Attest G. W. Milcox Clerk,

198 Thursday February 12th 1857.

Prayer by
the Rev^d Mr Dexter of Augusta,

Petition of inhabitants of the town of Industry
for reannexation of part of New Sharon,
Read and referred to the Committee on
Division of Towns, Sent up for concurrence

Bill, entitled an act to extend the time for
the Maddo Mills Company to build their dam
across Goose River. This Bill was reported
by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as
truly and strictly engrossed and the
same having had three several readings
was passed to be enacted, signed by the
Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Resolve for the allowance of money paid
to the State, This resolve was reported by
the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly
and strictly engrossed, and having had
two several readings, was finally passed
signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate

The Secretary of State laid on the Speaker's
table a communication, transmitting
a copy of the report of Council, together
with a copy of the vouchers furnished
by Abiel Mc Allister in support of his
claim against the State recognised in a
Resolve approved April 2^d 1856,

Petition of A. J. Donnell and others to be set off
together with their property from the town
of Secussum and annexed to Belmont

Petition of Josiah A Judkins to have his build- 199.
ings set off from the town of Roxbury and an-
nexed to the town of Mexico. These petitions
were severally read and referred to the
Committee on Division of Towns and sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of Freeman Kingsbury and others for
a law authorizing the destruction of dogs
This petition was referred to the Committee
on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence

Petition of D. L. Milliken and others for a
Manufacturing Corporation. Read and
referred to the Committee on Manufactures
and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Irish of Union for al-
teration of the law regulating the sale
of liquor. Read and referred to the Com-
mittee, having the subject of a prohibitory
liquor law under consideration. Sent
up for concurrence

Petition of Asa Davis and others in aid of
the petition of the citizens of Medford
Read and referred to the Committee on
State Lands and State Roads and sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of William J Thomas and twelve
others in reference to unpaid taxes of
non residents. Referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary and sent up for
concurrence

200 Petition of the President Directors and Company of the York and Cumberland Railroad Company for amendment of charter and other purposes, with a Bill. This petition was read and with the Bill, referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John G. Hayes and twenty one others merchants of Portland for an Insolvent law, Read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, Sent up for concurrence

Petition of Smith Gram for a military pension, Referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, Sent up for concurrence

Petition of George E. Burr and twenty five others for a law for the preservation of pickered in North pond and tributaries Referred to the Committee on Fisheries Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Abel Hovey and others in relation to the publication of unpaid taxes of non residents

Petition of Mark Shepherd and others for same

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucks, rest 201.
Ordered, that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of amending the law relating to manufacturing corporations so that the stockholders therein shall not be personally liable for any contract of such corporation entered into after the adoption of such amendment and also that the stock and fixtures of such corporations shall be exempt from taxation for a limited time
Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Talbot of Lubec ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the Constitution relating to the right of suffrage that any legal voter changing his residence from one city or town, within this state to any other city or town under the same jurisdiction and not otherwise disqualified excepting three months residence shall have a right to vote for all national and State officers. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta Ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire whether further legislation is necessary in relation to mortgages, coupled with a power to sell on breach of same. Also in relation to the sale of timber on lands reserved for public uses. Sent up for concurrence

202 On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta ordered that the messenger of this House be directed to reserve one hundred and fifty five copies of the Rules and orders of the House of Representatives, for the use of the House of Representatives of 1858.

On motion of Mr Fletcher of China, ordered, that when any public act is approved by the Governor, the Secretary of State shall forthwith furnish a copy to the Chairman of the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes and said Committee are directed to incorporate the same into the revision in their appropriate place. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Robinson of Sumner ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of making valid the claims of County Commissioners in the assessments of money upon unincorporated townships and tracts of land for the repair of roads therein, and to make valid the sales by, county Treasurers of such townships, and tracts sold to pay the assessments made thereon, if the purchase money is not refunded to the purchaser within four years from the date of the sales of the treasurer and report by bill or otherwise. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Danforth of Gardiner by leave laid 203.
upon the table a Bill, entitled an act
to provide for proof of deeds in certain
cases and the same was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for
concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Maps
and Bridges, ordering notice on peti-
tion of Samuel Beazie and others, was
accepted, Sent up for concurrence,

Report of same Committee, reporting a
Bill, entitled an act additional to an
act, entitled an act to authorize the
consolidation of certain Railroad cor-
porations and that the Bill ought to
pass. The report was accepted, the Bill
read once and on motion of Mr John
son of Augusta it was laid on the ta-
ble and three hundred and fifty
copies ordered to be printed for the
use of the Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns
on the petition of Thomas J Haines and oth-
ers granting leave to withdraw, On motion
of Mr Drummond of Waterville it was order-
ed to be laid upon the table,

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
and Insurance on order relative to French Spo-
liation claims. Reporting that said order ought
not to pass, came from the Senate, the report hav-
ing been read and accepted. Accepted in concurrence

204. Report of the Committee on Education, on the petition of Johnson Neal and others, reporting that said petition ought to be referred to the Joint Select Committee on Plantation Laws.

Report of the same Committee on order in relation to furnishing poor children with school books. These reports having been read and accepted in the Senate, were accepted in concurrence.

Petition of William M Brooks and another for recharter of Frontier Bank at Eastport

Petition of Mariners Bank for recharter. These petitions came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Trustees of Lebanon Academy for aid.

Petition of Noah Lord and others in aid of same. These petitions came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education. Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Reed and ninety two others from the County of Lincoln praying that Waldoborough may be made the shire town of said County, came from the Senate having been referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Trustees of Insane Hospital asking legislation relative to a certain note.

This petition came from the Senate, referred to 205.
the Committee on Insane Hospital, Referred in
concurrence.

Petition of William Morse and others in aid
of the petition of Tallman Lorrell and others
came from the Senate referred to the Committee
on Railroads Ways and Bridges, Referred
in concurrence.

Petition of Judge of Probate for Oxford County
for increase of salary, This petition came
from the Senate referred to the Delegation from
Oxford County, Referred in concurrence

Petition of the treasurer of the town of Cutler
for correction of a mistake in assessing the
State tax on said town for the year 1856.

Petition of Thomas Moore and others of Prescott
for abatement of State tax These petitions
were severally read and referred to the Com-
mittee on Finance

Petition of P. D. Perry and twenty one others in
reference to unpaid non resident taxes, Read
and referred to the Committee on the Judici-
ary and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Isaac B. Brastow to be set off from
the town of Burlington and annexed to Brewer
was read and referred to the Committee
on Division of Towns, and sent up for con-
currence

206 Petition of inhabitants of incorporated towns
in the County of Aroostook, praying for the
passage of a law to promote the incorpo-
ration of towns in new settlements. Read
and referred to the Joint Select Committee
on Plantation Affairs, sent up for concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the
question at the time of adjournment yester-
day. Mr Gilbert withdrew the motion for a
suspension of the Rules, and on motion of
Mr Fox of Portland, the House assigned five
minutes before one o'clock, today for the
third reading of the Bill. The Committee
on Bills in the Third Reading, reported the Bill
without amendment, and at the time as-
signed, the Bill was read the third time
and pending the question of its passage
to be engrossed The House

Adjourned

Attest

George N. Wilcox
Clerk,

Friday February 13th 1857.

207.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Young of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns
on petition of inhabitants of Industry, ordering
notice. Read and accepted, and sent up for
concurrence. .

On motion of Mr Hammatt of Howland Ordered
that the communication of the Governor in rela-
tion to the claims of this State under the Treaty
of Washington, be referred to a joint select Com-
mittee, and that said Committee be directed
to enquire and report what further legisla-
tion may be needful to obtain the early ad-
justment of all the treaty claims and to
secure the legal and equitable rights of
the French settlers in the St John River. Read
and passed, and sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Duran of Calais ordered
that the Secretary of State be requested to
lay before the House, the report of the
Superintendent of common schools for the
year 1856. Read and passed.

On motion of Mr Mord of Oldtown. Ordered
that the claim of the County of Penobscot
for the support of Insane and indigent
Indians be taken from the Committee on
Accounts and referred to the Committee
on Claims. Read and passed and sent
up for concurrence

208 On motion of Mr Dunn of number Eleven Ordered, that all remonstrances against the incorporation of plantations in the County of Acrostock be taken from the files of last year's Legislature, and be referred to the Joint Special Committee who have the subject of the incorporation of plantations under consideration. Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Adams of Newfield. Ordered that the petition for aid to Parsonsfield Seminary referred to the last Legislature, be taken from the files, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Education. Read and passed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Day of Waldoborough Ordered that the Agricultural Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending chapter "Seventy two" of the Revised Statutes so that a standard weight may be established for corn, rye and wheat. Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Reuel Washburn. Judge of Probate for Androscoggin County for increase of salary. Read and referred to the Delegation of Androscoggin County and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Register of Probate for Androscoggin County for increase of salary. Referred to the Androscoggin Delegation and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John S Baker for increase of salary 209.
as County Attorney of Sagadahoc County, was
on motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath taken from
the table and referred to the Joint select Com-
mittee having the subject of salaries of state
and county officers under consideration, sent
up for concurrence.

Bill, an act additional to an act to incorpo-
rate the Wanger House Proprietary

Bill, an act to make valid the doings of
school district number one, in Madamaska
Plantation in the County of Moosehook

Bill, an act in relation to the attachment
of Real Estate and immoveable personal
property,

The above Bills were reported by
the Committee in Engrossed Bills, as truly and
strictly engrossed and they were severally
passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker,
and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the town of Newburg -

Resolve in favor of Charles S Crosby and Arvida Hayford
were severally finally passed, signed
by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Remonstrance of Tristram Hill and two
hundred and twenty five others, legal
voters in the town of Green, against the
petition of Isaac N Davis and others. Read
and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns
and sent up for concurrence.

210. Petition of William F Penniman and others for an act additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Machias river,

Petition of William B. Hayford and others for a charter to build a boom across the east branch of Penobscot River, These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles W and Rebecca Curtis for divorce, Referred to a joint select Committee

Petition of Abner Lowell and Seventy six others of Portland for an Insolvent Law,

Petition of J A Winslow and twenty six others of Portland for same.

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance and sent up for concurrence,

Petition of Joshua Drumm and one hundred and seventy five others of Portland for the charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad. Read and referred to the Committee on Railroads Ways and Bridges, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Lumberman's Bank for increase of capital, Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, Sent up for concurrence

claim of J. G. Hunt treasurer of the town of Albany 211.
for bounty paid for killing a bear. Referred to the
Committee on Accounts, sent up for concurrence

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on
the subject of witness' and juror's fees, on motion
of Mr Foster of East Machias it was laid on
the table.

Petition of Franklin Adams for an extension
of time to cut timber on state land, Referred
to the Committee on State Lands and State
Roads. Sent up for concurrence

Bill. Mr Benson of Topsham by leave laid
upon the table a Bill, entitled an act to
secure the safety of the public travel at
Serrall's crossing in the city of Bath, Referred
to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and
Bridges. Sent up for concurrence,

Bill Mr Grosby of Dexter by leave laid on
the table a bill entitled an act to amend
chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes.
Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary
and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, An act additional in relation to
Banks and Banking, This Bill was read
twice and Monday next assigned for its
third reading.

Reports of the Committee on Education reporting
legislation inexpedient in order to amend
chapter Eighty nine. Section six. of laws

212. of 1854. Also reporting legislation inexpedient on order in relation to increasing school fund
Also reporting legislation inexpedient on Bill entitled an act for the education of youth

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relating to the word "appurtenances" reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of the same Committee concerning Gas-meter Inspector asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on Manufactures were severally read and accepted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Report of same Committee to which was referred a Bill entitled an act relating to the city of Calais reporting the same with a new title and in a new draft and entitled an act enlarging the powers of constables in the city of Calais was read and accepted, and the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads Ways and Bridges on petition of Mr. M. Rogers and others, ordering notice, came from the Senate recommitted, and was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads Ways and Bridges, on petition of Mr. M. Rogers

and others, ordering notice, came from the Sen 213
all having been read and accepted, Read
and accepted in concurrence.

Report of same Committee ordering notice on
petition of William and James Frye.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters
granting leave to withdraw on the petition
of Hiram Percy & to navigate the Passa-
dumkeag Stream with Steamboats

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Maps and
Bridges ordering notice on petition of Moses
Gould and others, for a Railroad around
Munjoy Hill in Portland

Report of the Committee on Accounts on petition of
T. H. Fassett for compensation for design and pat-
tern for the Ring monument recommending a ref-
erence of said petition to the Committee on Claims
These reports were received from the Senate
having severally been read and accepted
and they were severally read and accepted
in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
and Insurance reporting a Bill entitled an act
to incorporate the St Croix Insurance Company
came from the Senate read and accepted and
the Bill passed to be engrossed, Report accept-
ed in concurrence, Bill read twice and
Monday next assigned for its third reading

214 Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company, This Bill came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Referred in concurrence,

Bill. An act for the repeal of all acts and parts of acts imposing a duty of twenty dollars upon Inspectors General before the issuing of a commission, This Bill came from the Senate having been passed to be engrossed and having had three several readings in the House, it was passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Order instructing the Agricultural Committee to enquire into the expediency of appointing a Commissioner, This order came from the Senate having been read and passed Read and passed in concurrence,

Petition of G. W. Smith and another asking for relief

Petition of Daniel Cummings and fifty nine others asking an appropriation to build a bridge over the Mattaramkeag River in Bancroft plantation, These petitions came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, Referred in concurrence,

Remonstrance of inhabitants of Boothbay against the petition of C. McKown and others for a bridge

Remonstrance of Willard Lewis against bridge from Southport to Boothbay, These remonstrances,

came from the Senate referred to the Committee 215
on Railroads, Docks and Bridges. Referred in
concurrence.

Petition of Ebenezer C Staples and seven others
to be incorporated into a company to con-
struct a canal came from the Senate re-
ferred to the Committee on Interior Affairs. Re-
ferred in concurrence

Petition of Silas Coburn Jr for an allowance
of labor on road in payment for a lot of
land. This petition came from the Senate re-
ferred to the Committee on State Lands and
State Roads, and was referred in concurrence

Resolve in relation to bounties to Fishermen
having had two several readings was passed
to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of
the Bill reported by the Judiciary Commit-
tee in relation to the Supreme Judicial
Court and pending a motion to lay the
Bill on the table the House

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox
Clerk.

216 Saturday February 14th 1854.

Prayer by
the Rev^d Mr Dillingham of Augusta,

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns
on the petition of R S Mose and others
ordering notice

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary
on Bill entitled an act to make valid
the doings of the County Commissioners of
the several Counties in this State. Reporting
that the Bill ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns
granting leave to withdraw on petition of
James Bryant and others,

Report of same Committee, ordering notice
on petition of F H. Hutchins and others,

Report of the Committee on Military Pen-
sions granting leave to withdraw on peti-
tion of John Carlton 2^d for increase of pension

Report of the Committee on Division of Coun-
ties, ordering notice on petition of Isaac
Reed and others to make Waldoborough
the shire town of Lincoln County.

Report of the Committee on Banks and
Banking on an order directing them to
enquire into the Expediency of chartering
Banks with a capital, less than one hundred
thousand dollars reporting legislation inexpedient

Report of same Committee on an order directing them to enquire into the expediency of chartering Banks, with a capital of more than Seventy five thousand dollars, reporting legislation inexpedient

Report of the Judiciary Committee on an order in relation to altering Chapter thirty of the Revised Statutes reporting legislation inexpedient. These reports came from the Senate having been severally read and accepted and they were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on petition of H J Libbey and others granting said petitioners leave to bring in a Bill. This report came from the Senate with the report read and accepted. Read and accepted in concurrence. Bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Petition of the First Baptist Society in Bath for change of name

Petition of Josiah Emery for pay for personal services. These petitions came from the Senate having been severally referred, and they were severally referred in concurrence.

Bill, An act concerning passenger carriers came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Referred in concurrence

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray the House reconsidered the vote referring the petition of

218 Charles W and Rebecca Curtis for divorce
to a joint Select Committee and on mo-
tion of Mr Talbot of Lubec it was referred
to the Committee on Interior Waters

Bill, Mr Brown of Milford by leave laid upon
the table a Bill entitled an act regulat-
ing the sale and redemption of lands taxed
to non resident owners and of other lands
sold for taxes, Referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary, Sent up for concurrence

Bill, an act in relation to Directors of Corpo-
rations, was laid on the table by Mr Tal-
bot of Lubec. Referred to the Committee on
the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Gammon of Phillips by leave laid upon
the table a Bill entitled an act to incor-
porate The Independent Ministers relief As-
sociation. Referred to the Committee on
Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, Sent
up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the West An-
droscooggin Agricultural and Horticultu-
ral Society. Laid on the table by Mr Saw-
yer of Minot and referred to the Com-
mittee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence

Bill, Mr Talbot of Lubec laid upon the ta-
ble a Bill entitled an act to incorporate
the Trustees of the St Luce and Madonnas
Ha High school. Referred to the Committee
on Education, Sent up for concurrence

Petition of Paul S. Merrill and others for an ^{219.} appropriation in the road from Greenfield to the head of Chesuncook Lake. Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Stinchfield Jr and others of the city of Rockland, that the costs incurred in securing themselves against loss on account of Shipbuilders Bank, bills, be made preferred claims by law.

Petition of President, Directors and Company of ~~Ellsworth Bank~~ ^{Ellsworth Bank} for abatement of tax. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ebenezer Brown and others, inhabitants of Orland for the preservation of fish in Eastern river. Referred to the Committee on Fisheries, sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Robert Woothouse and others for an alteration of law in relation to Probate Courts, Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Jeremiah Merrill and others of Westbrook and Falmouth against the petition of William Bucknam and others. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of the town of Gilsum

220, for bounty. Referred to the Committee on Accounts, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to make valid the doings of school district Number five, in the town of Otisfield, was in motion of Mr Vinton of Gray taken from the table, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Finance, reporting a Bill to provide in part for the expenditures of Government. Report read and accepted, and in motion of Mr Duran of Calais, the Bill was laid on the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

On motion of Mr Hersey of Bangor Ordered that the Joint Standing Committee on Militia be directed to ascertain what repairs are necessary to be made on the State Arsenal at Bangor, in order to preserve the public property deposited therein, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray, Ordered that the papers in relation to the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Railroads Ways and Bridges. Read and passed and Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Milliken of Camden ordered, that the Committee on the Militia be

instructed to enquire into the expediency of 221.
passing a law making it the duty of Selectmen
of towns where military companies exist to col-
lect and secure for the State the arms and
equipments of such companies when they shall
be disbanded, Read and passed and sent
up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Ingalls of Bridgton ordered
that the Committee on Finance be instructed
to enquire into the expediency of laying a
State tax of two hundred thousand dollars
for the present year, Read and passed.

On motion of Mr Burr of Mercer, ordered
that the Committee on Banks and Banking
be directed to consider whether any legisla-
tion is necessary in relation to deposit made
at Suffolk Bank, by the Banks in this
State, and the redemption of their bills in
Boston and report by bill or otherwise, Read
and passed and sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced the following gentle-
men as the Committee on the part of the
House on order, in relation to the communica-
tion of the Governor on the claims of Maine
on the General Government under the Treaty
of Washington, Hamson of Houlton, Little-
field of Alfred, Buxton of Warren, Fox of
Portland, Foster of East Machias, Danforth
of Gardiner and Hickborn of Prospect

On motion of Mr Huff of Alexander ordered
that the petitions of the inhabitants of Maine

222 and Tatmaje plantations in the County of Washington asking for an act of incorporation, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the Bill in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court. Mr Talbot of Lubec withdrew the motion made by him to lay the Bill on the table, and the question recurred upon the passage of the bill to be engrossed, and,

On motion of Mr Stickborn of Prospect ordered that Wednesday next at twelve o'clock, be assigned as the time for taking the vote on its passage to be engrossed on the Bill entitled "An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court.

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Milcup
Clerk.

Monday February 16th 1857.

223.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Ware of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings on
order relating to new arrangement of seats in
the Representatives Hall reporting legislation
inexpedient came from the Senate having been
read and accepted. Read and accepted
in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in
the office of the Secretary of State in the year
of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty five
came from the Senate passed to be engrossed
Read once and Wednesday February 20th
assigned for its second reading.

Resolve to abate a portion of the State tax of
the town of Strong and to add the same to
the State tax of the town of New Vineyard
came from the Senate passed to be engrossed.
Read once, and tomorrow assigned for its sec
ond reading.

Resolve in favor of Silas S. Low, came from
the Senate passed to be engrossed. Read once
and February 20th assigned for its second reading

Bill, an act relating to the Municipal
Court of the City of Biddeford, came from
the Senate passed to be engrossed. The Bill
was read twice and tomorrow assigned for
its third reading.

224. Messrs Chapman of Lincoln Hervey of Pe-
notscot and Connor of Somerset were joined
by the Senate to the Committee on claims aris-
ing under the treaty of Washington.

Bill. An act to incorporate the Royal River
Manufacturing Company. This Bill came from
the Senate amended as per sheet A, and
passed to be engrossed. The Senate amendment
was adopted, and the Bill having had three
several readings was passed to be engrossed in
concurrence.

Bill. an act enlarging the powers of Constab-
les in the city of Calcutta, having had three
several readings was passed to be engrossed
and sent up for concurrence.

Bill. An act in relation to the connection
of Railroads. was laid on the table by Mr
Gowen of Elliot and referred to the Committee
on Railroads Ways and Bridges. Sent up
for concurrence.

Bill. an act giving to towns a lien on vessels
for taxes, was laid on the table by Mr De-
ren of Calcutta and referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence

Bill an act additional in relation to Banks
and Banking, was read a third time. Mr
Stone of Brewer offered an amendment to
the Bill and on his motion the Bill and
amendment were laid upon the table and
three hundred and fifty copies of the Bill

and amendment, ordered to be printed for 225
the use of the Legislature,

Bill, an act additional to an act entitled
"An act to authorize the consolidation of certain
Railroad Corporations, was on motion of Mr
Drummond of Waterville taken from the
table and Thursday next at eleven o'clock
assigned for its third reading.

On motion of Mr Stickborn of Prospect the House
reconsidered its vote referring the petition of
Charles W and Rebecca Curtis to the Committee
on Interior Matters and on motion of Mr Col-
ton of Bowdoin, it was referred to the Commi-
tee on the Judiciary, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Oliver Eveleth and J. H. Eveleth for a
grant of the lower Cancongomac Falls with
eight hundred acres of land for the purpose
of aiding them in building a saw mill and
Grist mill on said falls.

Petition of Ansel Smith and others in aid of same

Petition of Enoch Ford and others for an ap-
propriation for building and repairing the
road from Greenville to the head of Chesuncook lake

Petition of H. T. Hildreth and others for same

Petition of William Jameson for an extension
of time to cut timber from the State lands
These petitions were referred to the Committee on
State Lands and State Roads, Sent up for concurrence

226 Petition of William Doughty and twenty others in aid of a petition of Ezra Tobie and others for a Bank. Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence

Petition of T. L. Stanton and twenty two others of North Monmouth for the prevention of the destruction of foxes by poison. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and sent up for concurrence

Petition of Belinda D. Clark for change of name

Petition of John Huisted and wife for change of name
Referred to the Committee on Change of Names

Mr Dunning of Charleston presented the claim of the treasurer of the town of Alton for bounty on bears.

Mr Duran of Calais presented the claim of James Nichols for services as sheriff of Washington County. These claims were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts and sent up for concurrence

Bill. an act to amend the thirty first section of the twenty fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways
This Bill was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

Resolve in relation to bounty on codfisheries Re. 227.
ported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly
and strictly engrossed, was finally passed
signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

On motion of Mr. Caine of York ordered that
the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to
enquire what further legislation, if any, is
necessary to prevent misapplication of moneys
raised by towns for the support of schools
Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Brown of Kennebunkport
ordered, that the Committee on Militia be
directed to enquire into the expediency of
repealing chapter 196 of the public laws of
1856. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Deering of Hampden or-
dered, that the Committee on the Judiciary
be directed to enquire what further legisla-
tion is necessary in relation to the sale of
unwholesome meats. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Town of Elliot ordered that the
Committee on the Judiciary be directed to
enquire into the expediency of so amending
the Revised statutes, Chapter, eighteen, section
ten, that after the words "incidental charges"
in the tenth line it may read, "and if any owner
of such pews or seats shall refuse to accept such
moneys if any or consent to such sale, such owner
shall not commence any action within thirty
days after the time of said sale, nor after the
expiration of one year. Sent up for concurrence.

228. On motion of Mr Huff of Alexander ordered that a Bill entitled an act for the incorporation of the Town of Waite in the county of Washington with the accompanying papers, if there are any be taken from the files and laid before the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Given of Elliot ordered that the Committee on State Library be directed to enquire into the expediency of republishing the Geological reports of the State and report as soon as practicable. Sent up for concurrence

The House resumed the consideration of the Bill in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court the question being upon the passage of the Bill to be engrossed, Mr Adams of Newfield moved, that the Bill lie on the table and three hundred and fifty copies be printed for the use of the Legislature. Mr Talbot of Lubec moved an amendment, that all acts proposed to be repealed by the Bill, and all laws and acts to be enacted be printed with the Bill, The House refused to adopt the amendment and ordered the bill to lie on the table and three hundred and fifty copies of the same to be printed for the use of the Legislature

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Milcox

Clerk.

Tuesday February 17th 1857.

229.

Prayer by the Rev.
Mr. Armitage of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions on
petition of Spencer G. Bowes for pension. reporting,
a Resolve in favor of said Bowes, came from the
Senate having been read and accepted, Read
and accepted in concurrence, Resolve read
once and February 25th assigned for its second reading.

Petition of William E. Evans and others praying for
legislation in regard to justices of the peace

Petition of Ammi R. Mitchell and others of Freeport
for an alteration of the law relating to the foreclosure
of mortgages

Petition of the Selectmen of the town of Oldtown ask-
ing for the enactment of a law making the col-
lection of non resident taxes more sure and certain

Petition of Lewis Libbey and others praying that the
unpaid taxes of non residents may be published
in the local papers

Petition of George L. Cox and twenty eight others of
Amherst for amendment to section two, of chapter
123 of public laws of 1844

Petition of Francis Burrington and others praying
for a change of the law relating to the settlement
of paupers. These petitions were severally
read and referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary and sent up for concurrence,

230. Petition of John C Stockbridge and forty two others for a change in the law relative to the inspection of hops.

Petition of Henry Abbott Jr and others for same

Petition of Levi Hayes and others for same

Petition of Joseph Knapp and others for same

Petition of Elisha Chick and one hundred and nine others for a statute, providing for the exchange and sale of corn, grain and meal by weight. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Paul T Merrill and others for an appropriation for a road in Shirley. Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Arthur McArthur committee of Trustees of Limington Academy for an endowment

Petition of Waterville College for an endowment of a Professorship of Chemistry. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Mitchell and others of Machiasport asking for a charter for a Marine Railway. Read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of George Bridgman and seventy others 231.
of Poland for the Portland and Oxford Central
Railroad, Referred to the Committee on Rail-
roads Trays and Bridges and sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of the Mousam River Bank for increase
of capital stock twenty five thousand dollars.
Referred to the Committee on Banks and Bank-
ing. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Hopkins of Fort Fairfield to
be indemnified for loss and damage. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Claims and sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of H Green and forty four others
of Freeport for compensation to members of
volunteer companies of Militia. Referred to
the Committee on Militia and sent up for
concurrence.

Remonstrance of the city of Bath against the
petition of Tallman Lowell and others. Referred
to the Committee on Railroads Trays and
Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Hosea Hildreth and others
against the petition of B. Rackliff and others
for a change of name of First Baptist Society
in Bath. Referred to the Committee on Ed-
ucation and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Bank-
ing reporting a Bill, entitled an act addi-

232 linal to chapter seventy seven of the Revised Statutes. Report accepted, Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of William Fisher and others, respecting a bill entitled "an act to regulate the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of the city of Bath and fees accruing therein". Report accepted, Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

On motion of Mr Merrill of Harmony ordered that the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering and amending the law granting bounty on bears and wolves, that the bounty of two dollars on bears be repealed, and the bounty on wolves be reduced to five dollars and report by Bill or otherwise. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Chandler of Chesterville ordered that the Committee on Education be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for a uniformity of school books throughout the state, and also of contracting with the publishers of such books as may be selected, to furnish them for a given number of years at a specific price and report by bill or otherwise. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Allen of Thomaston ordered that the Committee on State Prison be instructed

to enquire into the expediency of increasing 233
the number of officers of the Prison for the bet-
ter security of the prisoners in said prison
Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Thomas Moore and others
against selling off Falls Island from Tres-
cott to Pembroke. Referred to the Committee
on Division of Towns and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta ordered
that when the House adjourns, it adjourn
to meet, tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray, the Bill in
relation to the alteration of the Supreme Ju-
dicial Court, was taken from the table
and was under consideration at the time
the House adjourned

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Milcox
Clerk.

234. Wednesday February 18th 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Hathaway of Bloomfield.

Remonstrance of S. L. Hill and sixty other legal voters of Webster, against annexing any other territory to Webster from Greene, than that prayed for in the petition of J. St. Davis and others referred to the Committee on Division of Towns sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the City Council of Rockland, that Rockland be made a half shire town for Lincoln County. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jonathan Spear and seventeen others of the City of Rockland, that a lien law be passed to secure the rights of those furnishing rock for the manufacture of lime. Referred to the Committee on Manufactures and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting a Bill entitled an act in relation to Directors of Corporations. Report accepted, Bill read twice, and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr Woodbury of Litchfield by leave laid upon the table a Resolve abating tax on the town of Litchfield and assessing the same on the town of West Gardiner. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr Parlin of Winthrop ordered 235.
that when the question on the Judiciary Bill is
taken, it be taken by Yeas and Nays

A message was received from the Governor by
the Secretary of State transmitting the infor-
mation, that the Governor had on the sixteenth
day of February A D 1857, approved and signed
the Bill entitled an act in relation to the
attachment of real estate and immovable
personal property. Also transmitting a copy of
a communication from George M Weston Com-
missioner to prosecute the claims of the State of
Maine upon the government of the United States
at Washington, The communication was refer-
red to the Joint Select committee having under
consideration the claims of Maine against the
government of the United States arising under
the Treaty of Washington, Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport or-
dered, that the order by which the House di-
rected the question upon the Bill in relation to
the Supreme Judicial Court, to be taken at
twelve o'clock this day, be rescinded and
that the question thereon be taken at one
o'clock this day. Read and passed.

The House resumed the consideration of the
Bill entitled an act in relation to the Supreme
Judicial Court, the question being upon the
passage of the Bill to be engrossed, at the
time assigned by the House for the taking of
the vote, the question was taken by Yeas and
Nays and the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

256. in concurrence by one hundred and seven
Yeas, to twenty two Nays, as follows, Yeas Messrs
Andrews, Adams, Allen, Mr. Brown Banks
Bicknell, S Brackett, Baker, Bullis, Burr,
Will & Brown, Bickford, S D Brown, Bennett
Barron, F M Chadbourne, Church, Copp, Chand-
ler, Campbell, Cotton, Cyr, Duran, Davis, De-
creaux, A C, Deering, Drummond, J Deering
S. Dunning, Dunn, Ford, A. Fletcher, Fox
Guptell, Groven, Given, Gross, Gould, Hammon,
Gilbert, Hall, J. Hobbs, Hillen, Hobson, J S,
Hobbs, Houghton, Hathaways, Hersey, Ham-
matt, Hickborn, Hinds, Holt, Joy, Jewell
Johnson, Kimball, Littlefield, Longfellow
Little, Lord, Linscott, Murch, Maister
Martin, Mase, T Moulton, Merriam, D.
Merrill, Milliken Morrison, Mc Kenney
Pool, Parlin, Patten, Parsons, Pitcher, Pot-
ter, Pierce, Rice, Rollins, Roak, Robinson
Stone, Spofford, Silsby, Sampson, S Smith,
Strickland, Steward, R Smith, Stinch-
field, S. B. Stone, Sawyer, Solomon, Tenney
Vinton, Walker, E. Wells, W. Wells, Woodman
Webber, Whitaker, J. L Wells, Woodbury
Williamson, Wood,

Nays, Messrs, Albee, Burleigh, Craigie, Clark
Came, Coffin, Crosby, Carr, J H. Dunning,
Foster, Hunter, Ingalls, S. Lewis, F H. Lewis
Lombard, C F Moulton, Pearson, Pike, Rowell
Tabbutt, Talbot, R Wells,

Mr Talbot of Lubec moved that the House
do now adjourn but by a vote of Seventy
nine, to seven, the House refused to adjourn

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a 237.
Bill entitled "an act in relation to the
Supreme judicial Court" as truly and
strictly engrossed, and the question being
on its passage to be enacted, on motion of
Mr Duren of Calais, the previous question
was ordered by the House, and the main
question put, and the Bill was passed to
be enacted. signed by the Speaker and
sent to the Senate.

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

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Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Felch of Hallowell,

Petition of Wm J. O'Brien for change of name,

Petition of George J Burns for change of name

Petition of Matthew O'Brien for change of name
Referred to the Committee on Change of Names

Petition of C R Mallard and seventy seven others,
of Rockland, that Rockland be made a
half shire town for Lincoln County,

Petition of Ephraim Perry and seventy one
others in aid of same,

Petition of William Wilson and fifty three others
in aid of same,

Petition of Jonathan Spear and forty others
in aid of same,

Petition of Asa Crockett and sixty nine others
in aid of same,

Petition of Samuel Rankin and fifty five others
in aid of same,

Petition of John Bird and sixty nine others
in aid of same,

Petition of Joseph Farnell and ninety two
others, in aid of same.

Petition of N. A. Farwell and sixty one others in aid of same. 239.

Petition of H. G. Berry and fifty three others in aid of same.

Petition of Knott Crockett and forty five others in aid of same.

Petition of Charles McLean and others in aid of same

Petition of John Tobin and one hundred and twenty four others for a new county,

Remonstrance of William Singer and others of Thomaston against the removal of the Lincoln County buildings, or constituting a half shire town in the eastern portion of said County. The foregoing petitions and Remonstrance were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Bryant and others to be set off from South Thomaston and incorporated into a town by the name of Melrose. Referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Howe and others in aid of the petition of Henry Lipton. Referred to the Committee on Military Pensions and sent up for concurrence.

240. Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
and Insurance on petition of Charles. T
Barker and others. ordering notice

Report of same Committee on petition of
William Mitchell and others ordering notice
These reports came from the Senate having
been severally read and accepted and
they were severally read and accepted in
concurrence.

Petition of Ira Keys and others. officers of
the Washington Guards of Orland praying
that the Volunteer Militia may receive
compensation for each days service in per-
forming military duty.

Petition of Samuel L Morris and others for same

Petition of John L Hodsdon and others for same

Petition of John Carroll and others for same

Petition of W. H. Garnsey in aid of same

Petition of John A Elder and others for change
of Militia Law.

Petition of G. J. Burns and others for compensa-
tion to the uniformed militia

Petition of E F Beal and others for same

Petition of Samuel T. Beale and others for same

Petition of A H Kelsey and others for same.

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Petition of James B. Beede and others for same

Petition of Major General Wendell P Smith
and officers of the fifth Division Maine
Militia for amendment of Militia law

Petition of M D L Lane and others for same

Petition of the Commissioned officers of Portland
Regiment volunteer militia for same.

Petition of James Mann and others for same

Petition of E. V. Farnham and five others
commissioned officers in the volunteer mi-
litia of Maine for same.

Petition of J. C Weston and others in aid of
the volunteer militia

Petition of J. W Mansfield to be paid damage
done his horse while doing military duty
in May 1856. These petitions were severally
read and referred to the Committee on the
Militia and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of E A. Fenderson and others to amend
city charter of Biddeford.

Petition of Thomas Little and ninety two oth-
ers. praying that the municipal Court in Au-
gusta may be abolished

Petition of J. S Springer and forty one others for same.

242. Petition of C. C. Haywood and nine others for same

Petition of T. W. Brann and twenty one others for same

Petition of James M. Davis and twenty three other citizens of the town of Sundry, for an amendment of the law in regard to the advertising of non resident lands for unpaid taxes.

Petition of C. E. Bourne and others for the removal of the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court from Alfred to Saco.

Petition of William Weyman and others for a law more effectually to protect the raising of cranberries.

Petition of Samuel E. Pike and others for a reduction of salary of Judge of the Police Court at Calais

Petition of D. Alden and one hundred and ten others for an alteration in the charter of the city of Augusta. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the City of Portland, presenting account for supplies to troops in June 1855.

Claim of Daniel C. Emery against the State for services as Sheriff of Cumberland County. This petition and claim were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Rufus Virgin and fifty four others 243.
for the charter of the Portland and Oxford Cen-
tral Railroad, Referred to the Committee
on Railroads, Ways and Bridges and sent
up for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Brighton for an appro-
priation for a road.

Petition of inhabitants of Kingsbury for an
appropriation for a road.

Petition of Wm M. Drury and fifty four oth-
ers for aid in completing road from Kinnecsee
river to Moose Head Lake.

Petition of Grenlief M Fogg and others for
aid from the State to build a road from
Greenbush to Lowell. These petitions were
severally read and referred to the Commit-
tee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent
up for concurrence

Petition of American Bank for extension of
time in paying in capital stock.

Petition of the Directors of the Ellsworth Bank
for leave to surrender its charter. Read and
referred to the Committee on Banks and
Banking. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Nicola and Homer Sabathie
in relation to taking census of Indians

Petition of G A Hudson for protection against

244. depredations of Passamaquoddy Indians

These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Josiah P. Bean for compensation for injuries received while in the service of the State.

Petition of Selectmen of Kingfield for a abatement of State tax. The petition were severally read and referred to the Committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Blanchard and others Proprietors of custom wharf in Portland for an act of incorporation.

Petition of David Talbot and others, that an act be passed prohibiting vessels mooring during the winter in the main passage of Rockport Harbour. These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Tickerson and others inhabitants of incorporated towns in the County of Acrostock, praying for the passage of a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements. Read and referred to the Committee on Plantation Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Rodney G. Dennis and others to be incorporated into a society by the name of

the Somerset and Franklin Agricultural and Horticultural Society, Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence, 245.

Petition of Charles R. Porter and others for an appropriation to grade the ground and erect a fence around the monument of the late Governor King, Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of C. J. Frey and others against the petition of Joseph Snow and others, Referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Mary Rockwood and another against setting off their land from Augusta to Manchester, Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Daniel Jones and twenty five others against the petition of citizens of Nobleborough and vicinity in relation to Mills and Dams, Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Merrill of Lee ordered, that the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so altering and amending the law granting bounty on wolves, that the bounty of eight dollars be raised to ten dollars and report by Bill or otherwise, Sent up for concurrence.

246, A communication was received from the Secretary of State informing the House that the report of the Superintendent of common schools has not as yet been deposited in his office for distribution

Bill, an act additional to an act to incorporate the City of Augusta, was laid on the table by Mr Bicknell of Augusta, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Sent up for concurrence

Bill, an act enlarging the powers of constables in the City of Calais This Bill having been reported by the Committee in engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve for the payment of certain persons in attendance upon the Agricultural Board This Resolve came from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed The House adopted the amendment and the Resolve having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Elijah Lepton, Register of Probate for the County of Sagadahoc for increase of salary, Referred to the Delegation from Sagadahoc, and the member from Webster Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville the Bill entitled an act additional to an act to authorize the consolidation of

certain Railroad Corporations, was taken from 247, the table and amended as per sheet marked A, and tomorrow assigned for its third reading

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of F M Sabine and others for an Insolvent law, and on papers taken from the files in regard to same subjects, asking to be relieved from any further consideration of the matter and that the same may be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted Read and accepted in concurrence,

Report of the Delegation of Piscataquis County in petition of James Bell, granting leave to withdraw. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted Read and accepted in concurrence,

Report of the Committee on Reform School with a Resolve in favor of the State Reform School, came from the Senate having been read and accepted. The report was accepted in concurrence. Resolve read once and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading

Report of Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Thomas Oliver and others ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature. This report came from the Senate having been recommitted. On motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath the report was amended by striking out the word "eighth" and instead thereof, inserting

248 the word "tenth", and as amended, the report was accepted, Sent up for concurrence,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Charles M. and Rebecca Curtis granting leave to withdraw. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted, and was read and accepted in concurrence,

Petition of Antoinette L. Brown Blackwell, Lucy Stone and Ernestine L. Rose praying for a law to secure women's rights. This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The House nonconcurred and referred to a joint Select Committee, of ten on the part of the House with such as the Senate may join, and Messrs Talbot of Lubec, Pearson of Machias, Parlin of Winthrop, Allen of Thomaston, Buxton of Warren, Brown of Solon, Brown of Milford, Milliken of Camden, Pierce of Montville and Murch of Dayton. were appointed said Committee on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence,

Petition of the Selectmen of Chester and fifty six others praying that the public land reserved for school purposes in said town be made equal to other lands in said town. This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads and was referred in concurrence

Petition of Henry Lepton for pension, came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Military Pensions. Referred in concurrence

Order to the Judiciary Committee in relation to 249.
the misapplication of money raised for the sup-
port of District schools came from the Senate
that branch, nonconcurring with the House
in referring the order to the Committee on the
Judiciary, and referring the same to the
Committee on Education. The House recon-
sidered the vote referring the order to the
Judiciary Committee and referred in concurrence.

Order relating to furnishing surviving members
of the Constitutional Convention, with a copy
of the Journal of said Convention, came from
the Senate, having been read and passed
therein, Read and passed in concurrence.

Account of J. H. McClintock for services as Sher-
iff of the County of Waldo, came from the Senate
referred to the Committee on Accounts, and
it was referred in concurrence.

Petition of the Trustees of Lisbon Academy
for endowment, came from the Senate re-
ferred to the Committee on Education, and
was referred in concurrence.

Petition of Phillis Russell of Deer Isle for the
conveyance to her as heir, a lot of two hund-
red acres of land being lot number "thirty
eight" in township number "four" of the Indian
purchase in Penobscot County, granted as bounty
March 17, 1855. This petition came from the
Senate referred to the Committee on State
Lands and State Roads, and it was re-
ferred in concurrence.

250 Bill, an act giving towns a lien on vessels for taxes. This Bill came from the Senate that branch, nonconcurring with the House in referring the Bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referring the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. The House reconsidered the vote referring to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred in concurrence

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox
Clerk

Friday February 20th 1857

251.

Prayer by the Rev.
Mr Allen of Hallowell.

On motion of Mr Fox of Portland, ordered that in the absence of the Assistant Clerk, the Clerk be authorized to employ another assistant

On motion of Mr Brown of Milford ordered that the Committee on Education be directed to enquire into the expediency of increasing the permanent school fund of this State by appropriating thereto a per centum of the annual proceeds which shall hereafter accrue from the sales of the public lands; Sent up for concurrence,

On motion of Mr Burleigh of Lincoln, ordered that the petition of J. V. Putnam and others citizens of the incorporated towns in the County of Westbrook, praying that all plantations organized for election purposes, that contain a sufficient number of inhabitants may be incorporated into towns and for retrenchment of County expenses, together with the draft of Bill. to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements and accompanying papers relating thereto, be taken from the files of last year, and referred to the Joint Select Committee to which was referred an order directing an enquiry into the expediency of amending the laws in relation to plantations, Sent up for concurrence,

252. On motion of Mr Morrison of Farmington ordered that the Secretary of State cause to be printed as soon as may be, five hundred copies of the law entitled an act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immoveable personal property, approved February 16, 1857, and that the Secretary be requested, to send twenty five copies of the same to the High Sheriff of each county, with instructions, to place one copy in the hands of each Deputy Sheriff. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of George W. Smith, was on motion of Mr Foster of East Machias, recommitted; sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath a Bill, entitled, An act relating to the Municipal Court in the City of Bath, was taken from the table and on motion of Mr Barron of Topsham, it was again laid upon the table.

Bill. Mr Vinton of Gray by leave laid upon the table, a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy, Read and referred to the Committee on Education and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Hollis Bourman and others for an additional term or terms of the Supreme Judicial Court for the trial of Criminal causes in Penobscot county.

Petition of Hatch, Thompson and others, that 253.
guards may be placed on the roofs of slate-
d buildings so as to prevent damage by
snow slides, These petitions were severally re-
ferred to the Committee on the Judiciary and
sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles H Hall that expenses incurred
by him in removing a prisoner from the Re-
form School to Penobscot jail, be refunded to
him by the State, Referred to the Committee
on Claims. Sent up for concurrence,

Petition of S. L. Baker for an allowance of his
account, Referred to the Committee on Accounts
Sent up for concurrence

Petition of John Goldthwaite and others for
restoration of town line between Manchester
and Augusta,

Petition of S. J. Stevens and others to be set off
from the town of Glenburn and annexed to the
town of Levant, These petitions were severally
read and referred to the Committee on Divi-
sion of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Cyrus Fenderson and one hund-
red and five others in aid of the petition of
R. S. Morse and others for an alteration of
County and town lines, Referred to the
Committee on Division of Counties, and
Sent up for concurrence

254. Petition of Daniel M. Bradley for an extension of time for cutting timber on township. "Seven range, sixteenth."

Remonstrance of William Lunt and others against Holland, log rule being established as the state rule. This petition and Remonstrance were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Gray for an Academy. Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William M. Virgin and others asking that compensation may be made to the members of the several uniformed volunteer companies of militia of this state. Referred to the Committee on Militia. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Eliphalet Clark and others of Portland asking to be incorporated into a manufacturing company. Referred to the Committee on Manufactures and sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. P. Boyd and others of Portland against the repealing of the ninth section of Chapter 651. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Traps and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, a Bill, entitled an act to make valid the doings of

School district number five, in the town of Otisfield 255
Also a Bill, entitled an act to incorporate the
Royal River Manufacturing Company, These
Bills, were severally passed to be enacted signed
by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures to which
was referred the report of the Commissioner to the
Paris Exhibition, recommending that the same
be placed on file, Read and accepted and
sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, by
the Secretary of State, transmitting the information
that an act to amend the 31st section of chapter
25 of the revised statutes, relating to the payment
of damages, caused by the laying out of pri-
vate ways, received his approval on the 17th inst.
Also an act in relation to the Supreme Judi-
cial Court received his approval and sig-
nature on the 18th instant.

On motion of Mr. Vinton of Troy ordered that ten o-
clock A.M. be the hour of meeting hereafter un-
til otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Drummond of Waterville the House
considered the Bill, entitled an act additional to
an act entitled an act to authorize the consolida-
tion of certain Railroad Corporations and on motion
of Mr. Drummond the Bill was laid upon the
table, and Tuesday next at eleven o'clock as-
signed for the further consideration thereof.

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Milcox Clerk.

256. Saturday February 21st 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Allen of Hallowell.

Bill, an act relating to the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford. This bill was received from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed. This Bill, having had three several readings and amended in concurrence and further amended as per sheet B, was passed to be engrossed, sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the judiciary reporting Bill, an act respecting judicial proceedings. This Bill came from the Senate with the report, the report having therein been read and accepted, and the Bill passed to be engrossed. The report was accepted in concurrence. Bill read twice and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of J. H. Kilbra for expenses incurred in taking care of a member of a former Legislature. This report came from the Senate, recommended and was recommended in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Josiah A. Jenkins ordering notice to be returnable to the present Legislature. This Report came from the Senate, having been read and accepted, and it was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and 257
Insurance on petition of Charles E. Randlett and
others ordering notice returnable to the present
Legislature. This report came from the Senate
having been read and accepted, and was
read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on
petition of Joshua Jenks, and others to be set off
from Brighton Centre Fire company, ordering
notice returnable to the present Legislature
This report came from the Senate having been read and
accepted. Read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on
petition of Ebenezer C. Staples and others, order-
ing notice returnable to the present Legislature
This Report came from the Senate having been
read and accepted. Accepted in concurrence.

Bill, an Act to incorporate the St Louis Insurance
Company. This Bill came from the Senate passed
to be engrossed. On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray
the Bill was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties
on petition of city Council and others of Rock-
land praying for a half shire town, ordering
notice. This Report came from the Senate hav-
ing been read and accepted and was read
and accepted in concurrence.

Resolve to abate a portion of the State tax of the
town of Strong, and to add the same to the State
tax of the town of New Vineyard. This Resolve

258. came from the Senate having been passed to be engrossed, and having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Edward Stevens praying that the Land Agent be authorized to convey to him a lot of land in number eleven, Range five,

Petition of Samuel A Gilman for an extension of time of the right to cut timber on south half of township Number two, Range three, west from the east line of the state. These petitions came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, Referred in concurrence.

Petition of John P. Carter and others of Blue Hill for the protection of Sheep and Deer. This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The House concurred in referring to the Judiciary Committee and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Sturdevant, Agent of Cumberland Marine Railway Portland, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Referred in concurrence.

Bill, Mr Copp of Liberty by leave laid upon the table a Bill entitled an act to authorize the business of Banking. Referred to a joint special Committee consisting of Messrs Copp of Liberty, Stone of Brewer, Woodman of Buckport, Morrison of Farmington, Strickland of Bangor, Tolman of Rockland

and Merrill of Harmony, with such as the Sen 259
ate may join. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray, the Bill entitled
an act to incorporate the St Croix Insurance
Company, was taken from the table and recom-
mitted to the Committee on Mercantile Af-
fairs and Insurance, Sent up for concurrence

Report of the Committee on Finance on peti-
tion of Thomas Snorr for abatement of State
Tax, granting leave to withdraw. Read and
accepted and sent up for concurrence,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary re-
specting legislation inexpedient on order in re-
lation to increasing fees of justices of the Peace
Report read and accepted and sent up for
concurrence

Report of the same Committee on petition of the
Board of Education of the Maine Conference of
the Methodist Episcopal Church, giving the pe-
titioners leave to bring in a Bill, entitled an
act to change the name of the Board of Edu-
cation of the Maine Conference of the Methodist
Episcopal Church, Report read and accepted
Bill read twice and Monday next assigned
for its third reading.

Mr Woodman from the Judiciary Committee
reported on petition of inhabitants of first school dis-
trict in Buckport, a Bill entitled an act relating
to the first school district in Buckport. Report ac-
cepted, Bill read twice and Monday assigned for 3^d reading

260 Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order in relation to property of deceased married women was recommitted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Gilbert from the Judiciary Committee on Bill entitled "an act respecting the redemption of lands sold for taxes" reporting that the Bill ought to pass. On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville the Bill was laid upon the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr Drummond from the Committee on Rail roads, Traps and Bridges, reported on petition of York and Cumberland Railroad for an amendment of charter ordering notice. Read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Drummond from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported on petition of Benjamin Litchfield and others ordering notice. Read and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to provide in part for the expenditures of Government. This Bill having had three several readings was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Adams of Newfield from the Committee on Finance on the Resolve abating tax on the town of Litchfield and assessing the same on West Gardiner, reported the same, which was read once and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr Weed from the Committee on Indian Affairs 261
on a Resolve to promote education among the
Penobscot Indians, reported the same,

Mr Woodbury from same Committee on render-
ing aid to the Indians of the Penobscot and Pas-
samaquoddy tribes reported a Resolve in favor
of Penobscot Indians and Resolve in favor of
the Passamaquoddy Indians and the same
were severally read once, and assigned for
February 25th for a second reading

Mr Hitchborn from the Committee on Interior Ma-
ters on petition of the Kenduskeag Log Driving Com-
pany, reported a Bill, entitled "an act addi-
tional to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag
Log Driving Company" passed August 14, 1849.

The same gentleman from the same Committee
on petition of C. H. Waterhouse and others, reported
a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Cape
Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company and the same
were severally read twice and Monday next
assigned for their third reading

Mr Pool from the Committee on Division of
Towns, reported order of notice on petition
of Andrew J. Donnell and others and the
same was accepted, sent up for concurrence

Mr Fox of Portland, was excused on his own
request from further service on the Joint
Special Committee in relation to the incorpo-
ration of towns in Westbrook County, and
Mr Muse of Paris was appointed in his stead.

262. Communication of the Secretary of State and papers accompanying the same in relation to claims of Abiel McAllister were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Cinderella Merang for change of name

Petition of Temperance Boyd for change of name

Petition of Amelia H. Phipps for change of name
These petitions were severally read and referred to the Committee on Change of Names

Petition of Benjamin Chadbourne for military pension

Petition of William A. Harvey and others in aid of the petition of Benjamin Chadbourne
These petitions were severally referred to the Committee on Military Pensions. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of David S. Plumbly and others for an Insolvent law. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Strickland of Bangor Ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire what further legislation may be necessary to compel the repayment of taxes where real estate is redeemed from the levy of an execution by those who may redeem the same Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Hickborn of Prospect ordered, that 263,
the Judiciary Committee be directed to prepare
and report to this House a Bill fixing the nec-
essary number of Bank Commissioners, their com-
pensation and authorizing the Governor and Coun-
cil to draw warrants for the same. Read and
passed, and sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Hersey of Bangor, ordered that
the Joint standing Committee on Militia be
directed to designate one member of said
Committee to visit Bangor and ascertain
what repairs, if any, are necessary to be made
on the State Arsenal building located in that
place in order to preserve the public prop-
erty deposited therein, sent up for concurrence

Adjourned

Attest George W. Wilcox
Clerk.

264. Monday February 23rd 1857.

No chaplain
present.

Petition of William Wymann and others for law more effectually to protect the raising of cranberries. This petition came from the Senate, that branch nonconcurring with the House in referring said petition to the Committee on the Judiciary and referring the same to the Committee on Agriculture. The House receded and referred in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas D Boyd and fifty one others for an Insolvent law. This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and it was referred in concurrence.

Order instructing Committee on Manufactures to enquire into the expediency of exempting certain property from taxation. This order came from the Senate having been read and passed. Read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on order relating to increase of salary of Judge of Probate of Sagadahoc, "that the order ought to pass". This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the order having been read and passed, On motion of Mr Tolman of Rockland, the Report was ordered to be laid upon the Table.

Bill, An act in relation to Judicial Proceedings 265
This bill having had three several readings was
passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on
the petition of Thomas Brastor ordering notice
returnable to present Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture in or-
der requiring assessors to procure estimated val-
ue of certain agricultural products, reporting
legislation inexpedient

Report of same Committee on so much of the
Governor's message as relates to Agricultural
Machinery, reporting legislation inexpedient

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary grant-
ing leave to withdraw on petition of Robert
Woodhouse and others,

Report of Delegation of Kennebec County on pe-
tition of Register of Probate for said County
for increase of salary granting leave to withdraw

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions
granting leave to withdraw on the petition
of Robert Patterson.

Report of the Judiciary Committee granting
leave to withdraw on petition of William E
Evans and others

Report of the Committee on the Library grant-
ing leave to withdraw on petition of Edward

266 6 Parker, relative to the Maine State Register
These reports were received from the Senate
having been severally read and accepted
and they were severally read and accepted
in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
and Insurance, on Bill entitled "an act to
incorporate the Indigent Ministers Relief as-
sociation and that the same ought to pass.

Report of same Committee on Bill entitled
an act to incorporate the Newport Mutual
at Fire Insurance Company that the same
ought to pass. These reports were received
from the Senate having been severally read
and accepted and the Bills passed to be
engrossed, and they were severally read
and accepted in concurrence, and the
bills were severally read twice and to-
morrow assigned for a third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures
on petition of Wilton Manufacturing Com-
pany, granting said petitioners leave to bring
in a Bill, entitled "an act to repeal an
act to incorporate the Wilton Manufacturing
Company

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
and Insurance on petition of Johnson Ride-
out and others granting said petitioners
leave to bring in a Bill, entitled "an act to
incorporate the City Insurance Company
These reports came from the Senate having

been severally read and accepted and the Bills 267 passed to be engrossed, They were severally read and accepted in concurrence, Bills each read twice and tomorrow assigned for the third reading

Report of the Committee on Agriculture in order to enquire into the Expediency of appointing a Commissioner, to the Agricultural Exhibition at Paris, in France. Reporting a Resolve for the representation of Maine in the Paris Exhibition of Agriculture in eighteen hundred and fifty seven, This Report came from the Senate read and accepted and the Resolve passed to be Engrossed, Read and accepted in concurrence, Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Bill, an act in addition to Chapter 245 of the public laws of 1852, This Bill came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Revision of Public Laws, Referred in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Moulton of Porter ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary Enquire into the Expediency of so amending Chapter "thirty three" of the public laws of Eighteen hundred and forty seven and Chapter Seventy nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and forty eight, that any person or corporation aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Examiners, or by the neglect, or refusal of such Board to examine and decide any case of insanity in their town, may have a hearing before, three Justices of the Peace and of the Quorum, two to be selected as set

268 first in section nine, chapter 33 of the laws of 1847 and the third to be appointed by the two justices chosen as aforesaid or to be selected in such other manner as shall preserve the rights of all parties Read and passed, Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray ordered that the Committee on Education be directed to enquire into the expediency of either increasing or discontinuing the appropriations now made for teachers Conventions, Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Milliken of Camden ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary enquire into the expediency of further legislation to provide for the appointment of guardians to insane married women, who are possessed of property in their own right, in cases where the husband is not able, to support the wife and is not fit to be, or will not be appointed her guardian, Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Stinchfield of Lincoln ordered that the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for a survey of a Railroad route from Lincoln to some point on the Moosehock river, best calculated to promote the interests of the State, Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Adams of Benfield ordered that the Committee on Insane Hospital be directed to consider the expediency of repealing chapter 268 statutes of 1856 providing for the partial support of insane paupers by the State

otherwise of so amending the act, that the en- 269
tire support of such paupers may be charged
to the State Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Merison of Farmington ordered
that the Land Agent be requested to furnish to
this House a statement in detail of all sums
of money paid into that department during the
past year, by whom, and what for, also a detail of
all sums now due or owed in the form of notes
Bills receivable, mortgages &c. together with a
detailed statement of all lands now owned by
the State, in what county located, estimated
number of acres of settling and timber lands
respectively, with their estimated value, with the
liabilities and debts of the department annexed
and that the Clerk is hereby directed to have
350 copies of the report printed for the use of
the Legislature

Petition of George D. Bacon and others, inhabitants
of Unity plantation for reduction of State valua-
tion of said plantation. This petition was by
general consent received and referred to
the Committee on Finance

Bill, an act additional to Chapter seventy
Seven Revised Statutes, respecting Banks

Bill an act to change the name of the Board
of Education of the Maine Conference of the
Methodist Episcopal Church

Bill, an act additional to an act to incorpo-
rate the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company passed
August 14, 1849.

270. Bill, An act in relation to Directors of Corporations

Bill an act in addition to an act to enable the First school district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R. Folson. The foregoing Bills having each been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having severally had three several readings were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Foster from the Committee on Finance on petition of the treasurer of Cutler reported a Resolve for the abatement of State tax on the town of Cutler. Read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading, and the Report accepted.

Mr Totman from the Committee on County estimates to which was referred the several County estimates reported a Resolve providing for the laying a tax on the several Counties in the State. Report accepted. Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Resolve abating the tax of the town of Litchfield, and assessing the same upon the town of West Gardiner, Reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Johnson from the Committee on Library on Bill, providing for a State Librarian and defining his duties reported the same, and that it "ought not to pass".

Report accepted and sent up for concurrence. 271.

Mr Butler from the same Committee on an order relative to the distribution of certain public documents, reported an order directing said documents to be distributed among the members of the Senate and House in the proportion indicated by the eleventh joint Rule of the two Houses and the same was read and accepted, and the order passed, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to secure the safety of passengers at Railroad Crossings was on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville taken from the table and amended as per sheet A. and on motion of Mr Chadbourne of Perry, it was recommitted to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act relating to the Municipal Court of the City of Biddeford, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr Johnson of Augusta, at his request, was excused from serving on the Joint Select Committee on the Bill entitled an act to authorize the business of Banking, and Mr Woodman of Bucksport was appointed in his place.

Adjourned

Attest George W. Wilcox Clerk,

272 Tuesday February 24th 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Hathaway of Bloomfield

Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Phippsburg against petition of Thomas Oliver and others praying that a portion of the town of Phippsburg may be set off to Bath. Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of O. L. Burnier and others against setting off a portion of New Sharon to Industry.

Remonstrance of Simon Collins and twenty others in relation to same, were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Willard Clapp and forty one others praying for an Insolvent Law. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Hanscom of Lee for a military pension. Referred to the Committee on Military Pensions. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Bicknell of Augusta the House reconsidered the vote of yesterday, passing a Bill, entitled an act additional to chapter seventy seven of the Revised Statutes, respecting Banks, to be engrossed, and ordered the Bill to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr Brown of Kennebunkport or. 273.
direct that the Committee on Education be directed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the school laws of this State that all money for the support of schools may be divided among the school districts, not in proportion to the number of scholars but in proportion to the average attendance for the previous year. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Gross of New Gloucester ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to report an amendment to section second of chapter twelve, of the revised statutes by substituting the words "every three years" in the place of "annually" in the first line of said section, thereby making the County Treasurer elected for three years, instead of one as now provided, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing Chapter two hundred and fifty of the public laws of 1856 entitled an act regulating conveyances by married women. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Josiah Penley and seventy others for a law to prohibit the exhibition of Circusses, Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath, the report of the Delegation from Sagadahoc on order relating to increase of salary of Judge of Probate of Sagadahoc was taken from the table. The House nonconcurred.

274, with the Senate in the passage of the order and recommitted the report, sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the abatement of the State tax on the town of Cutler, This Resolve having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed, sent up for concurrence.

Mr Burston from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, reported a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company reporting the same with an amendment correcting the title, Report accepted a amendment adopted and the Bill having had three several readings was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve reported by the Committee on Finance laying a tax on the several counties of the State being on its passage to a second reading was on motion of Mr Vinton of Gray laid on the table

Bill, an act to incorporate the Intelligent Ministers Relief Association

Bill an act to incorporate the Seaport Mutual Fire Insurance Company,

Bill an act to repeal an act to incorporate the Milton Manufacturing Company,

Bill an act to incorporate the City Insurance Company These Bills having severally been reported by the Committee on Bills in the third reading without amendment were

severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the subject of witness' and juror fees, was on motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter taken from the table and recommitted. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the Representation of Maine in the Paris Exhibition of Agriculture in eighteen hundred and fifty seven. This Resolve having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading without amendment and having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Chadbourne for military Pension. This petition came from the Senate that branch nonconcurring with the House in referring the petition to the Committee on Military Pensions, and referring the same to the next Legislature. The yeas and nays were taken and referred in concurrence.

Order in relation to the number of Bank Commissioners. This order came from the Senate amended by striking out "Judiciary" and inserting "Banks and Banking" and as amended the order passed therein. The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the order adopted the amendment of the Senate and passed the order as amended in concurrence.

Petition of William A Harvey and others in aid of the petition of Benjamin Chadbourne. This petition came from the Senate

276. That branch nonconcurring with the House in referring it, to the Committee on Military Pensions and referring the petition to the next Legislature. The House reconsidered the vote referring to the Committee on Military Pensions and referred in concurrence.

The House took up the Bill entitled an act additional to an act entitled, an act to authorize the Consolidation of certain Railroad Corporations and it was under consideration when the House adjourned.

Adjourned

Attest

George N. Wilcox
Clerk.

Wednesday February 25th 1857

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Prayer by the Rev

Mr Dexter of Augusta.

Remonstrance of Nathan Butler and one hundred and eighteen others against the petition of Luther Luce and others for the annexation of a part of Industry to Farmington

Remonstrance of inhabitants of the town of Industry against petition of Luther Luce and others. These remonstrances were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Shepherd Bean and others against the petition of John Tobin and others for a new county. Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, sent up for concurrence.

Petition of S. K. Porter and twenty six others for an Insolvent Law.

Petition of Tyler Rice and others for same. Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. sent up for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Number Eleven range 8 in support of the petition of Edward Stevens. Referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, sent up for concurrence.

Petition of D. Elliott and others for a militia law

Petition of the officers of the Brunswick Light-Infantry for same.

278 Petition of Mr G. Davis and others that compensation may be allowed to the volunteer militia. These petitions were severally referred to the Committee on Militia. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of J. S. Royal and others inhabitants of incorporated towns in the County of Acworth praying for the passage of a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements. Referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Incorporation of Plantations. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Willbourn and thirty one others for change in the law in relation to the residence of paupers.

Bill an act in relation to justices of the Peace Laid on the table by Mr Vinton of Gray. The foregoing petition and Bill, were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve providing for laying a tax in the several counties of the State. This Resolve having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Tolman of Rockland Ordered That the Committee on Military Pensions be instructed to Enquire into the Expediency of discontinuing the Pension now paid to Peter S. Tolson. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport order 279.
ed that the Joint Select Committee to which was
referred an order respecting plantations be di-
rected to enquire into the expediency of repealing
the law requiring towns to relieve persons fall-
ing into distress in adjoining unincorporated
places. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Stone of Brewer ordered
that the Secretary of State be requested to
furnish for the information of the Legisla-
ture a detailed account of the expenditures
under the following items in the appropri-
ation acts of 1856. Clerk hire, Contingent
fund of Governor and Council and con-
tingent fund of Treasurer, showing to
whom and when paid, for what services,
the amount claimed and the amount
allowed, Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the payment of certain persons in
attendance upon the Board of Agriculture
This Resolve, reported by the Committee on
Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly en-
grossed and having had two several read-
ings, was finally passed signed by the
Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Resolve to abate a portion of the State tax
of the town of Strong and to add the same
to the State tax of the town of New Vineyard
On motion of Mr Foster of East Machias this
resolve was recommitted to the Committee
on Claims and sent up for concurrence

280 Mr Gilbert from the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of E. A. Fenderson and others granting the petitioners leave to bring in a Bill entitled an act to amend the City charter of the City of Biddeford. Report accepted and the Rules having been suspended the Bill had three several readings and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School

Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians.

The foregoing Resolves having been reported by the Committee in Bills in the Third reading and having severally had two readings were passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Vinton from the Judiciary Committee on order directing enquiry to be made into the expediency of amending Chapter Eighteen, Section Ten, of the Revised Statutes reported legislation inexpedient. Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Hall from the Committee on Agriculture on order making enquiry into the management of Cumberland County Agricultural Society for the Year 1856 reported a statement

of facts and a, Resolve in favor of Cumber 281
land County Agricultural Society, Report ac-
cepted, Resolve read once and Wednesday
next assigned for its second reading

Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes.

On motion of Mr Porter of East Machias this
resolve was recommended to the Committee on
Military Pensions for a statement of facts
Sent up for concurrence

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the
office of the Secretary of State for the year 1855
Recommended to the Committee on Claims for a
statement of facts. Sent up for concurrence

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State
Roads, on petition of D. G. Cook and others grant-
ing leave to withdraw, This report came from
the Senate having been read and accepted
and was read and accepted in concurrence

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions
on petition of Silas S. Low, reporting a Resolve in
favor of Silas S. Low. This report came from the
Senate having been read and accepted and the
Resolve passed to be engrossed. Report accepted
in concurrence, the Resolve read twice and
passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee on the petition
of Henry Lipton of Norway for pension reporting
a Resolve in favor of Henry Lipton, This report
came from the Senate having been read and ac-

282, cepted, and the Resolve passed to be engrossed. Report read and accepted in concurrence, Resolve read once and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Order on the Judiciary Committee relating to jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, This order came from the Senate having been read and passed and was read and passed in concurrence.

Resolve for encouragement of building mills in townships, letter C, range one, This Resolve came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads and was referred in concurrence.

The following message from the Governor came from the Senate,

To the Senate and House of Representatives,

As it will become necessary on the fourth proximo, to enter upon the duties of Senator in Congress, conferred upon me in your kindness and confidence and for which I desire to express my grateful acknowledgements, I hereby resign the office of Governor to take effect on the 26th inst Council Chamber

February 25th 1857.

A. Hamlin

Petition of Hancock Bank for increase of its capital stock, Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Gulliver & Gilman and sixty 283.
three others of Bangor against the passage of
an Insolvent law. Referred to the Committee on
Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, Sent up
for concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the
Bill entitled an act additional to an act
entitled an act to authorize the consolidation
of certain Railroad Corporations and further
considered the same and pending the Bill,
on its passage to be engrossed, the House
Adjourned

Attest

George W. Milcox
Clerk.

284. Thursday February 26th 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Jaques of Gardiner

Petition of William Wist Virgin and forty others
for an Insolvent law. This petition came from
the Senate referred to the Committee on Mer-
cantile Affairs and Insurance, Referred
in concurrence.

Order to Committee on State Reform School
in relation to furnishing copies of Collins' General
Atlas.

Order to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
and Insurance relative to further legisla-
tion against fraudulent or Insolvent Insu-
rance Companies out of the State

Order to Committee on Railroads, Ways and
Bridges in relation to the transfer of Rail-
road shares. These orders came from the
Senate having been severally read and pas-
sed therein. They were severally read and
passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
and Insurance. on Bill entitled an act giv-
ing towns a lien on vessels for taxes report-
ing legislation inexpedient. This report came
from the Senate having been read and ac-
cepted and was read and accepted in con-
currence.

Report of same Committee on petition of Nathan 285.
iel Blanchard and others, ordering notice, This
report came from the Senate having been read
and accepted, Read and accepted in con-
currence

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on peti-
tion of Levi Hays and others granting said
petitioners leave to bring in a Bill, entitled
an act repealing all laws relating to the
inspection of hops, This report came from the
Senate having been read and accepted and
the Bill passed to be engrossed, Report read
and accepted in concurrence, Bill read
twice, and tomorrow assigned for its third
reading.

Report of Committee on Revision of the Stat-
utes, reporting in part. to wit, upon titles seventh
and tenth, reporting that they ought to pass
to be engrossed. This report was received from
the Senate, having been read and accepted
and title seventh passed to be engrossed, and title
tenth amended as per sheet A. and passed to be
engrossed, The report was read and accepted
in concurrence, and the rules having been
suspended title seventh was read three times
and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. The
House non concurred in the amendment to
title tenth as per sheet A. and it having had
three several readings was passed to be engross-
ed, and sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate by
Mr Magoun of Lincoln informing the House

286 of Representatives, that in the absence of Joseph H. Williams, the Senate had made choice of Miriam Chapman as President of the Senate pro tempore.

Mr Chadbourne from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed a Bill entitled an act to amend the city charter of the City of Biddeford.

Mr Decing from the same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed a Bill entitled an act respecting Judicial Proceedings and said Bill, having severally had three readings, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Petition of Thomas B Moore praying to be set off from Littleton and annexed to Houlton.

Remonstrance of Edward Staples and ninety five others, citizens of Farmington against the petition of Luther Luce and others. The foregoing petition and remonstrance were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance from the town of Thomaston against the removal of the County buildings Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, sent up for concurrence

Claim of Eben Trafton treasurer of Masardis for bounties on bears. Referred to the Committee on Accounts. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel N Tracy and others inhabi²⁸⁷
tants of incorporated towns in the County of
Havstock praying for the passage of a law to
promote the incorporation of towns in new set-
tlements Referred to the Committee on Incorpor-
ation of plantations, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Columbus Corbett for remuneration
for money paid and services in the Havstock expedition

Claim of the town of Moscow for conveyance of
insane pauper to Insane Hospital, The foregoing
petition and claim were severally referred to
the Committee on claims, Sent up for concurrence

Petition of Smith Barber and others for an amend-
ment to the law regulating the settlement of pau-
pers. Referred to the Committee on the judiciary
Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on order
relating to uniformity of school books. Reporting
legislation inexpedient, Report read and ac-
cepted, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Little of Vienna ordered that
the Committee on Agriculture be required to look
into the expediency of passing an act providing
for bounty on crows, and report by Bill or other
wise, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Parsons of Glenburn ordered
that the petition of A C Buffum and others and
all the accompanying papers providing for
the appointment of Commissioners to examine

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288 obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Hall of Berham ordered, that the Committee on Agriculture be directed to enquire into the expediency of repealing or amending the laws relating to the inspection of butter and lard, flax seed, pressed hay and other agricultural products and report by bill or otherwise, sent up for concurrence

The House resumed the consideration of the Bill entitled an act additional to an act, entitled an act to authorise the consolidation of certain Railroad Corporations, and further considered the same, and on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville, the further consideration of the Bill was postponed until Wednesday next at eleven o'clock.

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wiley

Clerk,

Friday February 27th 1857.

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Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Garity of Gardiner.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of J Sturdevant agent, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted, and was accepted in concurrence.

Bill. An act in relation to Directors of Corporations

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Henduskeag Log Driving Company passed August fourteenth, eighteen hundred and forty nine.

Bill. An act to change the name of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The foregoing Bills having severally been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed and each of said Bills having had three several readings, they were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve abating tax of town of Litchfield and assessing the same upon the town of West Gardiner

Resolve for the Representation of Maine in the Paris Exhibition of Agriculture in eighteen hundred and fifty seven.

Resolve in favor of Silas S. Low.

290. The foregoing Resolves having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed and having, severally, had two readings, were finally passed signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr Crossby from the Judiciary Committee on order in relation to increasing the pay of witnesses and jurors, reported legislation inexpedient, Report accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Foster from the Committee on Finance on order instructing them to inquire into the expediency of laying a State tax of two hundred thousand dollars for the present Year reported a Bill entitled an act for the assessment of a State tax for the Year 1857 Report read and accepted, Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for the third reading thereof.

Mr Holt from the Committee composed of the Joint Delegation of Oxford County on the petition of Thomas H. Brown for increase of salary as Judge of Probate for the county of Oxford, reported, giving, to said petitioner leave to withdraw, Report accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act respecting the redemption of lands sold for taxes, was on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville taken from the table and having had three several readings was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Crosby from the Committee on the Judiciary to 291
which was referred a Bill, entitled an act to a-
mend Chapter Eighteenth of the Revised Statutes
reported a Bill, entitled an act to amend
Chapter Eighteen of the Revised Statutes, Report
accepted, Bill read twice and on motion of
Mr Drummond of Waterville laid upon the table
and three hundred and fifty copies ordered
to be printed for the use of the Legislature,

Bill An act to incorporate the Newport Mutual
Fire Insurance Company.

Bill An act to incorporate the City Insurance Company

The foregoing Bills having been reported by the
Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and
strictly engrossed and having severally had
three readings, were passed to be enacted
Signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

On motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter ordered that the
Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to en-
quire into the expediency of abolishing jury
fees and report by bill or otherwise, Sent
up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary
of State transmitting for distribution to the mem-
bers of the House the second annual report of
the Superintendent of common schools and the
report and resolves of the Legislature of 1847
respecting international exchanges.

Mr Chadbourne from the Committee on Railroads

292 Ways and Bridges on order in relation to attending the twenty fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes, reported legislation inexpedient, Report accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Charles Gayford ordering notice. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted, Accepted in concurrence.

Report of same Committee on petition of S. G. Stevens and others ordering notice, This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted, The House amended said report by striking out "25th" and inserting instead those of "18th" and as amended accepted the report sent up for concurrence.

Resolve respecting French Spoliations This Resolve came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, Resolve read once and tomorrow as signed for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of W. B. Hayford and others for a charter to build a boom across the east branch of the Penobscot River, ordering notice, This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted Read and accepted in concurrence

Report of the Committee on Railroads Ways and Bridges on petition of Tallman Lowell and others, granting said petitioners leave to withdraw, came from the Senate having been read and accepted, On motion of Mr Foster of East Machias, it was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition 293. of Thomas J Haines and others granting said petitioners leave to withdraw. This report was taken from the table on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville, read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Woodbury from the Committee on Indian Affairs reported a Resolve to promote the education of the Passamaquoddy Indians. Report accepted, Resolve read once and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr Brown from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of Ellsworth Bank for remission of Bank tax reported a Resolve in favor of Ellsworth Bank. Report read and accepted, Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

The same gentleman from the same Committee on petition of Ellsworth Bank for leave to surrender its charter, reported, granting leave to withdraw. Report accepted, sent up for concurrence.

Mr Pierce from the Committee on Claims, reported a statement of facts to accompany a resolve in favor of temporary clerks in the office of Secretary of State for 1855. Report read and accepted and the resolve having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition of John C. Cummings and others inhabitants of "lotter C" Range one" in the County of Aroostook praying for a grant of land to aid in building mills in said township. Referred to the

294. Committee on State Lands and State Roads and
sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional relating to the Maine
Charitable Mechanic Association, Laid on
the table by Mr Deblois of Portland. Referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent
up for concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Milcox

Clerk.

Saturday February 28th 1857.

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No chaplain present.
Bill, an act to extend the time allowed the Atlantic Bank to close its concerns. This Bill came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, and the rules having been suspended it had three several readings in the House and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of Daniel Hopkins for indemnity for damages by loss of two horses.

Report of same Committee upon the claim of Robert Martin.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions on the petition of Hannah Murphy.

Report of the Committee on the Division of Lands on the petition of the Selectmen of the town of Industry.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions on the petition of Arthur L Grant and also on divers petitions in aid of same.

Report of Committee on Insane Hospital on petition of overseers of the poor of the town of Blanchard. The foregoing reports came from the Senate severally granting the petitioners and claimants leave to withdraw and severally read and accepted. They were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

296 Report of the Committee on Military Affairs in order directing them to enquire into the expediency of repealing Chapter 196 of the public laws of 1856.

Report of the Committee on Education in Bill entitled an act additional to chapter 104 of the public laws of 1854. Entitled an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth. These reports came from the Senate having severally been read and accepted on the report that legislation is inexpedient Read and accepted in concurrence

Report of Committee on Railroad, Ways and Bridges on petition of York and Cumberland Railroad, ordering notice returnable to present Legislature This report came from the Senate, that branch having reconsidered the vote accepting the report, amended the same by striking out the word "ten" and inserting instead the word "eight" also by striking out the word "tenth" and inserting instead the word "thirteenth" and as amended was accepted, The House reconsidered its vote accepting the report adopted the Senate amendments and accepted the report in concurrence.

Petition of Henry C. Lovell and one hundred and ten others praying that interest not exceeding seven per cent on contracts secured by mortgage on real estate may be legal This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, Referred in concurrence

Remonstrance of John Saunders and others of Tues 297
cott against setting of Mahars Island and
annexing it to the town of Pembroke This remon-
strance came from the Senate referred to the
Committee on Division of Towns, Referred in con-
currence

Order on the Judiciary Committee directing
them to enquire into the expediency of altering
the twenty second section of Chapter 106 of the
Revised statutes, This order came from the
Senate having been read and passed, Read
and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Pearson of Machias ordered
that the Committee on the Judiciary be direc-
ted to enquire what legislation is necessary to
make married women doing business in their
own name or on their own account liable for
their accounts, notes and contracts and re-
port by bill or otherwise. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Stone of Brewer offered the following order
which on his motion was laid upon the table
Ordered that the Committee on the Revision of
the Laws, be required to strike out of Title
first, Chapter six, Section 118, line seven the
words, "And Seal"

On motion of Mr Stone of Brewer ordered
that a Committee of three be raised to report
to this House as soon as may be, the amount
of pay to be allowed hereafter to the deputies
or principal Clerks in the several State depart-
ments, to the messengers and their assistants

298 for the Governor and Council, Senate and House of Representatives, and to such other clerks and officers as have been heretofore or should be here after provided for by law, that the same may be incorporated into the Revision in their proper place. Read and passed and Moses Stone of Brewer, Dusen of Calais, and Deering of Denmark were appointed sub-committee

Bill an act to extend the time allowed the Atlantic Bank to close its concerns.

Bill an act to provide in part for the expenditures of Government

Bill an act in addition to an act to enable the first school district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R Folsom

Bill an act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company.

Bill. An act to incorporate the Indigent Ministers Relief Association

Bill an act to repeal an act to incorporate the Milton Manufacturing Company. The foregoing Bills having each, had three several readings and been severally reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

A communication was received from the

Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution to 299, the House of Representatives an abstract of the semi annual returns of the several Banks in this State for January 1857.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform Schools,

Resolve for the abatement of the State tax, on the town of Cutler,

These Resolves having each had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed were finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Mr Adams from the Committee on Accounts reported a "Resolve for paying Roll of accounts No 37" Report accepted, Resolve read once and weanesday next assigned for its second reading,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting a Bill, entitled "an act in relation to wills" This report came from the Senate the report having been accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed, Report accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice and Monday next assigned for its third reading,

Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes, This resolve having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed in concurrence,

Bill, An Act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1857. This Bill having had three several

300. oral readings was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence,

Resolves, respecting French Spoliations, read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence,

Resolve in favor of the Ellsworth Bank This resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence,

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions on petition of Hannah Murphy. On motion of Mr Rich-ardson of Tremont, the House reconsidered the vote accepting said report and recommitted the same, Sent up for concurrence,

Mr Foster of East Machias moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday by which a Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of Secretary of State in 1855, was passed to be engrossed, and the motion be laid upon the table and monday next assigned for the consideration of the same

Petition of the Selectmen of Mount Desert and Tremont, to amend the act incorporating the town of Tremont

Remonstrance of, P. L. Eaton and two hundred and sixty eight others, citizens of the town of Prospect against a division of said town. The foregoing petition and remonstrance were severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence

Adjourned
Attest George W. Wilcox Clerk.

Monday March 2nd 1857.

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No Chaplain present.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture reporting a Bill entitled an act granting further further powers and privileges to Agricultural and Horticultural Societies

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Horace Miser, reporting a Bill entitled an act to set off part of the Homestead of Horace Miser from Sedgwick and annex the same to Portland

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of Moses Gould and others, reporting a Bill entitled 'An act to authorize the construction of a Railroad around the North side of the city of Portland,

Report of the Committee on Interior Matters on petition of Daniel Sargent 2nd and others, reporting a Bill entitled 'An act for the further Extension of the Bangor Boom Company'

The aforesaid reports came from the Senate having been severally read and accepted and the Bills passed to be engrossed, and the reports were severally accepted in concurrence, each of said Bills had two several readings and tomorrow assigned for the third Reading of each.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting a Resolve in favor of Silas Coburn and B. H. Chesley.

302 Report of the Committee on Claims on claim of the town of Cherryfield reporting a Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield for the support and commitment of a foreign insane pauper

Report of same Committee, reporting a Resolve appropriating school money to Hancock Plantation, The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted and they were severally accepted in concurrence and each of said resolves was read once and Wednesday March eleventh assigned for their second reading

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relating to prohibition of circuses reporting legislation inexpedient

Report of same Committee on sundry petitions in regard to a law to prevent the exhibition of circuses, granting said petitioners leave to withdraw

Report of same Committee on order directing enquiring whether any further legislation is necessary to protect bona fide creditors and stockholders of corporations, reporting the same, and asking that the order be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Mays and Bridges

Report of the Cumberland Delegation on petition of Aaron B. Holden for increase of his salary as Register of Probate for said county, granting said petitioner leave to withdraw

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs 303,
and Insurance on petition of Benjamin B. Benson
and others, ordering notice, The foregoing reports
came from the Senate having been read and ac-
cepted, and they were accepted in concurrence

Order to Judiciary Committee to enquire in rela-
tion to granting creditors interest on accounts
of more than six months standing

Order on same Committee in relation to the
manner of choosing Selectmen, These orders
came from the Senate having been read and
passed, Read and passed in concurrence.

Bill an act in relation to wills, on motion
of Mr Johnson of Augusta the Bill was laid on
the table and three hundred and fifty cop-
ies ordered to be printed for the use of the
Legislature,

Petition of Isabel Butterfield and others wo-
men of Maine for a law prohibiting the sale
of intoxicating drinks,

Petition of Lucy A Hunt and others for same

These petitions were read and severally re-
ferred to the Joint Special Committee hav-
ing under consideration so much of the Go-
verner's message as relates to a prohibitory
liquor law, Sent up for concurrence

Petition of Eben Hilton and sixty eight others
for additional enactment to lien law on ships,

304 This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Referred in concurrence.

Remonstrance of James Cooper and others of No 7. Range 3, against the petition of John Tobin and others for a new County,

Remonstrance of James Butterfield and others of Springfield against the same,

Remonstrance of Ezekiel Brown and others of Carroll against the same. The above remonstrances were severally referred to the Committee on the Division of Counties, sent up for concurrence.

Bill, Mr Johnson of Augusta laid upon the table a Bill, an act to incorporate the Steamboat-Hotel Company, Referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, sent up for concurrence.

The order offered by Mr Stone of Brewer on Saturday in relation to amending Chapter 6, Sec-18 of Revised Statutes, was on motion of Mr Stone taken from the table, read and passed, sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Duren of Calais Ordered that the Secretary of State be requested to lay before the House the Report of the Commissioners of the State Prison. Read and passed.

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox

Clerk

Tuesday March 3rd 1857.

305.

Prayer by the Rev^d Mr
Ingraham of Augusta.

Petition of John Baker of Madawaska, laid on
the table by Mr Gyr of Madawaska, Referred
to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads
and sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting the report of Commission
-us appointed to take account of stock, tools &c.
in the State Prison at Thomaston, on motion of Mr
Buren of Calais, three hundred and fifty cop-
ies of the foregoing report were ordered to be
printed for the use of the Legislature.

A communication was received from the Secre-
tary of State, transmitting a detailed account
of expenditures under the following items of ap-
propriation for 1856, Clerk hire, contingent
fund of Governor and Council, and contingent
fund of State Treasurer, on motion of Mr Buren
of Calais ordered that three hundred and fif-
ty copies of said statement be printed for the
use of the Legislature.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot, Indians

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians

The foregoing Resolves having had two several
readings and being reported by the Committee
on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly en-
grossed were severally finally passed, Signed
by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

306. Bill, an act to amend an act for the better security of the moneys in the State Treasury. On motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath, the foregoing Bill was taken from the table and referred to the Committee having under consideration the subject of increase of salaries. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Stone from Committee in order to report an amount of salaries for clerks in Secretary of State Office, McPenzers &c. made a report which on motion of Mr Hichborn of Prospect was laid upon the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

Petition of Charles Gay and forty five others for alteration of law relating to ways. Referred to the Committee on Railroads ways and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act relating to certain officers of towns and other corporations, laid upon the table by Mr Brown of Salem. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Burleigh from the Committee in charge of names, on petition of divers persons for change of names reported. granting leave to said petitioners, to bring in a Bill. Entitled an act to change the names of certain persons. Report accepted, Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading
Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox

Clerk

Wednesday March 4th 1857.

307.

Prayer by the Rev

Mr Drew of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital, on order relative to repeal of Chapter 268 of statutes of 1856, reporting legislation inexpedient

Report of Committee on Division of Towns on petition of J^h Clark and others to be set off from No 9, and annexed to the town of Franklin granting said petitioners leave to bring in a Bill, entitled an act to set off a part of No 10 and annex it to the town of Franklin Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading

Report of the Delegation from the County of Sagadahoc on order relative to increase of salary of judge of Probate for said County, reporting a Bill entitled "An act establishing the salary of the Judge of Probate for Sagadahoc County, Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading, The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted, and were accepted in concurrence,

Report of Committee on Revision of the Statutes reporting Title twelfth, and that the same ought to pass to be engrossed. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and said title passed to be engrossed, Report accepted in concurrence. The Title read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Resolve to promote the education of Passamaquoddy Indians

Resolve in favor of Cumberland County Agricultural Society.

The foregoing Resolves having severally had two readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the third reading were severally passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence

Petition of Wm M Reed and one hundred and twenty one others, praying to be incorporated to build a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath. This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. Referred in concurrence.

Petition of George Hathorn for repeal of an act approved April 9, 1856 Chapter 271. came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary Referred in concurrence.

Resolve for paying Roll of accounts No 37, on motion of Mr Vinton of Gray the Resolve was ordered to lie on the table.

Remonstrance of Benjamin Richards and thirty nine others, against the petition of Jas M Hillman to form the West Androscoggin Agricultural Society.

Remonstrance of Darius Forbes and others in aid of same. These remonstrances were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the claim³⁰⁹
of the town of Cherryfield for remuneration for
expenses incurred in supporting an insane pau-
per reporting a Resolve in favor of said town of
Cherryfield, On motion of Mr Foster of East
Machias the report was recommitted for a
statement of facts, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Francis E. Penley for change of name,
Referred to the Committee on Change of Names

Petition of J. B. Cahoon and others citizens of Port-
land for amendment of City charter,

Petition of Lewis Williams and others for a law to
close up copartnership concerns, where one of
the partners lives out of the state The foregoing
petitions were severally read and referred to the
committee on the Judiciary, sent up for concurrence.

Petition of E. Ham and others in aid of the petition
of J. Lowell and others for a new Bank at Lewiston
Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, sent
up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of James Babb and others against
the petition of the inhabitants of Nobleborough.

Remonstrance of S. Gladden and others against the
same petition, The foregoing remonstrances were
severally referred to the Committee on Interior
Waters, and sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of David Wooster and one hundred
and twelve others, voters of North Haven against

310 the petition of William Frey and others of North Haven for an alteration of the law with regard to roads in North Haven. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Gilbert of Bath, laid upon the table a remonstrance of Geo. F. Patten and one hundred others against the repeal of the ninth section of an act to authorize the consolidation of certain Railroad Corporations

Bill, an act for the further extension of the Bangor Boom Company. This Bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr Foster of East Machias, called up the motion to reconsider the vote, passing a Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in Secretary of State's Office, in 1855, and the House refused to reconsider the vote, by which the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Mr Crosby from the Committee on the Judiciary on petitions of the Selectmen of Oldtown, and Burlington, reported, granting leave to said petitioners leave to bring in a Bill, entitled an act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes. Report read and accepted. Bill laid upon the table on motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter and five hundred copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

Petition of Samuel F. Perley and others in aid of pe- 311.
tition relating to meteorological observations. Referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for con-
currence.

A message was received from the Governor by the
Secretary of State transmitting information to the House
that the following Bills, to wit,

Bill an act relating to the Municipal Court of
the City of Biddeford was approved and signed
by the Governor February 25th 1857.

Bill an act respecting Judicial Proceedings

Bill an act in relation to the Directors of Cor-
porations, were severally approved and signed
on the 27th day of February A.D. 1857.

On motion of Mr Deblow of Portland ordered
that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed
to enquire into the expediency of establishing by
law, the assize of bread offered or intended
to be offered for sale in the market, and that
they be directed to report by Bill or otherwise
Read and passed, Sent up for concurrence,

On motion of Mr Stone of Brewer ordered that the
Committee on Militia be required to report to the
Legislature, the total cost to the treasury of the
State of the military department of the gov-
ernment for the last year, including the
expense of the Adjutant General's office
Sent up for concurrence,

312. On motion of Mr McKenney of Limington ordered that the petition of Arthur Mc Arthur and others for an endowment of Limington Academy with the accompanying papers be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Dennett of Kittery ordered that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to consider the expediency of amending chapter twenty eighth of the second title of the revision of the laws respecting tippling shops, by inserting after the word "plantations" in the fifth line of the sixth section the following viz, under such restrictions and regulations as they may deem necessary, and report as they think expedient. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath, ordered that the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary be directed to Enquire whether any, and what, alterations in chapter 27th of the public laws of the year 1856 relating to elections and elections be expedient and report by Bill or otherwise Sent up for concurrence

The House took up the Bill, specially assigned for today, entitled an act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain Railroad corporations and considered the same, and pending the Bill, upon its passage to be engrossed the House

Adjourned

Attest

George N. Wilcox

Clerk

Thursday March 5th 1857.

313.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr
Webb of Augusta,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order
relative to conveyance of dower, reporting legis-
lation inexpedient

Report of same Committee granting leave to with-
draw on petition of H. C. Pierce and others,

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and
Bridges granting leave to withdraw on petition
of Charles Guy and others,

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs
and Insurance, ordering notice on petition of
David Talbot and others. The foregoing reports
came from the Senate having been read and ac-
cepted and they were accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Josham S. Dyer and others of Eastbrook and
Waltham for the increase of bounty on Wolves. This
petition came from the Senate referred to the
Committee on Agriculture. Reported in concurrence.

Mr Strickland from the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads, to which was recommitted a
Resolve in relation to township L, range 2, report-
ed the same in a new draft, and that it ought
to pass. Report accepted, Resolve read once
and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Title twelfth, of the Revised Laws, having been an-
nounced in concurrence with the Senate as per

314, sheet A, and the same having had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Bill, an act authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes, laid on the table by Mr Hathaway of Bloomfield, Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel S. Lambert and fifty four other citizens of Phillips praying for a prohibitory liquor law, Referred to the Joint Select Committee having under consideration, so much of the Governor's message as relates to a prohibitory liquor law. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Bryant and ninety seven others for alteration of law in relation to mill dams. Referred to the Committee on Interior Matters, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Darius Forbes, Thomas Mabry and E. G. Buxton for services rendered the State in 1855. Referred to the Committee on Claims, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Fletcher of China ordered that the use of the Representatives Hall be granted to the Maine Historical Society to hold their meetings this afternoon and evening, Read and passed.

Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians

Resolve in favor of the Ellsworth Banks,

Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engraved Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were each finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Drummond of Waterville ordered that when the question upon the passage of the Bill entitled an act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain Rail road corporations, to be engrossed, is taken, it be taken by Yeas and Nays.

Petition of Zethuan F. Perry in aid of petition of Wilson Hickborn and others for the division of the town of Prospect, Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Aaron Adams and thirty seven others for an act to enable the town of Harpswell to build a road across tide waters, Referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act establishing the salary of the Judge of Probate for Sagadahoc County, This Bill being on its passage to a third reading, on motion of Mr. Parlin of Winthrop it was laid on the table.

Bill an act to provide for the trial of Capital causes, laid on the table by Mr. Deblow of Portland, Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

316 The House resumed the consideration of the Bill entitled an act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain Railroad Corporations, and Mr Johnson of Augusta moved to amend the Bill as per sheet B. Mr Drummond moved an amendment to the amendment on sheet B, as per sheet C, and the question being on the adoption of the amendment to the amendment on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta the question was ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, and the amendment as per sheet C, was adopted by Yeas 66, Nays 54 as follows.

Yeas, Messrs. Andrews, Albee, Bickford, S D Brown, Blaisdell, G W Chadbourne, Crosby, Copp, Cyr, Dennett, Deblois, A. C. Deering, Drummond, J Deering, S Dunning, Dunn, Dingley, Fox, Gross, Parcelton, Hamblen, Hall, Hilton, Hobson, Hunter, Houghton, Hersey, Hamnatt, Hitchborn, Hinds, Holt, Ingalls, Kimball, Leavitt, Longfellow, Little, Lord, Leadbetter, G H Lewis, Lane, Lombard, Martin, Mase, Merriam, Milliken, Morrison, Mc Kenney, Parlin, Parsons, Patten, Pitcher, Pottle, Rice, Rollins, Richardson, G Smith, Strickland, Steward, R Smith, Stinchfield, S B. Stone, Sawyer, Woodman, Whitaker, Webber, R Wells.

Nays, Messrs. Adams, Allen, A Brackett, M B Mun, Bicknell, Baker, W. M. C. Brown, Burleigh, Barron, Clark, Caine, Coffin, Chandler, Cotton, Davis, J H. Dunning, Day, Deveraux, Danforth, Ford, Foster, A Fletcher, Gaptell, Gaven, Given, Gould, Gammon, Gilbert, Honalotte, J. S. Hobbs, Hatheway, Jewell, Johnson, S. Lewis, Linscott, Munch

Marston, T. Moulton, D. Merrill, Marshall, Pool, Pike, 317
Robinson, S. Stone, Sidsby, Sampson Tabbutt, Tenney
Vinton, E. Wells, Walker, W. Wells, Woodbury, Williamson.

The amendment as per sheet B, offered by Mr John-
son, was adopted, and the question being on the
passage of the Bill to be engrossed, and the Yeas
and Nays having been ordered on the same,
the Bill passed to be engrossed by Yeas 68, Nays
52 as follows. The Yeas were Messrs.

Andrews, Allen, Abbee, Bickford, S. D. Brown-
Blaisdell, G. W. Chadbourne, Crosby, Cope, Cyr
Chandler, DeBlois, A. C. Deering, Drummend, J.
Deering, S. Dunning, Dunn, Dingley, Fox, Gross,
Garsden, Hambleton Hall, Hilton, Hobson, Hunter,
J. S. Hobbs, Houghton, Hersey, Hammatt, Hitchman,
Hinch, Holt, Ingalls, Kimball, Leavitt, Longfellow
Little, Lord, Leadbetter, G. N. Lewis, Lane, Lombard
Martin Muse, Merriam, Middleton, Morrison,
McKenney, Parlin, Patten, Parsons, Pitcher,
Pottle, Rice, Rollins, Richardson, G. Smith, Strick-
land, Steward, R. Smith, Stinchfield, S. B. Stone
Sawyer, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, R. Wells,

Nays, Messrs. Adams, A. Brackett, W. Brown, Bicknell, Ba-
ker, M. & Brown, Burleigh, Barron, Clark, Caine, Coffin,
Cotton, Dennett, Davis, J. H. Dunning, Day, Deveraux, Dan-
forth, Ford, Foster, A. Fletcher, Lupton, Town, Twin, Gould
Gammam, Gilbert, J. Hobbs, Hathaway, Jewell, Johnson
S. Lewis, Linscott, Munch, Marston, T. Moulton, D. Merrill
Marshall, Pool, Pike, Robinson, S. Stone, Sidsby, Sampson
Tabbutt, Tenney, Vinton, E. Wells, Walker, W. Wells
Woodbury, Williamson

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Milcox Clerk.

318. Friday March 6th 1857.

Prayer by the Rev Mr
Young of Augusta.

Resolve in relation to township L, Range two,
This resolve having had two several readings was
passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act additional to an act to provide
in part, for the expenditures of the Government,
approved Feby 28th 1857, laid on the table by
Mr Foster of East Machias, and on his motion
the rules were suspended, and the bill having
had, three several readings, was passed to be
engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Henry Ipton, This resolve hav-
ing had two several readings, and reported by
the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and
strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by
the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill, an act for the assessment of a State tax
for the year one thousand eight hundred and
fifty seven, amounting to two hundred thous-
and, and nine hundred twenty nine dol-
lars, thirty cents.

Bill, an act for the further extension of the Bangor
Boom Company.

Bill, an act respecting the redemption of land
sold for taxes.

Bill, an act additional to an act to provide
in part for the expenditures of the government

approved, February 28th 1857. The foregoing Bills, having 319.
ing had, three several readings, and reported by the
Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly
engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted
signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate,

Resolve in favor of the temporary Clerks in the
office of the Secretary of State in the year 1858,
On motion of Mr Woodbury of Litchfield the House
indefinitely postponed The Resolve.

Mr Johnson of Augusta moved a reconsideration
of the vote by which the House indefinitely post-
poned the foregoing resolve, and the House refu-
sed, to reconsider its vote, Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Weed from the Committee on Indian Affairs re-
ported a Resolve to protect the rights of Passama-
quoddy Indians, and that the same ought to pass,
Report accepted, Resolve read once, and to-mor-
row assigned for its second reading,

Mr Crosby from the Judiciary Committee on order
directing said committee to enquire into the ex-
pediency of abolishing jury fees, reported a Bill
entitled, an act to abolish jury fees and to a-
mend Chapter one hundred and fifty one
of the Revised Statutes, Report read and accept-
ed, Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned
for its third reading,

Mr Hammatt from the Joint Special Committee
to which was referred the order relating to the com-
munication of the Governor in relation to the
claims of this State under the treaty of Washington

320 reported a resolve for the purchase of lands for French settlers, in Aroostook County, and on motion of Mr Hammatt, it was ordered to be laid upon the table and three hundred and fifty copies thereof be printed for the use of the Legislature,

Mr Fox from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred several petitions praying for the passage, of an insolvent law, reported the draft of a Bill, and recommending that the report lie upon the table, and be printed for the use of the Legislature, Report accepted and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature,

Mr Gilbert from the Judiciary Committee to which was referred an order to enquire into the expediency of an alteration of Chapter two hundred and Seventy Seven, of the public laws, of 1856 relating to elections and elections, reported a Bill, entitled an act additional to the law relating to elections, Report accepted, Bill read twice, On motion of Mr Parcelon of Lewiston it was laid upon the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

Mr Crosby from the Judiciary Committee on order in relation to the expediency of further legislation in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property reported a Bill, entitled an act in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property, Report accepted, Bill read twice, and on motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter

it was ordered to lie upon the table and three hundred and thirty two red and fifty copies thereof be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill an act additional to chapter 159 of the public laws passed A.D. 1845. This Bill came from the Senate passed to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. Farcelon of Lewiston it was laid upon the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. Farcelon from the Committee on Education on Bill an act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity reported the same, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Woodman from the Judiciary Committee on Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company, reported that the Bill ought not to pass.

Mr. Fox from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Robert Bowker and others to be incorporated as a Fire Insurance Company reported a Bill, entitled an act to incorporate The Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. Woodman from the Judiciary Committee on Bill heretofore reported by same Committee entitled an act relating to the property of deceased married women reported the same in a new draft.

Mr. Given from the Committee on Manufactures on petition of John W. Hall and others for an act of incorporation, reported a Bill to incorporate The Buxton Manufacturing Company.

322 Mr Chadbourne from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, on petition of Benjamin Clark and others, reported a Bill entitled 'An act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bowerbank. The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted and the Bill, were severally read twice and tomorrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Mr Foster from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of David M. Campbell and another, reported a Resolve in favor of A Campbell & Co.

Mr Moulton from the Committee on Education on order in relation to furnishing superintending school committees, Supervisors and school district clerks with a copy of the school laws of this state, reported a Resolve authorizing the publication and distribution of the school laws. The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Resolves read once and tomorrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Mr Strickland from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on Bill an act to secure the safety of public travel at Sewall crossing in the city of Bath, reported legislation inexpedient, on motion of Mr Drummend of Waterville this report was laid on the table.

Mr Hersey from the Committee on Banks and Banking on order directing said Committee to enquire into the expediency of requiring Savings Institutions to make returns annually, reported, legislation inexpedient.

Mr. Moulton from the Committee on Education reported 323
petition of Trustees of Gould Academy and others in
aid of same reported, granting said petitioners
leave to withdraw.

Mr. Dicknell from the Committee on Railroads, Ways
and Bridges on petition of Proprietors of Gardiner
and Pittston Bridge reported, granting said pe-
titioners leave to withdraw.

Mr. Crosby from the Judiciary Committee to which
was referred a Bill, entitled an act to provide
for the collection of taxes in unincorporated
places, on lands of non resident proprietors, re-
ported that the Bill ought not to pass.

Mr. Moulton from the Committee on Education
on petition of Trustees of Limerick Academy
for an appropriation to said institution, re-
ported, that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Crosby from the Judiciary Committee report-
ed leave to withdraw on petitions of George L.
Box and others, Abel Hovey and others, D. W.
Perry and others, Mark Shepherd and others
Lewis Silsby and others, and William J. Thomas
and others, praying that the unpaid taxes
of non residents may be required to be published
in the local papers.

Mr. Morrison from the Committee on Education report-
ed leave to withdraw on the petitions of the Propri-
etors of Falmouth Academy and others for aid
to said Institution.

324, Mr Deblois from the Judiciary Committee reported legislation inexpedient on order directing said Committee to enquire into the expediency of repealing the act entitled an act to repeal the one hundred and thirty third chapter of the public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty five approved Jan'y 23, 1856. The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to authorize the construction of a Railroad, around the north side of the city of Portland This Bill being on its passage to its third reading, on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta, the further consideration of the Bill, was postponed until Tuesday next, and it was laid upon the table.

Bill an act to change the names of certain persons
Bill amended as per sheet A.

Bill an act granting further powers and privileges to Agricultural and Horticultural Societies
The foregoing Bills having each had three several readings, were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Miller Jr and thirty two others of Union, praying that Waldoborough may be made the shire town of Lincoln County. Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Wheeler and others for legalizing doings of Mill dam School district in Brewer Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of County Commissioners of Sagadahoc County 325
for an act to authorize them to hire money to build
a jail. Referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

Petition of Emily B. Marshall for change of name. Re-
ferred to the Committee on change of Names.

Mr Holt of Turner presented the account of Job S
Leavitt against the State for collecting rifles &c
Referred to the Committee on Accounts and sent
up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Elliot Smith and thirty nine others
of Norway against the formation of a new society to
be called, the West Androscoggin Agricultural So-
ciety. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture
and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the distribution of certain books in the
Library, Laid on the table by Mr Stone of Brewer
Referred to the Committee on State Library. Sent
up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate a company styled
Whitney, Hamilton & Co, Laid on the table by Mr
Foster of East Machias. Referred to the Committee
on Manufactures, Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Fox of Portland laid upon the table the fol-
lowing Resolve, "Resolved that the Secretary of
State be authorized to purchase six hundred cop-
ies of the Maine State Register for 1857 prepared
by Edward C. Parks, to supply the several cities
towns, and plantations in this State provided
that they shall not exceed seventy five cents

326 per copy and the Governor is authorized to draw his warrant therefor. Referred to the Committee on State Library, Sent up for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State therewith, transmitting for distribution to the House of Representatives an abstract of the returns of Corporations made to his office in January 1857, for the year 1856.

On motion of Mr Milliken of Camden ordered that a committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Legislature relative to the decease of our distinguished countryman, the late Doctor Kane. Sent up for concurrence.

Messrs Milliken of Camden, Hitchborn of Prospect, Drummond of Waterville, Morrison of Farmington and Foster of East Machias were appointed said Committee on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr Stone of Brewer ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to enquire into the expediency of making the provisions of section 16 of chapter Six of the revision, apply to the kinds of property, mentioned in the first paragraph of section eleven same chapter, whether the property is owned by residents or non residents.

On motion of Mr Wells of Freeport ordered that the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to enquire into the expediency of re-

-guising the Bank Commissioners to ascertain whether 327
or any of the Banks of this State are in the practice
of receiving more than the legal rate of interest
on their loans and if so that they be directed to
state the fact in their annual report. Also, or-
dered that the said Committee be directed to en-
quire into the expediency of refusing a charter
to any Banks in this State who have been in
the habit of taking more than the legal rate of
interest on their loans, on receiving satisfac-
tory evidence thereof sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act establishing the salary of the Judge
of Probate for Sagadahoc County. Taken from
the table on motion of Mr Vinton of Gray and
considered, Mr Parlin of Winthrop moved an
indefinite postponement of the Bill. An
motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath, the further con-
sideration of the motion was postponed to Wed-
nesday next.

Bill an act to set off part of No 10 and an-
nex it to the town of Franklin

Bill an act repealing the acts in relation to hops

Bill an act to set off, part of the homestead
of Horace Mixer from Sedgwick and annex
the same to Penobscot.

The foregoing Bills having
each had three several readings were passed
to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Silas Coburn Jr and B.
H Chesley

328 Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield for the support and commitment of a foreign insane pauper. The foregoing resolves having severally had two readings were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Hays and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Tallman Lowell and others was on motion of Mr Jewell of Phippsburg taken from the table and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of Charles H. Hall, Reporting a Resolve in favor of said Hall. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted. Read and accepted in concurrence. Resolve read once and march 11th assigned for its second reading.

Order to the Judiciary Committee in relation to the law of evidence. This order came from the Senate having been read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest

George H. Milcox

Clerk

Saturday March 7, 1857

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Prayer by the Rev Mr
Dexter of Augusta.

The Clerk announced the absence of the Speaker and presided during the organization of the House in the election of a Speaker pro tempore.

Mr Wells of Freeport laid upon the table the following Resolve.

Resolved, that in the absence of the Speaker, Hon Warren H Vinton of Gray be unanimously declared to be elected Speaker of the House pro tem. Read and passed, and Warren H Vinton was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives pro tempore.

On motion of Mr Foster of East Machias a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate informing that branch of the Legislature that the House had in the absence of the Speaker elected Warren H Vinton of Gray as Speaker pro tem. Mr Foster was charged with the message, and he subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

Mr Johnson of Augusta was charged with a similar message to the Governor and Council, and he reported that he had discharged himself of the duty assigned him.

Bill an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

330 Bill, an act to incorporate the Buxton Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act relating to the property of deceased married women

Bill an act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity

Bill an act to abolish jury fees and to amend chapter 151 of the Revised Statutes

Bill an act in addition to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company

The foregoing Bills having each had three several readings and having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the third reading and the reports accepted, were severally passed to be engrossed, sent up for concurrence

Resolve to protect the rights of the Narragansett Indians

Resolve in favor of A. Campbell & Co

Resolve authorizing the publication and distribution of the school laws.

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and the reports accepted, they were severally passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence

Resolve in relation to township L, Range, two
This resolve having had two several readings

and reported by the Committee on Engrossed 331
Bills as truly and strictly engrossed was final-
ly passed signed by the Speaker pro tem and
sent to the Senate.

Mr Crosby from the Judiciary Committee on or-
der of enquiry into the expediency of giving
additional jurisdiction to justices of the Peace
and of increasing the duty on commissions of
same, reported legislation inexpedient. Report
read and accepted, Sent up for concurrence

Petition of E. L. Pike and sixty two others citizens of
Sebago, in the County of Cumberland praying for
an alteration of the Constitution so that the Legisla-
ture may meet once in two years. Referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence

Petition of S. T. Hinder and others of the County of
Lincoln for removal of County buildings. Refer-
red to the Committee on Division of Counties and
Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Castine, laid on
the table by Mr Woodman of Bucksport. Read
once and Monday next assigned for its
second reading

Bill, an act fixing the liability of Railroad cor-
porations in certain cases, laid on the table
by Mr Johnson of Augusta. Referred to the Commit-
tee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Pearson of Machias presented the claim
of the treasurer of the town of Whittrayville

332 for bounty paid on bears. Referred to the Committee on Accounts, sent up for concurrence.

Mr Danforth from the Committee on the Judiciary reported legislation inexpedient in order directing them to Enquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution, that the Governor and Senators may be chosen by a plurality vote, instead of a majority. On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta the report was laid upon the table.

Bill an act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bowerbank. This Bill being upon its passage to a third reading was on motion of Mr Foster of East Machias laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee upon the Revision of the Statutes, reporting Title "Eighth" and that it ought to pass to be engrossed, also reporting Title "Three" of the revised laws, and that it ought to pass to be engrossed. These reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the Titles severally passed to be engrossed. Reports accepted in concurrence, Rules suspended, and the titles severally read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Judiciary Committee on Bill entitled an act authorizing the County Commissioners of the County of Somerset to reassess certain taxes and that the same ought to pass, accepted in the Senate and the Bill passed to be engrossed. Accepted in concurrence, Rules suspended, Bill read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of J. F. Chapman and others, reporting a Bill entitled an act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed, Accepted in concurrence, Rules suspended and the Bill having had three several readings was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on order relating to a change in State Board of Agriculture. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted, on motion of Mr. Hickborn of Prospect, the report was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Claims granting leave to withdraw on petition of Abiel McAllister

Report of Committee on Division of Towns granting leave to withdraw on petition of the Selectmen of Manchester for establishing town line.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary granting leave to withdraw on petition of Thomas Webb for law authorizing appeals in certain cases

Report of the Committee on Claims granting leave to withdraw on petition of Columbus Crockett

Report of the Committee on Education granting leave to withdraw on petition of St Albans Academy for aid

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of Moses G. Rollins.

334. Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of the Carinna Union Academy

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Nathaniel Brackett and others,

Report of the same Committee upon the petition of Thomas B Moore, to be set off from Littleton and annexed to Houlton referring the same to the next Legislature,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order directing inquiry into the expediency of amending pauper law of 1846 reporting legislation inexpedient

Report of same Committee on order directing inquiry into the expediency of altering the Constitution so as to make certain officers elective by the people, reporting legislation inexpedient,

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted therein. They were then duly accepted in concurrence

Order directing the petition of C. P. Nash and others to be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, came from the Senate having been read and passed, Read and passed in concurrence,

Resolve in relation to the purchase of six hundred copies of the Maine State Register, This resolve came from the Senate, that branch non concurring with the House in referring to the Committee on

the Library, and indefinitely postponing the Resolve 335
The House recessed from its vote and indefinitely
postponed in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Incorporation of Towns ordering
notice on petition of James Bryant and others, This
report came from the Senate having been read and
accepted, Accepted in concurrence.

Remonstrance of John S. Ayer and others against
granting new Bank Charters, or the renewal of Bank
charters where the capital is less than one hundred
thousand dollars, This remonstrance came
from the Senate referred to the Committee on
Banks and Banking, Referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order
to consider the expediency of reducing the bounty
on wild animals asking to be discharged from
its further consideration, and that the same
be referred to the Committee on Agriculture
This report came from the Senate having been
read and accepted, Accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Incorporation of
Towns upon the petition of Joseph Snow and others
reporting a Bill, entitled an act to incorporate
the town of Winn

Report of same Committee on petition of Select
men of Mount Desert and Tremont reporting a
Bill, entitled an act to amend the act incorpo-
rating the town of Tremont

Report of Committee on the Judiciary on order

336 relating to attachments, reporting a Bill entitled 'an act in relation to attachments'. The foregoing Reports came from the Senate having severally been read and accepted and the Bills passed to be engrossed. Reports accepted in concurrence. Bills severally read twice and Monday next assigned for the third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting a Resolve to repeal part of a Resolve approved March 16, 1855. The foregoing report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and was read and accepted in concurrence. Resolve read once and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Adjourned

Attest-

George W. Wilcox
Clerk

Monday March 9th 1857.

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Prayer by the Rev
Mr Bean of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of Harriet Doe with a resolve accompanying came from the Senate accepted and the resolve passed to be engrossed. On motion of Mr Foster of East Machias, the report was recommitted for a statement of facts, and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Insane Hospital on petition of the selectmen of South Thomaston, reporting a resolve in favor of said town

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of E. G. Buxton and others with a statement of facts and a resolve accompanying as follows, Resolve in favor of E. G. Buxton and others. The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the resolves passed to be engrossed. Reports accepted in concurrence, Resolves read once and Wednesday March Eighteenth assigned for their second reading

Reports of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Pearson Crosby, and others reporting a bill entitled "an act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs in cities and villages

Also reporting a Bill on order respecting unwholesome meats, entitled an act additional to Chapter 163 of the Revised Statutes relating to the sale of unwholesome meats.

338 The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the Bills passed to be engrossed, Reports accepted in concurrence, Bills severally read twice and tomorrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of A. C. Buffum reporting a resolve providing for the appointment of Commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream

Report of the Committee on Claims on the claim of George A. Fairfield with a resolve in relation to Commissioners at Washington accompanying The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the resolves passed to be engrossed, Reports accepted in concurrence, Resolves severally read once and tomorrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Education on petition of J. S. Holmes and others, also upon petition of J. P. Smeat and others for aid to Foxcroft Academy, granting said petitioners leave to withdraw. This report came from the Senate recommended, Recommended in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Foxcroft Academy, This resolve came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education, Referred in concurrence

Bill "An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company" came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Manufactures and was referred in concurrence

Bill an act to amend the act incorporating the town of Tremont. This bill having had three several readings and reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in the third reading was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve to repeal part of a Resolve approved March 16, 1855. This resolve having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading without amendment and having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the town of Winsor. This bill having had three several readings and being reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third reading, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Stinchfield of Lincoln the vote passing the aforesaid bill to be engrossed was reconsidered and its further consideration postponed to Wednesday next.

Bill an act to regulate the duties of the Agent of the Penobscot Indians. This Bill came from the Senate passed to be engrossed Read twice, and on motion of Mr. Deering of Hampden. it was ordered to lie on the table. subsequently on motion of Mr. Wood of Oldtown the Bill was taken from the table and having had three several readings was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act relating to attachments. This Bill having had three several readings and

340 being on its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter it was laid upon the table

"Resolve in favor of the town of Castine". This resolve having had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third reading without amendment, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence

Resolve in favor of Parker P. Burleigh, laid on the table by Mr Burleigh of Simeus and referred to the Committee on Pay Roll.

Mr Deblois from the Committee composed of the delegation from Cumberland County on petition of the Commissioners of the County of Cumberland, reported a Bill entitled "an act concerning the jail in the County of Cumberland" Report accepted, Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta the Resolve for paying Roll of Accounts No 37. was taken from the table and considered and on motion of Mr Hall of Gorham it was again laid upon the table.

Mr Dunning of Charleston presented the claim of the town of Lagrange for bounty paid on wild animals. Referred to the Committee on Accounts and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest- George W. Wilcox Clerk

Tuesday March 10th 1857.

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No chaplain present.

Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Rumford against the annexation of all the territory west of Ellis river in the town of Rumford, to the town of Hanover.

Remonstrance of Stephen Bartlett and twenty three others against the same.

Remonstrance of Symon Rawson against the same.

The foregoing remonstrances were severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Geo. F. Patten and one hundred others against the repeal of the ninth section of an act to authorize the consolidation of certain Railroad corporations, was on motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath, taken from the table and sent to the Senate.

Remonstrance of Cyrus Fessett and others against an half shire town in the county of Lincoln and petition to make Maldenborough the shire town of the County.

Remonstrance of Horace Fessett and others against the same and petition for same. The foregoing remonstrances and petitions were read and severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties and sent up for concurrence.

342 Bill, an act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company. This Bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee in Engrossed Bill, as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker pro tem, and sent to the Senate.

Petition of L. P. Wentworth and others inhabitants of incorporated towns in the county of Arrowsick praying for the passage of a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements. Referred to the joint special Committee having the subject of the incorporation of towns in the county of Arrowsick, under consideration and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of L. W. Hull and another for leave to build a fish weir and smoke house on State land at Pleasant Point in Perry. Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the Mayor and Overseers of Bath for payment for support of Jane Sutherland at the Insane Hospital. Referred to the Committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the town of Warren for alteration of law of 1844 relating to the preservation of salmon shad and alewives in George's river. Referred to the Committee on Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Robert Williamson and others for an act of incorporation for manufacturing paper

posed. Referred to the Committee on Manufactures 343
Sent up for concurrence

Petition of George H. Gardiner and one hundred and seventy six others of Bath in aid of the petition of Wm M Reed and others for charter for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve to encourage schools in Madawaska laid on the table by Mr Cyr of Madawaska. Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the Communication of the Governor in relation to the claims of Maine under the treaty of Washington, was on motion of Mr Hammett of Portland, taken from the table and Thursday next assigned for its consideration

On motion of Mr Foster of East Machias the House reconsidered the vote recommending the report of the Committee on Claims on petition of Harriet Doe to said committee for a statement of facts, and the resolve accompanying the report was read once, and Wednesday March Eighteenth assigned for its second reading

Bill, An Act in addition to an act to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company, This Bill came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. Referred in concurrence.

344. Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on remonstrance of David Wooster and others asking to be excused from its further consideration and recommending, that said remonstrance be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the on the petition of Wilson Hickborn and others, reporting a Bill entitled an act to divide the town of Prospect and incorporate the southern part into a town by the name of Stockton. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted in concurrence. Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Resolve for paying Robt of Accounts No 3^d was taken from the table on motion of Mr Hall of Gorham and having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Baker and forty four others for additional statute provisions for the lien of mechanics and others upon vessels. This petition came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. It was referred in concurrence.

Petition of B. W. Mallett asking pay for support of an alien pauper, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims, House concurred.

Order referring to a Joint Select Committee the 345
resolutions from the State of New Hampshire in
relation to the introduction or importation of
foreign paupers or criminals into this country
came from the Senate having been read and passed
and Messrs West of Lincoln, Hersey of Pembroke and
Wasson of Hancock were appointed said Committee
on the part of the Senate, Read and passed in
concurrence and Messrs Merrill of Harmony
Pike of Eastport, Gould of Carco, Houghton of
Greenwood, Lombard of Wales, Cyr of Madan-
waska and Fletcher of China were joined on
the part of the House

On motion of Mr Ford of Monroe ordered that the
Judiciary Committee be instructed to consider
the propriety of providing by law, that the towns
and plantations of this State may grant and
vote such sums of money as may be necessary
for building, purchasing and repairing of a
house and house house for the use of their
citizens, and also to make valid the doings
of towns, that may have voted sums the pres-
ent month for said purposes and report by
bill or otherwise. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Walker of Harrison laid upon the table the
following order, Ordered that Wednesday the
eighth day of April be assigned for the final
adjournment of this Legislature. Read, and
on motion of Mr Wells of Freeport it was laid
upon the table,

On motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter ordered that
the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to

346 Enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the support of paupers in plantations and uninhabited places at the expense of the State and also of paupers having no legal settlement in any town in the State. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville ordered, that the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges be directed to enquire into the expediency of repealing or amending the nineteenth section of chapter forty one of the public laws of this State approved March 30, 1853 entitled an act concerning railroads. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Smith of Belgrade laid upon the table the following order, ordered that the delegation from the County of Kennebec, be directed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the laws in regard to the several Municipal Courts of the cities of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner, as that the several judges of the same may be paid and their salaries fixed by the said cities instead of being paid by the County of Kennebec as they now are or that their salaries may be abolished and that they receive their fees instead of salaries and report by bill or otherwise. Mr Johnson of Augusta moved an amendment to this order by striking out the words "the delegation from the County of Kennebec" and inserting instead the words, "The Committee on the Judiciary" and the amendment and order on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville were ordered to lie upon the table.

On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport the House reconsidered its vote accepting in con

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-currence, the report of the Committee on Interior
waters on petition of A. C. Buffum and recommended
it, sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to prevent injury from snow and
ice, sliding from roofs of buildings in cities and
villages, This bill having had three several read-
ings, Mr Marshall of Belfast moved an amend-
ment as sheet, A, and on motion of Mr Drummond
of Waterville it was laid upon the table.

Bill, an act to authorize the construction of a
railroad around the north side of the city of
Portland.

Bill, an act entitled an act additional to
chapter one hundred and sixty three of the
revised statutes, These Bills having each had
three several readings and reported by the
Committee on Bills in the Third Reading were
severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill, an act concerning the jail in the County
of Cumberland, This bill having been reported
by the Committee on Bills in the third reading
and having had three several readings was
passed to be engrossed, sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston
This resolve having had two several readings
was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the Commissioners at
Washington, This resolve having been amended
as per sheet annexed marked A, and having
had two several readings was passed to be en-
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Mr Drummond from the Committee on Banks and Banking on petitions of sundry Banks for extension of Bank charters made a report granting said petitions leave to bring in a bill entitled "an act additional in relation to Banks and Banking, and on his motion the Bill was laid on the table and one thousand copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

The same gentleman from the same Committee made the following reports,

Report on sundry orders, to wit, on order relating to the number of Bank Commissioners, also on order fixing the number of Bank Commissioners, their compensation, and authorizing the Governor, to draw warrants for their compensation Also, on order relating to deposits in the Suffolk Banks, reporting that the provisions contemplated in said orders are embraced in the bill submitted by said Committee on the petitions of sundry Banks for an extension of their charters.

Report on that part of the Governor's message relating to Banks and Banking reporting that the matter be referred to the Bank Commissioners for examination with instructions to report thereon in their next annual report.

Report on order relating to the expediency of taxing stocks of Banks in this State, owned out of the State, reporting legislation inconsistent

Report on the petition of the President, Directors 349.
and Company of the Bank of Halliwell, praying
that said Bank may be re-chartered, granting said
petitioners leave to withdraw.

Report on order in relation to interest and
exchange taken by banks, reporting that fur-
ther legislation is inexpedient.

Mr Hersey from the same committee on petition
of Menduskeag Bank for a reduction of a part
of its capital stock, granting said petitioners
leave to withdraw.

The same gentleman from the same Committee
on order to enquire, if further legislation is ne-
cessary, to secure the rights of stockholders of
Banks, reported legislation inexpedient and
said reports were severally read and accepted
and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Diblois, from the Committee on the Judiciary
on order directing said committee to enquire
what further legislation may be necessary to com-
pel the repayment of taxes, where real estate
is redeemed from the levy of an execution, report-
ed a Bill entitled, An Act additional to chap-
ter Ninety four of the revised statutes relating to
the levy of executions upon real estate.

Mr Hersey from the Committee on Banks and
Banking made the following reports, Report on
petition of C. D. Owen and others for a new bank at
Bath, reporting a Bill, entitled an Act to in-
corporate the Long Reach Bank Co.

350. Report on the petition of the "Bank of the State of Maine" for leave to reduce its Capital stock reporting a Bill entitled an act to reduce the capital stock of the Bank of the State of Maine

Report on the petition of David Bugbee and others for a new bank at Bangor, reporting a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Union Bank.

Report on the petition of the President Directors and Company of the Lumberman's Bank praying that the Capital stock of said Bank may be increased, reporting a Bill entitled an act to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank.

Report on the petition of the American Bank for an increase of its Capital Stock reporting a Bill, entitled an act to increase the capital stock of the American Bank.

Report on the petition of the President Directors and Company of the Freeman's Bank asking for an increase of its Capital Stock, reporting a Bill entitled an act to increase the capital stock of Freeman's Bank.

Report on the petition of the Alfred Bank for an increase of its Capital Stock reporting a Bill entitled an act to increase the capital stock of the Alfred Bank.

Mr Drummond from the same Committee made the following reports.

Report on the petition of the Mousam River Bank 351.
praying that the capital stock of said Bank
may be increased reporting a Bill, entitled
an act to increase the capital stock of the
Sanford Bank.

Report on the petition of the Mousam River
Bank, that the name of said Bank be changed
to Sanford Bank, reporting a Bill, entitled
an act to change the name of the Mousam
River Bank.

Report on the petition of Thomas A White
and others for an act of incorporation for
the Free State Bank, at Bangor, reporting a
Bill entitled an act to incorporate the "Free
State Bank"

Report on the petition of the Thomaston Bank
praying for an amendment to its charter
reporting a Bill entitled an act addition-
al to an act entitled an act to incorporate
the Thomaston Bank

Report on the petition of the Manufacturers and
Traders Bank, at Portland, asking that the
capital stock of said Bank may be increased
reporting a Bill entitled an act to increase
the capital stock of the Manufacturer and
Traders Bank

The foregoing reports were severally read and
accepted and the Bills were each read
twice and tomorrow assigned for their third
reading

352 Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways
and Bridges, ordering notice in petition of
Wm M Reed and others, reported by Mr
Drummond of Waterville,

Report of same Committee by the same gentleman,
on Bill an act additional to an act
to incorporate the Kennebec and Portland
Railroad Company ordering notice. These
reports were severally read and accepted
and sent up for concurrence,

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox

Clerk

Wednesday March 11, 1857.

353.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Colby of Augusta.

Mr Henry of Bangor announced to the House the death of Samuel B. Stone Esquire of Brewer late, a member of this House and laid upon the table the following resolutions,

State of Maine.

Resolved that we have received the intelligence of the death of Samuel B Stone late a Representative in this House with 'profound sensations of sorrow and grief, and that the circumstances of his sudden decease serve forcibly to remind us that, "in the midst of life we are in death" and to admonish us to prepare for that eternity, to which we are all hastening, the coming of which to each of us individually, we know not the day nor the hour.

Resolved that the members of this House most willingly and sincerely bear testimony to the many virtues of the deceased, to his industry and usefulness as a legislator, and to his frankness, integrity, and sincerity as a man, and that we believe that all of us might learn something from the light of his example, of the true objects of life, and of our duties as legislators and men.

Resolved that these resolves be entered upon the Journal of the House and a copy signed

354 by the speaker and clerk, be forwarded to Mrs Stone, the widow of our deceased fellow member.

The Resolutions were unanimously passed.

On motion of Mr Muse of Paris, a prayer was made by the Chaplain of the House.

On motion of Mr Strickland of Bangor a message was ordered to be sent to the Senate informing that branch of the Legislature of the death of Mr Stone.

Mr Strickland was charged with the message and he subsequently reported, that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

Mr Foster of East Machias laid upon the table the following resolve.

Resolved, that as an additional mark of respect to our late brother member, this House do now adjourn

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

Thursday March 12th 1857.

355

Prayer by the Rev^d Mr
Dillingham of Augusta

The Clerk announced the absence of the speaker pro tem, and presided during the organization of the House in the election of a speaker pro tem.

Mr Brown of Solon laid upon the table the following resolve,

Resolved that in the absence of the speaker William T. Johnson Esq of Augusta be unanimously declared to be elected speaker of the House pro tempore.

The resolve was unanimously passed.

Mr Wells of Freeport was charged with a message to the Senate, informing that branch of the Legislature, that the House, in the absence of the speaker had made choice of William T. Johnson Esq of Augusta as speaker pro tem. Mr Foster of East Machias was charged with a similar message to the Governor and Council, These gentlemen subsequently reported, that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

The speaker announced the appointment of Mr Milliken of Camden as a member of the Committee on Free Banking to supply the vacancy caused by the decease of Mr Stone of Brewer.

356, Bill, an act repealing all acts relating to the inspection of Hops.

Bill an act granting further powers and privileges to Agricultural and Horticultural societies

Bill, an act to set off a part of the homestead of Horace Miner from Seelyville and annex the same to Perreot. The foregoing Bills having each had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Cumberland County, Agricultural Society, This resolve having had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr Bicknell of Augusta was appointed on the part of the House to fill the vacancy occurring in the Committee having the subject of a prohibiting liquor law under consideration, by the death of Mr Stone of Brewer.

Mr Gilbert of Bath, upon his request was excused from further service upon the Committee upon Revision of the Laws, and Mr Merrill of Harmony was appointed on said Committee to fill the vacancy thus occurring.

Mr Tabbot of Addison was appointed in the 357
Committee on Fisheries, to fill the vacancy in
said Committee, caused by the death of Mr Stone

Resolve for the purchase of lands for French set-
tlers in Woodstock County. This resolve was read
once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Petition of D B Hinkley for further legislation in
relation to a resolve in his favor passed by
a former Legislature. Laid on the table by Mr
Strickland of Bangor. Referred to the Committee
on State Lands and State Roads and sent up
for concurrence,

Petition of Wm H. Titcomb and twenty others
of Rockland for an act to make valid, the
acts of the assessors of the first Universalist Meet-
ing House in Rockland. Referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary, Sent up for concurrence

Petition of George W. Wright and ninety three
others, asking to have Waldoborough made the
shire town of the County of Lincoln

Petition of C C Howard and others in aid of same;

Petition of Ebenezer Otis and forty seven others
of St George asking that Rockland or Thomaston
may be made a half shire town of the County
of Lincoln, and remonstrance, against removing
the County buildings from Miscasset to Waldoborough

Remonstrance of John McLean and one hund-
red and four others, against the proposed change

358 of the shire town of Lincoln County. The foregoing petitions and remonstrance were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties and sent up for concurrence

Remonstrance of Nathan Parsons and one hundred and twelve others voters of Glenburn against the petition of Samuel S. Stearns and others to be set off to Lewis. Referred to the Committee on Division of Towns and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act additional to chapter 53. of the public laws of the year 1848, laid on the table by Mr Sawyer of Minot. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Hershey of Bangor ordered that the Speaker of the House be directed to inform the selectmen of the towns of Brewer and Orrington, that a vacancy exists in that Representative district occasioned by the death of Samuel B. Stone

On motion of Mr Marshall of Belfast Ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to report to this House what alterations in the laws, or amendments to the Constitution of this State (if any) ought to be made in order that the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States may not deprive the coloured residents of this State of any rights privileges or immunities they have heretofore enjoyed as citizens of this State. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Morriss of Farmington ordered 359.
that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed
to enquire what further legislation is necessary
(if any) in relation to the assessment and collection
of taxes on stock corporations, Sent up for
concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual
Fire Insurance Company. This Bill came
from the Senate amended as per sheet annexed
marked 'A' and as amended passed to be
engrossed. The House reconsidered its vote
passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the
amendment of the Senate on sheet 'A' and
as amended passed the bill to be engrossed in
concurrence.

Resolve in relation to Commissioners at Washington
This resolve came from the Senate, that branch
receding from its former vote passing the re-
solve to be engrossed, amended the amend-
ment of the House as per sheet annexed
marked 'B' and as amended passed to be
engrossed. The House refused to adopt the
amendment of the Senate as on sheet marked
'B' and insisted on its former vote, passing
the Resolve to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Andrews of Menmouth ordered
that the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs be
directed to enquire into the expediency of reporting res-
olutions expressive of the sense of this body on the late
decision of the Supreme Court of the United States
in the Dred Scott case. Sent up for concurrence

360 Mr Fletcher from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of William Frye and others reported a Bill entitled an act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the Islands composing the town of North Haven in the County of Waldo. Report accepted, Bill read twice and on motion of Mr Milliken of Camden Wednesday next assigned for its third reading

Bill an act additional to Chapter ninety four of the revised statutes relating to the levy of executions upon real estate. This bill having had three several readings was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Order to Committee on State Lands and State Roads in relation to authorizing the Land Agent to sell certain lands. This order came from the Senate, having been read and passed, and was read and passed in concurrence

Petition of E. B. French and one hundred and fifty three others for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath. This petition came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. Referred in concurrence

Bill an act entitled an act to incorporate the International Hotel Company. This Bill came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance. Referred in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on petition of E. Holmes and others in relation to

poisoning fever, granting said petitioners leave to ³⁶¹ withdraw. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted. On motion of Mr Parlin of Winthrop the report was recommended. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Chadbourne from the Committee on Railroads, Trays and Bridges on order relating to protection of bona fide creditors and stockholders of corporations, reported legislation inexpedient. Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Jacob Fyfe and others granting said petitioners leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on Bill an act to incorporate West Androscoggin Agricultural and Horticultural Society, reporting that the same ought not to pass.

Report of same Committee on order relating to bounty on crows, reporting legislation inexpedient.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Edward Stevens ordering notice returnable to the next Legislature.

Report of Committee on State Prison on order directing an inquiry into the expediency of increasing the number of officers in the State Prison, reporting legislation inexpedient.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted and they were accepted in concurrence.

362 Bill an act additional in relation to Banks and Banking, On motion of Mr Hersey of Bangor this Bill has taken from the table and tomorrow assigned for its third reading

Bill an act to divide the town of Prospect and incorporate the southerly part thereof into a town by the name of Stockton, This Bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the third reading was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Leavitt of Pembroke Ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of the passage of an act exempting from attachment, Libraries, in the same manner and to the same extent, the tools of mechanics, and implements of husbandry are at present exempted, Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Charles H. Hall, This resolve having had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr Drummond from the Committee on Rail roads, Traps and Bridges to which was committed a Bill An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings. Reported the same in a new draft. Report accepted Bill read twice, and tomorrow assigned for its third reading

Preamble and resolutions of city government 363.
of Portland against alteration of city charter
Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent
up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking
on petition of American Bank for an increase
of capital stock, was on motion of Mr Drum-
mond of Waterville recommitted and sent up
for concurrence.

Mr Banks from the Committee on Manufactures
on Bill an act to incorporate the Biddeford
Steam Mill Company reported a Bill entitled
an act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam
Mill Company and that it ought to pass.

Mr Deblois from the Committee on the Judi-
ciary on petition and memorial of the city
of Portland together with two Bills accompa-
nying the same providing for acts in addi-
tion to the several acts incorporating the city
of Portland, reported legislation therein inex-
pedient so far as the same provides addi-
tional power in relation to streets and
highways, and as to the rest and residue
of said petition and memorial they report
a Bill in a new draft entitled an act
additional to the several acts incorporating
the City of Portland

Mr Crosby from the same Committee on order
directing inquiry into the expediency of
making alteration in law relating to me-
chanics liens. reported a Bill entitled an

364 act to amend chapter one hundred and twenty five of the Revised Statutes and for the further protection of Mechanics liens, The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted Bills each read twice and tomorrow assigned for their third reading

Bill, an act in relation to wills, This Bill came from the Senate passed to be engrossed Read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr Foster from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of William G. Sawyer and others and William R. Miller and others, reported a Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Mattamiscottus. Report accepted, Resolve read once and Wednesday March eighteenth assigned for its second reading

Mr Gilbert from the Judiciary Committee on order in relation to altering the law as to the manner of choosing selectmen and assessors reported, Legislation inexpedient Read and accepted and sent up for concurrence

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on petition of Freeman Kingsberry and others granting said petitioners leave to withdraw came from the Senate having been read and accepted, accepted in concurrence

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to adjust stumpage claims with William

Dickey, Laid on the table by Mr Burleigh 365
of Linneus, Referred to the Committee on
State Lands and State Roads, Sent up
for concurrence

Resolve in favor of A Campbell & Co

Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston

Resolve to repeal part of a Resolve, approved
March 16, Eighteen hundred and fifty five

The foregoing Resolves having each had two
several readings, and reported by the
Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and
strictly engrossed, were finally passed
signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

Bill, An act to incorporate the Buxton
Manufacturing Company

Bill an act to regulate the duties of the
Agent of the Penobscot Indians

Bill an act in addition to an act to in-
corporate the Franklin Company,

The foregoing Bills having each had three
several readings, and reported by the
Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly
and strictly engrossed, were severally
passed to be enacted, signed by the
Speaker and sent to the Senate

366. A communication was received from the Secretary of State transmitting an abstract from the annual returns of the several Railroad corporations, being all returns received at his office to this date. Laid on the table on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Adjourned

Attest-

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

Friday March 13th 1857.

367

Prayer by the Rev^d
Mr Ware of Augusta

Bill an act entitled an act additional to
Chapter one hundred and sixty three of
the Revised Statutes.

Bill an act to set off a portion of plan-
tation Number Ten, and annex the same
to the town of Franklin.

Bill, an act to amend the act incorpo-
rating the town of Fremont

Bill an act authorizing the County Com-
missioners of the County of Somerset to re-as-
sess certain taxes.

Bill an act to change the names of certain
persons

Bill an act relating to the property of
deceased married women

Bill an act to authorize the construction
of a railroad, around the north side of
the city of Portland

Bill an act to divide the town of Prospect and
incorporate the southerly part thereof into a
town by the name of Stockton. The foregoing
Bills having each had three several readings
and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly
and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be
enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

368. Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield for the support and commitment of a foreign insane pauper

Resolve in favor of Silas Coburn Jr and B. H Chesley.

Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians

Resolve to promote the education of the Passamaquoddy Indians

Resolve authorizing the publication and distribution of school laws.

The foregoing Resolves having each had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

Remonstrance of J H Chase and others of Edgecomb against any change of the Shire town of Lincoln County.

Remonstrance of John Smith and others against the same

The foregoing remonstrances were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties and sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Garcelon of Lewiston ordered, that the Committee on the Judiciary

be instructed to enquire into the expediency 369
of abolishing or altering the law in relation
to the individual liabilities of stock holders
in corporations. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional concerning the Supreme
Judicial Court, and Judicial Proceedings
Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary with
instructions to report at the earliest period
practicable. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Barclon from the Committee on the In-
sane Hospital on the reports of the Trustees
and Superintendent of the Insane Hospital
reported a "Resolve in favor of the Insane
Hospital"

Mr Weed from the Committee on Indian
Affairs on petition of George A Hudson
reported a Resolve providing for the build-
ing a stone wall at Pleasant Point.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the
State Prison. Laid on the table by Mr
Morr of Ellsworth

Mr Strickland from the Committee on State
Lands and State Roads on order in relation to
repealing the resolve authorizing the Calais
Academy or their assigns to locate their grant
of land in No 18 in Range 3, reported a Resolve to
change the location of the grant to Calais Academy
The foregoing reports were severally accepted
The Resolves were each read once and Wed-
nesday March eighteenth assigned for their
second reading

370 Mr Burton from the Committee on Banks and Banking on the petition of Ezra Tobie and others, reported a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Central Bank.

Mr Gilbert from the Judiciary Committee on order in relation to the expediency of altering or amending chapter twenty six of the public laws of 1847 in relation to elections, reported a Bill, entitled an act additional to an act entitled an act respecting the election of Electors of President and Vice President

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, and the bills severally read twice and tomorrow assigned for the third reading of each

Bill. an act additional to the several acts incorporating the City of Portland.

This Bill, having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the third reading, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act to incorporate The Biddeford Steam Mill Company. This bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence

Mr Deblois from the Committee on the Judiciary on Bill, an act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association, reported a Bill entitled an act additional relating to

the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association, and 371.
that the same ought to pass. Report accepted.
Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third
reading.

Mr Morrison from the Committee on Education
on petition of Waterville College for an endowment
of a Professorship of Chemistry, reported recommending
that the same be referred to the next Legislature.
Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act to secure the safety of passengers at
Railroad crossings

This bill having had three several readings and
reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third
Reading and amended as per sheet A thereto
annexed. Was as amended, passed to be en-
grossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Marston of Windham ordered that
the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire
into the expediency of so amending the laws as to
make the compensation of County Commissioners
fixed by a salary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mrs Ingalls from the Committee on Education on
order of inquiry in relation to the expediency of
altering school law, reported legislation inexpe-
dient. Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Garcelon from the same Committee on petition
of Westbrook Seminary for aid reported a "Resolve
in favor of Westbrook Seminary. Report accepted. Re-
solve read once, and assigned for March eighteenth

372 Report of the Committee on Railroads, Mays and Bridges on order directing them to consider so much of the Governor's message as relates to the better security of the public in consequence of the transfer of railroad shares to private individuals, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order relating to tippling shops asking to be discharged from its further consideration and recommending its reference to the Joint Special Committee having that subject under consideration

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of H. A. Wood and others granting leave to withdraw

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on petition of A. B. Campbell and others.

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of Charles T. Holland

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of Isaac Witham and others, Paul S. Merrill and others, T. Hildreth and others, Enoch Ford and others

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Arthur Pratt and others

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns granting leave to withdraw on petition of T. Oliver and others

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw ^{373.}
on petition of Luther Luce and others.

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw
on petition of Frye H. Hutchins and others,

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Trays, and
Bridges on Bill, an act in relation to the connection
of railroads, reporting the bill, and that the same
ought not to pass.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate, having
been severally read and accepted, and they
were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill an act in relation to wills.

This Bill having had three several readings and re-
ported by the Committee on Bills, in the Third
Reading, was passed to be engrossed, sent up for
concurrence.

Order to Committee on Insane Hospital in re-
lation to legacy left to said Hospital by Col
Black, This order came from the Senate having
been read and passed, passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Trays, and Bridges
on Bill, an act to incorporate The Puget Harbour
Bridge Company, reporting a Bill, entitled an act
to incorporate "The Puget Harbour Bridge Company"
This report came from the Senate having been read
and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed
Read and accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice
and tomorrow assigned for its third reading

374. Resolve for the purchase of lands for French settlers in Arrostook county, This resolve being under consideration, on motion of Mr Strickland of Bangor, it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Sent up for concurrence

Resolve in relation to Commissioners at Washington Mr Deering of Hampden moved a reconsideration of the vote, whereby the House refused to adopt the amendment of the Senate as a sheet marked "B," and insisted on its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Foster of East Machias, the motion to reconsider, was laid upon the table and tomorrow assigned for its consideration

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox

Clerk

Saturday March 14, 1857.

375

Prayer by the Rev

Mr Amitage of Augusta

Bill an act concerning the jail in the County of Cumberland, This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Resolve in favor of the town of Castine, This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

On motion of Mr Bicknell of Augusta Ordered that the Committee on Banks and Banking be requested to consider whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to Bank Receivers, and to report thereon to this Legislature, Sent up for concurrence

Petition of Greenleaf Gray and others, that if the town of Prospect, be divided, they may be left north of the dividing line as proposed,

Petition of Jeremiah Lindsay and others for same

Petition of Benjamin Shute and others for same

The foregoing petitions were severally received and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, and sent up for concurrence,

376 The order laid on the table on the tenth day of March by Mr Matter of Harrison in relation to an adjournment of the Legislature, was on motion of Mr Wells of Freeport, taken from the table and considered, and the House refused to give the order a passage.

Petition of James Goff Jr and another to have the tolls on Lewiston Bridge reduced. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Trays and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association

Bill, an act to amend chapter one hundred and twenty five of the Revised Statutes and for the further protection of mechanics liens

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Williamson from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Isaac York and others reported a Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Grafton. Report accepted. Resolve read once and Wednesday March Eighteenth assigned for its second reading.

Mr Hammatt from the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of John P. Carter and others, reported a Bill entitled an act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of moose

and floor approved March 29. 1853. Report 377
accepted. Bill read twice and Monday next
assigned for its third reading.

Bill, an act additional to an act entitled an act
respecting the election of President and Vice Presi-
dent, This bill being under consideration, on
motion of Mr Brown of Kennebecport, it was laid
upon the table,

Resolve in relation to Commissioners at Washington
On motion of Mr Doering of Hampden, the House re-
considered its vote passing the Resolve to be engrossed
adopted the amendment of the Senate as on sheet
annexed marked B, and further amended the
resolve as on sheet annexed marked C, and as
amended passed the resolve to be engrossed, Sent
up for concurrence,

Report of the Committee on Railroads Maps and
Bridges, on Bill an act to secure the safety of
the public travel at Serrall's crossing in the city
of Bath, was on motion of Mr Barren of Topsham
taken from the table and recommitted with
instructions to report a bill to the Legislature as
soon as may be, providing for the safety of the
public travel at said crossing, Sent up for
concurrence,

Bill an act to incorporate the Ocean Steam
Ship Company, Laid upon the table by Mr
Deblois of Portland, Referred to the Com-
mittee on Mercantile Affairs and Insu-
rance, Sent up for concurrence,

378. Mr Deblois from the Committee on the Judiciary on Resolve relating to meteorological observations referred by the last Legislature to this Legislature, reported the resolve in a new draft as follows, Resolve relative to meteorological observations in the State of Maine, Report accepted, Resolve read once and Wednesday March 18th assigned for its second reading

Mr Dingley from the Committee composed of the delegation from Androscoggin county on the petition of William P. Frye, reported, granting said petitioner leave to withdraw.

Mr Holt from same Committee on petition of Reuel Washburn reported, granting said petitioner leave to withdraw

Mr Morrison from the Committee on Education reported legislation inexpedient on order in relation to amending school laws, The foregoing reports were severally accepted and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill an act relating to attachments.

This bill having had three several readings, and amended as per sheet A, annexed as amended was passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence

Bill, an act additional in relation to Banks and Banking. This bill having had three several readings on motion of Mr Merrill of Harmony the further consideration thereof was postponed to Thursday next.

The order laid upon the table March tenth, by Mr 379.
Smith of Bilgrade was passed, sent up for concurrence

Petition of John Baker and others of Wiscasset for a
bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath

Petition of Lincoln Webb and One hundred and one
others of Woolwich for same

The foregoing petitions came from the Senate
referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and
Bridges. Referred in concurrence.

Petition of J R Deering and others for an act to in-
corporate the Saco Kansas Association with a bill
accompanying it, came from the Senate referred
to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and
Insurance. Referred in concurrence.

Order on Committee on Kansas and Slavery
Affairs, in relation to the opinion of the Su-
preme Court of the United States in the Dred
Scott case. This order came from the Senate
having been read and passed. Read and
passed in concurrence.

Order to Committee on the Judiciary directing
enquiry into the expediency of repealing or al-
tering the sixth specification of section sixty three
chapter one hundred and nineteen of the Revised
Statutes. This order came from the Senate having
been read and passed. Passed in concurrence

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the
Laws, reporting title six and that the same

380 ought to pass to be engrossed. This report came from the Senate, the Title having been passed to be engrossed. The Title was read three times, and on motion of Mr Merriell of Harmony, it was ordered to be laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on claims on petition of Josiah Emery, granting leave to withdraw

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of B. M. Mallott,

Report of the Committee on Education granting leave to withdraw on petition of First-Baptist Church in Bath

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions granting leave to withdraw on petition of Peter S. Tolson

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been severally read and accepted, They were severally accepted in concurrence

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges in order directing inquiry whether any further legislation is necessary to protect bona fide creditors and stockholders of corporations This report came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in the acceptance of the report and recommitting the same. The House, reconsidered its vote accepting the report and recommitted in concurrence

Bill an act to incorporate the Puget Harbor Bridge Company, This Bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Report of the Committee on Claims to which was recommended 381.
a Resolve abating a portion of the State tax of the
town of Strong and adding the same to State tax of
New Vineyard reported a Resolve as follows. Re-
solve abating the State tax of the town of Strong and
assessing the same upon the town of New Vineyard
This report came from the Senate having been read
and accepted and the resolve passed to be engrossed.
Report accepted in concurrence. Resolve read
once and Monday next assigned for its second
reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and
Bridges on petition of Cyrus McKain and others
of Southport and Boothbay, reporting a Bill entitled
an act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company
This report came from the Senate having been read
and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed
Report accepted in concurrence. Bill read twice
and Monday next assigned for its third reading

Adjourned

Attest-

George M. Wilcox
Clerk

382 Monday March 16th 1857.

Prayer by the Rev^d
Mr Squier of Hallowell.

The speaker announced the absence of the clerk
and that it would be necessary to choose a clerk
pro tempore.

On motion of Mr Gross of New Gloucester ordered, that
in the absence of the clerk Benjamin Freeman
be unanimously declared to be elected clerk pro
tempore, with power to appoint an assistant

Mr Gross of New Gloucester by direction of the
speaker accompanied the clerk pro tem to the
Council Chamber where he took and subscribed
the oaths required by law to enable him to en-
ter upon the duties of his office.

Mr Brown of Kennebunkport was charged with
a message to the Senate informing that body of
the election of a clerk pro tempore, and he sub-
sequently reported that he had discharged the
same Mr Drummond of Waterville was charged
with a similar message to the Governor and
Council and he subsequently reported that
he had discharged the same.

On motion of Mr Stinchfield of Lincoln ordered
that the Judiciary Committee be directed to
enquire into the propriety of providing by law
that the expenses of the Police Court of the city
of Bangor be paid by said city instead of the
County of Penobscot as provided by an act ap-
proved February 28, 1856. Sent up for concurrence

Claim of the town of Machias for bounty, was referred 383.
ed to the Committee on Accounts. Sent up for concurrence

The Committee appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Legislature relative to the death of Doctor Kane reported as follows,
Whereas under the dispensation of the great, wise, and just Ruler of all our distinguished Countryman the late Dr Elisha Kent Kane has recently been removed by death from us, and
Whereas the people of Maine in common with their fellow citizens throughout the Union have with interest and pride witnessed the endeavours of the deceased to add to the treasures of geographical knowledge - endeavours successfully prosecuted amidst hardships and dangers, which only the boldest courage and steadiest perseverance could enable him to meet, shedding lustre upon science, and thereby contributing honor to the American name and renown to our common Country, therefore,

Resolved that the Senate and House of Representatives of Maine have with the deepest feelings of sorrow and regret received intelligence of the death of Dr Kane.

Resolved that the spirit of heroism and self sacrifice which induced him to lay his life upon the altar of a noble ambition should endear him to every true American and the irresistible energy and perseverance which distinguished his labors in his recent Arctic expedition should make his name a watchword for all sincere lovers of science and progress.

384. Resolved that while we lament the loss which our country and the cause of science has sustained in the removal of one of their brightest ornaments we extend to the family and friends of the deceased, assurance of our hearty sympathy in their sad bereavement, and that his Excellency the Governor of this State be requested to communicate to them certified copies of these resolves

Report accepted, and the Resolves read and passed. Sent up for concurrence

Petition of William Singer and others of the town of Thomaston praying that a charter may be granted to build a toll bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence

Remonstrance of Benjamin R Field and others.

Remonstrance of the town of Searsport.

Remonstrance of Joseph Mahoney and others all against the petition of A J Donnell and others were severally referred to the Committee on the Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Dingley of Auburn introduced the following order, viz. Ordered that all bills laid upon the table, by any member of the House after this day shall not be referred to any Committee but shall be referred to the next Legislature, and on motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter the order was laid upon the table

Mr Foster from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on petition of Daniel B. Hinkley reported a Resolve in favor of Daniel B. Hinkley and the same was once read and the rule suspended in motion of Mr Strickland, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr Woodbury from the Committee on Indian Affairs on the petition of George A Hudson reported a Resolve authorizing the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry. The report was accepted, the resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for its further consideration

Mr Drummond of Waterville by leave laid on the table a Resolve for the promulgation of certain laws, and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for its further consideration

Mr Johnson from the Committee on Revision of the Laws, reported a Bill entitled an act relating to obstructions in navigable streams and rivers, and the same was twice read, and on motion of Mr Deering of Hampden was indefinitely postponed Sent up for concurrence

Mr Deblois of Portland, by leave laid on the table a Bill, An Act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court and on his motion the bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Sent up for concurrence

Mr Moor from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on the petition of R A West, reported leave to withdraw. Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence

386. Mr Walker from same Committee reported leave
to withdraw on petition of Selectmen of Salem
and others, Report accepted, Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Drummend of Waterville, Bill
an act additional in relation to Banks and Bank-
ing was taken from the table and indefinitely
postponed, Sent up for concurrence,

On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport, Bill
an act additional to an act entitled an act
for the preservation of Moose and deer approved
March 29, 1853. was taken from the table and
amended as on sheet marked A. and again
laid on the table,

Bill an act additional to Chapter Seventy seven
of the Revised Statutes. was taken from the table
and on motion of Mr Drummend of Waterville
recommitted to Committee on Banks and Bank-
ing. Sent up for concurrence

Bill an act to prevent injury from snow and
ice sliding from roofs of buildings in cities and
villages. was taken from the table. amended as on
sheet annexed marked A. and as amended
passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence

Bill, an act additional to an act entitled an
act respecting the election of Electors of President
and Vice President, was taken from the table
and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence

Resolve authorizing the payment of school money
to Hancock plantation in the County of Acadia

Resolve abating the state tax of the town of Strong 387.
and assigning the same upon the town of Son Vineyard

Bill an act to incorporate the Southport Bridge
Company, were severally passed to be engrossed in
concurrence.

Bill an act to amend chapter eighteen of the
Revised Statutes entitled of Parishes and Ministerial
lands was taken from the table, read twice
and tomorrow assigned for its third reading

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order
relating to repeal of chapter 212 of public laws
of 1856 reporting Bill, an act in relation to li-
ability of magistrates for issuing precepts and of-
ficers executing them was accepted, Bill read
twice, and tomorrow assigned for its third reading

Report of Committee on Manufactures on petition
of Eliphaz Clark and others reporting Bill to in-
corporate the Cumberland Oil manufacturing
Company. Report accepted in concurrence
Bill read twice, and tomorrow assigned for a
third reading

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on
petition of Ebenezer C Staples and others, reporting
Bill an act to incorporate the Little River Ca-
nal Company, and the report was accepted
in concurrence, Bill read twice, and tomo-
row assigned for its third reading

Bill an act additional to the laws relating to elections
was read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading

388 Bill an act additional to chapter 159 of public laws of 1845 was received from the Senate passed to be engrossed, Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on petition of Campbell Bachelder and others, reporting Bill an act to incorporate the Curinna Steam and Water power Company. was accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice, and tomorrow assigned for its third reading

Report of Committee on Interior Waters on petition of inhabitants of Harpswell, reporting Bill an act authorizing the town of Harpswell to construct a road over tide waters. Report accepted in concurrence. Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Reports of the Committee on the Judiciary on an order relating to election of County Treasurers reporting legislation inexpedient on same. also same report on an order relating to alteration of chapter 125, Section 25 of Revised Statutes, also "ought not to pass," on Bill an act repealing chapter 276 of the laws of 1856, were accepted in concurrence

Reports of the Committee on Military Pensions granting leave to withdraw on petition of John Higgins, and reference to the next Legislature on petition of Thomas Webb were accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to collecting of arms belonging to the State was accepted in concurrence

Reports of Committee on Militia granting leave to 389
withdraw on petition of J N Mansfield and others
was accepted in concurrence, also leave to with-
draw on petition of Dennis Sprague and others
accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary reporting
leave to withdraw on petition of Ammi R Mitchell
and others was accepted in concurrence.

Report of Committee on Reform School reporting
legislation inexpedient on order for the purchase
of Coltons Atlas, was accepted in concurrence.

Resolve to protect the rights of the Passama-
quoddy Indians, being in its final passage
was recommitted, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Deering of Hampden, title Sir of
the Revision of Statutes relating to the powers and duties
of Courts of Probate was taken from the table read the
third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary reporting Bill
an act to provide for the trial of capital cases was
accepted in concurrence, Bill read three times
and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State
Roads reporting a Resolve in favor of Thomas J
Roberts, was accepted and the resolve recommit-
ted in concurrence.

Attest

Adjourned
Benj. Freeman Clerk pro tem

A true transcript. Attest Geo. W. Wilcox Clerk

390. Tuesday March 17. 1857.

Prayer by the Rev^d
Mr Fitch of Hallowell

Report of the Committee on Agriculture granting leave to withdraw on the petitions of John N. West and others, and J. S. Dyer and others

Report of same Committee on petition of William Wyman and others asking to be discharged from its further consideration and recommending that said petition be referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes

Report of same Committee on sundry orders and petitions in relation to an increase and decrease of bounties paid on the killing of wild animals. reporting legislation inexpedient

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of D. F. Lothrop and others.

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of Joseph Smith and others

Report of Committee on State Lands and State Roads granting leave to withdraw on petition of C. R. Paul

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of Daniel Cummings

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of William Cooper Thwaites

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of Jesse Wheelock

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw 391.
on the petition of J. A. Cushing and others.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having
been read and accepted. They were severally ac-
cepted in concurrence.

Order in relation to survey of State line between
the States of Maine and New Hampshire

Order calling on Secretary of State for information
touching Commissioners to revise Statutes

The foregoing orders came from the Senate having
been severally read and passed. Read and
passed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of John M. Baldwell and others
of Golden Ridge plantation against being incor-
porated into a town or being taxed as a plan-
tation, came from the Senate referred to the
Committee on the Incorporation of Towns. Re-
ferred in concurrence

Resolve in relation to Commissioners at Washington
This resolve came from the Senate recommit-
ted to the Committee on Claims. The House
reconsidered its vote passing the resolve to be
engrossed and recommitted in concurrence

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking
on petition of Benjamin Litchfield asking to be
discharged from the further consideration of the
same and recommending its reference to the
Committee on Judiciary, came from the Senate
accepted. Accepted in concurrence.

392 Bill, an act to incorporate the Little River Canal Company

Bill an act to incorporate the Corinna Steam and Water Power Company

Bill an act to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company;

Bill an act to authorize the town of Harpswell to extend a high way over tide waters,

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence,

Resolve for the promulgation of certain laws

Resolve in favor of D. B. Hinkley

Resolve authorizing the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading were severally passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence

Remonstrance of J. H. Nickerson and one hundred and eighty nine others against the petition of Fane B. Brastow to be set off from Orrington to Brewer. Referred to the Committee on the Division of Towns, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act additional in relation to Banks and 393.
Banking. This bill on motion of Mr Hersey of Bangor
was taken from the table and considered. Mr Merrill
of Harmony offered an amendment to the
bill, and on motion of Mr Drummond of Water
ville, three hundred and fifty copies of the
amendment were ordered to be printed and
the bill and amendment ordered to be laid on
the table and tomorrow assigned for their further
consideration.

Bill an act to increase the Capital stock of
the City Bank at Biddeford, laid on the table
by Mr Banks of Biddeford and laid over under
the rules.

Mr Drummond from the Committee on Banks
and Banking made the following reports, on
order in relation to Bank Receivers reported a
bill entitled an act to amend section seventy
of chapter seventy seven of the Revised Statutes
in relation to Banks and Banking. Report ac-
cepted. Rules suspended and the bill having
had three several readings, was passed to be
engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Report on petition of Atlantic Bank, for an
extension of charter reporting a Bill entitled
an act to extend the charter of the Atlantic
Bank at Portland

Report on petition of the City Bank at Bangor
reporting a Bill entitled an act to reduce the
capital stock of the City Bank, at Bangor and
to extend its charter.

394. Mr Buxton from the same Committee made the following Reports, Report on petition of M. Coburn and others, reported a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank.

Report on the petition of Edmund Smith and others for a new Bank at Lewiston reported a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Lowell Bank.

Mr Hensley from same Committee reported as follows, Report on petition of H. H. Boody and others for a new Bank at Brunswick reported a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Maine Bank of Brunswick.

Report on the petition of the Sandy River Bank for an increase of capital stock reporting a Bill entitled an act to increase the capital stock of the Sandy River Bank.

Report on the petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Sandy River Bank praying for an extension of charter. reporting a Bill entitled an act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank.

Report on petition of American Bank for an extension of time to pay in an increase of capital stock reporting a Bill entitled an act extending the time for the American Bank to increase its capital stock.

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, and the bills accompanying were severally read twice, and tomorrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital on petition of the Trustees of the Insane Hospital, reporting a Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to renew a note to the Trustees of Maine Insane Hospital. Came from the Senate accepted, accepted in concurrence. Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Prison on the report of the Inspector and Warden of the State Prison, reporting a Resolve making an appropriation for improving the buildings at the State Prison.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of Isaac Westman reporting a Resolve for the encouraging the building of mills in Letter C Range One.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate read and accepted, accepted in concurrence. Resolves severally read once and Wednesday March 25th assigned for the second reading of each.

Mr Hall from the Committee on Agriculture on order directing enquiry into the expediency of amending or repealing laws concerning the inspection and sale of certain agricultural products, reported a Bill entitled an Act to repeal chapters 53, 56 and 57 of the Revised Statutes, Report accepted, Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr Strickland from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported, granting leave to withdraw on petition of William M Drury and others.

396. Mr Marshall from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Directors of the Maritime Bank, for a recharter of said Bank.

The same gentleman from the same Committee made the following Reports. Report on the petition of the stockholders of the Maritime Bank for an increase of capital granting said petitioners leave to withdraw. Also report, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Directors of Hancock Bank for increase of its capital stock.

Mr. Littlefield from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Greenleaf H Fogg and others praying for an appropriation to build a road from Greenbush to Lowell. The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act establishing the salary of the Judge of Probate for Sagadahoc County. This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr Brown of Milford and considered and on his motion the bill was indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act in relation to the liability of magistrates for issuing precepts and officers executing them. This bill was on motion of Mr Woodman of Brunswick amended as per sheet A. and laid upon the table.

Petition of Edmund B. Bowman and ninety four others of Wiscasset for a charter to build a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath.

Petition of Francis P. Tibbetts and thirty two others 397.
of Miscasset for same. These petitions were sever-
ally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways
and Bridges. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional to Chapter One hundred
and forty eight of the Revised Statutes and to
repeal Chapter two hundred and fifty six of the
laws of Eighteen hundred and fifty six. Laid on
the table by Mr Crosby of Dexter.

Bill an act to amend Chapter 'thirty two' of the
Revised Statutes relative to the support of paupers
in unincorporated places. Laid on the table by
Mr Crosby of Dexter.

Bill an act for the preservation of trout in
the Schoodic waters. Laid on the table by Mr
Chadbourne of Perry. The foregoing bills were sever-
ally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary
and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Chadbourne of Perry Ordered
that the Committee on Indian Affairs be requested
to enquire into the propriety of repealing a resolve
in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians approved
Feby 26, 1856 to amend a resolve approved Mar
16, 1853. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Deering of Hampden Ordered
that there be six members added to the present
Committee on Engrossed Bills, to aid in the
examination of the new revision of the Statutes
after its engrossment.

398 On motion of Mr Smith of Hudson ordered that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire whether any further legislation is necessary to the assessment of taxes upon neat stock and other personal property in cases in which a town line divides the farm of any person in such a manner as, that his dwelling house is in one town and his barns and other outbuildings in another Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Huff of Alexander ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending chapter thirty of the Revised Statutes so that Pound keepers shall have the right to take into their custody any beasts and return the same to the pound from which they may have escaped, or may have been illegally taken Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Huff of Alexander ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending chapter seventy three of the Revised Statutes so that small towns having no commercial or mercantile business, shall be obliged to purchase weights and measures, Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox

Clerk.

Wednesday March 18, 1857.

399.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Allen of Hallowell.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Trays, and
Bridges on petition of William H. Stevens reporting
a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Proprietors
of Solon and Embden Bridge.

Bill an act to encourage the use of Water Power.
The foregoing report and Bill came from the Sen-
ate with the report accepted and the Bills pas-
sed to be engrossed, Report accepted in con-
currence, Bills read twice, and tomorrow
assigned for the third reading of each.

Petition of inhabitants of Cornville in aid of
petition of Charles Gayford to be set off from
Cornville and annexed to Skowhegan.

Petition of J. L. Leavitt and others in aid of same.

Remonstrance of the town of Roxbury through their
town Agent against the petition of Josiah A.
Jackson to be set off from the town of Roxbury
and annexed to Mexico. The foregoing peti-
tions and remonstrance were severally referred
to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent up
for concurrence.

The speaker announced the following gentlemen as
additional members of the Committee on Engrossed Bills,
under the order passed yesterday, Messrs Hathaway
of Bloomfield, Wood of Oldtown, Wells of Freeport,
Adams of Kenfield, Brown of Solon and Banks
of Biddeford, and they were chosen by the House.

400. Remonstrance of John Woodman and one hundred others against the petition of Charles Gayford, to be set off from Granville and annexed to Shushogan. Referred to the Committee on Division of Counties sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional to chapter ninety four of the Revised Statutes relating to the levy of executions on real estate.

Bill an act in relation to wills.

Bill an act to provide for the trial of Capital cases. The foregoing bills having each had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally finally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Charles H. Hall.

This resolve having had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to execute deeds under the resolves approved March twenty second in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, laid on the table by Mr. Hensley of Bangor and laid over until tomorrow, under the rules.

A message was received from the Governor 401
through the Secretary of State transmitting to
the House of Representatives, the information
that an act respecting the redemption of
land sold for taxes was approved March
7, 1857.

Also that an act in relation to property of
deceased married women was approved
March 16, 1857.

And an act repealing all acts relating
to the inspection of hops, was approved
March 16, 1857.

Bill an act to reduce the capital stock
of Kennebec Bank at Bangor. Laid on
the table by Mr Hersey of Bangor and
lies over until tomorrow under the rules

Bill an act to amend chapter thirty
two of the Revised Statutes. Laid on the
table by Mr Chandler of Chesterville

Bill, an act to prevent fraudulent conveyances
and to protect heirs therefrom, laid on the
table by Mr Brown of Solon. The foregoing bills
were severally referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Judge
of Probate for the County of Penobscot, laid on
the table by Mr Gilbert of Bath, and under
the rule it lies over until tomorrow,

402 Mr Crosby of Dexter laid on the table the following. Preamble and Order. Whereas, Webster's Dictionary unabridged, the property of this House has disappeared and is now lost to the members, a highly useful book - therefore ordered that the Secretary of State be required to furnish by purchase if necessary, to this House, another copy of Webster's Dictionary unabridged. The order being under consideration on motion of Mr Parlin of Minthrop it was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath ordered that the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of such an amendment of the fifteenth section of chapter one hundred and seven of the Revised Statutes or such other alterations of the law as to authorize special Administrators to control and manage real estate and collect rents, pending the probate of wills. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Drummond from the Committee on Railroads, ways and Bridges reported granting leave to withdraw on petition of Siclem Mayo and others Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Strickland from the same Committee reported granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel Beazie for further time to complete branch tracks of Bangor Oldtown and Milford railroad. On motion of Mr Bicknell of Augusta, it was laid on the table.

A message was carried to the Senate by the Clerk, conveying the information that

the House of Representatives had received a⁴⁰³
message from the Governor stating that on
the seventh day of March 1857 he had ap-
proved an act respecting the redemption
of land sold for the payment of taxes.

Also that - on the 16th day of said March he
had approved an act relating to the prop-
erty of deceased married women

and an act repealing all acts in relation
to the inspection of hops. and that said
message had been entered upon the jour-
nal of the House.

Mr Bicknell from the Committee on Railroads
Ways and Bridges on petition of John A
Pettingell and others reported a Bill entitled
an act to incorporate the Augusta Free Bri-
dge Company. On motion of Mr Johnson of
Augusta. the report was recommitted and
sent up for concurrence.

Mr Crosby from the Committee on the Judiciary
on order relative to making further provisions
concerning the recording of mortgages of personal
property, reported a Bill entitled an act to
amend chapter one hundred and twenty five
of the Revised Statutes and further to provide
for the recording of mortgages of personal prop-
erty and conditional sales. Report read and
accepted, and on motion of Mr Drummend
of Waterville it was laid on the table and
three hundred and fifty copies of the bill
ordered to be printed for the use of the Legis-
lature

404. Bill, an act to incorporate the town of Winn
This bill was taken from the table on motion of
Mr Merrill of Lee and having had three several
readings and reported by the Committee
on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be
engrossed in concurrence.

Mr Drummond from the Committee on Railroad
Ways and Bridges on the petition of Samuel
Beazie and others reported, granting said pe-
titioners leave to withdraw as to a part of said
petition and on the residue reported a Bill
entitled an act authorizing a connection of
the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad
Company, with the Oldtown and Lincoln
Railroad, in the town of Milford. On motion
of Mr Gilbert of Bath, the report was laid
upon the table

On motion of Mr Deblois of Portland ordered
that, the Senate concurring, Messrs Foster of
East Machias and Drummond of Waterville
be added to the joint Standing Committee on the
Judiciary with such as the Senate may join
sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Pulpit Har-
bor Bridge Company

Bill an act to prevent injury from snow
and ice sliding from roofs of buildings in cit-
ies and villages

Bill An additional to the several acts
incorporating the City of Portland

The foregoing Bills having each had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves relating to the death of Doctor Elisha K Kane.

Resolve abating the State tax of the town of Strong and assessing the same upon the town of New Vineyard.

The above resolves having each had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill, an act additional in relation to witnesses.

Bill an act to amend an act additional in relation to witnesses. The foregoing bills were laid on the table by Mr Crosby of Dexter and severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve relating to meteorological observations in the State of Maine, This resolve having had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock, of the City Bank, Biddeford, Read twice and to-morrow assigned for its third reading.

406 Mr Tubbut from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Charles F Baker and others, reported a Bill, entitled an act to incorporate the Jonesport Marine Railway

Mr Guileston from the Committee on Railroads Ways and Bridges on order in relation to amending Chapter 41, section 19 of the public laws approved March 30, 1853, reported a Bill entitled an act to repeal section 19 of chapter 41 of the public laws approved March 30, 1853, in relation to fixing tariff on wood and bark.

Mr Crosby from the Judiciary Committee on order to enquire into the expediency of repealing Chapter 282 of the public laws of 1852, reported a Bill entitled an act repealing the law of 1852 and reviving the law of the Revised Statutes relative to the publication of intentions of marriage. The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Bills each read twice and tomorrow assigned for their third reading

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox
Clerk.

Thursday March 19th 1857

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Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Hathaway of Bloomfield.

Resolve for paying Roll of accounts number thirty seven for eighteen hundred and fifty seven.

Resolve for the promulgation of certain laws
Resolve in favor of D. B. Hinkley

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill an act relating to the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court in the city of Calais

Bill an act relating to the powers of justices of the Peace in the city of Calais. The foregoing bills were laid upon the table by Mr Dusen of Calais and referred to the Judiciary Committee. Sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter, Ordered that the Joint Select Committee on Public Printing and Binding be authorized to contract with some person or persons for the printing and binding of the new revision of the laws said contract shall have no binding force until approved by the Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

408 Bill an act to incorporate J. Ingalls and others into a company for the purpose of making and vending a perpetual daily almanac or calendar. Laid on the table by Mr. Hamblen of Portland. Referred to the Committee on Manufactures, Sent up for concurrence

Bill, an act to incorporate the town of Winn. This Bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee in Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed was passed to be enacted, Signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes reporting title Eleven. This report came from the Senate read and accepted and the title passed to be engrossed. Report accepted in concurrence. Rules suspended. Title read three times, amended as per sheet A. and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on petition of President and Directors of York and Cumberland Railroad, reporting a Bill entitled an act additional to an act to establish the York and Cumberland Railroad. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted in concurrence. Bill read twice, and on motion of Mr. Banks of Biddeford, it was laid on the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

Mr Woodman from the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of George Hathaway reported a Bill, entitled an act to amend chapter 271. of the public laws of 1856 relating to the liability of stockholders of corporations Report read and accepted, bill read twice and on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta it was laid on the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr Deblais from the same Committee on the petition of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court reported, that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr Woodman from the same Committee reported legislation inexpedient on order relative to the appointment of guardians to insane married women

The same gentleman from the same Committee reported legislation inexpedient on order relating to an amendment of the Constitution in regard to the right of suffrage

Mr Gilbert from same Committee on Bill, entitled an act in relation to Justices of the Peace reported, that it ought not to pass.

The same gentleman from same Committee on Bill entitled an act additional to the sixty ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes reported, that said Bill ought not to pass.

410 Mr Moulton from the Committee in Education reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Lisbon Academy for an appropriation

Mr Ingalls from same Committee on petition of J. S. Holmes and others and on a Resolve in favor of Foxcroft Academy reported, recommending the reference thereof to the next Legislature.

Mr Marison from the same Committee reported leave to withdraw on petition of Noah Lord and others and on petition of Trustees of Lebanon Academy for aid

Mr Hathaway from the same Committee reported, on Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Trustees of St Luce and Madawaska High School, that the bill ought not to pass.

Mr Strickland from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads reported leave to withdraw on petition of Paul J. Merrill and others for an appropriation for a road in the town of Shirley

Mr Williamson from the same Committee reported leave to withdraw on petition of John Baker for remuneration for losses and services in the Antioch war,

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted and sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act to amend an act respecting Judicial 411
proceedings approved February 25, 1887
Laid on the table by Mr Drummond of Waterville

Bill an act to amend the law of Fugitive
Tory and detainer, Laid on the table by
Mr Crosby of Dexter.

Petition of R. T Dunlap and thirty five others
of Brunswick praying for a law for the
protection of Insurance Companies.

The foregoing Bills and petition were severally
referred to the Committee on the Judiciary
Sent up for concurrence

Mr Moor of Ellsworth laid upon the table the
following order, Ordered that the Committee
on State Lands and State Roads be directed
to enquire into the expediency of authorizing
the Secretary of State to supply the State Library
the Land Office, the Clerks Office in each of
the several Counties and such other offices
as the Committee shall deem proper with a
copy of a map of such counties in this State
as have recently been and are now being
surveyed, as soon as such maps shall have
been completed and ready for the market.
This order being under consideration, on motion
of Mr Brown of Kennebunkport it was ordered
to lie on the table, It was subsequently taken
from the table read and passed, and
sent up for concurrence.

412 Mr Banks from the Committee on Manufactures on petition of Lucy Crockett and others, reported granting leave to said petitioners to bring in a Bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Acham Lime Rock Company, Report accepted. Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr Martin from the Committee on Education on order providing for the collection of statistics in relation to the colleges and other institutions of learning in this State, reported a Resolve providing therefor, Report accepted. Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, an act additional in relation to Banks and Banking, On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville this bill was taken from the table and on his motion was amended by striking out of section four in lines six and seven the words "as their semi annual returns are required to be" and inserting instead thereof the words "by them" and on his motion further amended by striking out of section seven in lines fourteen and fifteen the words "exclusive of that" and inserting instead thereof the word "not" and on motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport further amended by striking out the word "make" and inserting instead thereof the word "keep" in said section seven in line seventeen, and on motion of Mr Drummond the further consideration of the bill and proposed amendment was postponed to tomorrow.

Bill an act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the Islands composing the town of North Haven in the County of Waldo. This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr Milliken of Camden and considered and on motion of Mr Dicknell of Augusta it was ordered to lie on the table and tomorrow assigned for its further consideration

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain Railroad Corporations. This bill being under consideration, on its passage to be enacted Mr Crosby of Dexter moved the previous question and the motion was seconded by the House and the main question ordered to be put, and on motion of Mr Hammatt of Portland it was ordered that the main question be taken by Yeas and Nays, and being so taken the bill was refused a passage by sixty two Nays to sixty two Yeas as follows.

Yeas. Messrs. Andrews, Albee, S. D Brown, Blaisdell, Bennett, H M Chadbourne, G H Chadbourne, Crosby, Church, Chandler, Campbell, Cyr, Dusen, Deblois, A C Deering, Drummond, Dunn, Dingley, Gros, Guccelon, Hamblen, Hall, Hillin, Hunter, J S Hobbs, Houghton, Hersey, Hammatt, Hinds, Holt, Ingalls, Kimball, Leavitt, Longfellow, Little, Lord, Leadbetter, F H Lewis, Lane, Merriam, Milliken, Morrison, Parlin, Patten, Parsons, Pitcher, Pierce, Pottle, Rice, Robbins, Roak, F Smith, Strickland, R Smith, Stinchfield, Sawyer, Waker, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, R Wells, Wed.

414. Says Messrs. Adams, Allen, A Brackett,
W. Brown, Bunker, Bicknell, Buxton, Baker,
Butler, W M & Brown, Burleigh, Barron, Bryant,
Cragin, Clark, Cane, Carr, Cotton, Davis, J.
H. Dunning, Day, Danforth, Ford, Foster,
E Fletcher, Gowen, Given, Gould, Gammon
Gilbert, J Hobbs, Handette, Huff, Hobson, Hath-
away, Jewell, Johnson, Littlefield, S. Lewis.
Linscott, Murch, Munster, C F Moulton, T
Moulton, D Merrill, Mone, Pike, Rawell,
Richardson, Stone, Spofford, Sidsay, Sampson,
Tolman, Tabbut, Tenney, E Wells, E Wills, H. Wills
J. L. Micks, Woodbury, Williamson,

Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of H & O. Carr, and inhabitants of
Bowerbank for an abatement of the State
valuation, of said town, came from the Senate
referred to the next Legislature. Concurred.

Petition of James F Patten and others for a law
creating a lien on vessels for premiums of in-
surance, came from the Senate referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary. Concurred.

Petition of H. G. Berry and fifty five others,
for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Batt
came from the Senate referred to the Committee
on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. Concurred

Report of the Committee on State Lands and
State Roads on petition of Phineas Borton
and others reporting a Resolve in favor of
Phineas Borton, This report came from the

Senate having been read and accepted, and 415
the resolve passed to be engrossed, Report
accepted in concurrence, Resolve read once
and Wednesday March 25th assigned for
its second reading

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways
and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw
on petition of William Bucknam and others

Report of Committee on Judiciary, granting
leave to withdraw on the petition of E. E.
Bonne and others,

Report of the Committee on State Lands and
State Roads granting leave to withdraw on
the petition of Leonard Bradbury and others
and Cyrus Packard and others,

The above reports came from the Senate
having been read and accepted, and they
were severally read and accepted in con-
currence,

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox
Clerk.

416. Friday March 20th 1857.

Prayer by the Rev

Mr Blake of Gardiner

Bill. an act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings

Bill. an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Bill an act to authorize the town of Harpswell to extend a highway over tide waters

Bill an act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company

Bill an act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company

Bill an act to amend chapter one hundred and twenty five of the Revised Statutes and for the further protection of mechanics liens

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

Bill an act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Penobscot, on motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport, this bill was indefinitely postponed. Sent up for concurrence

Bill. an act for the better protection of Orchards Nurseries. Garden H. laid on the table by Mr Hobson of Saco.

Resolves providing for an amendment of the Con 417.
stitution relating to removals from office by im-
peachment and address. Laid upon the table
by Mr Drummond of Waterville. The foregoing bill
and resolves, were severally referred to the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Moses Anderson and others
against the protection of clams or shell fish. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Fisheries. Sent up
for concurrence

Petition of Godfrey Lydick to be set off from the
town of Alexander and annexed to the town
of Crawford. Referred to the Committee on the
Division of Towns. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Woodman from the Committee on the Judiciary
on petition of E. L. Pike and others. reported
granting leave to withdraw

Mr Crosby from the same Committee on Bill
entitled an act to amend an act addition-
al in relation to witnesses reported the Bill
and that it ought not to pass.

Mr Danforth from the same Committee reported
granting leave to withdraw on the petition of
Francis Purrington and others and William
Williamson and others asking for an alteration
in the law relating to the settlement of paupers

The same gentleman from the same Committee
on Bill an act concerning passenger carriers
reported that the bill ought not to pass.

418 The same gentleman from the same Committee reported leave to withdraw on the petitions of J. S. Osgood and others and J. M. Hayes and others praying for an alteration of law relating to the publication of unpaid taxes.

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Duren from the Committee on Elections reported a list of the members elected to the House of Representatives. Also that they have acted upon all matters and business referred to them and ask to be discharged. Report read and accepted. The list of members elected is as follows. George H. Andrews,

Samuel C. Adams.	James Bryant
Samuel H. Allen	John Craigin
James Albee	Edwin Clarke
Nathan Brackett	Charles Come
Samuel Brackett	Abram Coffin
Warren Brown	H. M. Chadbourne
E. H. Banks.	G. W. Chadbourne
James A. Bicknell	Josiah Crosby
Benjamin F. Buxton	Hiram Church
Daniel Baker	Timothy Copp
Lyman Butler	D. H. Chandler
Martin L. Burr	Eli Carr
W. M. & Brown	J. P. Campbell
H. P. Dickford	Isaac H. Cotton
Stephen D. Brown	Firmin Cyr
E. F. Blissdell	William Duren
E. W. Bennett	Mark Dinnett
P. P. Burleigh	Joseph Davis
Joseph Barron	Thomas Amory Dittlois
	James H. Dunning

Edgar Day
John Devereaux
A. C. Deering
Charles Danforth
J. H. Drusman
James Deering
Solomon Dunning
Peter Dunn Jr
J. Dingley Jr

Richard Ford
Jeremiah Foster
Alfred Fletcher
Ephraim Fletcher
Henry Fox.

Samuel Gaptill
Asa Gorven
Joseph C. Given
Serrall Gross
Isaiah Gould
Nathaniel Gammon
Washington Gilbert
Alonso Garcelon
Edward Hamblen
Joshua E. Hall
Jeremiah Hobbs
James P. Hilton
James Handlette Jr
C. M. Huff
Joseph Hobson Jr
Eben Hunter
Josiah S. Hobbs
S. H. Houghton
G. W. Hathaway

Samuel F. Hersey 419.
William C. Hammatt
A. G. Hitchborn
Amiriod Hinds
Samuel B. Holt

Darwin Ingalls.

Charles Joy
Abraham Jewell
William T. Johnson

J. C. Kimball

S. Littlefield
Silas Lewis
George W. Leavitt
David Longfellow
Joshua Little
Major Lord
Andrew Linscott
Lewis Leadbetter
George H. Lewis
Thomas Lane
John Lombard.

John S. Murch
Jacob Marston
C. F. Moulton
A. P. Martin
Elisha Morse
Thomas Moulton
James W. Merrill
Atenas Merriam
Dexter Merrill

420 Thomas H Marshall
S. L. Milliken
John B. Marison
F. McKenney
John L. Mover

John Pool
E. Pearson Jr.
Humphrey Pike
W. H. Purlin
John W. Patten
Moses Parsons
Lewis Pitcher
Nathan Pierce
Abel Pottle

William Rowell
P. H. Rice
Orison Rollins
William D. Roak
A. Richardson
Ervine Robinson
Samuel Stone
Charles A. Spofford
Samuel Silsby
William A. Sampson
George Smith

S. P. Strickland
Daniel Steward
Randall Smith
J. W. Stinchfield
Samuel B. Stone
D. B. Sawyer

Jeremiah Tolman
Charles Tabbott
John C. Tallot Jr
Alonso Tenney

Warren H. Tinton

Ebenezer Wells
Samuel Walker Jr
Edmund Weeks
William Weeks
Theodore C. Woodman
Frederick Webber
J. K. Whitaker
Richard Wells
Joshua L. Weeks
John Woodbury
Henry Williamson
Alden B. Woods.

On motion of Mr Purlin of Winthrop ordered that there be printed for the use of the Legislature one thousand copies additional of the report and accompanying resolves of the Committee on Kansas affairs and Slavery.

Bill an act in relation to attachments of 421
real estate and personal property. This bill hav-
ing had three several readings and reported by
the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed
to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to execute
deeds under the resolves approved March twenty
second in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty six. The rules being
suspended, this resolve had two several read-
ings and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for
concurrence

On motion of Mr Strickland of Bangor ordered
that the use of the Representatives Hall is here-
by tendered to S. G. Howe to exhibit some of his
pupils of the Perkins Institution and Massachu-
setts Asylum for the blind, for the purpose
of showing the mode of instructing them on, Thurs-
day afternoon next.

On motion of Mr Wells of Freeport ordered that
the Committee on Education be directed to
enquire into the expediency of repealing
chapter 279, of the public laws of 1856 ap-
proved April 10, 1856. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Chadbourne from the Committee on Railroads, Ways
and Bridges on petition of sundry persons in aid of
the petition of Ebenezer Cobb, and others praying
that a charter may be granted to establish the Port-
land and Oxford central Railroad reported granting
said petitioners leave to bring in a bill entitled an
to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad
Company.

422. Mr Woodman from the Judiciary Committee on Bill, an act repealing an act entitled an act to limit the jurisdiction of the municipal Court of the city of Calais, reported the same and that it ought to pass.

Mr Crosby from the same Committee on Bill an act additional in relation to witnesses reported the bill and that it ought to pass. The foregoing reports were severally accepted, Bills read twice each, and assigned for tomorrow for their third reading.

Bill an act to reduce the Capital stock of the Kenduskeag Bank, Read twice and on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville laid on the table

Mr Ingalls of Bridgton moved a reconsideration of the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Education on Bill, an act to incorporate the Trustees of St Luce and Madawaska High School, and the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

Bill an act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad, This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath and the report was accepted, the bill read twice, Mr Gilbert moved to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting instead thereof the words and figures as in paper A. On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville the bill and amendment were laid upon the table

Bill an act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the Islands composing the town of North Haven in the County of Middlebury. This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr. Picknell of Augusta and considered, Mr. Chadbourne of Perry moved to indefinitely postpone the bill, and on this motion Mr. Drummond moved to take the Yeas and Nays and they were ordered, and the question being so taken the House refused to indefinitely postpone the bill by Yeas, 62. Yeas 58 as follows.

Yeas. Messrs. Adams, M. Brown, Banks, Baker, M. M. & Brown, S. D. Brown, Bennett, Bliss, Bell, Barron, Cragin, Cane, G. W. Chadbourne, Chandler, Campbell, Cyr, Duran, Dennett, A. C. Deering, Danforth, Drummond, Dunn, Ford, E. Fletcher, Given, Gould, Garcelon, Hambleton, Hunter, J. S. Hobbs, Hersey, Hamnatt, Hinds, Holt, Jewell, Johnson, Kimball, Leavitt, Lord, Leucabette, T. Moulton, Milliken, Menden, McKenney, Pool, Parlin, Pitcher, Rowell, Rice, Rollins, G. Smith, Strickland, Stinchfield, Tolman, Walker, Woodman, Id. Mks Williamson, Wood,

Nays. Messrs. Andrews, Allen, Albee, A. Brackett, Picknell, S. Brackett, Buxton, Butler, Bickford, Burleigh, Bryant, Clark, H. M. Chadbourne, Crosby, Church, Carr, Davis, Dibois, Day, Diversaux, Foster, Gaven, Gross, Gilbert, Hilton, Handlette, Huff, Hobson, Houghton, Hathaway, Ingalls, Joy, Littlefield, S. Lewis, Longfellow, Little, Linscott, Lane, Murch, C. F. Moulton, Merriam, D. Merrill, Moor, Patton, Parsons, Pierce, Noah, Richardson, Stone, Silsby, Sampson, R. Smith, Sawyer, Tabbutt, Tenney,

424, E. Mills, E. Mills, W. Mills, Webber, Whitaker
R. Mills, Woodbury,

and the bill in motion of Mr Woodman of
Bucksport, was laid upon the table,

Title. Eleven of the Revised Statutes, came from
the Senate. That branch nonconcurring in the
amendment of the House. The House reconsid-
ered its vote adopting the amendment and
passed the title to be engrossed in concurrence,

Mr Barcelona of Lemiston, laid upon the table
the following order. Ordered that on and after
Wednesday next, this House, hold two sessions
per day, a morning session commencing
at nine o'clock, and an afternoon session
commencing at half past two o'clock, and
the order was pending at the time the House
adjourned

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox
Clerk

Saturday March 21st 1857.

425

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Hathaway of Bloomfield.

Bill an act additional to an act, intitled an
act respecting the electors of President and Vice President

Bill an act to incorporate the Cerrinna Steam
and Water Power Company

Bill, an act to incorporate the Little River Ca-
anal Company.

Bill, an act additional relating relating to the
Maine Charitable Mechanic Association

Bill, an act to incorporate the Cumberland Oil
Manufacturing Company.

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings
and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as
truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed
to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

Resolve, authorizing the agent for the Passamaquoddy
Indians, to lease a point of land in Perry.

Resolve, authorizing the payment of school money
to Hancock plantation in the County of Arrostook

The foregoing resolves having each had two
several readings, and passed to be engrossed
and reported by the Committee on Engrossed
Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, were sever-
ally finally passed, signed by the Speaker
and sent to the Senate.

426. A communication was received from the Secretary of State in compliance with an order of the Legislature, of March 16, 1857, transmitting an abstract from bills rendered, of the time employed, amount allowed expenses and disbursements of the several Commissioners, appointed for revising the public laws, of this State under resolves of March 12, 1855 and April 1, 1856, Read, and sent to the Senate.

Mr Foster from the Committee on Finance on petition of George D Bacon and others, of Unity plantation, praying for a reduction of State valuation of said plantation, reported, recommending the same be referred to the next Legislature. Report accepted Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Davis from the Committee on Military Pensions on petition of Nathaniel Hunscom of Lee, reported a Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hunscom, Report accepted, resolve read once and Wednesday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr Danforth from the Judiciary Committee on Order in relation to empowering towns to purchase a hearse and erect a hearse house, reported a Bill entitled an act to authorize towns to purchase a hearse and erect a house for the same. Report accepted Bill read twice, and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Mr Danforth from the same Committee reported leave to withdraw on petition of Lewis Williams and others, Report read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Weed from the Committee on Indian Affairs to 427.
which was recommitted a resolve to protect the rights
of Passamaquoddy Indians reported the same in a
new draft, Report accepted, resolve read once
and Monday next assigned for its second reading

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act
for the preservation of moose and deer approved Mar
29, 1853, This bill was amended by striking out the
second section and as amended, having had three
several readings was passed to be engrossed and
sent up for concurrence.

Mr Dusen of Calais laid upon the table a Report
of the Committee in relation to the printing of the new
Revised Statutes, with resolves accompanying the
same, Report read and accepted and on motion
of Mr Drummond of Waterville the report was laid
upon the table and three hundred and fifty cop-
ies of the resolves ordered to be printed for the use
of the Legislature.

Bill an act to amend chapter Eighteen of the
Revised Statutes entitled of Parishes and Minis-
terial Lands, Mr Woodman of Bucksport moved
to amend the bill in the third line of section 3,
by striking out the word "citizen" and inserting
instead thereof the word "resident". Mr Crosby of
Dexter moved further to amend as per paper A,
and on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville
the bill and amendments were ordered to be
laid upon the table.

Bill an act additional to an act granting

428 certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven in the County of Waldo. This bill was taken up on motion of Mr. Bicknell of Augusta and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais Academy. This resolve having had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad, was taken up and on motion of Mr. Gilbert of Bath, three hundred and fifty copies of the bill and amendment as per sheet A. were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature, and the bill and amendment were laid upon the table.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Garcelon of Lomiston being under consideration, it was on motion of Mr. Bicknell of Augusta laid on the table.

Bill an act to change the name of the Oak Grove School. Laid on the table by Mr. Sampson of Manchester. Rules suspended. Bill read twice and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Report of Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Henry C. Lovell and others, respecting a Bill entitled an act additional to Chapter Sixty Nine of the Revised Statutes relating to Unway, came from the Senate with the bill refused a passage. The House concurred.

Report of same Committee on petition of William 429
Mitchell and others reporting a Bill entitled an
act to incorporate the Machias Port Marine
Railway Company.

Report of same Committee on petition of Edward O'Brien
and others, reporting a Bill entitled an act to in-
corporate the Thomaston Insurance Company

Report of the same Committee on Bill an act to in-
corporate the International Hotel Company, report-
ing the bill, and that it ought to pass.

Report of the same Committee on Bill an act
to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company, re-
porting the bill, and that it ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and
Bridges on Bill, an act to secure the safety of the
public travel at Serrall's crossing in the City of
Bath, reporting the same and that it ought to pass.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate hav-
ing been read and accepted and the bills
passed to be engrossed. Reports accepted in
concurrence. bills each, read twice and Monday
next assigned for the third reading of each

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the peti-
tion of A. C. Buffum and others with a resolve providing
for the appointment of commissioners to examine ob-
structions at the mouth of Stillwater stream

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of
Constante Adelle Laughlin, reporting a resolve in his favor,
as follows, Resolve in favor of Constante A. McLaughlin

430 Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of Thomas S Roberts, reporting a Resolve in favor of Thomas S Roberts

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been severally read and accepted. Accepted in concurrence. Resolves read once and Monday next assigned for the second reading of each excepting the resolve in favor of Constant McLaughlin which was assigned for Wednesday next for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on the petition of Thomas A Keating and others reporting a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Sebec Pond Boat Company. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed. Read and accepted in concurrence and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries reporting Legislation inexpedient on petition of James M Bangs.

Report of Committee on Division of Towns granting leave to withdraw on the petition of A. J. Donnell.

Report of the same Committee granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Charles Gayford

Report of Committee on Agriculture granting leave to withdraw on petition of R. G. Dennis and others.

Report of the Committee on Education reporting Legislation inexpedient on order relating to Teachers Conventions.

Report of same Committee reporting legislation inexpedient on order relative to the misapplication of money for the support of schools.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to the examination of insane persons.

Report of same Committee reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to altering or repealing Chapter One hundred and nineteen of Revised Statutes

Report of same Committee on Bill an Act to amend Chapter 119 of the Revised Statutes relating to trustee process, reporting the bill and that it ought not to pass.

Report of same Committee reporting legislation inexpedient on order in relation to foreign attachments

Report of same Committee reporting legislation inexpedient on order, concerning interest on accounts after six months

Report of same Committee in relation to amending the law concerning manufactures, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same and that it be referred to the Committee on Manufactures

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been accepted, Severally accepted in concurrence,

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reporting title "Four" and that it ought to pass to be engrossed came from the Senate accepted and the title passed to be engrossed, Report accepted in concurrence, Rules suspended, title, read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence

432. Report of the Committee on Education on order relating to increasing the permanent school fund reporting legislation inexpedient came from the Senate accepted. On motion of Mr Brown of Milford it was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Claims on petition of J K Killra, reporting a resolve in favor of J K Killra, came from the Senate, the resolve refused a passage, On motion of Mr Richman of Augusta it was laid on the table.

Bill an act to abolish jury fees and to amend Chapter one hundred and fifty one of the Revised Statutes came from the Senate refused a passage, The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed and concurred with the Senate.

Bill an act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages, given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations, came from the Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee, Concurred,

Order relating to abolishing the office of Commissioner at Washington came from the Senate having been read and passed. Read and passed in concurrence.

Bill an act additional in relation to Banks and Banking, This bill was taken up on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville, and was under consideration and pending when the House adjourned.

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Milcox
Clerk

Monday March 23rd 1857.

433.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Deuter of Augusta.

Reports of the Committee on the Judiciary reporting
legislation inexpedient on order directing enquiry
into the expediency of repealing Chap. 200. of the laws of 1856
Also reporting Legislation inexpedient on order rela-
ting to the liability of married women doing
business on their own account. Also reporting
leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel G. Pike & others.

Report of Committee on Division of Towns granting leave
to withdraw on petition of S. G. Stevens and others.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having
been accepted, They were accepted in concurrence.

Order on the Committee on State Lands and State Roads
enquiring what further legislation is necessary to secure
the payment of notes due the State, came from the
Senate read and passed, Read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and
Insurance on the petition of Charles E. Raullet, re-
porting a Bill, entitled an act authorizing the
extending of a wharf into tide waters at Thomaston

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order
directing enquiry into the expediency of amending
the twenty second section of chapter one hundred
and six of the Revised Statutes. reporting a Bill, en-
titled an act to amend the twenty second section
of Chapter one hundred and six of the Revi-
sed Statutes

434, Report of the Committee in Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Benjamin B. Benson and others reporting a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company, and that it ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Education on Bill an act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy and that it ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on Bill, entitled an act to incorporate the Drumm Edge Tool Company, reporting the Bill and that it ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on Bill, An act for the preservation of trout in the Seodiac Waters, reporting the Bill, and that it ought to pass.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the bills passed to be engrossed. Reports accepted in concurrence. Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospital on order in relation to the legacy of the late Colonel John Black to the Insane Hospital reporting a Resolve in favor of Maine Insane Hospital

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petitions and orders that the Land Agent be authorized to sell the State lands in the towns of Lowell, Burlington, Enfield, Passadumkeag, Carroll and Chester, reporting a resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell lands in the towns aforesaid 435

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been severally accepted and the Resolves passed to be engrossed, Reports accepted in concurrence resolves read once each, and tomorrow assigned for their second reading

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, enquiring into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to open the State Road from Portage Lake to Fort Kent reporting a Resolve in favor of Fish River Road.

Report of the Committee on Claims upon the claim of the Commissioners at Washington to which a Resolve was recommitted reporting the same in a new draft as follows, Resolve in favor of the Commissioners at Washington, The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been severally read and accepted and the resolves passed to be engrossed, Reports accepted in concurrence, Resolves read once and Wednesday April first assigned for the second reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of Josiah A Judkins reporting a bill entitled an act to set off Josiah A Judkins together with certain real estate from the

436. from the town of Roxbury to the town of Mexico
This report came from the Senate having been
read and accepted and the bill passed to be
engrossed. Report accepted in concurrence
rules suspended, and the bill having had
three several readings was passed to be engrossed
in concurrence.

Bill, an act repealing the law of eighteen hundred
and fifty two and reviving the law of
the Revised Statutes relative to the publication
of intentions of marriage This bill being under
consideration, on motion of Mr. Drummond of
Waterville it was laid on the table.

Bill an act to encourage the use of Water Power
This bill being under consideration it was on mo-
tion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport laid on the
table and three hundred and fifty copies
ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town
of Mattamiscontis. The foregoing resolve hav-
ing had two several readings and reported
by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading
was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act in relation to Depositions

Bill an act to incorporate the Jonesport Ma-
rine Railway Company.

Bill an act repealing an act entitled an
act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal
Court of the City of Calcut approved April
4th 1856,

The foregoing bills, having each had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills, in the Third Reading were severally passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act additional to Chapter 159 of the public laws, passed A.D. 1845, concerning the assessment of taxes. This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr Hobbs of Waterford it was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Education on order relative to increasing the permanent school fund. This report was taken from the table on motion of Mr Brown of Milford and the House concurred with the Senate in the acceptance of the report and recommitted it, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Oliver Farrington and others to make valid the doings of Milldam School district in the town of Brewer. The above petition was referred to the Judiciary Committee, Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Holloman and others praying for the passage of a Bill for the protection of deer on Crag Island. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor through the Secretary of State returning to the House a Bill, entitled an act to provide for the trial of capital causes, and communicating the following reasons for withholding his signature to the bill.

438. To the House of Representatives.

I have attentively considered the provisions of the Bill, entitled an act to provide for the trial of capital cases. It is a departure from the rule which has hitherto prevailed in this State for conducting the trial of indictments for capital offences and in my opinion discards a sound and important principle generally recognised in the administration of justice.

Henceforth whenever provision has been made by law for the hearing of such cases by a number of judges less than a majority of the full law Court, it has always been accompanied by a provision allowing the accused to take exceptions to their rulings and instructions. This safeguard is accorded to every person whose rights of property only are involved before our Courts as well as to all those who may be put on trial for offences which are not capital, and I cannot perceive that it is wise or just to take it away from him alone who is on trial for a capital offence.

It is of the utmost importance in securing the confidence of a community in its judicial tribunals, that the laws of the land as promulgated by them, should be uniform and harmonious, and this is eminently true in respect to the adjudication of criminal cases. but to allow four judges out of the eight who now constitute the Supreme Judicial Court to be the final arbiters of the law in capital cases, makes it, at least possible for discordant opinions on similar questions to prevail.

at different times, thus producing a conflict of 439
authoritative law within the same sovereignty and
jurisdiction, which may conduct different
juries to opposite conclusions under a similar
statement of facts.

Moreover if four judges only are
to sit in the trial of capital cases, should they
at any time happen to differ in opinion among
themselves, the negative opinions of any two of
them by producing an equipoise would be con-
trolling and decisive of the point in difference
nevertheless under the provisions of this Bill the
accused would be remediless in such a case how-
ever erroneous those negative opinions might be
in the judgment of a majority of the whole
Court if it could be appealed to.

That some two of our judges
would not unfrequently be found at variance
with their associates in the unpremeditated
opinions, they are sometimes called upon to
form in conducting capital trials, may read-
ily be presumed when we consider the dif-
ferent constitutions of independent minds
and the frequent introduction of new members
upon the Bench under the operation of the
present limitation of the judicial tenure.
Inasmuch then as this Bill does not re-
quire the concurrence of opinion of a major-
ity of the Supreme Judicial Court, which under
the Constitution is clothed with the judicial
power of the State, as the Court of final resort
nor even unanimity among the four judges
whom it proposes to authorize to try capital
cases, and as it provides no alternative
protection to the accused, by allowing him

4440 The privilege of taking exceptions to their rulings and decisions. I am constrained to withhold from it my approval, and herewith return it to that branch of the Legislature in which it originated

Council Chamber Joseph H. Williams
March 23, 1857

On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville the Bill and objections were committed to the Judiciary Committee on the part of the House and three hundred and fifty copies of the objections ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill an act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the Islanders composing the town of North Haven in the County of Halden
On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport. the House reconsidered the vote whereby it assigned, Wednesday next for the consideration of this bill, and assigned tomorrow.

Resolve in favor of Insane Hospital, on motion of Mr Foster of East Machias, the resolve was recommitted to the Committee on the Insane Hospital for a statement of facts. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Biddeford, on motion of Mr Foster of East Machias, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend chapter two hundred 441.
and sixty three of the laws of 1856. Laid on the
table by Mr Danforth of Gardiner. Referred to
the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for
concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the State Prison on
the report of the Inspectors, and Warden of
the State Prison. The House reconsidered its
vote accepting this report and recommitted
it. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox

Clerk.

1442. Tuesday March 24th 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Garity of Gardiner.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the
Laws reporting Chap 11 of Title Two - Also
reporting title Five, were received from the
Senate accepted and the Chapter and title
passed to be engrossed. Report accepted
in concurrence. Rules suspended and hav-
ing each had three several readings they
were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to amend the twenty second
section of Chapter one hundred and six of
the Revised Statutes.

Bill. an act to incorporate the Newport
Hotel Company.

Bill. An Act to incorporate the Machiasport
Marine Railway Company

Bill an act to incorporate the Sebec Pond
Boat Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Proprietors
of Solon and Embden Bridge

Bill an act to incorporate the Internation-
al Hotel Company

Bill an act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company

Bill an act to incorporate the Cobbossee
Manufacturing Company

Bill an act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy 1113,

The foregoing bills having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and each having had three readings were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve providing for the appointment of Commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater Stream.

Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Grafton

Resolve in favor of Thomas S Roberts.

The foregoing resolves having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and having had two readings each, were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of Moose and deer approved March 29, 1853. came from the Senate recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture. Recommended in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company, being under consideration, on motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport it was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Division of Towns, upon the petition of Joshua E. Jenks and others, reporting a Bill entitled an act to set off Joshua E. Jenks, Augustus Perley and Lyman Bradstreet from Bridgton Centre vil.

444. Large Fire Corporation, came from the Senate accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted in concurrence. Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs, on Bill, an act to amend chapter one hundred and eighty two of the public laws approved March 17, 1855 reporting the bill in a new draft. This report came from the Senate, accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted in concurrence. Bills read twice, and on motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport, it was ordered to be laid upon the table and three hundred and fifty copies, printed for the use of the Legislature.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting legislation inexpedient in petition of Stephen Harrington, came from the Senate accepted. Accepted in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Manufactures, concurred.

Report of the Committee on Education on order relating to a Normal School, reporting a Bill, entitled an act for the establishment of a State Normal School, came from the Senate recommended. Recommended in concurrence.

Bill an act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodic Waters. This Bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr Hobbs of Waterford it was laid upon the table.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of 445,
J. H. Farrell, reporting a Resolve in favor of J. H. Farrell.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State
Roads in order, relating to the repair of Houlton and
Baring road reporting a Resolve providing for
the repair of the Houlton and Baring road.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition
of the City of Bath, reporting a Resolve in favor of
the City of Bath.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate hav-
ing been severally accepted, and the Resolves
passed to be engrossed. Reports severally accept-
ed in concurrence. Resolves read once and
Wednesday April 1. assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Revised Statutes
on petition of William Myman, reporting a Bill
entitled an act to protect the culture of Cranberries

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on petition
of Sylvester J. Roberts, reporting a Bill entitled
an act, to authorize Sylvester J. Roberts to build
and maintain a weir in tide waters of Narragansett Bay

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order di-
recting inquiry into the expediency of exempting
libraries from attachment, reporting a Bill en-
titled an act to exempt libraries from at-
tachment and execution. The foregoing reports
came from the Senate having been severally read
and accepted, and the bills, passed to be engrossed
Reports accepted in concurrence. Bills read twice, and
tomorrow assigned for the third reading of each.

446. Bill an act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company. This bill being under consideration, on motion of Mr Foster of East Machias it was laid upon the table.

Bill an act to make valid the doings of the selectmen and Superintending School Committee of the town of Wintthrop for the year 1856. Laid on the table by Mr Parlin of Wintthrop. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act to amend chapter 28 of the laws of 1847 relating to appeal from the decision of County Commissioners. Laid on the table by Mr Crosby of Dexter. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Chadbourne of Perry Ordered that on and after Thursday next, this House meet at nine o'clock in the morning except Mondays, when it shall meet at ten o'clock.

On motion of Mr Duren of Calais ordered, that the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Rev Mr Orcutt of Hartford this evening for the purpose of delivering a lecture upon the purposes of the American Colonization Society.

On motion of Mr Burleigh of Lincoln ordered that the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the repair of the Maine Military Road. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel R Jackson of Brunswick for reimbursement of money paid by him to secure The end of justice

Petition of John Parr of Portland, praying, that the 41st of State should relinquish to him the right to certain property in Portland. The above petitions were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Higgins and sixteen others of Kenduskeag to be re-annexed to the town of Levant.

Petition of Greenleaf Wing and one hundred and fifty others that Kenduskeag may be re-annexed to Levant. The above petitions were referred to the next Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Charles W. Miller and others for an act of incorporation to build a Railroad from Greenbush to the east line of the State. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, Maps and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Allen Lewis and others for an Act of incorporation for a marine railway at Boothbay harbor, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Dusen of Calais, the resolves accompanying the report of the Committee on printing and binding, were taken up, and amended on motion of Mr Doucmond of Waterville by striking out all of the words in the twelfth line of the first resolve, and the resolves were read once, and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill an act to change the name of Oak Grove School

448. The foregoing bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to repeal chapters 53, 56 and 57 of the Revised Statutes relating to the inspection of butter and lard, unions, and tobacco, and exportation of flax seed

Bill, an act authorizing towns to purchase a hearse and erect a house for the same.

The foregoing bills having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and having each had three several readings were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians

Resolve providing for the building of a stone wall at Pleasant point. The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company, This bill was amended as per sheet A. and having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was, as amended passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the Islands composing the town of North Haven in the County of

Waldo. This Bill being under consideration and on 449
its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr Duran
of Calais, it was ordered the question on its pas-
sage to be engrossed be taken by Yeas and Nays.
Mr Moor of Ellsworth moved the previous ques-
tion and the motion was seconded by the
House, and the main question was ordered
to be put, and the bill was passed to be engross-
ed, by Yeas 57 Nays 56 as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were.
Moses Albee, Bicknell, S Brackett, Burston
Butler, Bickford, Barron, Bryant, Clarke,
Coffin, H M. Chadbourne, Crosby, Church,
Can, Cotton, Davis, J H Dunning, Day
Deveraux, Foster, A Fletcher, Gowen, Gaud, Hil-
ton, Houdlette, Huff, Hobson, Houghton, Hickborn,
Joy, Little, Linscott, Lane, Murch, Maustan,
C F. Moulton, Merriam, Marshall, Moore
Pike, Parsons, Patten, Pierce, Roak, Richardson
Stone, Silsby, Sampson, R. Smith, Sawyer, Tabbutt
Tenney, E Miller, E Mills, Webber Whitaker
Woodbury.

Those who voted in the Negative were Moses,
Adams, W. Brown, Burr, W. M & Brown, S D Brown
Blaisdell, Bennett, G M. Chadbourne, Copp, Chand-
ler, Campbell, Cyr, Duran, Dennett, A C Doering
Danforth, Drummond, J Deering, Dunn, Dingley,
Ford, E Fletcher, Fox, Gaptill, Given, Hambleen
Hunter, J S, Hobbs, Hammatt, Hinds, Holt,
Jenell, Johnson, Kimball, S. Lewis, Leavitt, Long-
fellow, Lord, Leadbetter, Lombard, Martin, Mase,
T. Moulton, Milliken, Mc Kenney, Pool, Parlin
Pitcher, Rice, Rollins, G Smith, Stinchfield
Tolman, Walker, Woodman, Weed.

450. Resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin.

Resolve for encouraging the building of mills
in "letter C. range one"

Resolve in favor of Phineas Boynton

The foregoing resolves having been reported
by the Committee on Bills in the Third
Reading, and having each, had two several
readings, were severally passed to be engross-
ed, in concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Milcox

Clerk.

Wednesday March 25, th 1857.

451.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Hanson of Gardiner.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on petitions of inhabitants of the towns of Pembroke, Charlotte, Perry and Robbinston, reporting a Bill, entitled an act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the Pennaquon and Borden lake and tributary waters,

Report of same Committee on petition of William B. Lapham, reporting a Bill, entitled an act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant pond in Woodstock in the County of Oxford,

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been severally read and accepted and the bills passed to be engrossed, Reports accepted in concurrence, Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned for their third reading

Bill, an act to amend an act respecting judicial proceedings, Laid on the table by Mr Bicknell of Augusta, Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act additional to Chapter Sixty nine of the Revised Statutes relating to usury, came from the Senate refused a passage therein, Bill read three times and refused a passage in concurrence

Mr. Morse of Paris laid upon the table the account of E. N. Clark for services as Sheriff of the County of Oxford Referred to the Committee on Accounts, sent up for concurrence.

452 Bill an act to repeal an act in relation to Directors of Corporations, approved Feb'y 27, 1857 Laid on the table by Mr Drummond of Waterville. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Put up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Hobson of Saco ordered. That the use of this Hall, this afternoon be tendered to the Rev Mr Orcutt who proposes to address the members of the Legislature, and others who may wish to be present, upon the subject of African colonization.

On motion of Mr Hathaway of Bloomfield ordered, that the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives this evening, is hereby granted to J D. Farnes Esq. for the purpose of an address upon the subject of Kansas.

Mr Crosby from the Committee on the Judiciary reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Hobb's Bowman and others for an additional criminal term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Penobscot County. Report accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill, an act authorizing the extending of a Wharf into tide waters at Thomaston

Bill, an act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company.

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act additional to an act to establish 453.
the York and Cumberland Railroad Company.
This bill having been amended as per amend-
ments A and B, and having had three several
readings and reported by the Committee on Bills
in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed
and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Parlin from the Committee on Agriculture
on the petition of E. Holmes and others, reported
a Bill, entitled an act to restrain the sale and
use of strychnine or other deadly poison

Mr Crosby from the Judiciary Committee on
Bill, an act to amend the law of forcible
entry and detainer, reported a Bill entitled
an act to amend the law of forcible en-
try and detainer

The same gentleman from the same Committee
on order of inquiry into the expediency of providing
further legislation relative to the taxation of
personal property on farms divided by town lines
reported a Bill entitled an act further to provide
for the assessment of taxes on personal property.
Reports severally accepted, Bills read twice
and tomorrow assigned for their third reading.

Mr Woodbury from the Committee on Indian Affairs
on order of inquiry into the expediency of repealing
a resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians ap-
proved Feb'y 26, 1856, reported a Resolve relating
to the Passamaquoddy Indians, The report was
read and accepted, Resolve read once and
tomorrow assigned for its second reading

454. Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital,

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to renew a note to the Trustees of Maine Insane Hospital. This resolve was amended by the Senate and the amendment adopted by the House,

The foregoing resolves having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and having had two several readings were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital.

This resolve having had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional to the law relating to elections, Mr Drummond offered the amendment as per sheet A. On motion of Mr Bicknell of Augusta the bill and proposed amendment were ordered to be laid upon the table.

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain Railroad corporations, This bill came from the Senate, that branch of the Legislature refusing to concur with the House, in refusing the passage of the bill to be enacted, and passed the bill to be enacted. The question being on receding and concurring with the Senate Mr Parlin of Winthrop moved, that when the question is taken it be taken by Yeas and Nays, and it was ordered and being so taken the House refused to recede.

and concurred by Yeas 65 Nays 68 as follows, 455.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs
Andrews, Albee, S. Brackett, Burr, Bickford, S. D.,
Brown Blaisdell, G. W. Chadbourne, Crosby, Church,
Copp, Campbell, Cys, Duren, Deblois, H. Deering,
Drummond, J. Deering, S. Dunning, Dunn, Dingley
Fox, Gross, Garcelon, Hamblen, Hunter, J. S. Hobbs,
Houghton, Hammatt, Hickborn, Hinds, Holt,
Ingalls, Kimball, Learitt, Longfellow, Little,
Lord, Leachbetter, Lane, Lombard, Muse, Mer-
riam, Milliken, Morrison, Parlin, Patten, Parsons
Pitcher, Pierce, Pottle, Rice, Rollins, Roark, G. Smith,
Strickland, Steward, R. Smith, Stinchfield, Tenyon
Walker, Woodman, Wither, Whitaker, R. Mills.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.
Adams, Allen, W. Brown, Banks, Bicknell, Buxton,
Baker, Butler, Will & Brown, Burleigh, Barron
Clark, Coffin, Chandler, Carr, Cotton, Dinwiddie, Davis,
J. H. Dunning, Day, Devereaux, Danforth, Ford, Foster,
A. Fletcher, Gaptill, Gorven, Given, Gould, Gamman
Gilbert, Hilton, Houquette, Huff, Hobson, Nath-
anay, Joy, Jewell, Johnson, Littlefield, Lewis,
Linscott, Murch, Marston, C. F. Moulton, Moul-
ton, J. W. Merrill, Marshall, Mc Kenney, Pool
Pike, Ravell, Robinson, Stone, Spofford, Silsby,
Sampson, Tolman, Tabbutt, Tenney, Kinton,
E. Mills, E. Marks, W. Marks, J. L. Mills, Woodbury
Williamson, Weed,

Mr Drummond of Waterville moved, that the House
insist on its vote, refusing to pass the bill to
be enacted,

Adjourned

Attest George W. Milcox Clerk.

456, Thursday March 26th 1857

Prayer by the Rev^d
Mr Dexter of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on Bill an act to provide for the security of repairs of vessels, reporting the bill and that it ought not to pass. Also reporting legislation inexpedient on order in relation to fraudulent Insurance Companies out of the State. Also a report on Bill, an act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to home and agencies of foreign Insurance Companies, reporting the bill and that it ought not to pass. Also reporting legislation inexpedient on order in relation to agencies of foreign Insurance Companies.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to chapter sixteen of the Revised Statutes. and same report on petition of Oliver Farrington and others.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Dray and Barges on petition of Charles K Miller, ordering notice thereon. The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been severally accepted, accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Isaac A Davis and others to be set off from Greene and annexed to Webster reporting leave to withdraw. The House refused to concur with the Senate in accepting the report and on motion of Mr Garcelon of Lewiston recommitted it Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on Bill,

entitled an act to incorporate the Frontier Iron Coal¹⁸⁷pany, came from the Senate accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed, Report accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Order relative to the State valuation of the town of Norwobank, came from the Senate passed, It was passed in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Charles Carlisle and others against changing the shire town of the County of Lincoln, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, Referred in concurrence.

Petition of Harrison Knower, that the time to cut timber on one fourth of township number eight in the fourth range, be extended, came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, Referred in concurrence

Bill, an act to amend section seventy of chapter seventy seven of the Revised Statutes in relation to Banks and Banking

Bill an act to set off Josiah A. Jenkins together with certain real estate from the town of Roxbury to the town of Mexico.

Bill, an act in relation to the attachment of real estate and personal property

The foregoing bills, having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

458 Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to execute deeds under the resolves approved March twenty second, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six. This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Bill, an act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Bear, and little Bear ponds in the towns of Turner and Hartford, Laid on the table by Mr Host of Turner. Referred to the Committee on Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence,

Resolve in favor of the temporary Clerks in the office of the Secretary of State in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and fifty five. This resolve came from the Senate, that branch nonconcurring with the House in indefinitely postponing the resolve and finally passed the same. The House nonconcurred with the Senate in finally passing the resolve and insisted on its former vote indefinitely postponing the same and the same was sent to the Senate and the information of the action of the House was transmitted to the Senate by the Clerk of the House,

The Joint Special Committee having the subject of salaries under consideration reported by Mr Duran, leave to withdraw on the petition of John S. Baker for increase of salary as County Attorney for the County of Sagadahoc. Report accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act 459
to authorize the consolidation of certain Railroad
corporations. Mr Drummond withdrew his motion
pending yesterday for the House to insist on its vote
non concurring with the Senate, and the Bill was
sent to the Senate with the information through the
Clerk of the House, that the House refused to recede
from its vote refusing to pass the bill to be enacted
and nonconcurring with the Senate in passing the
bill to be enacted,

Resolves, relating to the publication of the Revised Statutes
These resolves having had two several readings and
reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Read-
ing were passed to be engrossed, sent up for concurrence.

Mr Duran from the Committee on Increase of Salaries
on Bill, an act to amend an act for the better
security of the money in the State Treasury, report-
ed the bill, and that the same ought not to pass,

Mr Woodman from the Committee on the Ju-
diciary on Bill, an act to amend Chapter thirty
two of the Revised Statutes, and providing for a
change in the pauper laws, reported the bill, and
that it ought not to pass,

Mr Littlefield from the Committee on State Lands and
State Roads, on petition of inhabitants of Bridgewater
plantation reported leave to withdraw

Mr Crosby from the Judiciary Committee reported
legislation inexpedient on order relative to the
expediency of amending chapter seventy three of,

460 The Revised Statutes, relating to weights and measures

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws reporting Title Two, excepting chapter eleven of said title heretofore reported, came from the Senate accepted and the title as reported passed to be engrossed. Report accepted in concurrence Rules suspended, and title two as received from the Senate, passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution the third annual report of the Superintendent of common schools for the State of Maine for the year 1856.

Mr Dunning of Charleston laid upon the table the claim of the town of Charleston for bounty paid on bears. Referred to the Committee on Accounts Sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Columbus Foster and others for alteration of the law in relation to the location of school houses in school districts. Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Constant Rankin and others against the Trustees of First Universalist meeting house in Rockland. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to authorize Sylvester J Roberts to build and maintain a weir in tide waters of Narraguagus Bay, This Bill having had three

several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence,

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison. This Resolve having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed, sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer

Bill an act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's pond in Woodstock. This bill was amended as per sheet A.

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Ward from the Committee on Indian Affairs on Bill, an act requiring the Indian Agent to sell land in Brewer reported a Resolve authorizing the sale of indian land in Brewer. Report accepted resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading

Mr Drummond from the Judiciary Committee on Bill, an act to amend an act respecting judicial proceedings, reported the same in a new draft entitled an act additional respecting judicial proceedings

Mr Fox from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Nathaniel Blanchard and others reported a Bill. Entitled an act to incorporate the proprietors of Custom House wharf in Portland.

Reports accepted, Bills each read twice and tomorrow assigned for the third reading of each.

462. Bill, an act to prevent the destruction of pick-
ered in the Pennamague and Borden lake and
tributary waters,

This bill having been reported by the Committee
on Bills in the Third Reading, and having had
three several readings was passed to be engrossed
in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to the Passamaquoddy
Indians,

This resolve being upon its passage to be en-
grossed, it was upon motion of Mr Foster of
East Machias, laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom

This resolve being upon its passage to be engrossed,
it was on motion of Mr Burleigh of Linneus
laid upon the table.

Bill an act additional in relation to Banks
and Banking,

This bill was under consideration and pend-
ing when the House adjourned

Adjourned

Attest George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

Friday March 27th 1857.

463.

Prayer by the Rev
Mr Ingraham of Augusta.

On motion of Mr Drummend of Waterville. Ordered
that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed
to enquire whether any further Legislation is ne-
cessary regulating proceedings before juries to ap-
praise Damages for lands taken for highways
on appeal from County Commissioners. Sent up
for concurrence

Resolve in favor of Phineas Boynton.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital

Resolve relative to Meteorological Observations
in the State of Maine

Resolve in aid of repairing road in the
town of Mattamiscontes

The foregoing resolves having each had two several
readings and passed to be engrossed, and
reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as
truly and strictly engrossed were severally fi-
nally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

Bill an act to incorporate the Jonesport Marine
Railway Company,

Bill an act to incorporate the Trustees of
Gray Academy.

Bill an act to incorporate the Machiasport
Marine Railway Company

464 Bill an act to incorporate the Steamboat Hotel Company,

Bill an act repealing an act entitled an act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Calais approved April fourth eighteen hundred and fifty five.

Bill an act to incorporate the Sebec Pond Boat Company.

Bill an act in relation to depositions

Bill an act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company.

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings, and having been passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted. Signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill an act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company. This Bill was read twice and on motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport, it was laid upon the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr Crosby from the Judiciary Committee on the report of the Joint Special Committee to which was referred the order, that the communication of the Governor in relation to the claims of this State under the Treaty of Washington be referred to a Joint select Committee and

that said Committee be directed to enquire and 465
report what further legislation may be need-
ful to obtain the early adjustment of all the
Treaty claims, and to secure the equitable rights
and to promote the prosperity of the French settlers
on the St John River, reported a Resolve relating
to the claims of the State and settlers arising
under the Treaty of Washington, Report accepted
Resolve read once, and on motion of Mr Crosby
of Dexter, it was laid upon the table and three
hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed
for the use of the Legislature.

Bill, an act to amend an act entitled an act
to establish a Board of Agriculture, reported by
the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was
amended in concurrence as per sheet A and
B, and further amended as per sheet C, and
as amended, passed to be engrossed, sent up for concurrence.

Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians

This resolve having had two several readings and
reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third
Reading, was passed to be engrossed, sent up for
concurrence.

Petition of Solomon Coy and others for alteration
of City Charter of Calais, Referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary, sent up for concurrence.

Claim of the town of Machias for the support
of an insane pauper, presented by Mr
Chadbourne of Perry, Referred to the Com-
mittee on Claims, sent up for concurrence.

466 Claim of the town of Greenwood for bounty paid on bears, presented by Mr. Lucid of Otatoun, Referred to the Committee on Accounts, Sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act to amend the twenty sixth section of the thirty second chapter of the Revised Statutes in relation to paupers, Laid on the table by Mr. Lincoln of Jay, Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary Sent up for concurrence,

Mr Danforth from the Judiciary Committee on Bill, an act relating to the powers of Justices of the Peace in the city of Galois, reported the Bill, and that it ought not to pass. Also on Bill an act to prevent fraudulent conveyances and to protect heirs therefrom, reported the bill and that it ought not to pass,

Mr Foster from the same Committee on Bill an act fixing the liability of railroad corporations in certain cases, reported the bill and that it ought not to pass.

The above reports were severally read and accepted, and sent up for concurrence,

Mr Chadbourne from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported granting leave to withdraw on the petition of James Bryant and others

Mr Strickland from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads reported, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Jos Fish and others for an appropriation to erect a bridge over Mattawornkeag stream in Crystal plantation

On motion of Mr Robinson of Sumner ordered that 467
the Committee on Railroads, Highways and Bridges
be requested to enquire into the expediency of so
altering or amending the law, that all tickets
sold by any agent or ticket master of any railroad
or steamboat corporation in this State, or their a-
gents out of the State or by any individual or his
agent, owning such railroad or steamboat prop-
erty, shall entitle the holder to be carried by said
railroad or steamboat corporation on any one train
or boat that may run belonging to the parties a-
foresaid, as the said ticket may show for the
term of six days, provided it shall not be for
an excursion only. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Merrill of Harmony introduced the following
order. Ordered that when this House adjourns
it adjourn to meet at ten o'clock until other-
wise ordered. The order was laid on the table
on motion of Mr Duran of Calais.

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray ordered that a
Committee of five, with such as the Senate may
join, be raised, to ascertain and report when
the Legislature may finally adjourn. Passed, and
Messrs Vinton of Gray, Woodbury of Litchfield
Burton of Warren, Brown of Solon, Host of Turner
were appointed said Committee on the part of
the House. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Gilbert from the Judiciary Committee re-
ported in a new draft, that Bill an act to
repeal chapter 206 of the Revised Statutes in relation
to the disclosure of poor debtors, ought to pass. Re-
port accepted, Bill read twice and tomorrow
assigned for its third reading.

468. Mr Deblois from the Judiciary Committee on an order respecting the expediency of amending the fifteenth section of Chapter 107 of the Revised Statutes reported Bill "an act to amend Chapter one hundred and seven of the Revised Statutes in relation to the appointment of special administrators in certain cases" The report was accepted Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for third reading

Bill an act to provide for the equitable distribution of the estates of insolvent debtors. This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta, read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr Bickford from the Committee on Claims on the petition of Josiah P. Bean for compensation for injuries received while in the service of the State reported a Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean Report accepted, resolve read once and Wednesday April 1. assigned for its second reading

Report of the Committee on Railroads Traps and Bridges on Bill "an act to secure the safety of the public travel at Small's crossing in the City of Bath. This report was on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville recommitted, with instructions to report the bill in a new draft, and Engraft in the bill the amendments, which have been adopted to the bill as shown by papers A and B. Sent up for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor through the Secretary of State transmitting information to the House of Representatives that

An act in relations to mills.

469.

An act additional to Chapter ninety four of the Revised Statutes relating to the levy of executions upon real estate.

An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings in cities and villages

An act relating to attachments

were severally approved March 20, 1857

An act to amend Chapter one hundred and twenty five of the Revised Statutes and for the further protection of mechanic liens.

An act to secure the safety of passengers at Railroad crossings.

were severally approved March 21, 1857 and

An act additional to an act respecting the electors of President and Vice President

was approved March 24, 1857, and the same was entered upon the Journal of the House and information thereof transmitted to the Senate by message from the House through the Clerk.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petitions of the Selectmen of Burlington and Oldtown for further legislation relative to the collection of non resident taxes. This report was on motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter recommitted and sent up for concurrence.

470. Report of the Committee on Fisheries on petition of George E. Burn and others, reporting a Bill. Entitled an act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in north pond in the town of Mercer. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed, Report accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice, and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Order relating to amendment of an act to provide for the education of youth, came from the Senate, passed, Passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings granting leave to withdraw on petition of Charles R. Porter for an appropriation to build a fence around General King's monument at Bath.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell to William Dickey reporting legislation thereon inexpedient. Also reporting leave to withdraw on petition of J. M. Winslow and others for an appropriation for a road in "number nine" in Acworth County.

Report of the Joint Select Committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law, on the twenty eighth Chapter of the second revision of the laws of Maine which is Chapter 255 of the laws of 1856 and is entitled an act to restrain and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and to prohibit and suppress drinking houses and tippling shops, reporting, that said Chapter should not be embodied in the revision of the public laws but should

Reports, of the Committee on the Judiciary granting leave to withdraw on petition of Daniel Wheeler and others to legalize doings of Middlesex school district in Brewer. Also granting leave to withdraw on petition of J. B. Cahoon and others for amendment of city charter of Portland. Also reporting legislation inexpedient on order in relation to compensation of County Commissioners. Also reporting legislation inexpedient on order in relation to liability of stockholders of corporations.

Reports of the Committee on Division of Towns reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of Geoffrey Synaick to be set off from the town of Alexander and annexed to Crawford and reporting leave to withdraw on the petition of David Jenkins to be set off from West Gardiner and annexed to Gardiner. Also reporting leave to withdraw on the petition of John Moran and others that Falls Island may be set off from Prescott and annexed to Pembroke. Also reporting leave to withdraw on the petition of Thomas Brastow and others that the Brastow farm be set off from Warrington and annexed to Brewer. Also reporting leave to withdraw upon the petitions of Benjamin Shute and others, Jeremiah Lindsay and others, Ecclesiastical Gray and others, praying that if the town of Prospect is divided, they may be left north of the proposed dividing line. Also reporting leave to withdraw upon various petitions referred by the last Legislature to the present. Also reporting finally, that they have acted upon all business before them and reported thereon, and asking to be discharged from further service.

472 Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads granting leave to withdraw on petition of petition of G. S. Foster and others for an appropriation on road in letter C, Range one

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on Bill, an act to amend an act respecting judicial proceedings approved Feb'y 25, 1867, reporting the same and that it ought not to pass.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been severally read and accepted therein. They were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Benjamin Stinchfield and others, that costs in certain actions against the Shipbuilders Bank may be made preferred claims. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted. On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville it was laid upon the table.

A message was received from the Senate by its Secretary informing the House that the Senate insisted on its vote whereby it passed to be enacted a bill, an act additional to an act entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain Railroad corporations, and requesting a conference of the two Houses of the Legislature and appointing on the part of the Senate Messrs Woodbury of Oxford, Webb of Lincoln and Burbank of Cumberland as Conferees. The House concurred in the proposition for a conference, and Messrs Gilbert of Bath, Foster of East Machias and Danforth of Gardiner were appointed Conferees on the part of the House.

Bill an act additional in relation to Bunkers 473,
and Banking, being under consideration on mo-
tion of Mr Vinton of Gray, it was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Education on petition
of the Westbrook Seminary for aid, was on motion
of Mr Foster of East Machias recommitted for a
statement of facts, Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Gascelon from the Committee on Education
to which was recommitted the report of said
Committee on petition of Westbrook Seminary for
aid, for a statement of facts, reported the
same accompanied with a statement of facts
and on motion of Mr Stickborn of Prospect it
was laid upon the table.

Adjourned

Attest

George N. Milcox
Clerk.

474 Saturday March 28th 1857.

Prayer by the
Rev^d Mr Hathaway of Bloomfield.

Bill an act to amend the twenty second section
of chapter one hundred and six of the Revised Statutes

Bill an act to incorporate the International
Hotel Company.

The foregoing bills having each had three several
readings, and having been passed to be engrossed
and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills
as truly and strictly engrossed were severally
passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and
sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Constant A McLaughlin

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of State to re-
new a note to the Trustees of Maine Insane Hospital

The foregoing resolves having had two several read-
ings each, and passed to be engrossed and re-
ported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as
truly and strictly engrossed were severally final-
ly passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

On motion of Mr Russell of South Thomaston
Ordered that the statement of facts in relation
to James Leonard an inmate in the Insane
Hospital, be taken from the files and refer-
red to the Committee on the Insane Hospi-
tal. Read and passed and sent up for
concurrence.

On motion of Mr Chandler of Chesterville ordered 475
that the Committee on Education be required to consider
so much of the Report of the Superintendent of common
schools as relates to "Central districts", likewise so
much as relates to the duty of Committees in effect-
ing a uniformity of text-books and report thereon
Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend chapter eighteen of
the Revised Statutes entitled of Parishes and min-
isterial lands, This Bill having been read three
times and being in its passage to be engrossed
it was amended on motion of Mr Crosby as per
sheet A, and the bill as amended was on mo-
tion of Mr Cotton of Bonaville indefinitely postponed
Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to protect the culture of cranberries
being under consideration, was on motion of Mr
Crosby of Dexter laid on the table.

Bill an act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodic Waters

Bill an act to prevent the destruction of pickered
in North pond in the town of Mercer.

The foregoing bills having been reported by the
Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and
having each had three several readings, were
severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act additional respecting judicial proceedings

Bill an act to incorporate the Proprietors of
Custom House Wharf in Portland

476. Bill an act to amend chapter one hundred and seven of the Revised Statutes in relation to the appointment of special administrators in certain cases.

The foregoing bills having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and having each had three readings were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve, authorizing the sale of indian land in Brewer

This resolve having had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Solon and Embden Bridge.

This Bill having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts.

Resolve providing for the appointment of Commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream

The above resolves having each had two several readings and passed to be engrossed and being reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr Bicknell from the Committee on Railroads 477.
Rays and Bridges, on petition of Edward S Little
and others, reported a Bill entitled "an act
additional relating to tolls on Lewiston Bridge"
Report accepted. Bill read twice and Monday
next assigned for its third reading.

Mr Brown from the Committee on Education on or-
der enquiring into the expediency of establishing a
Normal school, reported a Bill, entitled an act
for the establishment of a State Normal School
Report accepted. Bill read twice and Tuesday
next assigned for its third reading.

Mr Smith from the Committee on Military Pensions
reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Smith
Cram praying that a pension may be granted him
for injuries sustained while in the military ser-
vice of the State. Report accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Davis from the same Committee on order in
relation to discontinuing the pension now paid to
Peter S Folsom, reported, that said pension ought
to be discontinued after the present quarter. On
motion of Mr Foster of East Machias. the report was
recommended. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act in relation to the powers of married
women. Said on the table by Mr Johnson of Augusta.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate
the city of Portland, Said on the table by Mr
Fox of Portland.

The above bills were severally referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

478 Petition of the selectmen of South Thomaston praying to be reimbursed expenses in account of insane paupers. Referred to the Committee on Insane Hospital. Set up for concurrence.

Mr Deering of Hampden presented the Credentials of Ambrose C. Wilson elected as a Representative from the district composed of the towns of Brewer and Orrington, and by direction of the speaker Mr Wilson was conducted to the chamber of the Governor and Council, by Mr Deering of Hampden who subsequently reported that the member elect had taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution and the laws, to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Reports of the Committee on the Judiciary, reporting legislation inexpedient in order to amend Chapter thirty of the Revised Statutes, Also making the same report in order in relation to Capital punishment. Also reporting leave to withdraw on petition of R. T. Dunlap and others and James F. Patten and others.

Reports of the Committee on Division of Counties reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of the City Council of Rockland praying for a half shire town of the County of Lincoln, Also making the same report on the petition of Isaac Reed and others, that Waldoborough be made the shire town of said county. Also reporting leave to withdraw upon the petition of R. S. Morse and others, to be set off from Dixfield and annexed to Wilton. And reporting reference to the next Legislature on the petition of John Tobin and others for a new county.

Report of the Committee on Claims granting leave 479,
to withdraw on the petition of the Selectmen of Hop-
field, praying that their State tax may be abated,

Reports of the Committee on State Lands and State
Roads granting leave to withdraw on the peti-
tion of Phillis Russell for a conveyance to her of
land in Indian township Number four, also
reporting legislation inexpedient on order rela-
ting to aid for road in Letter B, Range one, and
making same report on order relating to a survey
of the line between this State and New Hampshire

The foregoing reports came from the Senate
having been read and accepted. They were
severally read and accepted in concurrence,

Claims of the City of Bangor for bounties paid
and for support of foreign insane paupers,
came from the Senate referred to the Committee
on Accounts. Referred in concurrence,

Bill, an act to change the time of holding the
Supreme Judicial Court in the county of Lincoln
came from the Senate referred to the Lincoln
Delegation. Referred in concurrence,

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Militia
came from the Senate passed to be engrossed,
Read once, and April 1, assigned for its second reading

Bill an act additional in relation to
Banks and Banking, The amendment offered
to this bill by Mr Merrill of Harmony as per Sheet
A, was rejected by the House. On motion of Mr Hick-
born of Prospect it was amended as per Sheet B,

480 and on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville
the bill was laid upon the table.

Mr Allen from the Committee on Agriculture on petition of Elisha Chick and others reported a Bill entitled an act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots, Report accepted Bill read twice and Monday next assigned for its third reading,

Bill an act to repeal chapter two hundred and fifty six of the public laws of 1856 in relation to the disclosures of poor debtors, This bill being upon its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr Duran of Calais, the House ordered that when the question is taken, it be taken by Yeas and Nays, and upon being so taken the bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed by Yeas 55 Nays 51. as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were,
Messrs, Andrews, Adams, Allen, A Brackett
M. Brown, Bicknell, Butler, Burr, M. B. Brown
Bleisdell, Burleigh, Bryant, Crosby, Copp, Cotton,
Cyr, Devereaux, A. C. Deering, Drummond,
S. Dunning, Dingley, Fox, Gross, Gould, Gilbert,
Hamblen, J. Hobbs, Houdlette, Hammatt, Hick-
born, Holt, Johnson, Kimball, Seavitt, Little
Linscott, Lane, Marston, Martin, T. Moulton,
J. M. Merrill, Meriam, Marshall, Richardson
Robinson, Sampson, R. Smith, Stinchfield
Tenney, Vinton, Woodman, Webber, Wurd,
Whitaker, Williamson,

Those who voted in the negative were. Messrs 481.
Albee, Buxton, Baker, Bickford, Bennett, Clark,
Came, Coffin, Church, Chandler, Carr, Duran
Dennett, Day, J Deering, Ford, Foster, A Fletcher
E. Fletcher, Gowen, Hupp, Hathaway, Hinds,
Ingalls, S Lewis, Leachbetter, G. H. Lewis, Lombard,
Murch, C F Moulton, Morse, Milliken, Mc Kenney,
More, Pike, Patten, Parsons, Pitcher, Pottle,
Rumell, Rice, Stone, Spofford, Silsby, Smith,
Stenard, Tolman, Tabbut, Walker, E Miller,
J. L. Meeks.

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox
Clerk.

482. Monday March 30th 1857.

Prayer by the Rev
Mr. Felch of Hallowell.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order to amend Chapter 159 of public laws of 1845 reporting a Bill entitled "an act to amend Chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845. The foregoing Report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed. Report accepted in concurrence. Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Report of same Committee on petition of William H. Titcomb and others, in relation to making valid doings of the officers of the first Universalist meeting House in Rockland, reporting a "Resolve making valid the doings of the Proprietors of the First Universalist Meeting House in Rockland" The foregoing report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the Resolve passed to be engrossed. Report accepted in concurrence. Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the claim of the town of Moscow, for commitment of insane foreign pauper reporting a "Resolve in favor of the town of Moscow" The foregoing report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the resolve passed to be engrossed. Report accepted in concurrence. Resolve read once and Wednesday April eighth assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary granting 483.
leave to withdraw on petition of D Allen and others
for an amendment of the city charter of Augusta
Also reporting legislation inexpedient on order in
relation to collection of taxes on real estate of
resident owners. The foregoing reports came from
the Senate having been read and accepted and
they were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

Petition of Warren Lamsin and others of Franklin
to have unpaid non resident taxes advertised in
the county papers, came from the Senate referred
to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads
The House nonconcurred in the reference to said
committee and referred to the Committee on
the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Order in relation to the final adjournment of the
Legislature, came from the Senate having been
referred to the Joint Select Committee to enquire
when the Legislature may take a recess. Concurred.

Bill an act to amend the second section of Chap-
ter 265, of the laws of the year 1856 relating to the Militia
Rules suspended, and the Bill having had three
several readings, was passed to be engrossed. Sent
up for concurrence.

Resolve relating to the publication of the Revised Statutes

Resolve for the encouraging of the building of mills in letter
B. Range one.

The foregoing resolves having been reported by the
Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed
were finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

484, Bill an act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots, This bill having had three several readings and amended as per sheets A and B, and having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads Ways and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel Beazie and others, for further time to complete branch tracks, of Bangor, Oldtown and Millford Railroad, This report was taken from the table on motion of Mr Need of Oldtown, and was accepted, Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Judiciary Committee on Bill an act for the better protection of Orchards, Gardens, nurseries &c, reporting the bill and that it ought not to pass, Report accepted, Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reporting title one, of the Revised Laws, This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the title passed to be engrossed Report accepted in concurrence, Rules suspended Title read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on petition of the Directors of the Maritime Bank for a recharter of said Bank, Also, Report on the petition of the stockholders of said Bank for an increase of capital, These reports came from the Senate, that branch refusing to concur with the House in accepting said reports, granting leave to the petitioners to withdraw, and recommending

the same. The House reconsidered its vote accepting 485 the reports, and recommitted in concurrence.

Bill an act to restrain the sale and use of Strychnine or other deadly poison. This bill being upon its passage to be engrossed, was referred to a joint special Committee with instructions to report a bill embracing the substance of this bill and also provisions regulating the sale of poisons and Meigs. Brown of Solon, Parlin of Winthrop, Burston of Warren, Foster of East Machias, Fletcher of China, Andrews of Monmouth, and Allen of Thomaston were appointed on the part of the House,

Mr Burston was at his request excused from serving on said Committee, and Mr Mills of Freeport, appointed

Bill an act additional relating to tolls on Lemiston Bridge. Having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to set off Joshua E Jenter, Augustus Perley, and Lyman Broadstreet, from Bridgton centre, village Fire Corporation. This bill having had three several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the City of Bath. This resolve having had two several readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act additional concerning the powers.

486 of Judges of Probate. Laid on the table by Mr Bicknell of Augusta, Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Johnson of Augusta, offered the following Order Ordered, that the Secretary of State be directed to furnish this House with a copy of Webster's Dictionary unabridged, Laid on the table on motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport.

A message was received from the Senate by its Secretary, informing the House that the Senate nonconcurred with the House in the indefinitely postponing a Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty five, and insisted upon its vote finally passing the Resolve, and proposing a conference of the two Houses, and appointing Moses Woodbury of Oxford, Masson of Hancock, and West of Lincoln as conferees on the part of the Senate, The House concurred in the proposition for a conference and Moses Woodman of Bucksport, Adams of Benfield, and Duren of Calais, were appointed conferees on the part of the House.

Mr Hamnatt of Herland moved a reconsideration of the vote, whereby the House on Saturday passed to be engrossed a Bill entitled an act to repeal Chapter two hundred and fifty six of the public laws of 1856, in relation to the disclosure of poor debtors, and on motion of Mr Tolman of Rockland it was ordered, that when the question is taken it be taken by Yeas and Nays, and being so taken the House reconsidered the vote passing the bill to be engrossed by Yeas 63, Nays 45 as follows,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs 187
Bicknell, Buxton, Baker, Burn, Bickford, Blaisdell,
Bennett, Bryant, Cragin, Clark, Cane, Coffin, Church,
Chandler, Cotton, Dusen, Dennett, Day, Danforth,
Ford, Foster, A. Fletcher, Fox, Gowen, Gammou, J. Hobbs,
Hurdette, Huff, J. S. Hobbs, Hathaway, Hammett,
Hinds, Ingalls, Joy, S. Lewis, Little, Lord, Linscott,
Leadbetter, E. H. Lewis, Lombard, Murch, C. Moulton,
Martin, Morse, Marshall, Mc Kenney, Moor, Pike,
Patten, Parsons, Pitcher, Pottle, Rowell, Rice, Stone,
Spofford, Silsby, Talbut, Walker, R. Wells, J. Micks,
Williamson,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Adams,
Andrews, Albee, A. Brackett, W. Brown, Butler, W.
M. E. Bram, Crosby, Cope, Cyp. Devereaux, A. C. Deering,
J. Deering, S. Dunning, Dingley, Gaptill, Gould, Gross,
Gilbert, Hambley, Holt, Johnson, Kimball, Leav-
itt, Lane, Mauston, T. Moulton, J. W. Merrill,
Merriam, Milliken, Parlin, Roak, Richardson,
Robinson, Sampson, Strickland, Stinchfield,
Tolman, Vinton, E. Micks, Woodman, Wither,
Whitaker, Weed, Wilson,

And on motion of Mr Gilbert of Bath the
bill was laid upon the table,

Adjourned.

Attest

George W. Wilcox
Clerk,

488. Tuesday March 31. 1857.

The Speaker called the House to order at nine o'clock and upon a call of the House being made it appeared that there were but sixty four members present and on motion of Mr Vinton of Gray, the House adjourned until ten o'clock of this forenoon. The members answering to their names upon the call were as follows Messrs. Albee, A. Brackett, W. Brown, Bicknell, Butler, Bickford, Blaisdell, Bennett, Barron, Bryant, Craig, F. W. Chadbourn, Chandler, Cotton, Deane, A. C. Deering, J. Deering, S. Dunning, A. Fletcher, Ford, Given, Gross, Gould, Hambley, Hilton, Handlette, J. S. Hobbs, Hathaway, Hinds, Ingalls, Joy, Kimball, S. Lewis, Little, Linscott, Skidmore, Mose, Merriam, D. Merrill, Moor, Parker, Patten, Pitcher, Pottle, Rowell, Rice, Roak, Richardson, Robinson, Spofford, Stenard, Silsby, Stinchfield, Tolman, Vinton, E. Wells, Walker, E. Weeks, W. Weeks, Webber, R. Wells, J. L. Weeks, Wood, Woodbury.

House met at ten o'clock A.M.

Prayer by the Rev^d Mr Young of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Education on petition of Noah Lord and others, also on petition of Trustees of Lebanon Academy, This report came from the Senate, that branch nonconcurring with the House, in the acceptance of the Report and recommending the same for a statement of facts. The House reconsidered the vote whereby it accepted said report and recommitted it in concurrence,

Petition of Samuel M. Jones for repayment of taxes 489.
paid to the State came from the Senate referred
to the Committee on Claims, Referred in concurrence,

Report of the Committee on County Estimates, granting
leave to withdraw on petition of the County Com-
missioners of Sagadahoc County, in relation to
building a jail.

Report of the Committee on Education, reporting
reference to the next Legislature on petition of
Limington Academy, The foregoing reports came
from the Senate having been severally accepted,
Accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on
order in relation to horse trotting and horse
racing, at Agricultural Exhibitions, reporting
a Bill, entitled an act additional to Chapter
eighty two of the Revised Statutes"

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on
order relative to the expediency of altering
Chapter sixty seven of the Revised Statutes re-
porting a Bill, entitled an act additional to
chapter sixty seven of the Revised Statutes. The
foregoing reports came from the Senate having
been read and accepted and the bills passed
to be engrossed, Reports accepted in concurrence
Bills each read twice and tomorrow assigned
for their third reading.

Report of the Committee upon State Lands and State
Roads, upon the petition of Deodat Brastow reporting a Re-
solve authorizing the Land Agent to convey lot No. eleven
in township number two, Indian purchase.

490. Resolve for the further distribution of the Revised Statutes, The foregoing report and resolve came from the Senate the report having been accepted and the resolves passed to be engrossed, Report accepted in concurrence, Resolves read once and tomorrow assigned for the second reading of each,

Bill an act to amend the second section of chapter two hundred and sixty five of the laws of the year 1856, relating to the Militia.

Bill an act to incorporate the Bass Harbor marine Railway Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Dunn Edge tool Company

Bill an act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings and having been passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Grafton,

Resolve providing for the building of a stone wall at Pleasant point

Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed, and being reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Petition of Richard Hogan and thirty nine others 491.
of Georgetown in aid of the petition of Wm M Reed
and others, in favor of a bridge from Bath to Wood-
wick, across the Kennebec River, Referred to the
Committee on Railroads, Ways, and Bridges. Sent
up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Moor of Ellsworth, ordered that a
committee consisting of one from each county on
the part of the House with such as the Senate may
join, be appointed to enquire into the expediency
of removing the seat of Government of this State to
Portland or Bangor and report on or before the
sixth day of April next. Read and passed, and
Messrs Moor of Ellsworth, Vinton of Gray, Little-
field of Alfred, Burton of Warren, Burr of Mercer
Ward of Oldtown, Burleigh of Lincoln. Copp of
Liberty, Hobbs of Waterville, Campbell of Medford
Marion of Farmington, Farnell of Lewiston
Gilbert of Bath, Chaubourne of Perry and Bick-
nell of Augusta were appointed said Commit-
tee on the part of the House. Sent up for con-
currence.

The Senate joined Messrs Magoun of Lincoln
Wasson of Hancock, Graves of Kennebec Chandler
of Piscataquis and Dane of York.

Bill an act to provide for the equitable dis-
tribution of the estates of insolvent debtors, This
bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr
Burr of Mercer and Friday next at eleven o.
clock assigned for its further consideration.

Bill an act to incorporate the Achem Lime
Rock Company, This bill being under consideration

492. On motion of Mr Dingley of Auburn it was laid upon the table.

Bill an act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy in Falmouth, Laid on the table by Mr Hobbs of Falmouth.

Bill an act relating to the division of school money Laid on the table by Mr Chandler of Chesterville

The foregoing bills were severally referred to the Committee on Education, Sent up for concurrence,

Mr Dauphth from the Committee on the Judiciary on Bill an act to amend chapter two hundred and sixty three of the laws of 1856 reported the bill and that it ought to pass.

Mr Crosby from the same Committee on Bill an act entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to Directors of Corporations. reported the bill, and that it ought to pass.

Mr Brown from the Committee on Banks and Banking on petition of the Directors of the City Bank at Biddeford, praying that the capital stock of said Bank may be increased, reported a Bill entitled an act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank at Biddeford. The foregoing reports were severally accepted, bills read twice and tomorrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Bill an act concerning Judges of Municipal Courts. Laid on the table by Mr Vinton of Gray, Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence

Mr Woodman from the Committee on the Judiciary on 493.
the petition of John Pares, praying that the State may
relinquish to him the right to certain property in
Portland, reported a Resolve in favor of John Pares
Report accepted, Resolve read once and tomorrow
assigned for its second reading.

Bill an act additional in relation to Banks and
Banking

This bill was taken from the table on motion of Mr
Woodman of Bucksport and considered, and on
motion of Mr Woodman it was amended as per sheet
B. annexed. Mr Vinton of Gray moved to amend
the bill as per amendment C annexed to the
bill, and Mr Chaabourne of Perry moved that
when the question upon the adoption of said a-
mendment is taken it be taken by Yeas and
Nays and the House so ordered, and upon the
question being so taken the amendment was
adopted by Yeas Eighty nine Ayes Eighteen, as
follows. Those who voted in the affirmative
were Messrs Andrews, A Brackett, W. Brown
Bicknell, Burton, Burr, M & Brown, Bickford, S.
D Brown, Blaisdell, Bennett, Barron, Craigie, Clark,
Coffin, Crosby, Church, Cook, Chandler, Cotton,
Dennett, Day, A C. Deering, Danforth, J Deering,
S Dunning, Dunn, Dingley, Ford, Foster, A.
Fletcher, E Fletcher, Gowen, Given, Gross, Gould
Gilbert, J Hobbs, Hillen, Huff, Hathaway, Hinds,
Ingalls, Joy, Kimball, S Lewis, Little, Lincoln, E. Holmes,
Lombard, Murch, Marston, C F Moulton, Martin
Morse, T Moulton, J W Merrill, Merriam, D Mc-
rill, Mc Kenney, Pool, Pike, Parlin, Patten, Pitchee,
Pottle, Rowell, Rice, Rusk, Richardson, Robinson
Stone, Spofford, Silsby, Sampson, Tenney Vinton

494. Walker, E. Wells, W. Wells, Woodman, Webber
Whitaker, R. Wells, J. L. Wells, Woodbury, Wilson
Williamson, Reid

Those who voted in the negative were, Messrs. Adams
Baker, Bryant, G. M. Chaboussier, Duren, Deblais,
Deveraux, Drummond, Fox, Hamblen, Hobson,
Johnson, Lane, Marshall, Moor, Strickland,
Tabbutt, E. Wells.

upon motion of Mr. Vinton of Gray, the bill was
laid upon the table.

Adjourned

Attest-

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

Wednesday April 1st 1857.

495.

Prayer by the Rev.
Mr Dexter of Augusta.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison.

The above resolve having had two several readings and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill an act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodiac waters,

Bill, an act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond in the town of Miller

Bill an act to authorize Sylvester J Roberts to build and maintain a weir in tide waters of Narraganset Bay,

Bill an act additional to an act to establish the York and Cumberland Railroad Company

Bill an act to change the name of the Oak Grove school

Bill an act authorizing towns to purchase a hearse and erect a house for the same.

Bill an act to repeal chapters fifty three, fifty six and fifty seven, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco and exportation of flaxseed.

496. Bill an act to prevent the destruction of trout
in Bryant's pond in Woodstock

The foregoing bills having each had three several
readings and passed to be engrossed and
having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed
Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally
passed to be enacted, signed by the speaker and
sent to the Senate.

Bill an act granting certain privileges to the
Islands composing the town of North Haven in the
County of Waldo. This bill being upon its pas-
sage to be enacted, Mr Duren of Calais moved
the indefinite postponement of the bill and called
for the Yeas and Nays upon the question, Mr
Parlin of Winthrop moved the previous question
and the motion was seconded by the House and
the main question ordered to be put. Mr Durn-
mond moved the Yeas and Nays on the passage
of the bill to be enacted, and they were ordered
and the bill passed to be enacted by Yeas 71.
Nays 48 as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Albee,
A. Brackett, Bicknell, S. Brackett, Buxton,
Butler, Burr, Burleigh, Barron, Bryant, Clark, Coffin,
H. M. Chadbourne, Cowsby, Church, Carr, J. H. Drumming,
Day, Deveraux, Dingley, Foster, A. Fletcher, Fox, Fup-
till, Gowen, Gross, Gould, Gammon, Gilbert, Hambleen,
Hall, J. Hobbs, Hilton, Huff, Ingalls, Jay, Kimball,
Little, Linscott, Lane, Lombard, Muech, Mauston,
C. F. Moulton, Merriam, Marshall, Moor, Pike,
Patten, Pierce, Pottles, Roak, Richardson, Robinson,
Silsby, Sampson, R. Smith, Sawyer, Tabbut, Tenney,
Vinton, E. Wells, E. Wells, W. Wells, Woodman

Webber, Whitaker, R. Wells, J. L. Marks, Woodbury 497.
Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.
Andrews, Adams, N. Brown, Baker, Will & Brown,
S. D. Brown, Blaisdell, Bennett, Cragin, Carne,
G. N. Chadbourne, Chandler, Cotten, Cyr, Deussen,
Dennett, A. C. Deering, Drummend, J. Deering,
S. Dunning, Dunn, Ford, & Fletcher, Green, J. S. Hobbs,
Hammatt, Hinds, Johnson, S. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, Lead-
better, Martin, T. Moulton, J. N. Merrill, McManney
Pool, Parlin, Pitcher, Rice, Rollins, L. Smith, Strick-
land, Steward, Stinchfield, Tolman, Walker,
Williamson, Need.

Bill an act to encourage Manufacturing establish-
ments in this State, Laid on the table by Mr Stinch-
field of Lincoln.

Bill an act to authorize the formation of corpora-
tions, for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or
medical purposes, Laid upon the table by Mr
Strickland of Bangor. The foregoing bills were
severally referred to the Committee on Manufac-
tures. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional in relation to Banks
and Banking, This bill having had three several
readings, and reported by the Committee on Bills
in the Third Reading, and having been amended
as per sheets annexed to the bill marked, A,
B, C, and D, was amended, passed to be engrossed
Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock
of the Sandy River Bank,

498. Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Lumberman's Bank,

Bill an act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank,

Bill an act to change the name of the Mousam River Bank

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Alfred Bank,

Bill an act to reduce the capital stock of the City Bank at Bangor and to extend the charter thereof.

Bill an act to incorporate the Lowell Bank,

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Sanford Bank,

Bill an act extending the time for the American Bank to increase its capital stock,

Bill, an act to increase the capital stock of the Freeman's Bank,

Bill an act to reduce the capital stock of the Bank of the State of Maine,

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Thomaston Bank

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Atlantic Bank of Portland,

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Manufacturers and Traders Bank,

Bill an act entitled an act, to repeal an act 499.
entitled an act in relation to Directors of Corporations

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed, sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act to incorporate the Free State Bank
This bill, on motion of Mr Sanfenth of Gardiner was amended by striking out the fourth section and on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta it was laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of the Commissioners at Washington
This resolve on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta was amended as per sheet A annexed. Mr Foster of East Machias moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House amended the resolve and the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table, and tomorrow assigned for its consideration. On motion of Mr Vinton the resolve was laid upon the table.

Bill an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank
being under consideration, on motion of Mr Garcelon of Lewiston it was laid upon the table,

Mr Fletcher from the Committee on Railroads
Trays and Bridges, on order in relation to reporting a law regulating the sale of railroad tickets reported legislation inexpedient, on motion of Mr Robinson of Sumner the report was laid upon the table.

500 Bill, an act to incorporate the Union Bank. This bill was amended on motion of Mr Danforth of Gardiner by striking out the fourth section, and on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta, it was laid upon the table,

Resolve relating to the claims of the state and settlers arising under the treaty of Washington. Mr Gilbert of Bath offered an amendment to this resolve as per sheet A. annexed, and on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville the resolve and proposed amendment were laid upon the table,

Bill an act to incorporate the Maine Bank at Brunswick. This bill on motion of Mr Danforth of Gardiner was amended by striking out the fourth section, and on motion of Mr Vinton of Gray, the bill was laid upon the table,

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank. being under consideration, it was on motion of Mr Woodman laid upon the table,

Bill an act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company. This bill was taken up on motion of Mr Vinton of Gray and tomorrow at ten o'clock assigned for its consideration

Mr Dicknell from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of J A Pellingale and others reported a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company. Report accepted. Bill read twice and on motion of Mr Drummond it was laid on the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature,

Bill an act to incorporate the Central Bank, This 501.
bill was amended by striking out the fourth section
and on motion of Mr Vinton of Gray it was recom-
mitted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Hammatt from the Committee on Agriculture
to which was recommitted a bill for the preservation
of moose and deer, reported the same in a new draft,

Mr Cowby from the Judiciary Committee on Bill an
act to amend Chapter 28 of the laws of 1847 relating
to appeal from decisions of County Commissioners
reported the bill in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Mr Gilbert from the same Committee on Bill enti-
tled an act relating to the property of deceased
married women, reported the same in a new
draft, and that the bill ought to pass.

The foregoing Reports were severally read and ac-
cepted. Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned
for the third reading of each.

Petition of Dennis O'Brien of Berwick for change
of name. Referred to the Committee on Change of Names.

Bill, an act to amend an act entitled an act
to establish a Board of Agriculture, This bill came
from the Senate, that branch having receded, and
amended the House amendment C, as on sheet
annexed marked D, and passed the bill as a-
mended to be engrossed. The House concurred in the
amendment made by the Senate to House a-
mendment C, and passed the bill to be engrossed
in concurrence.

502. Resolve to change the location of the grant to Colais Academy. This resolve came from the Senate amended as per sheet marked A annexed and the further consideration thereof indefinitely postponed. The House concurred in indefinitely postponing the same. Subsequently the vote on indefinitely postponing in concurrence was reconsidered, and the resolve recommitted. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Crosby from the Judiciary Committee on Bill an act relating to certain officers of towns and other corporations, reported the bill and that it ought not to pass. Report accepted, Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Merrill of Harmony ordered that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of fixing by law the salary of the deputy Secretary of State, and report by resolve or otherwise. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Baker of Miscasset ordered that the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to enquire into the expediency of purchasing the collection of birds now in the cabinet of the State House belonging to Doctor Cushman of Miscasset and report by bill or otherwise. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reporting part of title nine from Chapter 81 to 90 inclusive came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the title as reported passed to be engrossed. Rules suspended. Title as received read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education to which was 503.
referred a resolve in aid of schools in Madamaska
Hancock and Van Buren reported a Resolve in
favor of the plantations of Madamask, Hancock
and Van Buren.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions in order
in relation to discontinuing the pension now paid
to Peter S. Folson, reporting a resolve in relation to
Peter S. Folson, These reports came from the Senate
having been severally read and accepted, They
were accepted in concurrence, Resolves read once
and tomorrow assigned for the second reading of each

Report of the Lincoln County Delegation to which
was referred a Bill an act to change the time of
holding the Supreme Judicial Court in the county
of Lincoln reporting the bill and that it ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the Library on order direct-
ing enquiry into the expediency of furnishing surviv-
ing members of the Constitutional Convention who framed
the Constitution with one copy each of the Journal
of said Convention. reporting legislation inexpedient

Report of the Committee on Education on petition of
Columbus Foster and others in relation to altering
laws, concerning the location of school houses grant-
ing the petitioners leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on the Library reporting
legislation inexpedient in order directing inqui-
ry into the expediency of republishing the geology
of the State, The foregoing reports came from
the Senate having been accepted, They were
severally accepted in concurrence.

504. Order in relation to papers of the Legislature and to referring the same, came from the Senate having been read and passed, On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville it was laid upon the table.

Resolve directing the Land Agent to ascertain the quantity of land in the gap between the conventional line of 1842 and the line run by Lieutenant Graham, Read once, tomorrow assigned for second reading

Bill an act in regard to the examination of Witnesses came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Referred in concurrence,

The Senate joined to the Committee on Bill an act to restrain the sale of strychnine and other deadly poison Messrs Oak of Penobscot, Twitchell of Oxford and Berry of Waldo. and to the Committee on order in relation to final adjournment Messrs Magoun of Lincoln, Wallace of Washington and Dane of York,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on order in relation to increasing the pay of witnesses and jurors, and to which the report on that subject was recommended, came from the Senate recommended with instructions to bring in a bill increasing the travel of witnesses to six cents per mile each way and increasing their pay for attendance upon the Supreme Judicial Court to one dollar and twenty five cents per day, The House reconsidered its vote accepting the report and recommended it in concurrence,

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary, This is 505
-solve being upon its passage to be imposed, Mr
Adams of Springfield moved to amend the resolve
by adding after the word "dollars" in said resolve
the words "also to the Trustees of Limerick Academy
the sum of one thousand dollars. Mr Johnson of
Augusta objected to the reception of the amendment
as not being in conformity with the thirty eighth
rule of the House. The Speaker ruled the amend-
ment to be in order. Thereupon Mr Johnson
took an appeal from the ruling of the Speaker
to the House, and the question being, shall the
decision of the chair stand as the judgment of
the House and it was decided in the affirm-
ative, and the question pending when the
House adjourned was upon the adoption of the
amendment.

Mr Hammatt from the Committee on Agricul-
ture on petition of William Holloray reported
a Bill entitled an act for the protection of deer
on Cross Island, Report accepted. Bill read
twice, and tomorrow assigned for its third reading

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

506 Thursday April 2 1857.

Prayer by the Rev^d Mr
Bean of Augusta.

Petition of Sewell Blake and others citizens of Oldtown in aid of petition of Samuel Beazie and others for extension of Bangor, Oldtown and Midford Railroad.

Petition of Jonathan Powers and others citizens of Bradley in aid of same.

Petition of Edward Ellison and others citizens of Bangor in aid of same.

Petition of John Butterfield and others citizens of Midford in aid of same. The above petitions came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, Reported in Concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of Chester. Also reporting legislation in expedient upon so much of the Governor's message as relates to public lands, and some report on order relating to amending a resolve for the collection of debts due the State. Also same report on order in relation to the purchase of county maps. The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been accepted, accepted in concurrence, by the House.

Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in the State. This resolve came from the Senate amended as per sheets A and B, and passed to be engrossed. The House reconsidered its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, adopted the amendments of the Senate and as amended passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr Hathaway from the Committee on Education in order 507.
relative to central school districts and text books in
schools reported legislation inexpedient. Report
accepted, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Free State Bank.
This bill was taken from the table on motion of
Mr Drummond of Waterville and amended by
striking out of the first section the words 'Free State'
whenever they occur therein, and inserting instead
thereof the word 'Acrombegas' and as amended
the bill having had three several readings and
reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third
Reading, was passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to reduce the capital stock of the
Henduskeag Bank of Bangor, having had three several
readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in
the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed
Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Maine Bank at
Brunswick. This bill was taken from the table on
motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville and amended
in the second section of the bill by striking out in the
second line the words "one hundred" and inserting
instead thereof the words "Seventy five" and on mo-
tion of Mr Drummond the bill was laid upon the table.

Bill an act to establish a standard weight for the sale of
grain and carrots, came from the Senate, that branch
nonconcurred as to amendment A, and concurred as to
amendment B, and as amended passed to be engrossed.
On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray the House insisted on its
vote whereby it adopted amendment A and proposed
a conference of the two Houses of the Legislature,

508 A message was received from the Governor by the Secretary of state transmitting information that

An act entitled an act additional to chapter one hundred and sixty three, of the Revised Statutes was approved March 26th 1857.

An act to amend section seventy of Chapter Seventy seven of the Revised Statutes in relation to Banks and Banking was approved March 28, 1857

An act in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property was approved March 28, 1857.

An act to amend the twenty second section of chapter one hundred and six of the Revised Statutes was approved March 30, 1857.

An act in relation to depositions was approved March 30, 1857.

An act to amend the second section of Chapter two hundred and sixty five of the laws of the Year eighteen hundred and fifty six relating to the Militia was approved March 31, 1857.

An act to repeal chapters fifty three, fifty six and fifty seven of the Revised Statutes relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco and exportation of flaxseed was approved April 1, 1857.

And an entry was made thereof on the Journal of the House, and a message conveyed to the Senate by the Clerk of the House transmitting the same information to that branch of the Legislature.

Mr Woodman from the Judiciary Committee on 509,
Bill, an act to provide for the trial of capital ca-
ses, with the message of the Governor accompanying
the same, reported that the bill ought not to pass.
Report accepted, and the question being, Shall
the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of
the Governor, the yeas and nays were ordered
and the House refused to pass the bill by Yeas 44
Nays 100 as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs
S. D. Brown, Craigie, Crane, & F. Moulton

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs
Andrews, N. Brown, Bicknell, S. Brackett,
Butler, Burr, W. M. E. Brown, Bickford, Barron
Bennett, Blissdell, Bryant, Coffin, Crosby,
G. W. Chadbourne, Church, Copp, Chandler, Carr,
Cotton, Dusen, Dennett, Davis, Deblois, De-
veraux, A. C. Deering, Drummond, J. Deering,
S. Dunning, Dunn, Dingley, Ford, A. Fletcher,
E. Fletcher, Fox, Gupstall, Given, Given, Gross,
Gould, Gammon, Gilbert, Hambley, Hall, Hilton,
J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Hathaway, Hindes, Holt,
Ingalls, Joy, Johnson, Kimball, S. Lewis, Lins-
cott, Leadbetter, Lane, Murch, Marston,
Morton, T. Moulton, J. W. Merrill, McKenney
Merriam, Marshall, Milliken, Pool, Pike,
Parlin, Patten, Pitcher, Pierce, Pottle, Rice,
Rollins, Richardson, Robinson, Spofford, Silsby,
Sampson, G. Smith, Strickland, Steward,
Stinchfield, Sawyer, Tolman, Tabbut, Tenney,
E. Mills, E. Mills, Woodman, Wither, Whitaker,
R. Mills, L. Mills, Woodbury, Williamson, Wied, Wilson,

and a message with the bill and objections

510. were conveyed to the Senate by the Clerk, informing that branch of the Legislature, of the action of the House

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution a list of stockholders, of the several banks in this State, with the amount of stock held by each on the first day of January 1857.

Bill an act in addition to Chapter 256 of the public laws of 1856, laid on the table by Mr Crosby,

Bill an act relative to the appointment of guardians, of insane married women. Laid on the table by Mr Milliken of Camden, The above bills were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Drummond from the Judiciary Committee on order directing them to enquire whether any further legislation is necessary regulating proceedings before juries to appraise damages for lands taken for highways &c. on appeal from County Commissioners, reported a Bill entitled an act additional to Chapter twenty five of the Revised Statutes relating to jays. Report accepted, On motion of Mr Fletcher of China the report was laid upon the table, and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

Mr Drummond from the same Committee on Bill an act in relation to the Supreme judicial Court also on an order relating to the Judiciary, also on Bill an act additional concerning the Supreme

Judicial Court, and judicial proceedings, reported 511.
a Bill, "An act additional concerning the Supreme
Judicial Court and judicial proceedings" The
bill was read twice, an amendment offered
by Mr Drummond of Waterville, on whose motion
the bill and amendment were laid on the table
and three hundred and fifty copies of the bill
and amendment, ordered to be printed for
the use of the Legislature,

Mr Moulton from the Committee on Education
on Bill an act additional to provide for the
distribution of school money reported the same
ought not to pass, and the report was laid
on the table on motion of Mr Garcelon of Lewiston

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray the House pro-
ceeded to the special assignment of the day
viz the subject of the Portland and Oxford Cen-
tral Railroad, and on his motion the bill
submitted by him Feb 2, 1857 to establish the
Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Com-
pany, was taken up and the bill was read
twice, the vote suspended and the bill read
the third time, The bill was then amended
in its second section, by inserting amendment
A, on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville,
Mr Deblais of Portland then moved to further
amend the bill in the same section and Mr
Johnson of Augusta, moved to amend the
amendment and his motion prevailed,
and the amendment as amended marked B,
was adopted, Mr Drummond then moved to
strike out section two as amended and sub-
stitute therefor section two of the Bill reported

512 by the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges on the petition of E Cobb and others, and on this question the Yeas and Nays were ordered and being taken, the motion was rejected Yeas 16 Nays 98 as follows,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs Clark, Crane, G N. Chadbourne, Duren, Drummond, Foster, Fox, Garcelon, Hammatt, Hunter, Lombard, C F Moulton, Martin, Marshall, Strickland, R Wells,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs Andrews, Allen, A Brackett, W. Brown, Bicknell, S Brackett, Burton, Butler, Burr, Will & Brown Bickford, S D Brown, Blaisdell, Burleigh, Bryant, Craigie, Coffin, Crosby, Church, Copp, Cyp, Chandler, Cotton, Dennett, Davis, J H Dunning, Day, Deersant, A C Deering, Danforth, S Dunning, Dingley, Ford, A Fletcher, Gaptill, Gowen, Given, Gross, Gould, Sammon, Hall, J Hobbs, Hilton, Huff, Hatharray, J S Hobbs, Hinds, Holt, Ingalls, Jay, Johnson, S Lewis, Linscott, Lead better, J H Lewis, Lane, Murch, Marston, T Moulton, J M Merrill, Merriam, D Merrill, Mc Kenney, Moore, Pool, Pike, Parlin, Patten, Pitcher, Pike, Ravell, Rice, Rollins, Richardson, Robinson, Shofford, Silsby, Sampson, S Smith, Steward, Stinchfield, Sawyer, Tolman, Tabbutt, Tenney, Vinton, E Mills, Walker, E Miller, W. Mills, Woodman, Webber, Whitaker, J L Miller, Woodbury, Williamsen Ford, Wilson,

Mr Linscott of Jay moved to strike out the twelfth section of the bill and the motion prevailed

Mr Drummond of Waterville then moved to a 5th, amendment by substituting for the twelfth section the following,

"Section 12. The building of said railroad shall not be commenced until a bona fide and responsible subscription to the capital stock of said company is obtained to an amount, at least equal to fifty per cent of the engineers estimate of the whole cost of said railroad, from Portland to Mechanic Falls, exclusive of any subscription to be paid for by the transfer of any other railroad to said company, If said company shall commence building said railroad before such subscription is obtained, they shall have no benefit from the provisions of this act."

Pending this amendment, the bill was laid on the table, and its further consideration assigned for tomorrow at ten o'clock,

Mr Copp of Liberty from the Joint Special Committee to which was referred Bill "an act to authorize the business of Banking" made a report accompanied by a Bill entitled Bill "an act to authorize the business of Banking" and the same was laid on the table and on his motion, three hundred and fifty copies of the report, and accompanying Bill were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr Danforth from the Judiciary Committee on Bill an act to secure a uniform registration of births, marriages, deaths and causes of death in the State of Maine, reported the bill in a new draft, Report accepted, Bill read twice and on motion of Mr Woodbury of Litchfield it was laid upon the table.

514. Mr Crosby from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was recommended the Bill in relation to the taxation of nonresident proprietors, reported the same in a new draft and the bill was read twice and on motion of Mr Woodbury of Litchfield, laid on the table.

Mr Brown from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported on the petition of the Directors of the Maritime Bank for recharter, Leave to withdraw on same.

Mr Vinton from the Judiciary Committee on petitions of E & Hayward and others praying for the abolition of the Municipal Court in Augusta, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr Brown from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Directors of Maritime Bank for increase of capital stock.

Mr Milliken from the Committee composed of the Trade delegation on petition of H Bass, Judge of Probate for increase of salary reported leave to withdraw.

Mr Williamson from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on the petition of Harrison Knocks for an extension of time to cut timber on the State land, reported reference to the next Legislature,

The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest

George N. Wilcox
Clerk.

Friday April 3rd 1857.

515

Prayer by the Rev^d
Mr Cheney of Augusta.

Report of the Judiciary Committee, reporting legislation inexpedient on order in relation to the homestead act. Also on Bill an act to provide for proof of deeds in certain cases; that the same ought not to pass. Also reporting "ought not to pass" on Bill an act to amend section twenty of chapter twenty five of the Revised Statutes. Also reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of Solomon Gay and others for alteration of charter of the city of Calais.

Report of the delegation from the County of Kennebec reporting legislation inexpedient on order inquiring into the expediency of amending the laws in relation to the municipal charters of the cities of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads granting leave to withdraw on petition of Theophilus Houshing and others, for leave to purchase east half of township No two, range five. Also reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of Paul Plavey for aid in losses for building a bridge in township number six, range five. Also reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of D. M. Bradley for extension of time for cutting timber upon township number seven, range sixteen.

Report of the Committee on Education reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to expediency of amending the 7th and 8th sections of an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth approved April 20, 1854.

516. The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been severally read and accepted, and they were severally read and accepted in concurrence,

Order in relation to limiting the number of the volunteer militia came from the Senate passed, Read and passed in concurrence,

Bill an act to prohibit the exhibition of circusses came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Referred in concurrence,

Remonstrance of Arad Dudley and sixty five others against the further extension of the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad

Remonstrance of S K Jerrett and twenty six others against any amendments to the bill reported by the Committee on Railroads, Ways, and Bridges extending Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad,

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on Bill an act to authorize the formation of corporations, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of said bill and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted, Read and accepted in concurrence,

Report of the Joint Select Committee to ascertain and report when the Legislature may finally adjourn This report came from the Senate amended as per sheet A. and as amended accepted, On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville the report was laid upon the table,

Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais 517.
Academy, This resolve came from the Senate that
branch non concurring with the House in recommen-
ding the resolve and adhering to its former
vote indefinitely postponing the same. On motion
of Mr Drummond of Waterville it was laid upon the table,

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on Bill en-
titled an act to incorporate the Berwick Manufac-
turing Company reporting the bill and that the same
ought to pass, This report came from the Senate
having been read and accepted and the bill
passed to be engrossed. Report accepted in con-
currence Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned
for its third reading,

Bill an act to establish a standard weight for
the sale of grain and carrots, On motion of Mr
Vinton of Gray the House reconsidered its vote in
sisting on its vote adopting amendment A and
proposing a committee of conference, and passed
the bill to be engrossed in concurrence,

Mr Dennett from the Committee on Fisheries on the
petition of the selectmen of the town of Warren
praying that the law relating to the preservation
of salmon, shad, and alewives in George's river may
be altered and amended reported granting said
petitioners leave to bring in a Bill entitled An act
to amend the fourth section of an act entitled an
act for the preservation of salmon, shad and
alewives in George's river and tributary streams
Report accepted. Bill read twice and tomorrow
assigned for its third reading,

Bill an act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer

518 Bill an act to incorporate the Proprietors of Custom House Wharf in Portland.

Bill an act to amend Chapter One hundred and seven of the Revised Statutes in relation to the appointment of special administrators in certain cases.

Bill an act authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Thomaston.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture.

Bill an act to set off Joshua E. Jinks, Augustus Perley and Lyman Bradstreet from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation.

Bill an act to prevent the destruction of pickersel in the Pennamagus and Borden Lake and tributary waters

Bill an act additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Goose river harbor passed January thirty first eighteen hundred and forty four

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings and passed to be engrossed and being reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

Resolve in favor of the City of Bath

Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital

Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians

Resolve authorizing the sale of Indian land in Brewer 519.

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings and passed to be engrossed, and being reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr Vinton the House proceeded to the consideration of the Bill to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company and the question being on the pending amendment to substitute for the twelfth section the amendment offered by Mr Drummond as a twelfth section, the amendment was adopted Mr Drummond then moved to strike from the bill the thirteenth section and on this question the Yeas and Nays were ordered and on being taken it was decided in the affirmative Yeas 67 Nays 51 as follows,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs Andrews, Allen, Adams, Albee, S. Brackett, Will, E Brown, Blaisdell, Burleigh, Barron, Bryant, Craigie, Clark, Cane, H M Chadbourne, G W Chadbourne, Chandler, Carr, Cotton, Cyr, Dennett, Davis, Deblois, J H Dunning, Day, A C. Deering, Drummond, J Deering, Ford, Foster, Gower, Given, Hamblen, Hunter, Huff, Ingalls, Johnson, Kimball, Littlefield, S Loris, Leadbetter, Lombard, Munch, Martin, Marshall, Milliken, Morrison, Morr, Pike, Parlin, Patten, Pierce, Rowell, Richardson, Spofford, Smith, Steward, R Smith, Stinchfield, Tolman, Tabbutt, E Wells, E W Wells, Woodman, Whitaker, R. Wells, Woodbury.

520. Those who voted in the negative were Messrs A Brackett, Bicknell, Burston, Butler, Burr, Bickford, S D Brown, Coffin, Crosby, Church, Cogg, Devereaux, S Dunning, A Fletcher, Fox, Gaptill, Gross, Gould, Gammam, Hall, J Hobb, Hilton, J S Hobb, Hathaway, Hammatt, Holt, Linnett, S H, Lewis, Lane, Marston, S Moulton, Merriam, D Merriam, McKenney, Pool, Pitcher, Pottle, Rice, Rollins, Robinson, Sampson, Strickland, Sawyer, Vinton, Walker, W. Weeks, Webster, J L Weeks, Williamson Weed, Wilson,

Mr Johnson then moved to amend by striking from the eleventh section so much of said section as provides that the charter of the Railroad Company sought to be established, shall not be revoked, annulled, altered, limited or restrained without the consent of the Corporation except by due process of law, and on taking the question the motion to amend was rejected. The bill as amended, then passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence,

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reporting Chapters ninety one to one hundred and twelve inclusive of Title nine, This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and said chapters passed to be engrossed, Report accepted in concurrence, Rules suspended, The chapters of said title as reported, read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence,

Memorial of John A Poor and others asking, that measures may be adopted to promote, the settlement and sale of the public lands, of Maine, Laid on the table by Mr Hammatt of Portland, and three thousand copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature,

Bill an act to establish the Portland and Oxford 521.
Central Railroad Company, being the Bill reported
by the Committee on Railroads Traps and Bridges
on petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, This bill
was on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville ta-
ken from the table and indefinitely postponed
Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of J K. Kilbra, This resolve was,
taken from the table on motion of Mr Willness
of Augusta and Tuesday next assigned for its consideration

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary,

This resolve being under consideration, Mr
Adams withdrew the amendment offered by
him, and it was amended by adding to the
resolve the words "And the Governor is hereby
authorized to draw his warrant for the same"
and pending, the question of the passage of the
resolve to be engrossed, The House adjourned

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox

Clerk Ho.

522 Saturday April 4, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev.
Mr Colby of Augusta,

Reports of the Committee on the Judiciary granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Joseph W. Porter and another to make persons indebted to towns indigible to hold the office of treasurer, Also reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to transfer of Railroad shares, Same report on order in relation to dower of insane married persons, Same report, on order in relation to assessment and collection of taxes on stock corporations, and same report on order to make valid the doings of County Commissioners in certain cases, and also reporting leave to withdraw on the petition of William H. Bonman and others, for a law creating a lien upon boards, shingles and clapboards for certain purposes

Reports of the Committee on the Incorporation of Towns reporting legislation inexpedient on petitions of Joseph R. Hens, and J. M. Lowell, praying that the name of plantation number two, second range, may be changed to Buchanan, Also making same report on remonstrance of Elijah Webster and others, against the petition of Ezra Chick and others, to have number five plantation incorporated into a town, and reporting reference to the next legislature on remonstrance of John M. Caldwell, against being incorporated into a town, and reporting leave to withdraw on the petition of S. L. Boulter and others praying for an act of incorporation as a town

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reporting legislation inexpedient on orders relating to the repair of the military road,

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petitions praying for the relief of insolvent debtors, reporting, that there being a bill upon that subject before the Legislature, they ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted, accepted in concurrence.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Farmers Banks, This bill came from the Senate amended as per sheet A annexed. The House reconsidered the vote passing the bill to be engrossed adopted the amendment of the Senate and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell land in the towns of Lowell, Burlington, Enfield, Passadumkeag, Carroll and Chester, This resolve having had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on the petition of Charles A Germaine and others reporting a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the master wardens and members of Aurora Lodge,

Report of the Committee on Fisheries on petition of inhabitants of the town of Turner reporting a Bill entitled an act to prevent the destruction of hush or pickard in Bear and Little Bear ponds in the town of Turner, Androscoggin County and the town of Hartford County of Oxford.

524, Report of the Committee on Education on Bill an act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy of Falmouth, reporting the bill and that it ought to pass,

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on summary petitions for a law, the better to secure claims for labor on vessels and materials for building and repairing reporting a bill entitled an act relating to liens on vessels, Also reporting on Bill an act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company, that it ought to pass

The above reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed, Reports severally accepted in concurrence, Bills read twice, and Monday next assigned for the third reading of each.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Jona R Deering and others reporting a bill entitled an act to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association came from the Senate accepted, accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice and Monday next assigned for its third reading.

Mr Debois from the Committee on the Judiciary on order directing inquiry into the expediency of establishing an assize of bread offered or intended for sale in the market, reported a Bill entitled "an act additional concerning the city of Portland"

Mr Foster from the same Committee on Bill an act relative to the appointment of guardians of insane married women, reported a Bill entitled "an act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women"

Mr Crosby from the same Committee on Bill an act 525
in addition to chapter 286 of the public laws of 1856
reported the bill and that it ought to pass,

Mr Danforth from the same Committee on Bill an
act additional concerning the powers of Judges of Probate,
reported the bill and that it ought to pass,

Mr Vinton from the same Committee on Bill an
act concerning judges of Municipal Courts reported
the Bill and that it ought to pass,

Mr Drummond from the same Committee on
on Bill entitled an act in addition to chapter fifty
three of the public laws of the year 1848 reported
the bill in a new draft entitled "an act addition-
al to an act entitled an act to prevent distur-
bances of religious worship and that it ought to pass,

Mr Crosby from the same Committee to which was
recommended the report on the subject of witness
fees, reported a Bill entitled an act increasing
the fees of witnesses,

Mr Drummond from the Committee on Railroads
ways and Bridges on the petition of Mrs M Reed and
others and divers petitions in aid of same in relation
to building a bridge across the Kennebec river
between Bath and Brooklyn reported a Bill
entitled an act to incorporate the Bath and Brod-
rick Bridge Company,

Mr Chadbourne from the same Committee on Bill
an act additional to an act entitled an act to
incorporate the Kennebec and Portland Railroad
Company, reported the Bill in a new draft,

526, Mr Drummond from the same Committee on Bill an act to secure the safety of the public travel at Seneca crossing in the city of Bath, reported the same in a new draft with the amendments ordered by the House of Representatives. The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, Bills each read twice, and Monday next assigned for their third reading.

Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanscom. This resolve having had two several readings and having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company. This bill being under consideration on motion of Mr Sickenell of Augusta, it was laid on the table and Thursday next at ten o'clock assigned for its further consideration.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters on petition of William B Hayford and others requesting a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the East Branch Boom Company. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed, Report accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice and on motion of Mr Brown of Milford, it was laid upon the table.

Bill an act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non resident owners and of other lands sold for taxes. This bill being under consideration on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta it was laid on the table and Monday next assigned for its further consideration.

Bill an act to secure a uniform registration of births 527.
deaths, marriages and causes of death, in the State of Maine
This bill being under consideration in motion of Mr
Johnson of Augusta, it was laid on the table and
three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed
for the use of the Legislature.

Bill an act relating to the property of deceased married
Women,

Bill an act to amend the fourth section of an act enti-
tled an act for the preservation of Salmon, Shad, and
alewives in George river and tributary streams,
The foregoing bills having each had three several read-
ings and reported by the Committee in bills in the
Third Reading were severally passed to be engrossed
and sent up for concurrence

Resolve in favor of Warren H Vinton, This resolve was
laid on the table by Mr Foster of East Machias and
the rules being suspended, it had two several readings
was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence,

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray ordered that on and
after Tuesday next, this House will hold two sessions
a day commencing at half past nine o'clock in the
forenoon, and at half past two in the afternoon and
the Speaker shall adjourn the House in the morning
session at half past twelve o'clock

Bill an act to provide for the equitable distri-
bution of the estates of insolvent debtors, This bill
being under consideration in motion of Mr Johnson
of Augusta it was laid upon the table and
Tuesday next assigned for its consideration

528. Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary. This resolve being under consideration and on its passage to be engaged Mr Woodbury of Litchfield moved the previous question and the motion was seconded by the House and the main question ordered to be put, on motion of Mr Brown of Newburyport it was ordered that when the question is taken it be taken by Yeas and Nays and being so taken the resolve was refused a passage by Yeas 42 Nays 51 as follows,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs Adams, Albee, Bicknell, S Brackett, Burr, Bryant, H M Chadbourne, Crosby, Cyr, Deveraux, A Fletcher, Gaven, Gross, Hammon, Hall, Hillen, J S Hobbs, Hammatt, Hitchborn, Holt, Ingalls, Johnson, Kimball, Littlefield, S M Merrill, Dillerill, Milliken, Morrison, Rice, Rollins, Richardson, Strickland, Stinchfield, Sawyer, Tolman, Vinton, Woodman, Webber, Woodbury, Williamsen, Need, Wilson,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs Brackett, W. Brown, Butler, Dickford, Blaisdell, Craigie, Clark, Cames, S. R. Chadbourne, Chandler, Carr, Dennett, Davis, J H Dunning, Day, J Deering, S Dunning, Ford, Foster, Lupton, Linds, I Hobb, Huff, Hunter, Hinds, Joy, S Lewis, Little, Linscott, Leadbetter, Mauston, C F Mauston, J Mauston, Merriam, Mc Kenney, Pike, Patten, Pitcher, Pierce, Pottle, Ravell, Robinson, Spofford, Silsby, Steward, Tabbutt, Walker, E Marks, Whitaker, R Wells, J L Marks,

And the resolve was sent up for concurrence,

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox

Clerk

Monday April 6, 1857.

529.

Prayer by the Rev^d Mr
Dillingham of Augusta.

Report of Committee on the Incorporation of Towns on papers relating to Waite and Tallmadge plantations reporting legislation inexpedient, and further reporting that there is no further business before said Committee and asking to be discharged from further service at this session.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Isaac Sturdivant Agent of Cumberland Marine Railway, requesting reference to the next Legislature Also reporting legislation inexpedient on order relating to fixing salary of Deputy Secretary of State,

Report of the Joint Select Committee on so much of the Governor's message as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law reporting legislation inexpedient thereon at the present time,

Report of the Joint Standing Committee on the Division of Counties reporting that they have disposed of all business before them and asking to be discharged.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture reporting that they have disposed of all business before them and asking to be discharged. The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted and they were severally read and accepted in concurrence,

Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reporting the remaining part of Title Nine being chapter 113. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the part of the title as reported passed to be engrossed. Report accepted in concurrence,

530 and the rules having been suspended, the title as amended was read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on Bill an act to amend Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes. Also upon an another bill upon the same subject, and also on order relative to providing for the support of paupers in unincorporated places, reporting a Bill in a new draft entitled an act providing for the expenses incurred for the relief of persons falling into distress in unincorporated places in certain cases, This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed, Report accepted in concurrence bill read twice and on motion of Mr Woodman of New York, it was laid on the table and three hundred and fifty copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature,

Resolve in favor of S. L. Milliken and S. B. Holt, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, Rules suspended. Resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Militia on order directing enquiry into the expediency of amending Chapter Ten, Section seven of the new edition of the public laws reporting a Bill entitled an act amending an act approved April 9, 1856,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on Bill an act entitled an act to make valid the doings of the selectmen and superintending school committee of the town of Wintthrop, reporting a general bill in a new draft entitled an act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees in certain cases,

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on petition

of Samuel Appleton and others reporting a Bill entitled 531.
an act to incorporate the Messalonskee Manufacturing
Company. The foregoing reports came from the Senate
having been severally read and accepted and the
bills passed to be engrossed. Reports accepted in
concurrence, Bills read twice and tomorrow as-
signed for the third reading of each.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Cole Jr. This resolve came
from the Senate passed to be engrossed. Read once
and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of
Samuel N Jones, reporting a Resolve in favor of Samuel N Jones.

Report of the Committee on the Insane Hospital on petition
of the Selectmen of South Thomaston reporting a Resolve
in favor of the town of South Thomaston

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads on
petition of Samuel Larrabee and others reporting a Re-
solve in favor of Elisha Fuller and Orlando W. Gilman
The above reports came from the Senate having been
accepted and the resolves passed to be engrossed. Reports
accepted in concurrence. Resolves read once and to-
morrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Resolve in favor of Committee on State Reform Schools,

Resolve in favor of Penobscot County. These resolves came
from the Senate passed to be engrossed. Rules suspended
Resolves each read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve making void the doings of the associates of the First
Universalist Meeting House in Rockland. Read twice and
on motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter it was laid on the table.

532 Report of the Committee on the Militia reporting that they have disposed of all business and asking to be discharged

Report of Committee on State Library on Resolve for distribution of certain books in the Library, reporting the Resolve and that it ought not to pass.

Report of the Committee on the State Prison reporting that they have examined and disposed of all business before them and asking to be discharged,

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of Samuel A Gilman for an extension of time to cut timber on south half of township No 2, Range 3, west from the last line of the State Also some report on order relating to appropriation for survey of railroad route from Lincoln to some point on the Neversock river. Also reporting the Bill and ought not to pass on Bill an act to provide for the sale of certain interests in public lands and for the taxation of certain interests &c. The above reports came from the Senate accepted, Accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to Kansas Affairs and Slavery with accompanying Resolves came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the resolves amended as per sheet A. passed to be engrossed. Report accepted in concurrence, Resolves read once and Wednesday next assigned for their second reading,

On motion of Mr Foster of East Machias, the fifty fifth rule of the House was suspended during the remainder of the session

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary inquire and report whether

any further legislation is necessary in relation to the 533
revision of the special laws, of the State sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta ordered that the
Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the
expediency of passing a resolve instructing the Super-
intendant of common schools, to recommend at the
Institutes the adoption of a uniform system of pen-
manship sent up for concurrence.

Mr Johnson of Augusta gave notice, that upon tomorrow
he would introduce the following order, ordered that
the rules of this House be amended by the addition
of the following rule, which shall continue in force
during the remainder of the session, "Bills of a pub-
lic nature that have had two readings, and a have
reached the time assigned for their third reading
shall, until disposed of, have precedence in the
orders of the day over all other subjects, whether
such subjects be specially assigned or otherwise.

Mr Milliken from the Committee on Militia to which
was referred an order requesting a statement of the
amount of money expended for military purposes dur-
ing the past year, reported said amount accompani-
ed by a statement of said expenditures in detail.

Mr Vinton from the Joint Select Committee to which was refer-
red the subject of the removal of the Capitol, reported, that
in said Committee a question was submitted viz, That
it is expedient and advisable, that the Capitol be re-
moved from Augusta to Portland, On that question the
Yeas and Nays were ordered (in Committee) and it
was decided in the affirmative Yeas seven, Nays six,
a motion then made to refer its further consideration
to the next Legislature was passed unanimously,

534. Mr Crosby from the Judiciary Committee reported granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Warren Lamson, that non resident taxes may be advertised in county papers.

Mr. Woodman from the same Committee reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel R Jackson praying that he might be reimbursed for money paid by him to secure the ends of justice

Mr Strickland from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads reported legislation inexpedient on order of enquiry in relation to the necessity of further legislation to secure the payment of notes due the State

Mr Matter from the same Committee reported reference to the next legislature on the petition of William Jameson for extension of time to cut timber from number three range five of the State lands.

On motion of Mr Whitaker of Trenton ordered, that the Committee on Leave of Absence be requested to report as soon as convenient a list of such members as now have, or have had, leave of absence, during the session, in accordance with the thirtieth rule of the rules and orders of this House

Mr Drummond from the Committee on Banks and Banking on Bill entitled an act to incorporate The Central Bank reported the bill in a new draft and that it ought to pass.

Mr Fox from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on petition of Allen Lewis and others reported a Bill entitled an act to incorporate The Boothbay Marine Railway Company,

Mr Milliken from the Committee on the Militia 535.
on sundry petitions of members of volunteer companies for compensation, and also on that part of the Governor's message relating to that subject reported a Bill entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to organize and discipline the militia approved April 9. 1856. The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned for their third reading.

Bill an act in addition to chapter eighty one of the Revised Statutes in relation to railroads. Laid on the table by Mr Crosby of Dexter.

Bill an act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School, Laid on the table by Mr Deering of Hampden.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company. Laid on the table by Mr DeBlois of Portland. The foregoing bills were severally read twice and tomorrow assigned for the third reading of each.

Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy. Laid on the table by Mr Adams of Newfield.

Resolve in favor of Corinna Union Academy. Laid on the table by Mr Crosby of Dexter. The above resolves were severally read once, and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr Foster from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of Franklin Adams, for extension of time to cut and haul timber from State land reported a Resolve in favor of Franklin Adams.

536, Mr. Milliken from the Committee on the Militia on the petition of Charles O'Record for an appropriation to repair Arsenal at Bangor, reported a Resolve making an appropriation for repairs on the State Arsenal at Bangor. Also on the petition of J. G. Smeat and others the same gentleman reported a Resolve making an appropriation for repairing gun house at Brewer. The above reports were accepted, Resolves read once and tomorrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Bill an act for the establishment of a State Normal School, on motion of Mr Brown of Kennebunkport this bill was taken from the table and tomorrow assigned for its consideration,

Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean being under consideration, it was by order of the House indefinitely postponed, Sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act to incorporate the Achem Lime Rock Company. This bill was amended by striking out the fifth and sixth sections

Bill an act to incorporate the Union Bank, This Bill was amended by striking out the words "Union Bank" wherever they occur in the bill, and inserting therein instead thereof, the words "Penobscot River Bank" and as amended, the foregoing bills having each had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non resident owners and of other lands sold for taxes, This bill being under consideration and having had three several readings

and reported by the Committee on Bills in the 53rd.
Third Reading, it was amended as per sheet A
annexed and as amended passed to be engrossed
and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to extend the Charter of the Sandy
River Bank.

This bill having been reported by the Committee
on Bills in the Third Reading and having had
three several readings and being upon its pas-
sage to be engrossed, On motion of Mr Drummond
of Waterville the House ordered that when the ques-
tion is taken it be taken by Yeas and Nays and
being so taken the bill was passed to be engrossed
by Yeas 83. Nays 13, as follows

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs,
Bennett, Bicknell, Bickford, Blaisdell, A Brackett,
S. Brackett, S D Brown, W M E Brown, Bryant, Burr,
Butler, Buxton, Carr, G M Chadbourne, Chandler,
Copp, Crosby, Cyr, Davis, Day, Deblois, Mc Deering,
Drummond, J H Dunning, S Dunning, A Fletcher,
E Fletcher, Ford, Gove, Gould, Groff, Hall, Hathaway,
Hilton, Hinds, J Hobbs, J S Hobbs, Hunter, Johnson, Joy,
Kimball, Leadbetter, S. Lewis, E H Lewis, Linscott,
Little, Lord, Monston, Martin, Mc Kenney,
D Merrill, Middleton, Merison, T Moulton,
Murch, Pardin, Patten, Pierce, Pitcher, Pottle,
Rice, Robinson, Rollins, Sawyer, Silsby,
Spofford, Stenard, Stinchfield, Stone, Strickland,
Tabbutt, Tenney, Tolman, Vinton, Walker, Webber,
Weid, J L Wells, R Wells, Whitaker, Williamsen
Wilson, Woodman,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.

538 Came, Clark, H M Chadbourn, Coffin, Devereaux, Foster, Houghton, Ingalls, Pike, Richardson, Ravell, Talbot, Woodbury,

And the Bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence

Bill an act further to provide for the assessment of taxes on personal property,

This Bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee in Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox

Clerk.

Tuesday April 7th 1857

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Prayer by the Rev^d Mr
Ware of Augusta.

Resolve in favor of Warren Academy, Laid on
the table by Mr Buxton of Warren.

Resolve to amend a resolve providing for print-
ing certain documents, Laid on the table by
Mr Adams of Benfield.

The foregoing resolves were read once and to-
morrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Bill an act to provide for the equitable distri-
bution of the estates of insolvent debtors, being
under consideration, it was on motion of Mr
Woodman of Bucksport referred to the next Legis-
lature, Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Foster from the Judiciary Committee on Bill
an act concerning reviews in civil actions, re-
ported the bill and that it ought not to pass.
On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville this
report was laid upon the table.

Bill an act concerning judges of Municipal
Courts, being under consideration on motion of
Mr Banks of Biddeford it was laid upon the table.

Bill an act additional concerning the powers
of judges of Probate, This bill having had three
several readings and reported by the Committee
on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be
engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

540 On motion of Mr Foster of East Machias ordered that the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for a loan of thirty thousand dollars, if the Treasurer shall deem it necessary during the current year

Bill an act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending School Committees in certain cases, This bill being on its passage to be engrossed was amended as per sheet A annexed and having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent up for concurrence

The order of which Mr Johnson of Augusta gave notice yesterday and which appears entered at length upon the Journal of April 6th in relation to the adoption of a further rule of the House, was considered and passed.

Bill an act for the establishment of a State Normal School was taken up on motion of Mr Brown of Kennebunkport and amended as per sheet A, and was pending when the House adjourned,

Adjourned by the Speaker, until half past two o'clock this afternoon

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Atlantic Bank of Portland,

Bill an act extending the time for the American Bank to increase its capital stock.

Bill an act to change the name of the Mousam River 541
Bank.

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act
to incorporate the Thomaston Bank.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the
Sanford Bank.

Bill an act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the
Lumberman's Bank.

Bill an act to reduce the capital stock of the Ken-
nebec Bank of Bangor.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the
Manufacturers and Traders Bank.

Bill an act to reduce the capital stock of the
Bank of the State of Maine.

Bill an act additional respecting judicial proceedings

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the
Sandy River Bank.

Bill an act to reduce the capital stock of the City
Bank of Bangor, and to extend the charter thereof.

Bill an act additional relating to tolls on Sempronius Bridge.

Bill an act to repeal an act entitled an act
in relation to Directors of corporations.

542 Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Africa Bank

Bill an act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots,

Bill an act to incorporate the Lowell Bank,

The foregoing Bills, having each had three several readings and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in the State,

Resolve in favor of S. L. Milliken and S. B. Holt,

Resolve in favor of Committee on State Reform School,

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell land in the Towns of Lowell, Burlington, Enfield, Passadumkeag, and Chester,

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Report of the Committee on Education on Bill an act additional to provide for the distribution of school money, Taken from the table on motion of Mr Chandler of Chester ville and re-committed, Sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act in addition to chapter Eighty one 543, of the Revised Statutes in relation to railroads. This bill was amended in its title so that it shall read, an act to exempt stock holders in corporations, from personal liability, On motion of Mr. Hickborn of Prospect the bill was laid upon the table and three hundred and fifty copies of the bill ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature,

Bill an act to amend chapter one hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes relating to the price of board of officers of the State Prison, Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Crosby from the Judiciary Committee on Bill in relation to the admission of evidence in certain cases, reported a Bill entitled an act in addition to an act additional in relation to witnesses approved April 9, 1856,

Mr Deblois from the same Committee on Bill an act providing an increase of the charter powers of the city of Portland respecting the holding real and personal property, reported a Bill entitled an act additional concerning the city of Portland

Mr Brown from the Joint Select Committee having the subject of regulating the sale of strychnine and other deadly poisons under consideration reported a Bill entitled an act to regulate the sale and use of poison, The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted, Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned for the third reading of each,

544. Bill an act to incorporate the Boothbay Marine Railway Company, This bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to encourage the use of Water Power This bill being under consideration on motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport the bill was indefinitely postponed, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional to chapter one hundred and fifty nine of the public laws passed AD 1845, concerning the assessment of taxes, This bill being under consideration and on its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr Foster of East Machias the House ordered, that when the question is taken it be taken by Yeas and Nays, and upon being so taken, the Bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed by Yeas 68 Nays 29 as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs Barron, Blaisdell, A Brackett, S Brackett, Bryant, Burr, Butler, Carr, Chandler, Crosby, Cyr, Davis, J. Deering, A C Deering, Devereaux, Drummond, S Dunning, A Fletcher, E Fletcher, Gammon, Givon, Gaven, Gould, Gross, Hall, Hathaway, Hickborn, Hillen, J Hobbs, J S Hobbs, Holt, Hunter, Jessell, Johnson, Lea a better, Linscott, Little, Littlefield, Lord, Marston, Martin, Mc Kenney, Merison, Murch, Parlin, Pitcher, Pottle, Rice, Richardson, Robinson, Rollins, Sawyer, Silsby, S Smith, Spofford, Stenard, Stone, Strickland, Tolman, Vinton, Walker, Webber, E Wells, J L Wells, E Wells,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs,
Bennett, Bicknell, S. D. Brown, Burston, Clark,
H. M. Chadbourne, G. W. Chadbourne, Copp, Craigie,
Danforth, Day, Dennett, J. H. Dunning, Foster,
Huff, Ingalls, Joy, S. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, Merriam,
Merrill, T. Moulton, Pike, Rawell, Stinchfield,
Tabbutt, Med. Woodman, Woodbury,

And the bill was sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act for the establishment of a State Normal school, This bill being on its passage to be engrossed, was amended as on sheets marked A. and B. and on motion of Mr Brown of Keeneburg, post it was ordered that the Yeas and Nays be taken on the passage of the Bill to be engrossed and being taken, the bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills, in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed by Yeas 70. Nays 28 as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs,
Banks, Bannan, Bicknell, Blissdell, S. Brackett, S. D. Brown, M. L. & Brown, W. Brown, Bryant, Butler,
Carr, G. W. Chadbourne, Chandler, Church, Copp,
Craigie, Crosby, Cyr, Davis, Day, J. Deering,
A. C. Deering, Devereaux, Drummond, J. H. Dunning,
A. Fletcher, Gammon, Gowen, Gould, Gross, Gupitt,
Hall, Hathaway, Hickborn, Hilton, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs,
Huff, Hunter, Ingalls, Johnson, Joy, S. Lewis,
Linscott, Littlefield, Marston, Milliken,
Morison, T. Moulton, Murch, Parlin, Patten,
Pierce, Pike, Pottle, Rice, Sawyer, Silsby, Spofford,
Strickland, Tabbutt, Tenney, Vinton,

546, Walker, Webster, E Wells, Whitaker, Wilson, Wood-
man, Woodbury,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs
Albee, Bennett, Bickford, A Brackett, Burr, Bur-
ton, Carne, H M Chadbourn, Danforth, Ford,
Foster, Hinds, Haudette, Houghton, Jerrell,
Kimball, Leadbetter, Lord, Merriam, Pitcher,
Robinson, Rollins, Rowell, G. Smith, Stenard,
Stinchfield, Stone, Weed,

And the bill was sent to the senate for concurrence,

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk,

Wednesday April 8th 1857.

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Prayer by the Rev
Mr. Armitage of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, reporting reference to the next Legislature on petition of Cheseeze Brown and others for the preservation of fish in Eastern river.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads reporting that they have disposed of all business before them and asking to be discharged.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs reporting that they have disposed of all business before them and asking to be discharged.

Report of the Committee on Militia on order, requesting them to visit the Arsenal at Portland and for other purposes, reporting a Resolve for the repair of the Arsenal buildings at Portland.

Report of the Committee on Claims on claim of the town of Solon, reporting a Resolve in favor of the town of Solon. The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been severally read and accepted and the Resolves passed to be engrossed, Reports accepted in concurrence, resolves read once and tomorrow assigned for the second reading of each.

Order in relation to a uniform system of personation ship, came from the Senate, that branch refusing to give it a passage. The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the order and concurred.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and.

548 Insurance reporting that they have acted upon and disposed of all matters before them, and asking to be discharged. The foregoing report came from the Senate accepted, Accepted in concurrence.

Bill an act additional in relation to Banks and Banking.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the Freeman's Bank.

The foregoing bills having each, had three several readings and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Denbriest County, having had two several readings and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mrs Crosby from the Judiciary Committee on Bill to encourage the formation of corporations, reported a Bill entitled an act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes, and to encourage manufactures in this State, Report accepted, Laid on the table on motion of Mr Crosby of Dexter and three hundred and fifty copies of the bill ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Resolve directing the Land Agent to ascertain the quantity of land in the gore between the conventional line of 1842, and the line run by Lieut Graham

Resolve in favor of Harriet Doe,

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Resolve for the further distribution of the Revised Statutes

Resolve providing for the repair of the Houston and Boring road

Resolve in favor of the plantations of Madamaska,
Hancock and Van Buren.

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey lot, number eleven in township number two, Indian purchase

The foregoing resolves having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and several by had two readings, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act additional respecting judicial proceedings
This bill came from the Senate that branch having reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed amended the same by striking out in the first line of section one the word "Six" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Seven" and as amended passed to be engrossed
The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the Senate, and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence,

Bill an act to incorporate the Messabenskee Manufacturing Company

Bill an act to exempt Libraries from attachment and execution,

Bill an act additional to chapter sixty seven of the Revised Statutes relating to timber upon rivers and streams,

550 Bill an act amending chapter two hundred and sixty five of public laws of 1856 approved April 9, 1856 respecting the Militia.

The foregoing bills having been reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and having each, had three several readings were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Franklin Adams, having had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading. was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company.

Bill an act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women.

Bill an act in addition to chapter two hundred and fifty six of the public laws of the Year eighteen hundred and fifty six relating to the disclosure of poor debtors.

Bill an act to incorporate the Central Bank.

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank at Biddford.

Bill an act to secure the safety of the public travel at Senall' crossing in the city of Bath.

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act to prevent disturbances of religious worship.

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act⁵⁵¹
for the preservation of moose and deer approved
March 29, 1853

The foregoing bills having each had three several read-
ings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the
Third Reading were severally passed to be engrossed
and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education on Bill an
act additional to provide for the distribution of
school money, came from the Senate, that branch
refusing to concur with the House in recommit-
ting the report and accepting the same. The
House reconsidered its vote recommending the
report and accepted it in concurrence.

Mr Woodman from the Committee on the Judiciary
on Bill an act regulating suits for false repre-
sentations, reported the bill and that it ought not to pass.

The same gentleman from the same Committee on
Bill an act in regard to the examination of witnesses,
reported the bill and that it ought not to pass.

Mr Drummond from the same Committee on
resolves providing for a change in the Constitution
in relation to removals from office by impeachment
and address, reported that the same be referred
to the next Legislature.

Mr Strickland from the Committee composed of
the delegation of Penobscot county in the petition of
the Judge of Probate for said county for an increase
of salary, reported reference to the next Legislature.

552. The same gentleman from the same Committee on Bill an act to provide for transcribing conveyances recorded in Lincoln and Hancock of lands lying in Penobscot County, reported before to the next Legislature. The foregoing reports were severally read and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School, On motion of Mr. Deering of Hampden, this bill was referred to the next Legislature. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to printing certain documents This resolve was amended as per sheet A, and Mr. Garcelot of Lewiston offered an amendment as per sheet B, and the resolve and amendment were laid upon the table.

Bill an act to regulate the sale and use of poison, being under consideration and on its passage to be engrossed, it was amended as per sheet A, and on motion of Mr. Foster it was laid upon the table.

Bill an act to amend chapter two hundred and sixty three of the laws of eighteen hundred and fifty six in relation to poor debtors, This bill having been read three times was laid on the table.

Bill an act to protect the culture of cranberries This bill was taken up, and Mr. Drummond of Waterville offered amendments as per sheet A, and the bill and proposed amendments were laid on the table.

Bill an act increasing the fees of witnesses This bill was read three times and on motion of Mr. Johnson of Augusta, it was laid on the table.

Bill an act concerning Judges of Municipal Courts 553.
This bill was taken up, and amended as per sheet
A. offered by Mr Banks of Biddeford and the bill
as amended laid on the table,

Resolve making an appropriation for repairs on
the State Arsenal at Bangor. This resolve having
been twice read and being on its passage to be
engrossed, it was on motion of Mr Foster of East
Machias laid upon the table,

Bill an act in addition to an act, additional in re-
lation to witnesses approved April 9, 1856. This bill
was indefinitely postponed, sent up for concurrence

Bill an act to repeal chapter two hundred and fifty
six of the public laws of 1856 in relation to the dis-
closures of poor debtors,

Bill an act additional relating to liens on vessels,

Bill an act additional to chapter Eighty two of the Re-
vised Statutes relating to Agricultural Societies

Bill an act to amend Chapter 159 of the public laws of
the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five
relating to the assessment of taxes. The foregoing bills
were severally indefinitely postponed and sent
up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence reporting on
order in relation to applications for leave of absence, re-
ported by Mr Hinds of said Committee. Report accepted

Resolve in favor of Falmouth Academy Laid on the table
by Mr Hobbs of Falmouth, and lies over under the rule,

554. Bill an act to repeal chapter two hundred and thirty of the public laws, of eighteen hundred and fifty six. Laid on the table by Mr Williamson of Starks, Referred to the Committee on Education, Sent up for concurrence,

Resolves relating to Kansas Affairs and Slavery were taken up on motion of Mr Drummend of Waterville and tomorrow at half past two o'clock in the afternoon assigned for their consideration

Mr Foster from the Committee on Finance on order directing them to make enquiry of the expediency of a State loan, reported a Resolve authorizing a State loan, Report accepted, Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Bill an act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings. This bill having had three several readings and amended as per sheet I annexed, and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on order directing enquiry relative to the expediency of encouraging underdraining, reported a Resolve for the printing and distribution of the report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture for 1856. This report came from the Senate accepted and the Resolve passed to be engrossed, Report accepted in concurrence, Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Adjourned

Attest-

George W. Wilcox

Clerk,

Thursday April 9, 1857.

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Prayer by the Rev^d Mr
Squier of Halliwell.

Report of the Committee on Education in order directing said Committee to enquire into the expediency of increasing the common school fund, reporting a Resolve for increasing the permanent school fund of this State.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions in petition of Hannah Murphy of Fremont reporting a Resolve in favor of Hannah Murphy. The above reports came from the Senate accepted, and the resolves passed to be engrossed, Reports accepted in concurrence Rules suspended, and the resolves having had two readings each, were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Williamson of Starks, the House reconsidered the vote, whereby it referred to the Committee on Education, on yesterday, a Bill entitled an act to repeal chapter two hundred and thirty of the public laws, of eighteen hundred and fifty six.

Resolve in favor of Sarah M. Stone, The rules being suspended, this resolve was read twice and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Crosby from the Judiciary Committee in the petition of Seneca Merrill and others in relation to building a wharf in Portland, reported, granting leave to said petitioners to withdraw, On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray the report was laid upon the table.

Mr Bruckett from the Committee on Manufactures on petition of Ezra Clark and others praying for

556. a law providing for standard gas metres and inspection of same reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature, Report accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company,

This Bill being upon its passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta, the House ordered that when the question is taken it be taken by Yeas and Nays, and being so taken, the Bill having had three several readings was passed to be engrossed by Yeas 79. Nays, 37 as follows,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs Adams, Albee, Andrews, Baker, Barron, Bennett, Bickford, Bicknell, Blaindell, A Brackett, Burleigh, Buston, Carr, Clark, Chandler, Church, Copp, Craigie, Crosby, Cye, Day, Deering J. Deveraux, J. H. Dunning, S Dunning, A Fletcher, E Fletcher, Foster, Gammon, Garcelon, Given, Given Gould, Goss, Hilton, Hinds, J Hobbs, J S Hobbs, Holt, Houdlette, Houghton Huff, Hunter, Jewell, Kimball, S Lewis, Linscott, Little, Lombard, Marston, McKenney, Delmar, Morriss, T Moulton, Much, Parsons, Patten, Pierce, Pike, Pottle, Rice, Richardson, Robinson, Rollins, Rowell, Sampson, Sawyer, Silsby, G Smith, Steward, Stone, Tolman, Webber, Wied, E Wicks, W. Wicks, Williamson. Wilson,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs, S Brackett, S D Brown, Bryant, Butler, H M Chadbourne, G N. Chadbourne, Danforth, Davis, Dibbols, Dennett, Drummond, Fox, Hamblen, Hammatt, Hathaway, Ingalls, Johnson, Leadbetter, G H. Lewis, Lord, Marshall

Martin, D. Merrill, Milliken, Pitcher, Spofford, 557.
Stinchfield, Strickland, Tabbet, Tenney, Vinton,
Walker, E. Wells, R. Mills, Woodman, Woodbury,

And the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence,

Resolve in favor of the plantations of Madawaska
Hancock and Van Buren, Mr Fletcher of China mo-
ved that the House reconsider the vote whereby it
passed the above resolve to be engrossed yesterday, and
on motion of Mr Drummond the resolve and motion
to reconsider were laid upon the table, and this
afternoon at half past two o'clock assigned for
the consideration of the motion,

Adjourned until half past two o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon Session,

On motion of Mr Garcelon of Lewiston ordered that the
use of the Representatives Hall be granted to Doctor
Samuel Gregory Secretary of the New England Female
Medical College, on Friday evening the tenth instant
for the purpose of delivering a lecture in reference to
the objects of that Institution

Bill an act to secure a uniform registration of the
births, marriages, and deaths, and the causes of
death in the State of Maine, This Bill was amended
as per sheets A, B, C, D, and E annexed

Bill an act to incorporate the Bath and Woolrich
Bridge Company, The above bills having each had
three several readings, and reported by the Committee
on Bills in the Third Reading, were severally passed
to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence,

558. Bill an act to make valid the doings of plantation
number eleven range five in the County of Hallowell
Referred to the Judiciary Committee, Sent up for concurrence

Bill an act to exempt stockholders in corporations
from personal liability. This bill being under con-
sideration and on its passage to be engrossed, on motion
of Mr Johnson of Augusta the House ordered that when
the question is taken, it be taken by Yeas and Nays
and being so taken, the bill having been read three
times, was passed to be engrossed by Yeas & Nays
34 as follows,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs.
Andrews, Baker, Barron, Bennell, Bicknell, Brackett,
S Brackett, S D Brown, Bryant, Burr, Butler, Bustan,
Carr, F M Chadbourne, Chandler, Church, Coffin, Copp,
Cragin, Crosby, Cyr, Danforth, Davis, J Deering,
Drummond, Dunn, S Dunning, A Fletcher, Fox, Gam-
mon, Garcelon, Given, Gould, Groff, Hall, Hammatt,
Hathaway, Hilton, Hinds, J Hobbs, J S Hobbs, Hud-
lette, Hunter, Jewell, S Lewis, Linscott, Little,
Liddlefield, Lombard, Marshall, Mausten, Martin,
Merriam, J M Merrill, Milliken, Morriss, T.
Morton, March, Parlin, Parsons, Patten, Parnes,
Pitcher, Pool, Pottle, Rice, Robinson, Rollins, Sampson,
Sawyer, Sitsby, Spofford, Stinchfield, Stone, Strickland,
Tabbutt, Tenney, Vinton, Walker, Webber, Weld, W Mills,
J L Weeks, Whitaker, Williamson, Wilson,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.
Adams, Albee, Blaisdell, M M & Brown, M Brown, Burleigh,
Carr, Clark, H M Chadbourne, Day, Deblois,
A C Deering, Deveraux, J H Dunning, E Fletcher,
Ford, Foster, Gup till, Hambley, Ingalls, Johnson,
Joy, Kimball, G H Lewis, Pierce, Rowell, G Smith,

Stearns, Tolman, E. Mills, E. Wells, R. Wells, Woodman 559,
Woodbury,

and the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill an act additional in relation to Banks and Banking, This bill came from the Senate that branch of the Legislature having reconsidered its vote, whereby it passed the bill to be enacted and also having reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed, and amended the bill as per sheet E and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed, The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be enacted and also reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed and amended the bill by the adoption of amendment E as made by the Senate, and on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta, the bill was laid upon the table,

Resolves relating to Kansas Affairs and Slavery,
The above resolves were taken up and were pending and under consideration when the House adjourned

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Wilcox
Clerk.

560. Friday April 10, 1857.

Prayer by the Rev^d Mr.
Fitch of Hallowell.

Bill an act additional in relation to Banks and
Banking, This bill was taken from the table on
motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville and further
amended as per sheet F, annexed and as amended
passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Auburn & A Bank

Bill an act to incorporate the Penobscot River Bank

Bill an act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity

Bill an act in addition to chapter one hundred
and ^{fifty} nine of the public laws, passed in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty
five, concerning the assessment of taxes.

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank

Bill an act further to provide for the assessment
of taxes on personal property.

Bill an act to amend the fourth section of an act
entitled an act for the preservation of Salmon,
shad, and alewives, in Segees river and tributary streams

Bill an act to incorporate the Achem Lime Rock
Company.

Bill an act relating to the property of deceased married women.

Bill an act to incorporate the Boothbay Marine Railway Company.

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings and passed to be engrossed and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally passed to be enacted. Signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Warren H. Vinton

Resolve for the further distribution of the Revised Statutes

Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanson. The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr Merrill of Harmony ordered that the Committee on Pay Roll be instructed to make up the pay of Samuel B. Stone to the close of the present session for the benefit of the surviving widow of said Stone, late a member of this House.

Bill an act to regulate the sale and use of poison This bill being under consideration, it was on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta ordered the Senate concurring, that the Secretary of State be requested to furnish to Waterville College the two volumes of the collections of the Maine Historical Society necessary to complete the set in the College Library. Sent up for concurrence,

Resolve in favor of Falmouth Academy, This resolve was read once and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

562 Resolve in relation to the North American and European Railway, Read once and this afternoon at half past two o'clock assigned for its second reading

Bill an act relating to the division of School money Laid on the table by Mr Williamson of Stark, Bill read twice and this afternoon assigned for its third reading

Resolve in favor of John Paus, This resolve having had two several readings, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings on order in relation to the purchase of the cabinet of Dr. Bushman reporting a resolve for the purchase of the birds now in the cabinet, Report accepted, Resolve read once and this afternoon assigned for its second reading,

Bill an to change the name of Joseph Morang, This bill had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, This bill came from the Senate amended as per sheet A and passed to be engrossed The House reconsidered its vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the Senate and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence,

Bill "an act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes, and to encourage manufactures in this State" This bill was taken from the table, read twice and this afternoon assigned for its third reading.

Moses Woodman of Bucksport, Foster of East Machias,

and Adams of Benfield, were upon their request 563.
excused from service on the Committee in Conference
on the part of the House, on the disagreeing vote be-
tween the two Houses in relation to the pay of temporary
clerks in the office of Secretary of State in the Year 1855.

Resolve making an appropriation for repairs on the State
Arsenal at Bangor. This resolve was amended as per
sheet A annexed and as amended passed to be
engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act providing for the expenses incurred for
the relief of persons falling into distress in unincorpo-
rated places in certain cases. This bill was amend-
ed as per sheet A annexed. and its further con-
sideration indefinitely postponed. Sent up for
concurrence.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate
the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company.
This bill was amended as per sheet annexed marked
A. and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to change the time of holding the
first meeting of the Maine Medical Association. Laid
on the table by Mr Garcelon of Lewiston. Rules suspended
the bill read three times and passed to be engrossed
Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

Bill an act additional to an act entitled
'An act to prevent disturbance of religious
worship,

564. Bill an act additional concerning the powers of Judges of Probate.

Bill an act to incorporate the Messalonskee Manufacturing Company.

Bill an act amending chapter two hundred and six by five of public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty six, approved April ninth eighteen hundred and fifty six respecting the Militia

Bill an act additional to chapter six by seven of the Revised Statutes relating to timber upon rivers and streams,

Bill an act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women,

Bill an act to exempt libraries from attachment and execution,

Bill an act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of moose and deer, approved March twenty ninth eighteen hundred and fifty Three

Bill an act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath, The foregoing bills, having each had three several readings and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Resolve in favor of Harriet Doe,

Resolve in favor of Hannah Murphy

Resolve providing for the repair of the Houston and 565
Baring road.

Resolve authorising the Land Agent to convey lot number
eleven in township number two Indian purchase.

Resolve for increasing the permanent school
fund of this State

Resolve directing the Land Agent to ascertain
the quantity of the land in the gap between the
conventional line of eighteen hundred and forty
two and the line run by Lieut Graham,

Resolve in favor of Sarah M Stone. The fore-
going resolves having each had two several read-
ings and papered to be engrossed and having been
reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as
truly and strictly engrossed, were severally fi-
nally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate

Bill an act to amend our act relating to the lia-
bility of stockholders of corporations. This bill be-
ing under consideration and on its passage to
be engrossed Mr Brown of Milford moved the pre-
vious question, and the motion was seconded by
the House, and the main question was ordered
to be put. On motion of Mr Drummond of Water-
ville the House ordered the Yeas and Nays and
upon being taken the House refused to pass the
bill to be engrossed by Yeas 40. Nays 55 as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs
Adams, Albee, Andrews, Banks, Bickford, S.
Brackett, M. Brown, Burleigh, G. M. Chubbourn
Church, Cyr, Davis, Dinnett, Drummond, & Fletcher

566, Ford, Foster, Fox, Hamblen, Houghton, Johnson, Joy
Kimball, Little, Marshall, J. W. Merrill, Milliken
Parsons, Patton, Pike, Pitcher, Pottle, Robinson, G.
Smith, Tabbutt, Tolman, E. Weeks, E. Mills, Woodman
Woodbury,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs.
Baker, Barren, Bennett, Bicknell, Blissdell,
A. Brackett, S. D. Brown, Burr, Butler, Austin Case,
Clark, Craigie, Crosby, Day, Devereaux, J. H. Dun-
ning, S. Dunning, A. Fletcher, Gammon, Garsden,
Given, Given, Gould, Gross, Guptail, Hall, Hathaway,
Hilton, Hinder, J. Hobbs, J. S. Hobbs, Holt, Howdell,
Hunter, Ingalls, Jewell, Leadbetter, S. Lewis,
Linseott, Littlefield, Lombard, Marston, Martin,
Merriam, Merison, T. Moreton, Murch, Parlin,
Rice, Robbins, Sawyer, Spofford, Steward, Stone,
Strickland, Vinton, Walker, Webber, Weed, J. S. Weeks,
R. Wells, Whitaker, Williamson, Wilson,

and the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Cole Jr. This resolve
had two several readings and on motion of Mr
Parlin of Winthrop it was laid upon the table,

Bill an act additional to chapter twenty five
of the Revised Statutes relating to mayors, this bill
was taken up read twice and tomorrow assigned
for its third reading.

Bill an act to incorporate the East Branch
Boom Company, This bill was amended as
per sheet A annexed and as amended was
passed to be engrossed, sent up for concurrence.

Resolves in relation to Kansas Affairs and Slavery 567.
These resolves came from the Senate as per sheet
A annexed and passed to be engrossed, and
having had two several readings and amended
in concurrence, and the Yeas and Nays being
ordered they were passed to be engrossed in con-
currence by Yeas 85. Nays 14 as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs
Adams, Andrews, Baker, Banks, Barton, Bick-
nell, Blair's dell, S Brackell, S D Brown, Will & Brown,
W. Brown, Burr, Butler, G M. Chadbourne, Church,
Crosby, Cyr, Davis, Devereaux, Drummond, S.
Dunning, A Fletcher, E Fletcher, Ford, Fox, Gamm
Given, Fowler, Gould, Gross, Guptill, Hall, Hambley,
Hathaway, Hilton, Hinds, J Hobbs, J S Hobbs, Holt,
Houdlette, Houghton, Jewell, Johnson, Jay, Kabetter,
Lincoln, Littlefield, Little, Marshall, Maerten,
Martin, Merriam, D Merrill, J W Merrill, Ma-
rison T Moulton, Murch, Parlin, Parsons, Patten,
Pitcher, Pottle, Rice, Richardson, Robinson,
Rollins, Sawyer, G Smith, Spofford, Steward,
Stone, Strickland, Tolman, Vinton, Walker,
Webster, Weed, W. Wells, J L Wells, E Mills, Whitaker,
Williamson, Wilson, Woodman, Woodbury,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs
Barton, Burleigh, Clark, Day, Dinnell, J H.
Dunning, Foster, Ingalls, Lombard, C F Moulton
Pike, Rowell, Tabbut, R Wells,

Report of the Committee upon the Library re-
porting that they have attended to all matters
before them and asking to be discharged.

568 Report of the Committee on the State Reform School reporting that they have disposed of all matters before them and asking to be discharged. The above reports came from the Senate having been read and accepted and they were read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on sundry bills and order in relation to exempting certain manufacturing interests from taxation, reporting a Bill entitled 'an act to encourage manufactures'

Report of the same Committee on Bill an act to establish the Ingalls Perpetual Daily Almanac and calendar, reporting a Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Ingalls Perpetual daily Almanac and Calendar Company.

Report of the Committee on Education on petition of the Trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary for aid reporting a Resolve in favor of East Maine Conference Seminary.

Report of the Committee on Claims on claim of the city of Bath, reporting a Resolve in favor of the city of Bath.

The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been severally read and accepted and the bills and resolves passed to be engrossed Reports accepted in concurrence. Bills each read twice and tomorrow assigned for their third reading, Resolves read once and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee in Education on a re- 569,
committed report on sundry petitions asking
aid for Lebanon Academy, with instructions
to report a statement of facts, This report came
from the Senate having been read and amend-
ed so as to allow the petitioners to bring in a
Resolve in favor of Lebanon Academy, and
referred to the next Legislature, Read, amended,
and referred in concurrence.

Bill an act concerning the salaries of the sev-
eral municipal judges of the cities of this
State, This bill was taken from the table on
motion of Mr Stinchfield of Lincoln and con-
sidered, and was pending when the House
adjourned

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

570. Saturday April 11. 1857.

The Clerk announced the absence of the Speaker and presided during the choice of a Speaker pro tempore.

Mr Fletcher of China laid on the table the following resolve.

Resolved that during the absence of the Speaker of this House Josiah H. Drummond Esquire of Waterville be unanimously elected Speaker pro tempore.

The resolve was passed unanimously and Mr Drummond was declared to be elected Speaker of the House pro tempore.

Prayer by the Rev^d Mr Allen of Hallowell.

Mr Brown of Kennebunkport was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing that department of the government, that during the absence of the Speaker, the House had elected Josiah H Drummond Esq, as Speaker pro tempore. A similar message was sent to the Senate by Mr Copp of Liberty, and those gentlemen subsequently reported, that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

Mejer Woodbury of Litchfield, Brown of Milford, and Pike of Eastport were appointed as the Committee of Conference on the part of the House, with the Senate, on the matter of the disagreeing vote in relation to temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State in 1855.

Bill an act additional in relation to Banks and Banking

Bill an act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank at Biddeford. 571.

The above bills having each had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally passed to be enacted. signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill an act concerning the salaries of the several Municipal Judges of the cities of this State. This bill being under consideration and on its passage to be engrossed. Mr Brown of Milford moved the previous question and the motion was seconded by the House, and the main question ordered to be put, and the bill having had three several readings. was passed to be engrossed as amended, sent up for concurrence.

Mr Adams from the Committee on Accounts made an additional report reporting a Resolve for payment of additional Roll of Accounts No 37. Report accepted. Resolve read once, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Mr Parlin of Wintthrop offered the following Order. Ordered, that no member shall speak to the same question more than five minutes at one time nor more than twice without the unanimous consent of the House. On motion of Mr Bicknell of Augusta it was laid upon the table.

Bill an act to amend chapter one hundred and twenty five of the Revised Statutes and further to provide for the recording of mortgages of personal property and conditional sales. This bill being under consideration, Mr Johnson of Augusta moved the,

572 previous question, and the motion was seconded by the House and the main question was ordered to be put, and being taken, the question being on the passage of the bill to be engrossed, the House refused to pass it, Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Samuel M. Jones, This resolve having had two several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Central Banks,

Bill an act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees in certain cases,

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company, The above bills having each had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, and being reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Resolve in favor of Franklin Adams, having had two several readings and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Mr Parlin of Winthrop gave notice that on Monday next, he should move the following, as additional to the rules and orders of the House, "Ordered that no member shall speak to one question more than five minutes at one time nor more than twice

Mr Fox of Portland, laid on the table a remonstrance of Hannen Brown and others, against the passage of the bill incorporating the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, with leave to come into Portland.

Bill an act to change the names of certain persons, reported by the Committee on Change of Names, Rules suspended, and the bill having had three several readings was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Order, in relation to final adjournment of the Legislature on Wednesday next came from the Senate having been read and passed. On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport, it was laid upon the table.

Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Moosehead. This resolve having had one reading Mr Vinton of Gray moved the indefinite postponement of its further consideration, and Mr Chadbourne of Perry moved that when the question is taken, it be taken by Yeas and Nays, and being so taken, the Resolve was indefinitely postponed by Yeas 61. Nays 56 as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Baker, Barron, Bickford, Blaisdell, A Brackett, S Brackett, S D Brown, W Brown, Bryant, Burr, Butler, Cogh, Craigin, Davis, Devereaux, Dingley, J H Dunning, E Fletcher, Ford, Gammon, Green, Gaven, Goss, Guptail, Hilton, Hinder, J Hobbs, J S Hobbs, Holt, Houdlette, Houghton, Joy, Lane, Linscott, Little, Marshall, Marston, Martin, McKenney, Marison, T Moulton,

574, Pitcher, Pool, Pottle, Rice, Richardson, Roak, Robinson, Rollins, Rowell, Sawyer, S Smith, Tolman, Vinton, Webber, E Mills, N. Mills, J L Mills, E Mills, Whitaker Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs, Adams, Albee, Andrews, Banks, Bennett, Bicknell, W M E Brown, Burleigh, Burton, Carr, Clark, H M Chadbourne, G W Chadbourne, Church, Coffin, Crosby, Cyr, Debois, Dennett, Drummond, Dunn, S Dunning, A Fletcher, Foster, Fox, Gould, Hamblen, Hammatt, Huff, Hunter, Ingalls, Jewell, Johnson, G H Lewis, Littlefield, Lombard, Lord, Merriam, D Merrill, Murch, Parlin, Parsons, Patten, Pike, Sampson, Sitsby, Stenard, Stinchfield, Stone, Strickland, Tabbutt, Warner, R Wells, Williamson Wildon, Woodman.

And the Resolve was sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Brown of Salem Ordered that on and after Monday next, this House hold two sessions each day, commencing at nine o'clock A.M. and two and a half o'clock P.M.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on petition of Jonathan Spear and others, reporting a bill an act creating a lien in favor of persons, furnishing lock for the manufacturing of lime. This report came from the Senate having been read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed, Report accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice and this afternoon assigned for its third reading.

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings reporting that they have finished all business before them, and asking to be discharged

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, reporting \$75 that they have attended to all business before them and asking to be discharged.

Report of the Committee on Claims reporting legislation inexpedient in order in relation to the town of Boverbank, Also reporting leave to withdraw on claim of the town of Machias, and further reporting that they have disposed of all business before them and asking to be discharged.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters granting leave to withdraw on petition of William F. Penman and others, and reporting that they have attended to all business before them and asking to be discharged, The foregoing reports came from the Senate having been severally read and accepted, Read and accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned to half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Mr Adams from the Committee on Accounts reported that they had disposed of all business before them and asking to be discharged, Report accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for the payment of additional Roll of Accounts No 37. This resolve having been reported by the Committee on Bids in the Third Reading and having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Drumm and from the Judiciary Committee on order relating to the special laws and resolves reported, Resolve concerning the special laws and Resolves, once the same was read once and Monday assigned for a second reading.

576. Bill an act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings, came from the Senate amended as per sheet A and passed to be engrossed, The House refused to recede and concur with the Senate, and insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed, and proposed a conference, and Messrs Deblais, Woodman and Crosby were appointed Conferees on the part of the House.

A message was conveyed to the Senate by the Clerk of the House, transmitting information of the action of the House on the foregoing bill,

Resolve relating to the publication of the laws, laid on the table by Mr Fox, of Portland, was read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Resolve in relation to printing certain documents was read the second time and passed to be engrossed,

Bill an act to make valid the doings of plantation No 11, Range 5, in the County of Moorhead referred to the Committee on the Judiciary April 9, by the House, came from the Senate that branch refusing to concur with the House, The House receded from its reference and the bill was read twice and Monday next assigned for its third reading

Bill an act additional to chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes relating to Agricultural Societies, came from the Senate, that branch nonconcurring with the House in indefinitely postponing the bill, and insisting on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed The House adhered to its vote indefinitely postponing the bill,

Resolve for the printing and distribution of the Report ^{577.}
of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture
of 1856 was amended as per sheet A and passed
to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence,

Resolve providing for an appropriation for the State
Reform School, was amended in concurrence, with
the Senate, read the second time and passed to be
engrossed in concurrence,

Resolve for the printing and distribution of the
report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of
Agriculture for 1856, This Resolve being under
consideration and on its passage to be engrossed
Mr Brown of Milford moved the previous question
and the motion was seconded by the House, and
the main question was ordered to be put, Mr.
Robinson of Sumner moved, that when the question
is taken, it be taken by Yeas and Nays, and being
so taken the resolve was passed to be engrossed
by Yeas 68 Nays 40 as follows,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs
Adams, Andrews, Baker, Banks, Barron, Bickford,
Bleinsdell, S Brackett, Hall & Brown, Bryant, Burleigh,
Butter, Buxton, G M. Chaubare, Church, Cyr, Davis,
Drummond, Dunn, Dunning J H, S Dunning, E Fletcher,
Ford, Gammon, Given, Gowen, Gould, Gross, Guptill,
Hall, Hammatt, Hilton, Holt, Houghton, Ingalls,
Jenell, Johnson, Linscott, Little, Littlefield, Lombard,
Marston, Martin, J W Merrill, Milliken, Morris-
son, C F Morlton, Murch, Parlin, Parsons, Pool,
Pottle, Rice, Rollins, Robinson, Sampson, Sawyer,
Silsby, Stinchfield, Strickland, Tolman, Vinton,
N. Wells, J L Wells, R Mills, Whitaker, Williamson
Nelson.

578. Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Albee, Picknell, Bennett, A Brackett, S D Brown, Crosby, Dingley, Foster, Fox, Hamblen, Hinds, J Hobbs, J S Hobbs, Hendlette, Huff, Hunter, Jay, Leadbetter, G H Lewis, S Lewis, Lord, Marshall, Mc Kenney, Merriam, D Merrill, T Morilton, Patten, Pike, Pitcher, Richardson, Roak, Rowell, Stenard, Stone, Tabbutt, Walker, Webber, E. Wells, & Wells, Woodbury,

The resolve was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill, an act to restrain the sale and use of Strychnine and other deadly poisons, was amended as per sheets A and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to organize and discipline the militia, approved April 9, 1856. This bill being under consideration, it was on motion of Mr Mann of Kenne-bunkport indefinitely postponed, Sent up for concurrence

A message was received from the Senate by its Secretary informing the House, that the Senate insisted on its vote passing "Bill an act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings with amendment A, and concur in the proposition of the House for a conference and appoint Messrs. West of Lincoln, Halliwell of Penobscot and Davis of Cumberland as conferees on the part of the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on Militia having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Fish river road, having had two 579.
several readings, and amended as per sheet A,
annexed, was as amended passed to be engrossed
and sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Achean Lime Rock
Company, came from the Senate. that branch
having reconsidered its vote passing the same
to be enacted and to be engrossed, and having
then amended the bill as per sheet A, passed
the same to be engrossed. The House reconsidered
its vote passing the same to be enacted, and its
vote passing the same to be engrossed amended the
bill in concurrence, and passed the bill to be
engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of E. Buxton and others, this
resolve was amended as per sheet A, and as
amended, on motion of Mr Chadbourne of Perry
the further consideration thereof, was indefinitely
postponed, Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Judiciary Committee made in the
Senate, reporting on the petitions of the inhabitants
of the incorporated towns of Arrostook on "Bill
an act to promote the incorporation of towns
in new settlements was accepted, Bill read
twice, rule suspended, the bill read a third time

On motion of Mr Merrill of Lee ordered, the Senate,
concurring, that it shall be the duty of the
Secretary of State to forward to the clerks of
the plantations of Drew and Webster, one
copy each of the Maine Register, and the
acts and resolves of the State of Maine for
the year 1856, Sent up for concurrence.

580. Bill an act to make valid the doings of the assessors of the town of Gray for 1856, Laid on the table by Mr Vinton of Gray,

Bill an act to change the names of certain persons, laid on the table by Mr Middleton of Camden. The rules having been suspended each of the foregoing bills was read three times and they were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Portland,

Bill an act additional concerning the city of Portland. The foregoing bills were each read three times. passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence,

Resolve in favor of Eliphas Fuller and Orlando M. Gilman, reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read a second time and on motion of Mr Wells of Clinton the resolve was laid upon the table,

Bill, an act entitled an act to incorporate the Master, Warden and members of Aurora Lodge

Bill an act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy,

Bill an act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steam Ship Company,

Bill an act to incorporate the Berwick manufacturing Company,

Bill an act to incorporate the Ingalls Perpetual 581,
Daily Almanac and Calendar Company,

Bill an act to prevent the destruction of trout
and pickerel in Bear and Little Bear ponds in
the town of Turner Androscoggin County and the
town of Hartford, County of Oxford,

Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston,

Resolve for the Repair of the Arsenal buildings
at Portland,

Resolve in favor of the city of Bath,

Resolve in favor of the town of Solon,

Resolve in favor of the town of Moscor,

The foregoing Bills and Resolves, reported by
the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading
were, the bills severally read the third time
and the Resolves severally read the second
time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Resolves in relation to the North American
and European Railway,

Resolves in relation to the publication of the laws,

Resolve providing for the collection of sta-
tistics in relation to the colleges and other
institutions of learning in this State

The foregoing resolves, severally reported
by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading

582 were severally read the second time and
passed to be engrossed, Sent up for con-
currence,

Bill an act to promote the incorporation
of towns in new settlements, was pending
and under consideration when the House
adjourned.

Adjourned

Attest

George W. Milcox

Clerk.

Monday April 13th 1857.

583.

Prayer by the Rev
Mr Allen of Hallowell.

Resolve in favor of the town of Stockton amended as per sheet A on motion of Mr Vinton of Gray, was read the second time and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence,

Resolve repealing a resolve approved March 25, 1856 relating to books, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence

Bill an act additional to chapter twenty five of the Revised Statutes relating to mayors,

Bill an act increasing the fees of witnesses severally reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, were read a third time and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence

Bill an act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company, came from the Senate, that branch having amended the same as per sheet A and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed, The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment and then passed the same to be engrossed as amended in concurrence,

Resolve in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Whitefield passed to be engrossed in concurrence,

Resolve making an appropriation for a gun house in Brewer, passed to be engrossed - Sent up for concurrence,

584. Report of the Committee on the State Prison, reporting Bill "an act in relation to the clerk of the State Prison and a resolve in favor of the State Prison, came from the Senate accepted and Bill and Resolve passed to be engrossed, The Report was accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice and resolve read once and this afternoon assigned for another reading.

Bill, an act declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this state, free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, Bill was read twice and this afternoon assigned for its third reading.

Bill an act to incorporate the Waterville Manufacturing Company, reported in the Senate by the Committee on Manufactures came from that branch passed to be engrossed, The report was accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice and this afternoon assigned for its third reading.

Bill an act additional relating to liens on vessels, reported in the Senate from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance came from that branch passed to be engrossed, The report was accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice and this afternoon assigned for its third reading.

Resolve in favor of the Commissioners at Washington came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, amended in the House as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed and set up for concurrence.

Bill an act to change the location of the Skunkogaw, 585
Banks, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed
Indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Resolve in aid of building a bridge and repairing
a road to Dead river, came from the Senate
referred to the next Legislature, The House re-
ferred the same in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing a State Loan was read a
second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent
up for concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Maine Banks
at Brunswick.

Bill an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Banks
were severally read the third time and passed
to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mrs Strickland from the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads, reported, that they had acted
upon all business before them, and asking to
be discharged, Report accepted. Sent up for
concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education,

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Trays and Bridges

Report of the Committee on Manufactures sev-
erally reporting that they had passed on all bus-
iness before them and asking to be discharged.
The foregoing reports came from the Senate
having been read and accepted, They were
read and accepted in concurrence.

586, Resolve concerning the special Laws and resolves, reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed,

Bill, an act additional to an act further to protect personal liberty, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr Johnson of Augusta moved to take up, Bill "An act to authorize the business of banking", and the motion prevailed, the Bill was read twice and this afternoon assigned for its third reading,

Bill "an act to amend Chapter 149 of the Revised Statutes", and Bill, "an act to protect the cultivation of cranberries, were severally taken up on motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta and the further consideration of the bills was postponed, until the tenth day of June next,

Bill an act in relation to the Division of School money reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read the third time and passed to be engrossed,

Bill an act repealing the law of 1852 and reviving the law of the Revised statutes relating to the publication of intentions of marriage was read the third time and passed to be engrossed Sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act to amend chapter 263 of the laws of the year 1856, in relation to poor debtors, was read the third time and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act further to regulate appeals from County Commissioners, was read the third time and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence, 587.

Bill an act for the preservation of deer on Croft island, was read the third time and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Benjamin Stinchfield and others, in relation to costs in certain cases, against the Shipbuilders Bank was accepted in concurrence,

Mr Fletcher from the Committee on Railroads Trays and Bridges reported legislation inexpedient on an order in relation to a law regulating the sale of railroad tickets and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence,

Mr Danforth from the Judiciary Committee on order in relation to the choice of Governor and Senators by a plurality vote, reported legislation inexpedient. The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence,

Mr Foster from the same Committee on Bill an act, concerning reviews in civil actions, reported that the same ought not to pass, Report accepted and sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act additional to the law relating to Elections, was taken up, amended as per Sheet A, and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act in relation to the liability of mag-

588. 'istrates for issuing precepts and of officers executing them' was taken read a third time and on motion of Mr Banks the same was indefinitely postponed, Sent up for concurrence,

Resolve repealing a Resolve approved March 17 1855, laid on the table by Mr Vinton of Gray, was read once and this afternoon assigned for a second reading

Resolve in favor of J K Kilbuck was called up by Mr Picknell of Augusta and indefinitely postponed in concurrence,

Bill, an act additional to an act to establish a Board of Agriculture was taken up and on motion of Mr Hammatt of Herkland, its further consideration was postponed until the tenth of June next,

Bill an act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability came from the Senate amended as per sheet Annexed and passed to be engrossed. The amendment was read and on motion of Mr Wells of Clinton laid on the table,

Bill an act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements being under consideration and on its passage to be engrossed was on motion of Mr Brown of Solon, laid on the table,

Bill an act to encourage manufactures being under consideration was on motion of Mr Wells of Clinton, laid on the table,

Mr Cyr of Madawaska laid on the table, Resolve relating to the claims of the french settlers under

the treaty of Washington, It was read once and 589.
this afternoon assigned for its second reading.

Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais Academy, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed, The House indefinitely postponed the same in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on Bill "an act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations" This report came from the Senate accepted, Bill amended as per sheet A and as amended passed to be engrossed, The report was accepted in concurrence, Bill read twice and this afternoon assigned for its third reading

Adjourned until half past two o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon session.

Bill an act to incorporate the Waterville Manufacturing Company,

Bill an act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Bowyerbank, severally reported by the Committee on Bills, in the Third Reading, were read a third time and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence

Bill an act in relation to the clerk of the State Prison, reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read a third time and on motion of Mr Vinton of Gray, the bill was laid upon the table,

590. Resolves, in favor of Limerick Academy were taken up, and the question being in the passage of the same to be engrossed, Mr Patton of Pittsfield moved the indefinite postponement of the resolves, and on this question the Yeas and Nays were ordered and being taken the motion prevailed, Yeas 59. Nays 51 as follows,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs Albee, Allen, Banks, Barron, Bennett, Bickford, Blaisdell, S D Brown, W M & Brown, W. Brown, Burr, Burleigh, Campbell, Carr, E. W. Chadbourne, Dingley, J H Dunning, S Dunning, E Fletcher, Ford, Gould, Prop. Hilton, Hinds, J Hobbs, J. S Hobbs, Houghton, Hunter, Ingalls, Jewell, Joy, Lane, Leabetter, S. Lewis, Linscott, Marston, Martin, Mc Kenney, Merriam, C F Moulton, T Moulton, Parsons, Patton, Pike, Pitcher, Pool, Pottle, Rock, Rowell, Sampson, Sidsby, I Smith, Steward, Tolman, J L, Wicks, W. Wicks, R Wells, Whitaker, Williamson,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs Adams, Andrews, Bicknell, A Brackett, S Brackett, Bryant, Butler, Burton, Clark, H, M, Chadbourne, Church, Coffin, Crosby, Cyr, Danforth, Davis, Deblois, Dennett, Devereaux, Drummond, Dunn, A Fletcher, Fox, Given, Given, Hall, Hamblen, Hammatt, Holt, Hurdlette, Johnson, Little, Littlefield, Lord, Marshall, D Merrill, J M Merrill, Morrison, Murch, Rice, Stinchfield, Stone, Strickland, Tabbott, Vinton, Webber, Weed, E Wells, Wilson, Woodman, Woodbury,

and the resolve was sent to the Senate for concurrence,

Bill an act creating a lien in favor of persons.

furnishing rock for the manufacturing of lime. 591.
was amended as per sheet A, read the third
time and passed to be engrossed as amended,
Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to promote the incorporation of towns
in new settlements being on its passage to be
engrossed was amended in concurrence per
sheets A, B and C, and further amended as per
sheet D. The Yeas and Nays were ordered and
the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by
Yeas 79 Nays 25 as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs
Allen, Andrews, Baker, Banks, Bennett, Bickford,
Bicknell, Blissdell, A Brackett, S Brackett,
Bryant, Burleigh, Butler, Campbell, Carr, Church,
Copp, Crosby, Dennett, Deveraux, S Dunning, E Fletcher,
Ford, Gowen, Gross, Gould, Guptill, Hamblen, Hil-
lin, Hinds, J Hobbs, J S Hobbs, Hondelette Huff
Hunter, Johnson, Joy, Lane, Leadbetter, S Lewis,
G H Lewis, Linscott, Little, Littlefield, Marshall,
Marston, McKenney, Merriam, D Merrill, J W,
Merrill, Merrison, T Moulton, Murch, Parsons,
Patten, Pitcher, Pool, Rice, Richardson, Rollins,
Rowell, Sampson, Sawyer, Silsby, S Smith, Steward,
Stone, Strickland, Tabbutt, Tolman, Tinton, Walk-
er, Webber, Weed, E Weeks, W Weeks, J L Weeks,
E Wells, Whitaker,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs
Adams, Albee, S D Brown, W M & Brown, Burr,
G W Chabouane, Cotton, Cyr, Danforth, Deblois,
Drummond, Dunn, A Fletcher, Fox, Hammatt,
Holt, Ingalls, Jewell, Leavitt, Lord, Martin,
Pottle, Slanchfield, Williamson, Woodbury.

592, And the Bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order came from the Senate, ordered that the Secretary of State be directed to notify the clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations in the State of the change of the law in relation to the publication of intentions of marriage by forwarding a copy of the act making the change to each of them immediately after its approval by the Governor. The order was passed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary came from the Senate, that branch having nonconcurred with the House in refusing a passage to the resolve and passing the same to be engrossed, Mr Johnson of Augusta moved that the House recede and concur with the Senate in passing the resolve to be engrossed, and the Yeas and Nays having been ordered, the motion was rejected by Yeas 37, Nays 55 as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs Andrews, Baker, Bicknell, S Brackett, Burr, Cotton, Crosby, Danforth, Dibley, Devereaux, Drummond, Dunn, A Fletcher, Fox, Given, Groff, Hambley, Hammett, Holt, Houdlette, Houghton, Ingalls, Johnson, Lord, D Merrill, J W Merrill, Morrison, Rice, Rollins, Stinchfield, Strickland, Tolman, Vinton, Wood, E Wells, Woodman, Woodbury.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs Albee, Allen, Banks, Barron, Bickford, Blaisdell, A Brackett, S D Brown, W M & Brown, Burleigh, W Brown, Butler, G M Chadbourn, Dennett, S Dunning, Ford, Given, Gould, Gup-till, Hilton, Hinds, J Hobbs,

J S Hobbs, Hunter, Jewell, Joy, Lane, Leadbetter, 593,
S. Lewis, G H Lewis, Linscott, Little, Marshall, Mas-
son, Martin, Mc Kenney, Merriam, T Moulton,
Patten, Pitcher, Pool, Pottle, Roak, Ravell, Sampson,
Siloby, S Smith, Steward, Tabbutt, E Weeks, W. Wells,
J L Weeks, R Wells, Whitaker, Williamson,

The House then insisted on its former vote refu-
sing the Resolve a passage.

Mr Vinton of Gray laid on the table a "Resolve
relating to the Maine State Prison" and the same
was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second
reading,

Mr Adams of Searfield laid on the table a
"Resolve relating to the encouragement of pen-
manship in the schools of Maine" was read once
rule suspended and the Resolve passed to be en-
grossed, Sent up for concurrence

Resolve in favor of Falmouth Academy,

Resolve in favor of Warren Academy, were sever-
ally reported by the Committee on Bills in the
Third Reading, were read the second time and
their further consideration postponed until
the tenth day of June next,

Bill an act in addition to chapter two hundred
and fifty six of the public laws, of the Year eighteen
hundred and fifty six relating to the disclosure
of poor debtors

Bill an act to incorporate the Bath and Wool-
rich Bridge Company,

594, Bill an act to change the name of Joseph Morang

Bill an act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company, The foregoing bills having each had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Resolve in favor of John Parris,

Resolve in favor of Samuel M. Jones,

Resolve making an appropriation for the State Arsenal at Bangor, The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

Resolve in favor of E. G. Burton and others came from the Senate, that branch having refused to concur with the House in indefinitely postponing the resolve and passing the same to be engrossed. On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport the resolve was laid on the table and its further consideration assigned for the tenth of June next

Bill an act to establish a State Normal School came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature, On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta the House adhered to its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

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Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy, came from the Senate that branch having referred the same to the next Legislature, The House reconsidered its vote indefinitely postponing the resolve and concurred with the Senate in referring the same to the next Legislature.

Resolve in favor of East Maine Conference, Seminary, reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read the second time and on motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport, the resolve was referred to the next Legislature and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve for purchasing the specimens of natural history now in the Cabinet, was called up and its further consideration assigned for the tenth day of June next

Bill an act to make valid the doings of the assessors of the town of Gray, being in its passage to be engrossed, was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Mr Vinton of Gray offered the following order, Ordered that there be printed under the direction and control of the Clerk, five hundred copies of the Journal of this House, each member of the House shall be entitled to receive one copy of the same, one copy shall be distributed to each member of the next House of Representatives on the first day of the session thereof the remaining copies shall be deposited in the State Library for the use of the State, The Order was laid upon the table.

596. Mr Vinton of Gray offered the following order
Ordered that a message be sent to the Senate
that the House proposes that the Legislature
shall adjourn without day on Monday the
twentieth instant and ask the concurrence
of the Senate. The order was laid on the table.

Report of the Joint select Committee to which
was referred so much of the Governor's message
as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory
liquor law and on sundry petitions on the
same subject came from the Senate accept-
ed. The House accepted the report in con-
currence

Adjourned

Attest-

George M. Wilcox
Clerk,

Tuesday April 14, 1857.

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Prayer by the
Rev Mr Blake of Hallowell.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta the
reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport the
House reconsidered the several votes whereby
it passed the several titles and parts of titles
of the Revision of the Statutes to be engrossed
and on motion of Mr Drummond of Water-
ville they were laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of the Inhabitants of the
town of Whitefield.

Resolve for the repair of the Arsenal build-
ings at Portland,

Resolve in favor of the town of Moscow,

Resolve in favor of the town of Solon,

Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston,

Resolve providing an appropriation for the
State Reform School,

Resolve in favor of Fish river road,

Resolve in favor of the City of Bath,

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Militia,

Resolve for the printing and distribution of the

598 report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of
Agriculture for eighteen hundred and fifty six.

Bill an act regulating the sale and redemption
of lands taxed to non resident owners
and of other lands sold for taxes.

Bill an act to incorporate the Achorn
Lime Rock Company.

Bill an act additional concerning the
city of Portland.

Bill an act additional to an act further
to protect personal liberty

Bill an act to prevent the destruction of
trout and pickerel in bear and little bear
ponds in the town of Turner county of An-
thoscoggin, and the town of Hartford coun-
ty of Oxford.

Bill an act for the protection of deer on Calf island

Bill an act to incorporate the Portland Ocean
Steamship Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Master and
Wardens and members of Aurora Lodge.

Bill an act to change the names of certain persons.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorpo-
rate the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company.

Bill an act to change the time of holding the.

Bill an act to incorporate the Ingalls, Perpetual
Daily Almanac and Calendar Company,

Bill an act to incorporate the Berwick Man-
ufacturing Company,

Bill an act to incorporate the Trustees of
Oak Grove Academy in Falmouth,

Bill an act to incorporate the Maine Bank,

Bill an act to incorporate the East Branch
Boon Company,

The foregoing resolves were each severally
read twice, and the bills each read three
times, and the Resolves and Bills severally
passed to be engrossed, and reported by the
Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and
strictly engrossed. The resolves were finally
passed, and the Bills passed to be enacted
signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Resolve making valid the doings of the Assoc.
of the first Universalist meeting House in
Rocklands, came from the Senate passed to
be engrossed, and having been read twice
it was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Vinton of Gray, the order proposing
to send a message to the Senate in relation to final
adjournment of the Legislature was taken up and
considered and on motion of Mr Drummond of
Waterville it was again laid on the table,

600 Bill an act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability, This bill came from the Senate amended as per sheet A. annexed and as amended passed to be engrossed, The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted amendment A of the Senate and further amended the bill as per sheet B. and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence,

Resolve relating to the claims of the State and settlers arising under the treaty of Washington, This resolve being under consideration it was amended as per sheet A, and as amended its further consideration was indefinitely postponed, Sent up for concurrence,

Resolve in favor of Eliphas Lullifer and Orlando W. Gilman, having had two several readings this resolve was passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Bill an act additional relating to liens on vessels This bill having had three several readings and amended as per sheet A annexed, was as amended, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act additional relation to liens on vessels, This bill came from the Senate that branch nonconcurring with the House in indefinitely postponing the Bill, and passing the same to be engrossed, The House adhered to its former vote by which the bill was indefinitely postponed,

Bill an act to secure a uniform registration

of the births marriages and deaths and the cause of death in the State of Maine, came from the Senate, that branch having reconsidered its vote refusing the bill a passage, amended the bill as per sheets annexed marked E and F and as amended refused to pass the bill, The House reconsidered its vote passing this bill to be engrossed adopted the amendments of the Senate marked E and F and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings, This bill was reported by the Committee of Conference, and the report came from the Senate read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed, Report accepted in concurrence, rules suspended, Bill read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the Secretary of State, Introduced by Mr Wells of Freeport. Laid on the table.

Mr Drummond of Waterville gave notice that on tomorrow he should move that the rules of the House shall be so amended for the remainder of the session, that the House may by a two thirds vote of the members voting, dispense with the reading of any paper before the House.

Bill an act to authorize the formation of Corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes and to encourage manufactures in this state, This bill was amended as per sheet A annexed and laid on the table,

602, Bill an act to amend chapter two hundred and sixty three of the laws of 1856 came from the Senate amended as per sheet marked A and as amended indefinitely postponed. The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed adopted the amendment of the Senate in concurrence and as amended concurred in indefinitely postponing the bill.

Report of the Committee on Education on Bill an act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Louis and Madanaska High School reporting the bill and that it ought not to pass. This report was taken from the table, accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of James Campbell, having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Cole Jr

Resolve in favor of J H Hassett,

Resolve relating to foreign paupers and criminals

The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings were passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Bill an act to incorporate the Frontier Iron Company,

Bill an act additional relating to liens on vessels.

Bill an act to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association, The foregoing having severally had three readings were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve directing the Land Agent to ascertain 603.
the quantity of land in the gap between the con-
-ventional line of eighteen hundred and forty two
and the line run by Lieut Graham. This resolve
came up on its final passage, on motion of
Mr Chadbourne of Perry it was laid upon the ta-
-ble and the further consideration thereof assign-
-ed for the first day of May next.

Resolve relating to the claims of the French settlers

Resolve relating to the Maine State Prison, a-
-mended as per sheet A.

Resolve repealing a resolve approved March
17, 1855 The above resolves were each read
twice passed to be engrossed and sent up
for concurrence.

Bill an act declaring all slaves brought by
their masters into this State, free, and to pun-
-ish any attempt to exercise authority over
them, Bill read three times and passed
to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act concerning the salaries of the sever-
-al municipal judges of the cities of this State,

Bill an act to change the names of certain persons

Bill an act further to regulate appeals from
County Commissioners

Bill an act to regulate the sale and use of poison

Bill an act increasing the fees of witnesses,

604, Bill an act to incorporate the Waterville Manufacturing Company,

Bill an act repealing the law of eighteen hundred and fifty two and reviving the law of the Revised Statutes relative to the publication of intentions of marriage,

Bill an act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company

Bill an act additional concerning the city of Portland,

Bill an act creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock, for the manufacturing of Lime, The foregoing bills having each had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Resolve relating to the publication of the laws,

Resolve authorising a State Loan

Resolve in favor of the town of Stockton

Resolve concerning the special laws and Resolves

Resolve in favor of the Commissioners at Washington These resolves having had two readings each and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed bills as truly and strictly engrossed were finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

Bill an act to authorize the business of Banking 605,
being under consideration was on motion of Mr Cook
of Liberty referred to the next Legislature, sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Peter S. Folsom, being under con-
sideration, was on motion of Mr Folsom of Rock-
land laid upon the table,

Bill an act to make valid the doings of plan-
tation No. Eleven, range five, in the county of
Aroostook, This bill being under consideration
it was indefinitely postponed, sent up for concurrence

On motion of Mr Fox of Portland ordered that the
Committee on Pay Roll be directed to make up
the pay of the messenger at three dollars for each
days attendance, the pay of the assistant and
second assistant messengers, and assistant
clerks at two dollars and fifty cents each for
each day, attendance and the pay of the Page
at one dollar for each days attendance and
the usual travel to each,

Resolve in favor of the plantations of Madamaska
Hancock and Van Buren, On motion of Mr
Fletcher of China the House reconsidered the vote
whereby it passed this resolve to be engrossed a-
mended the resolve as per sheets A and B, and
as amended passed the same to be engrossed
Sent up for concurrence,

Resolve making valid the doings of the assengers of the First
Universalist meeting House in Rockland, This resolve
being reported by the Committee on Engrossed
Bills as truly and strictly engrossed was finally passed
signed by the speaker and sent to the Senate,

606. Adjourned until half past two o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon Session.

Bill an act additional in relation to the promulgation of the public laws, Laid on the table by Mr Johnson of Augusta, Rules suspended bill read three times and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence

Bill an act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown, and Milford Railroad. This bill had three several readings, was passed to be engrossed, sent up for concurrence

Bill an act in relation to the rights of married women, laid on the table by Mr. Milliken of Camden read twice and tomorrow assigned for a third reading

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta ordered that the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up in the pay roll the usual compensation to the Reporters

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the Secretary of State, This resolve having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages, given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations, This bill came from the Senate amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed, The House adopted the amendment of the Senate and further amended the same on motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville as per sheets. B, C, D, E, and F. and as amended passed the bill to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence

Mr Hoodman of Bucksport moved a reconsideration 607
of the vote whereby the House on yesterday repudiated
"Resolve in favor of East Maine Conference Seminary"
to the next Legislature. The House refused to reconsider.

The Conference on the part of the House on the
disagreeing vote between the Senate and House
on a Resolve in favor of the Temporary Clerks
employed in the office of the Secretary of State
during the session of the Legislature of 1855,
reported, that they are unable to come to any
agreement on said vote and recommend
the House to adhere to its vote indefinitely
postponing said resolve. Report accepted.

The order introduced yesterday by Mr Vinton
of Gray, in relation to printing five hundred
copies of the Journal of the House, was taken
from the table on motion of Mr Drummond
of Waterville read and passed.

Bill an act to authorize the formation of
Co-operations for manufacturing printing
mechanical or chemical purposes and
to encourage manufactures in this State
Title 6

This bill being under consideration it
was amended as per sheets A, B, C and
D, and as amended was referred to
the next Legislature and sent up for
concurrence

The order introduced yesterday by Mr
Vinton of Gray in relation to sending a
message to the Senate upon the subject of
final adjournment of the Legislature.

608, was taken up amended by striking out
"Monday," and laid upon the table.

Bill an act to encourage manufactures,
This bill being under consideration and having
had three several readings and being in
its passage to be engrossed was amended as per
sheet A annexed, Mr Drummond of Waterville
moved the "previous question" and the motion
was seconded by the House, and the question
pending when the House adjourned was, "shall
the main question now be put"

Adjourned

Attest-

George W. Wilcox
Clerk.

Wednesday April 15th 1857.

609.

No Chaplain present,

Resolve for the payment of additional roll of accounts Number thirty seven.

Bill in act concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings.

The above resolve having had two several readings, and the Bill having had three several readings and each passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the resolve was finally passed and the bill passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker, sent to the Senate,

Order from the Senate in relation to final adjournment of the Legislature, taken up and considered and on motion of Mr Woodman of Bucksport it was laid upon the table,

Title one, and Title two of the new revision of the statutes were taken up, Title one amended as per sheets A, B, C, D, E, F and G, and Title two amended as per sheet A, sheets annexed,

Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Acrostook, This resolve came from the Senate that branch refusing to concur with the House in indefinitely postponing the resolve and insisting on its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, and the question being on receding and concurring with the Senate the Yeas and Nays were ordered thereon, and being taken the House receded from its vote in

610 - definitely postponing the resolve and passed the same to be engrossed in concurrence by Meas 77 Ays 42 as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs Adams, Albee, Andrews, Baker, Banks, Bicknell, Blaisdell, S Brackett, W M & Brown, Burleigh, Buxton, Carr, H M, Chadbourne, G. M. Chadbourne, Church, Coffin, Copp, Crosby, Cye, Danforth, Day, Deblais, Dismett, Dingley, Drummond, Dunn, J H Dunning, S Dunning, A Fletcher, E Fletcher, Fox, Garcelon, Goven, Gould, Hall, Hambley, Hammatt, Hathaway, Hilton, Hinds, J Hobbs, Huff, Hunter, Ingalls, Jewell, Johnson, S Lewis, G H. Lewis, Lombard, Lord, Marshall, Merriam, D Merrill, J M Merrill, Milliken, Murch, Parlin, Parsons, Patten, Pike, Sampson, Sillsby, S Smith, Spofford, Stinchfield, Stone, Strickland, Tabbut, Tenney, Tolman, Walker, Weed, R Mills, Whitaker, Williamson, Wilson, Woodman,

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs Allen, Barron, Bennett, Bickford, A Brackett, S D Brown, W. Brown, Bryant, Burr, Butler, Chandler, Cotton, Ford, Gammon, Given, Guptill, J S Hobbs, Houdlette, Houghton, Lane, Leadbetter, Linscott, Little, Marston, Martin, Mc Kenney, Morrison, C F Moulton, T Morelton, Pitcher, Pottle, Rice, Roak, Rollins, Rowell, Sawyer, Vinton, E Weeks, W. Weeks, J. L. Mills, E Mills, Woodbury.

Bill an act to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association

Bill an act declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this state free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them.

Bill an act to incorporate the Frontier Iron Company.

Bill an act additional relating to liens on vessels.

Bill an act additional to chapter twenty five of the Revised Statutes relating to Drays.

Bill, an act additional in relation to the promulgation of the public laws.

The foregoing bills having each had three several readings and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve providing for the collection of statistics in relation to the colleges and other institutions of learning in this State.

Resolve in favor of Eliphas Gullifer and Orlando M. Gilman

Resolve relating to foreign paupers and criminals

Resolve in favor of T. H. Fassett,

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Cole Jr.

Resolves in relation to the North American and European Railway.

612. Resolve repealing a resolve approved March twenty fifth Eighteen hundred and fifty six relating to books for the several towns and cities

The foregoing Resolves having each had two several readings, and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Resolve in relation to the pension of Peter S. Folsom
This resolve having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed in concurrence,

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta ordered that Meigs Woodman of Bucksport and Drummond of Waterville be added to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta ordered that the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of Isaiah Drumm messenger and mail carrier for the several offices the same as for assistant messenger of this House.

Senate order in relation to final adjournment of the Legislature on Friday the 17th instant was taken from the table, read and passed in concurrence Mr Johnson of Augusta was charged with a message to the Senate signifying the concurrence of the House. Mr Johnson subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him,

On motion of Mr Dingley of Auburn ordered that the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed

to make up the pay of the members of the House 613.
of Representatives for their travel and attendance
up to and including Friday the seventeenth of
April instant.

Mr Milliken from the Committee appointed 'to
consider the memorial of Antoinette L Brown
Blacknell and others, reported granting said
petitioners leave to withdraw. Report read and
accepted and sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act to incorporate the Greenwood Ceme-
tery Company, Laid on the table by Mr Garce-
ton of Lewiston, Read twice and this afternoon
assigned for its third reading,

Resolve in favor of the plantations of Madanaska
Hancock and Van Buren,

Resolve making an appropriation for repair
of gun house at Brewer,

Resolve in favor of James Campbell,

Bill an act to exempt stockholders in corpo-
rations from personal liability

Bill an act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown
and Milford Railroads,

The foregoing resolves were severally read twice
and the bills each read three times and passed to be
engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engross-
ed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the resolves
were finally passed, and the bills passed to be enacted, signed
by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

614. Title. three of the Revised Statutes was taken up and amended as per sheet A.

On motion of Mr Dingley of Auburn ordered that the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of the officers of this House up to and including Friday the 17th instant

Resolve in favor of Mrs M. Bolster M.B. F Davis, and Joseph B. Hall, This resolve came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, Resolve read twice, laid on the table, and the tenth day of June next assigned for its further consideration

Bill an act to promote the incorporation of towns, in new settlements, This bill having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed, and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

Resolves relating to Kansas affairs and slavery came up on their final passage. On motion, the vote passing said resolves to be engrossed was reconsidered, and the same amended as per sheet marked A. and as amended passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence,

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking reporting that they have acted upon all matters before them and asking to be discharged. This report came from the Senate, read and accepted, Accepted in concurrence,

Report of Judiciary Committee on petition of Seward Merrill and others in relation to building a wharf in Portland

Minority report of same Committee on the same 615
subject. The above reports were severally referred
to the next Legislature, Sent up for concurrence.

Title Eleven of the Revised Statutes taken up and
amended, as per sheets A, B and C, annexed.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed
in the office of the Secretary of State, This resolve
came from the Senate amended by striking
out the words "Secretary of State" and inserting
the words, "Governor with the advice and con-
sent of the Council." The House reconsidered its
vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, adopted
the amendment of the Senate and as amended
passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank,
This bill came from the Senate amended as
per sheets A and B annexed and as amended
passed to be engrossed. The House reconsidered
its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted
the amendments of the Senate numbered 1 and
2 on sheet B, and refused to adopt amend-
ment number three on sheet B, and also refu-
sed to adopt amendment number four on
on sheet A, and as amended passed the
bill to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned until half past two o'clock this afternoon

Afternoon Session.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed
in the office of the Secretary of State, The House
reconsidered its vote passing this resolve to be

616, engrossed and further amended it as per sheet A annexed and as amended passed the resolve to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence,

On motion of Mr Goup of New Gloucester ordered that the Committee on Pay Roll be directed to add to the pay of the Page, the sum of seven dollars additional to his travel and per diem, it being for expenses in sickness during the present session,

Bill an act to incorporate the Greenwald Cemetery Company, This bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was passed to be engrossed Sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability, This bill came from the Senate that branch having rejected amendment B of the House and adopting House amendment on sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed, The House reconsidered the vote where by it passed the bill to be enacted and whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed as amended, and reconsidered the vote adopting amendment B, and rejected it, and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence,

Bill an act to incorporate the Ticonic Company This bill being under consideration and in its passage to be engrossed, was amended as per sheet A annexed and as amended having had three several readings was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence,

Bill an act to encourage manufacturing estab- 617.
lishments in this state, This bill having had three
several readings and being in its passage to be
engrossed, the House ordered that the question be
taken by Yeas and Nays, and being so taken the
bill was refused a passage by Yeas 45. Nays 54,
as follows.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs
Andrews, Bickford, Blaisdell, S Brackett, S D.
Brown, Bryant, Burr, Campbell, Carr, Church, Gros-
by, Cyr, Danforth, Day, Dennett, Dunn, J H Dun-
ning, S Dunning, Fox, Gammon, Given, Gower,
Gould, Hammatt, Hilton, Hurdette, Hunter,
Jerrell, Lane, Lord, Martin, Morrison, Patten,
Pottle, Rice, Stinchfield, Stone, Strickland,
Tabbutt, Tenney, Wild, E Weeks, R Wells, William-
son, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs
Allen, Baker, Banks, Barron, Bennett, Bicknell,
A Brackett, M M & Brown, M. Brown, Burleigh,
Butler, A M Chadburne, G M Chadbourne, Coffe,
Cotton, Dingley, E Fletcher, Ford, Gammon, Geoss,
Hall, Hinds, J S Hobbs, Holt, Houghton, Joy, Seabottom,
S Lewis, G H Lewis, Linscott, Lombard, Marshall,
Mc Kenney, D Merrill, J M Merrill, Milliken,
O F Moulton, T Moulton, Murch, Parsons, Pitcher,
Roak, Robbins, Sampson, Sawyer, Silsby, Sterrard,
Tolman, Vinton, Walker, E Mills, Whitaker, Woodbury,

And the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Richard Wells, Laid on the
table by Mr Crosby of Dexter. rules suspended, read
twice, passed to be engrossed, sent up for concurrence.

618, Resolve relating to the claims of the French settlers under the treaty of Washington

Resolve in relation to the pension of Peter S Tolson.

Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the country of Newstocke. The foregoing resolves having each had two several readings and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed were severally finally passed, signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Senate.

Bill an act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages, given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations this bill having had three several readings and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Bill an act in relation to the rights of married women. This bill having had three several readings and reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was passed to engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolves in relation to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Dred Scott, These resolves came from the Senate amended, as per sheets annexed marked A B and C, and as amended passed to be engrossed. Amended in concurrence and being on their passage to be engrossed, on motion of Mr Lombard of Wales, the House ordered that when the question

is taken it be taken by Yeas and Nays, and being 619,
so taken, the resolves having been twice read and
passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by Yeas 88
Nays 18 as follows,

Bill an act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank.

Bill an act to exempt the stockholders in cor-
porations from personal liability.

The foregoing having each had three several
readings and passed to be engrossed and reported
by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and
strictly engrossed were passed to be enacted, signed
by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

On motion of Mr Brown of Kennebunkport ordered
that when this House adjourns, it be to meet this
evening at Seven and a half o'clock,

Resolve in favor of Parker P. Burleigh reported
by the Committee on the Pay Roll, and having
had two several readings was passed to be engross-
ed. Sent up for concurrence.

Mr Dunn from the Committee on the Pay Roll,
on sundry orders of the House reported the pay
roll of the members and officers of the House
of Representatives with an accompanying
Resolve as follows, "Resolve on the pay roll of the
House." Report accepted, resolve read once,
and this evening at eight o'clock assigned for
its second reading.

Resolve relating to the encouragement of a uniform sys-
tem of penmanship in the schools of Maine.

620, Resolve relating to the Maine State Prison,

Resolves in relation to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Dred Scott,

The above resolves having each had two several readings and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

Resolve repealing a resolve concerning the special laws and resolves,

Resolve in favor of Samuel S. Berry, The above resolves came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, Rules suspended, resolves each read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence,

Bill an act to cede to the United States jurisdiction over a certain tract in Portland Harbor Maine, known as the Hog Island Ledge, and over certain land at or near the entrance of Kennebec River Maine, Laid on the table by Mr Johnson of Augusta, Rules suspended, Bill read three times, and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks employed in the office of the Secretary of State, This resolve came from the Senate, that branch having amended the House amendment A, as per sheet B annexed and as amended passed the same to be engrossed. The House reconsidered its vote passing the resolve to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the Senate and passed the same to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned until half past seven o'clock this evening 621.

The House convened at half past seven o'clock P.M., and, the speaker being absent, the clerk called the House to order and presided during the organization of the House by the election of a Speaker pro tem.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta ordered that during the absence of the Speaker, Charles Danforth Esquire of Gardiner, be elected Speaker pro tem of the House of Representatives.

Mr Johnson of Augusta was charged with a message to the Governor and Council informing that branch of the Government that the House in the absence of the Speaker, had chosen Charles Danforth Esq. Speaker pro tem. Mr Chadbourne of Perry was charged with a similar message to the Senate. Those gentlemen subsequently reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them.

Resolve relating to Kansas Affairs and Slavery, This resolve having had two several readings and passed to be engrossed and being reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve repealing a Resolve concerning the special laws and resolves,

Resolve in favor of Samuel S Berry, severally reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, finally passed signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate,

622, Bill an act to regulate the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of the city of Bath and fees accruing therein, This bill being under consideration, it was on motion of Mr Garcelon of Lewiston laid upon the table and the tenth day of June next assigned for its further consideration.

Resolve in favor of Carinna Union Academy. This resolve was taken from the table on motion of Mr Garcelon of Lewiston and considered and on motion of Mr Brown of Milford the Resolve was referred to the next Legislature, sent up for concurrence.

Resolve on the pray roll of the House, This resolve having had two several readings was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in relation to printing certain documents, This resolve came from the Senate amended as per sheet A annexed and as amended passed to be engrossed, The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the resolve to be engrossed, adopted, the amendment of the Senate and passed the resolve to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill an act to cede to the United States jurisdiction over a certain tract in Portland harbor Maine, known as the Hog island ledge, and over certain land at or near the mouth of Kennebec river Maine, This Bill came from the Senate amended as per sheets A, and B, and as amended passed to be engrossed. The House reconsidered its vote passing the bill to be engrossed, refused to adopt amendment A, adopted amendment B, and as amended passed the bill to be Engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr Strickland from the Committee on Finance 623,
reported a Bill entitled an act to provide in
part for the expenditures of the government
Report accepted, Rules suspended, Bill read
three times and passed to be engrossed, Sent
up for concurrence,

Resolve on the Pay Roll of the Senate,

This resolve came from the Senate passed
to be engrossed, Rules suspended, resolve
read twice and passed to be engrossed in
concurrence,

Resolve in favor of Richard Wells,

Resolve in relation to printing certain
documents,

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks
employed in the office of the Secretary
of State

The above resolves having each had two
several readings and passed to be engrossed
and reported by the Committee on Engrossed
Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were
severally finally passed, signed by the
Speaker and sent to the Senate,

On motion of Mr Johnson of August 10
ordered, that when this House adjourns
it adjourn to meet tomorrow at seven o'clock
in the afternoon.

Titles One to twelve inclusive of the Revised

624, Laws were taken up, and having had three several readings they were severally passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence,

Resolve in favor of Joseph Baker.

This resolve was laid on the table by Mr Johnson of Augusta, Rules suspended, resolve read twice amended by striking out the words, "under the resolve of March 12th 1855" and as amended passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence,

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

Thursday April 16th 1857

625.

No Chaplain present.

On motion of Mr Drummond of Waterville the House reconsidered the vote whereby it yesterday passed to be titles one to twelve inclusive of the Revised Statutes and amended the same by inserting in the revision certain public laws passed at this session as per sheet A, and, as amended passed the titles one to twelve inclusive to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate the Proprietors of Ticonic Bridge. This bill was laid on the table by Mr Drummond of Waterville. Rules suspended, Bill read three times amended as per sheet A annexed and as amended passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to cede to the United States jurisdiction over a certain tract in Portland Harbor Maine known as the 'Hog Island ledge' and over certain land at or near the entrance of Kennebec river Maine,

Bill an act to incorporate the Greenwood Cemetery Company,

Bill an act to incorporate the Ticonic Company,

Bill an act in relation to the rights of married women.

Bill an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

Bill an act to revise and consolidate the public laws of the State;

Resolve on the pay roll of the House,

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate,

626. The foregoing bills having severally had three readings and the resolves severally had two readings and passed to be engrossed, and being reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, the Bills were passed to be enacted. The resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the Commissioners for revising the public laws, Laid on the table by Mr. Garcelon of Leniston, Rules suspended, Resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Resolves for the appointment of Commissioners to superintend the publication of the Revised Statutes of the Year one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, The above resolves were read twice passed to be engrossed, Sent up for concurrence.

Bill an act to repeal the acts consolidated in the Revised Statutes of the Year 1857.

Bill an act additional to provide for the expenses of government.

The foregoing bills, the rules having been suspended were each read three times and passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Drummond of Waterville ordered that the Secretary of State be directed to deliver to each of the clerks who have been in his office during the present session of the Legislature one copy each of the Revised Statutes of 1857 when they are ready for distribution.

On motion of Mr. Barcelon of Lewiston ordered 627.
that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet
tomorrow morning at six o'clock.

Bill an act to repeal the acts consolidated in
the Revised Statutes for the year 1857, reported by the
Committee on Engrossed Bills, passed to be enacted
signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves for the appointment of Commissioners
to superintend the publication of the Revised Stat-
utes of the year one thousand eight hundred
and fifty seven, were reported by the Committee
on Engrossed Bills, finally passed, signed by
the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Cyr of Madamaska laid on the table the fol-
lowing order, Ordered that the Committee on
the Pay Roll, be directed to make up the per
diem pay of William Dickey of Fort Kent
to the end of the session, the same as members
of this House, On motion of Mr. Brown of Kenne-
bunkport the order was laid on the table and
the tenth day of June next assigned for
its consideration.

Bill an act additional to an act to incorporate
the Proprietors of the Ticonic Bridge, was reported
by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly
and strictly engrossed, and passed to be enacted
signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Adjourned

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

628 Friday April 17. 1857.

No Chaplain present

Resolve in favor of Joseph Baker

Resolve in favor of the Commissioners for revising the public laws.

The above resolves having had three several readings, and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate

Bill "an act additional to provide for the expenses of government" This bill having had three readings, and passed to be engrossed and reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order from the Senate appointing a Committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature having acted upon all matters before them, are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make. This order came from the Senate having been read and passed and Messrs Maynard of Lincoln, Smith of Northbrook and Hoyt of Franklin were appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate. The order was passed in concurrence and Messrs Cotton of Bowdoin, Tabbutt of Addison, Sitsky of Aurora, Wilson of Brewer, Albee of Fitch, Marston of Windham, and Jewell of Phippsburg, were joined to said Committee on the part of the House.

The Committee through Mr Cotton subsequently 629, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them and the Governor was pleased to say that he would forthwith communicate to the Legislature through the Secretary of State.

A message was received from the Governor by the Secretary of State, transmitting to the House of Representatives a list of the Acts and Resolves approved by him during the present session of the Legislature, and further saying that he had no further communication to make.

Mr Buxton of Warren addressed the House as follows,

Mr Clerk. I should be doing great injustice to my own feelings and to the feelings of those members of this House with whom I am politically associated if I should permit this opportunity to pass, without expressing our acknowledgements to the Speaker and dominant party of this House for the courtesy and respect that has invariably been extended to us during the Session that is now about drawing to a close, I therefore move the following Resolve.

Resolved, that the thanks of this House be presented to the Hon Charles A Spofford for the able manner in which he has presided over its deliberations as being marked with ability and impartiality

The passage of the Resolve was signified by the unanimous rising of the members of the House.

630. The Speaker thereupon rose and addressed the House as follows.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

I acknowledge this expression of your approbation with profound sensibility, I thank you for all your kindness, I thank you especially for the uniform forbearance and generous co-operation to which I am so much indebted for what of success I may have attained in the discharge of the duties which have been assigned me.

In this hour of parting which is the saddest and sweetest hour of all human relations, there seems to me a peculiar propriety in the kindly allusions which have been made to the sentiments of friendship and mutual esteem which have grown up among us and which are so naturally incident to our intimate association.

Whatever of good or ill, may come in coming years, it will always be grateful to remember the kindness and courtesy, the harmony and good feeling with which your deliberations have been so preeminently characterised.

There is something gentlemen, in a just conception of the true dignity of legislation which gives us enlarged and liberal views of humanity and political science, which elevates us above the atmosphere of local interest and the policies and expediencies of party organisation. We do well to remember that this chartered, free and liberal government of ours is the produce of long history ancient events and ages of human experience.

The lamp of the scholar, and the scaffold of the patriot, the prayers and hopes of all good men have been converging on the great sweeping current of history to the establishment of a government which has a just regard to the rights of man and the conditions of his being.

We make laws for a sovereign independant State - a member of a confederation of States, which is destined to become the historic centre of the world's civilization. We legislate in a refined age for an enterprising, enlightened and progressive people.

In determining then the equitable rights of man, which is the legitimate object of all political science, in solving important social problems - in making laws for our moral and intellectual advancement - for the material developement and physical well being of the State, our obligations as Legislators, demand of us an enlightened disinterested patriotism and a christian philanthropy. As legislators, we are all Republicans and all Democrats.

Let us avoid the radicalism that uproots virtues, and the conservatism that befriends vice and sanctions evil - and though our State can boast no dusty archives, nor crumbling monuments, no carved hatchments nor rolls of heraldry - you may place it among the foremost in that column of progressive States, whose union constituted time's noblest empire, whose history will be an era of wisdom, genius, and human exaltation.

We would not forget in this farewell hour to recall the memory of that one of our number, who in high

682 health and hope has been swept from our midst by the hand of death but let us say in the language of believing trust—"it was better for our brother to die than live" for his day of life well spent in noble work, brought him to a calm and hopeful evening, and the shadows of his declining sun, only curtailed his spirit to its rest.

We will hold his name and virtues in grateful remembrance, and while we blazon the deeds of the illustrious dead, while we write on marble, those names which illumine the pages of history—we will not forget that the hands of forgotten brave men, have made the world for us.

I bespeak the big drops of your sympathy for his bereaved family in their hour of solitude and wo, may they be sustained by the consolations of that sublime faith, that gleams over the measureless ocean of the future, and sends its ray of light even among, the shadows of eternal grandeur and mystery.

It is a touching consideration that although we are thus singly called from the battle of life, to tread alone our silent and solemn march to the tomb, there is that in the common good and ill of humanity, that binds us together in one, compassionate brotherhood—and teaches us impressively that we are all of one dying—and of one immortal family.

Let us acknowledge our obligations to the source of all good that—so many of us have been preserved from sorrow, sickness and death,

Gentlemen, I again thank you for all your 633,
generous friendship, and kindness, I con-
gratulate you upon the great success, which
has attended your patient and unremitting
devotion to your laborious duties. I wish
you all, health, honor and happiness, and
now bid you an affectionate farewell.

Mr Adams of Newfield laid on the table
the following Resolve.

Resolved that the thanks of this House be
tendered to Messrs George M. Wilcox and
Benjamin Freeman for the faithful dis-
charge of their duties as Clerk and Assistant
Clerk of this House

The Resolve was passed.

On motion of Mr Johnson of Augusta, the
House of Representatives adjourned with-
out day.

Attest

George M. Wilcox
Clerk.

Passed by the Legislature of 1857.

An act to incorporate the town of Islandport

An act to extend the time for the Waldo Mills Company to build their dam across Goose River

An act to make valid the doings of School district number one in Macdanas plantation, in the county of Hancock.

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Bangor House Proprietary

An act in relation to the attachment of real estate, and immoveable personal property.

An act to amend the thirty first section of the twenty fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways.

An act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court

An act enlarging the powers of constables in the city of Calais

An act relating to the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford.

An act to incorporate The Royal River Manufacturing Company

An act to make valid the doings of School district number five in the town of Otisfield

An act to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford

An act respecting judicial proceedings

An act in relation to Directors of corporations

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company, passed August fourteenth, eighteen hundred and forty nine.

An act to extend the time allowed the Atlantic Bank to close its concerns,

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

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An act to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

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An act to repeal an act to incorporate the Milton Manufacturing Company,

An act to incorporate the Indigent Ministers Relief Association

An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company,

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An act in addition to an act to enable the first school district in Buckport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R. Folsom.

An act respecting the redemption of land sold for the payment of taxes.

An act for the further extension of the Bangor Boom Company

An act for the assessment of a state tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven amounting to two hundred thousand, nine hundred twenty nine dollars, thirty cents.

An act accepting the surrender of the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company

An act to divide the town of Prospect and incorporate the southerly part thereof, into a town by the name of Stockton

An act to authorize the construction of a railroad around the north side of the city of Portland.

An act repealing all acts relating to the inspection of hops.

An act authorizing the County Commissioners of the county of Somerset to reassess certain taxes.

An act relating to the property of deceased married women.

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An act to change the names of certain persons.

An act to amend the act incorporating the town of Tremont.

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An act to set off a part of the homestead of Horace Mixer from Sedgwick and annex the same to Penobscot.

An act to set off a portion of plantation number ten and annex the same to the town of Franklin.

An act granting further powers and privileges to Agricultural and Horticultural Societies

An act to incorporate the Buxton Manufacturing Company.

An act concerning the jail in the county of Cumberland.

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An act additional to chapter ninety four of the Revised Statutes relating to the levy of executions on real estate

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An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings in cities and villages

An act to authorize the town of Harpswell to extend a highway over tide waters,

An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Fire Insurance Company,

An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company,

An act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company,

An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings,

An act to amend chapter one hundred and twenty five of the Revised Statutes and for the further protection of mechanics liens,

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An act to incorporate the Little River Canal Company

An act to incorporate the Gorham Steam and Water Power Company,

An act to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company,

An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanics Association,

An act entitled an act additional to chapter one hundred and sixty three of the Revised Statutes

An act to amend section seventy of chapter seventy seven of the Revised Statutes in relation to banks and banking

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An act to set off Josiah A. Judkins together with certain real estate from the town of Roxbury to the town of Mexico,

An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company,

An act to amend the twenty second section of chapter one hundred and six of the Revised Statutes

An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company,

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An act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company,

An act to incorporate the Machiasport Marine Railway Company,

An act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy

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An act repealing an act entitled an act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Calais approved April fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty six.

An act to incorporate the Jonesport Marine Railway Company.

An act to incorporate the Proprietors of Solon and Embury Bridge.

An act in relation to depositions

An act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company.

An act to repeal chapters fifty three, fifty six and fifty seven, of the Revised Statutes relating to the inspection of butter, and lard, onions and tobacco and exportation of flax seed.

An act to incorporate the Bag Harbor Marine Railway Company.

An act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company

An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodic waters.

An act to amend the second section of chapter two hundred and sixty five of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and fifty six relating to the militia

An act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North

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An act to authorize Sylvester J Roberts to build and maintain a weir in tide waters of Naraguagus Bay.

An act additional to an act to establish the York and Cumberland Railroad Company.

An act to change the name of Oak Grove School.

An act authorising towns to purchase a hearse and erect a house for the same.

An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's pond in Woodstock.

An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond in the town of Mercer.

An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the Pennamague and Berdens lake and tributary waters.

An act additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Goose river harbour passed January thirty first eighteen hundred and forty four.

An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer.

An act to set off Joshua E Jenks, Augustus Perley, and Lyman Bradstreet from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation.

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An act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank.

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An act to extend the charter of the Atlantic Bank of Portland.

An act to incorporate the Aroonbeg Bank.

An act to incorporate the Penobscot River Bank.

An act to incorporate the Messalonskee Manufacturing Company.

An act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of moose and deer approved March twenty ninth eighteen hundred and fifty seven.

An act relating to the property of deceased married women.

An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Senall's crossing in the city of Bath.

An act additional to an act entitled an act to prevent disturbances of religious worship.

An act to exempt libraries from attachment and execution.

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An act additional to chapter sixty seven of the Revised Statutes relating to timber upon rivers and streams.

An act amending chapter two hundred and sixty five of public laws, of eighteen hundred and fifty six approved April ninth eighteen hundred and fifty six respecting the Militia

An act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women.

An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank at Biddeford.

An act to incorporate the Central Bank.

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company.

An act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees in certain cases.

An act to incorporate the Bath and Woolwich Bridge Company.

An act to change the name of Joseph Morang

An act in addition to chapter two hundred and fifty six of the public laws, of the year eighteen hundred and fifty six relating to the disclosure of poor debtors.

An act for the protection of deer on Cross island.

An act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Bear and Little Bear ponds in the town of Turner, county of Androscoggin and the town of Hartford in the county of Oxford.

An act additional to an act, further to protect personal liberty,

An act additional concerning the city of Portland,

An act to incorporate the East Branch Boom Company

An act to incorporate the Achorn Lime Rock Company,

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company,

An act to change the names of certain persons,

An act to regulate the sale and use of poison

An act further to regulate appeals from County Commissioners

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An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes.

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An act to change the time of holding the first meeting of the Maine Medical Association.

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An act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company.

An act to incorporate the Ingalls Perpetual Daily Almanac and Calendar Company.

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An act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad,

An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements,

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An act to exempt stock holders in corporations from personal liability

An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank

An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company,

An act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company,

An act to incorporate the Ticonic Company,

An act in relation to the rights of married women,

An act to cede to the United States jurisdiction over a certain tract in Portland harbor, Maine known as the 'Hog island ledge' and over certain land at or near the entrance of Kennebec river Maine,

An act to incorporate the Greenwood Cemetery Company,

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government,

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Resolve in favor of Silas S Low.

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Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.

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Resolve for the promulgation of certain laws.

Resolve for paying roll of accounts number thirty seven for eighteen hundred and fifty seven

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Resolve authorizing the Agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry.

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Resolve in favor of Phineas Boynton.

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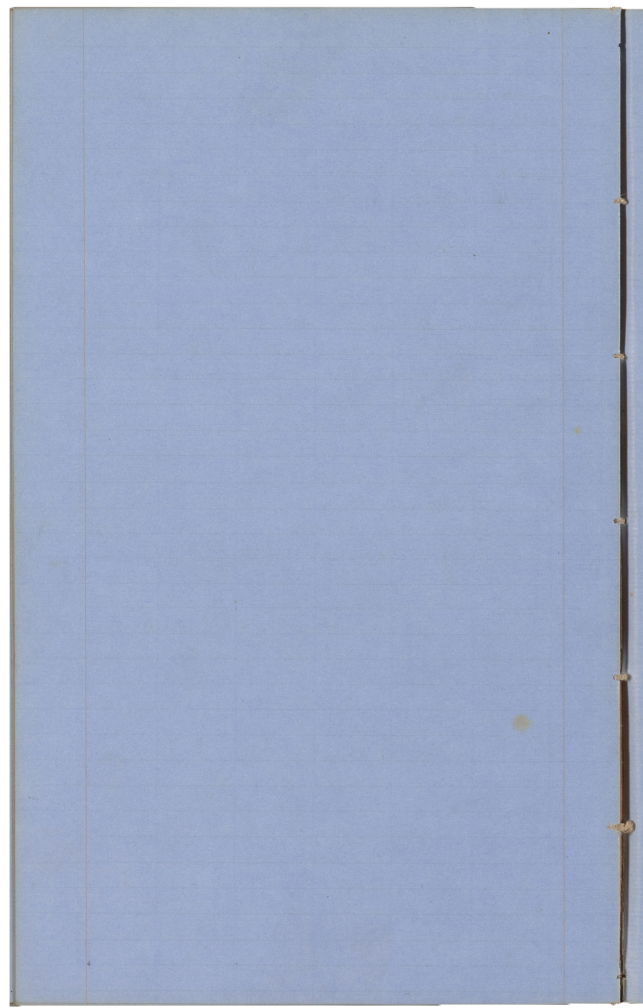
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