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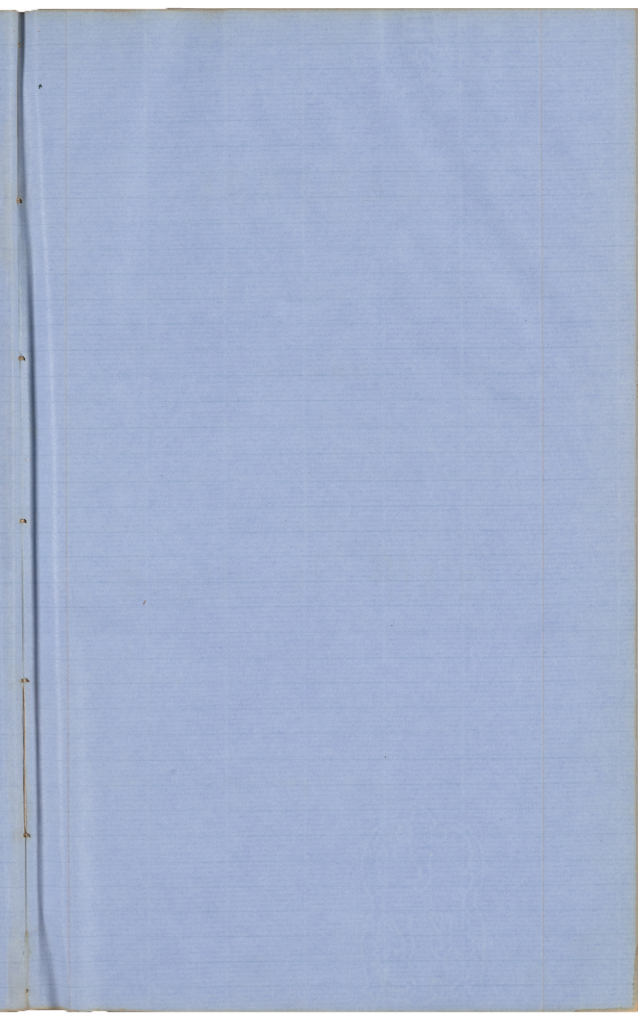
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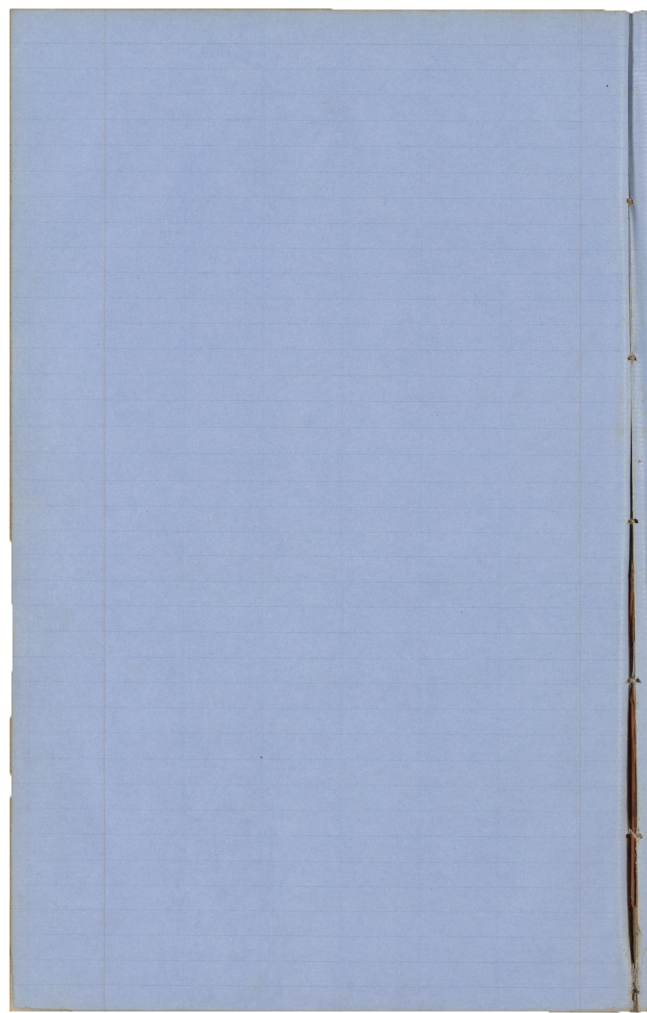
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State of Maine.

Augusta, Wednesday, January 3, 1855.

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

Second Senatorial District

Henry H. Brody,  
Nathaniel Pease,  
Aaron Quincy,  
William Willis.

Third Senatorial District

Levett Watson,  
George Thorndike.

Fourth Senatorial District,

Joseph Eaton,  
Augustus Sprague,  
Henry P. Torrey.

Fifth Senatorial District

Monot Crochore  
Theophilus Kushing,  
Nathan G. Hickborn.



Sixth Senatorial District

William Barker,  
Mark Shephards,

Seventh Senatorial District,

Samuel H. Adams,  
George Daines.

Ninth Senatorial District,

Newell Blake,  
Franklin Muzzy,  
Hiram Puzgles.

Tenth Senatorial District

John Elliot.

Twelfth Senatorial District.

Alvin Currier.

The convention of Senators elect was called to order by Mr Willis of Cumberland, on whose motion Mr Eaton of Woonsocket was chosen chairman.

On motion of Mr Blake of Portsmouth, that Senator was charged with a message to the Governor informing him that a quorum of Senators elect is in attendance in the Senate chamber, ready to take and subscribe the oaths required by the constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties. Mr Blake subsequently reported that he had delivered the message entrusted to him, and that the Governor returned for answer that he would forthwith attend upon the Senators elect for the purpose of administering to them the oaths required by the constitution.

Thereupon the Governor, attended by the Executive Council, and Secretary of State came in, before whom the Senators elect took and subscribed the oaths required

by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Governor and his attendants then withdrew.

Prayer was then offered by Rev Mr Lane of Wallingford.

On motion of Mr Kimdike,

Messrs Kimdike of Lincoln, Brody of Cumberland, and Torrey of Kennebec were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary, which committee reported.

Whole number of votes	19.
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Necessary to a choice	10
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Louis O Cowan has	19-
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and the report

was accepted, and

Louis O Cowan, declared duly elected Secretary of the Senate.

Mr Cowan signified his acceptance, and took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, before James S Child Esquire, authorized by admirum potestatem.

On motion of Mr Brehore of Waldo.

Messrs Brehore, Ruggles of Penobscot and Pease of Cumberland were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President of the Senate, and having attended to that duty, reported as follows:

Whole number of votes	20
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Necessary to a choice	11.
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Franklin Muzzey has	20.
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and the

report was accepted, and Mr Muzzey declared duly elected President of the Senate.

Mr Muzzy signified his acceptance in the following address;

Senators: I tender you my sincere thanks for this distinguished expression of your confidence,

I accept the position you have assigned me - but I cannot bring to your service the advantage of any experience in the discharge of its duties. I can only assure you of my constant efforts to render the proceedings of this branch, in the highest degree, useful to the State, and agreeable to its members. And I may add, that my only hope of success in my efforts, arises from the confidence I feel in being, at all times, sustained and directed by your friendly advice and cooperation.

On motion of Mr Dorsey of Kennebec, that Senator together with Mr Watson of Lincoln, and Blake of Penobscot, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Meigs, and having attended to that duty reported,

Whole number of votes 18.

Necessary to a choice 10

Edwin Freeman has 18

The report was accepted, and Mr Freeman declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr Ruggles of Penobscot that Senator together with Mr Boddy of Cumberland and Parker of Hancock were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Secretary, and having attended to that duty, reported

Whole number of votes 14

Joseph W. Knawton has 14.

Not a constitutional quorum having voted, the Committee again proceeded to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Secretary, and reported as follows.

(Whole number of votes 20

Necessary to a choice	11
Joseph W. Knoutton has	18
J. B. Hall	1
George W. Moadocks	1

The report was accepted, and Joseph W. Knoutton declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr Quincy, that Senator, together with Mr Currier of Franklin and Mr Watson of Lincoln were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Asst. Messinger, and having attended to that duty reported.

Whole number of votes	19
Necessary to a choice,	10
James Shaw has	19.

The report was accepted, and Mr Shaw declared duly elected Asst. Messinger.

On motion of Mr Thondike of Lincoln, that Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that branch of the government that the Senate was duly organized by the election of Franklin Muzzey as President, and Louis O. Cowan as Secretary.

Mr Thondike subsequently informed the Senate that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

On motion of Mr Blake of Ruskiet that Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing the Executive branch of the government that the Senate was duly organized by the election of Franklin Muzzey as President, and Louis O. Cowan as Secretary.

Mr Blake subsequently informed the Senate that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.



On motion of Mr Blake of Penderoot,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be directed to deposit with the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Journals, for the use of the Senate during the present Session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr Blake of Penderoot;

Ordered, That the rules and orders of the last Session be adopted as the rules and orders of this Senate, until otherwise ordered.

The Secretary of State came in and laid upon the table the returns of votes made to his office for Senators for the current political year

On motion of Mr Willis of Cumberland,

Ordered, That the returns of votes given in the several cities towns and plantations for Senators be referred to a select committee, and

Messrs. Willis of Cumberland  
Eaton of Newnec,  
Dornes " Washington,  
Ruggles " Penderoot,  
Pase " Cumberland,  
Watson " Lincoln,  
Cushing, Waldo,  
Adams " Washington,  
Lumier " Franklin.

were  
appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr Ruggles of Penderoot,

Ordered that when the Senate adjourns it adjourn to meet tomorrow at ten o'clock A. M.

On motion of Mr Brooke of Maine, the Senate  
adjourned.

Louis A. Cowan Secretary

In Senate  
Thursday January 4. 1855.

Prayer by Rev. Mr Abbott.

Mr Willis of Cumberland, from the Committee on Senatorial Votes, reported, as follows.

"The Select committee to whom were referred the returns of votes given in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State for Senators have attended to the duties assigned them, and submit the following

Report:

In the first Senatorial District they find the whole number of ballots to have been 9422. Necessary for a choice 4712. and that no person having that number there is no choice. They further report that the following persons having the number of ballots against their names, are the constitutional candidates

Alexander Bennett who had	4505
John P. Scammon " "	4475
John A. Gordon " "	4036
John Kezar	3617
Alexander Jenkins	3589.
Thomas Mc Hayes	3471.

In the Second Senatorial District, the whole number of ballots was 12573. Necessary to a choice

William Willis has	6287.
Nathaniel Pease "	7730.
Asen Quincy "	7620.
Henry H. Moody "	7391.

and are chosen.

In the Third Senatorial District, the whole number of ballots was 12034 Necessary to a choice

George Horndeke has	8200
Levi Watson "	6488.

and are chosen, leaving two vacancies for which the following are the constitutional candidates, viz:

Alonzo Garcelon who had 5517,  
Cometuis Turner " 5300,  
John Servansellar 3111.  
Edwin Hayes 3028.

In the Fourth District the whole number of ballots was 8873. Necessary for a choice 4437,

Augustus Sprague has 6404,  
Joseph Eaton " 5173.  
Henry P. Torrey " 4741.  
and are chosen.

In the Fifth District, the whole number of ballots was 6362. Necessary for a choice 3182

Monet Brechore has 3863,  
Theophilus Rushing " 3437.  
Nathan H. Dickinson 3358

and are chosen.

In the Sixth Senatorial District, the whole number of ballots was 4497. Necessary to a choice, 2249.

Marko Shephard has 2881,  
William Barker " 2961.

and are chosen.

In the Seventh Senatorial District, the whole number of ballots was. Necessary to a choice 2549

Samuel F. Adams has 2734  
George Downes " 2699

and are chosen.

In the eighth Senatorial District, the whole number of ballots, was 2963. Necessary to a choice 1482

and no person has that number, and there is one vacancy.

Nathaniel Blake has 879  
John McCluskey " 712.

and are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the ninth Senatorial District the whole number of ballots is. Necessary to a choice

Neville Blake has 3527



Franklin Muzzys has 5582

Wiram Ruggles " 5415

and are chosen.

In the Tenth Senatorial District the whole number of ballots 2476 necessary to a choice 1239

John Elliot has 1345

and is chosen.

In the Eleventh Senatorial District the whole number of ballots was 6124 necessary to a choice, and no person having that number there are two vacancies, and the following persons are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

William R. Runt who has 2243

James B. Bascomb " 2050

John P. Hoodsden " 1857

Van Ransseler Tuttle " 2145

In the Twelfth Senatorial District, the whole number of ballots was 3389 necessary to a choice 1695

Alvin Currier has. 2135

and is chosen.

In the Thirteenth Senatorial District the whole number of ballots was ~~2673~~ necessary to a choice, and no person having that number there are two vacancies, and the following persons are the constitutional candidates, viz,

Mark H. Dunnell who has 2080

Timothy Walker " " 3326

Abernathy Inver " " 3526

Caleb P. Holland " " 3560

The Committee

have rejected the votes of the plantation of Hancock in the County of Aroostock, because the return does not comply with the law regulating elections in unincorporated places. The Statute of 1840 provides that the aepors of such places shall sort, count and declare the votes in open plantation meeting, and in presence of the plantation clerk, who shall form a list of the persons voted for, with the number of

votes for each person against his name, and shall make a true record thereof in presence of the aepors in open plantation meeting, and fair copies of the lists of votes attested by the aepors and the clerk, and sealed in open plantation meeting, are required to be made and returned by the clerk to the proper authorities.

The return from the plantation of Hancock does not contain any certificate that the votes were counted and declared in open plantation meeting, nor is the return signed or attested by either the clerk or aepors, so that upon the paper returned to the Secretary's office there is no verification or attestation whatever. Upon a separate envelope in which the paper is enclosed is this entry upon the outside "Return of votes for Senator in Annotick County given in Hancock Plantation September 1. 1854," this is signed by the aepors, and attested by the clerk. This certainly cannot be considered a proper authentication of a legal paper. The attestation should be on and a part of the return. It is not sufficient that the signatures are on a separate paper, and that not annexed, and forming no part of the return. The Committee think that this omission is too great a departure from the language and spirit of the law to be overlooked. The Comm. are happy that the rejection of these votes does not affect the result of the election in that district, as it gives them an opportunity, without any impeachment of their motives, to express their disapprobation of the laxity with which this and other plantations returns are made, and from which indeed some towns are not exempt. The law should be observed or repealed; while it remains in the Statute Book it ought not to be disregarded.

There is another particular in which, not only this, but all other plantations have entirely

disregarded the law and that is in the provision which requires the names of the voters to be returned with the list of votes. This has not been done in any case but as the omission has never heretofore noticed, or been raised, it has ripened into a precedent of long standing that we did not think it expedient now rigorously to enforce the law and defeat the votes of innocent parties for the neglect and fault of their officers. In regard to a few of the smaller plantations another defect is found in their not making return of their organization, and limits to the Secretary of State as required by the Statute.

Some action had better be taken by the Legislature on these subjects either to repeal the requirements or to enforce them. Such laxity in the observance of these provisions of the law which may not be considered, in themselves, of much importance may lead to violations in matters of more serious import. It has a tendency to lower the tone of public morals, and diminish that respect for the ordinances of the State, which are necessary for the preservation of order and the soundness of Republican institutions.

"William Mills Per Order"

And the foregoing report was accepted.

The Senate was informed by a Message, communicated through Mr. Hild of Bangor, that the House of Representatives was duly organized by the election of Sidney Perham as Speaker, and Henry K. Baker as Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Blake of Portland,  
Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that body that vacancies exist

in the Senate Board as follows;

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In the First Senatorial District there are three vacancies, and John McQuinn, John F. Scammon, Alexander Bennett, Thomas de Hayes, Alexander Simkins, and John Hagar are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Third Senatorial District, there are two vacancies, and Cornelius Sarnes, Henry Garcelon, Edwin Hayes and John A. Levenseller are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

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

In the eleventh Senatorial there are two vacancies, and William R. Plin', James B. Descamps, John P. Hoarson and Van Rensseler Tuttle are the constitutional candidates to fill the same.

In the Fifteenth Senatorial District there are two vacancies, and Marko M. Dunnell, Timothy Walker, Abnerthy Groves, and Caleb P. Williams are the constitutional candidates to fill the same; and proposing a convention of the two Branches at eleven A. M. in the Hall of Representatives to fill said vacancies, and the order passed.

The message was delivered by the Secretary, and the Senate was subsequently informed by message communicated through Mr. Hild that the House concurred in the Senate's proposition for a convention to fill the vacancies existing in the Senate boards.

At the hour assigned the Senate proceeded to the Hall of Representatives where a convention was formed.



In Convention

On motion,

Messrs. Blake, Boody and Thum-  
dike of the Senate, and Oggood, Ingersoll, Thomas  
Pewee and Pray of the House, were appointed a  
Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for  
Senators to fill the vacancies existing in the First  
Senatorial District,

Having performed the duties assigned  
them, the committee reported as follows.

Whole number of ballots 164.

Necessary to a choice 83.

John F. Scammon has 120,

Alexander Donnett " 119,

John N. Godwin " 120,

Alexander Hinkins " 43,

Thomas Mc Hayes " 43,

John Hlezar " 43.

John McBluskey " 1

The Report was  
accepted, and John F. Scammon, Alexander  
Donnett, and John N. Godwin, declared duly elected  
to fill the vacancies in the First Senatorial District.

On motion of Mr. Ruggles, the same committee  
were directed to receive, sort and count the votes  
to fill the vacancies in the Third Senatorial District.

Having performed that duty,  
reported as follows.

Whole number of ballots. 168

Necessary to a choice 85.

Cornelius Turner has 126

Alonzo Garcelon " 124.

Edwin Noyes " 42

John A. Sevenseller " 42.

The Report was  
accepted, and Cornelius Turner and Alonzo Garcelon

declared duly elected to fill the vacancies existing  
in the Third Senatorial District. 15

On motion of Mr. Corham of Waldo, the  
same Committee proceeded to receive, sort and  
count the votes to fill the vacancy existing  
in the Eighth Senatorial District, and report-  
ed as follows.

Whole number of ballots	167,
Necessary to a choice	84,
Nathaniel Blake has	125
John McBluskey "	40

and Abemathy Greer, and Walter P. Holland who are  
not constitutional candidates in this district two each,  
which are included "

The Report was accepted and  
Nathaniel Blake was declared duly elected to fill  
the vacancy in the Eighth Senatorial District

On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor, the  
same Committee proceeded to receive, sort and  
count the votes to fill the vacancies in the Ele-  
venth Senatorial District and Reported as follows.

Whole number of ballots	168
Necessary to a choice	85,
William R. Flint has	124,
James B. Dascumb	125,
John P. Hoodsdon	43.
Van Ransseler Suttle	42.

The report was accepted,  
and William R. Flint and James Dascumb were  
declared duly elected to fill the vacancies in the  
eleventh Senatorial District,

On motion of Mr. Hill of Bangor, the  
same Committee proceeded to receive, sort and  
count the votes to fill the vacancies in the  
thirteenth Senatorial District and reported as

follows;

Whole number of Ballots	167,
Necessary to a choice	85,
Mark H. Dummelle has	125,
Timothy Walker "	124,
Abemathy Grover "	41,
Calat P. Holland "	42.

The Report was accepted, and Mark H. Dummelle, and Timothy Walker were declared duly elected to fill the vacancies in the Thirtieth Senatorial District,

The Convention then separated.

### In Senate.

On motion of Mr Thomdike, The Secretary was directed to notify, John A. Goodwin, Alexander Dummelle, John P. Scammon, Nathaniel Blake, Monzo Garcelon, Cornelius Turner, William R. Plint, James B. Dascourt, Mark H. Dummelle and Timothy Walker of their election as Senators, and request their presence in the Senate chamber, to take and subscribe the necessary oaths to qualify them to enter upon their official duties.

The Secretary having subsequently informed the Senate that he had attended to that duty, and that the above named Senators elect were present, by direction of the President, they were escorted, to the council chamber, by Mr Thomdike, where, John A. Goodwin, Alexander Dummelle, Nathaniel Blake, Monzo Garcelon, Cornelius Turner, William R. Plint, James B. Dascourt, Mark H. Dummelle and Timothy Walker, before the Governor, and in the presence of the Council, took and subscribed the necessary oaths, on their return, by direction of the President, seats were assigned them at the Board.

On Motion of Mr Blake

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Ordered That the Secretary be directed to invite the several Clergymen of Augusta and Hallowell, to officiate in rotation, as Chaplains to the Senate during the Session.

On Motion of Mr Blake;

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

The Secretary of State came in and laid before the Senate the returns of votes for Governor, given in the several Cities, Towns and Plantations of the State, for the current political year.

On motion of Mr Daines of Washington.

Ordered - That the returns of votes for Governor for the current 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.

Messrs Daines of Washington, Kingle of Portland, Hoichorn of Waldo, Quincy of Cumberland, Elliot of Piscataquis, Shephard of Hancock and Poney of Kennebec were appointed Committee on the part of the Senate, The order was passed in concurrence, and Messrs Lincoln of Hallowell, Woodman of Moind, Haskell of Hodgdon, Come of Portland, Porter of Strong, Nick of Bucksport, Rawson of Waldoboro, Sumell of Alfred, Smith of Mattawamkeag, Blake of Orrville, Lincoln of Bath, Leach of Anson, Cushing of Frankfort, Humison of Eastport, and Andrews of Bridgford were joined as Committee on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

David O Cowan Secretary



the Senate.Friday January 5. 1855.

Journal read by the Secretary.

Prayer by Rev Mr Cheney.

Petition of County Commissioners of Franklin County for abolishing the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in said Court, and

Bills "an act to abolish the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Franklin" came from the House, referred to the joint delegation of the County of Franklin, and the same were referred in concurrence,

On motion of Mr Willis of Cumberland.

Ordered, That

the Secretary be directed to make up the pay of Joshua Mc. Waterhouse as Meppinger, up to and including to day, with two days extra for preparing the Senate Chambers;

On motion of Mr Garcelon of Lincoln;

Ordered, That

the Secretary cause to be prepared a list of the members, arranged alphabetically, stating the number of their seats, and their breeding places, with their places of residence, and Post Office address, and cause three hundred copies to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr Currier from the Committee of the joint delegation of Franklin County, to which was referred the petition of the County Commissioners of Franklin County, for abolishing the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court for said

County Reported on the Same;

But "an act to abolish the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Franklin", and the Bill was once read, the rule suspended, and the Bills hoped to be introduced sent down for concurrence.

The President announced the following named Senators as Committee

On Engrossed Bills.

Mrs. Messrs. Brody of Cumberland,  
 Pease of Cumberland,  
 Currier of Franklin,  
 Sprague of Wrentham,  
 Goodwin of York,  
 Turner of Lincoln,  
 Watson of Lincoln,  
 Dannello of Oxford,  
 Blake of Acworth,  
 Descomb of Somerset,  
 Kitchum of Waldo,  
 Parker of Hancock.

Mr. Downes from the Committee to whom was referred the returns of votes given for Governor, for the current political year, made the following report,

"That the whole number  
 of legal votes given for Governor was 90633,  
 Necessary to a choice 45317,  
 Anson P. Merrill has 44565,  
 Albion K. Parris " 28462,  
 Isaac Reed " 14001,  
 Shephard Cary 3478,  
 Scattering 127.

That no choice by the people has been effected, and that Anson P. Merrill, Albion K. Parris, Isaac Reed and Shephard Cary

are the constitutional candidates.

The returns of Hancock Plantation in Avon-  
lock county were rejected by the committee because  
it does not appear by the returns any votes were  
given.

The return only states that for Governor  
whole number of votes 161 "in figures, and not in  
writing, and also the number of votes for each can-  
didate are in figures and not in writing. It does  
not appear by the return that the votes were  
counted or sealed up in open town meeting, as  
provided by law. No record of the meeting upon the  
records of the plantation.

The return from Linestone plantation was  
also rejected, because it appeared that there was no  
choice of officers of plantation, and no meeting  
for such purpose the present or last year. The  
return is signed by Barney McGlothlin, and  
Owen Davis who signed the return the day fol-  
lowing the election, as assessors. The return was  
signed by James Carpenter as clerk of planta-  
tion, who became an inhabitant of said planta-  
tion the first of August last.

Returns from Morris and Orient Gore were  
rejected. There being no evidence of the existence of  
said plantations in the Secretary of State's Office,  
as prescribed by law.

The return of the town of Altam in Pembert-  
on was rejected, the return not showing the town from  
which the votes were received except by the post-  
mark on the return.

George Dames, Chairman.

The foregoing Report was accepted  
and sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of  
Representatives, through its clerks informing the  
Senate, that the House, from the persons

having the four highest number of votes for Governor 21  
had elected by ballot, Hon Anson P. Morrill  
and Hon Isaac Reed, and makes return of their  
names to the Senate agreeably to the constitution"

By direction of the President, a call of the  
Senate was made, and 30 Senators appeared to  
be present.

On motion of Mr Torrey of Kennebec,

Meppn Torrey, Blake of Penobscot,  
and Barker were appointed a Committee to  
receive, sort and count the votes for Governor for  
the current political year.

Having attended to that duty  
the Committee reported as follows;

"Whole number of votes	30,
Necessary for a choice	16,
Anson P. Morrill has	30

and the Committee  
further report, "that they have sealed up the votes  
to be delivered to the Secretary of State to be kept  
on file for further reference"

H. P. Torrey, Chairman"

The report was  
accepted, and thereupon Anson P. Morrill was  
declared to be duly and constitutionally elected  
Governor of Maine, for the current political year.

On motion of Mr Blake of Penobscot, a  
message was ordered to be sent to the House of  
Representatives informing that body that the  
Senate, from the two persons sent up by the  
House, had duly and constitutionally elected  
Hon Anson P. Morrill to be Governor of Maine  
for the current political year.

This message was conveyed by the  
Secretary.



On motion of Mr Willis of Cumberland,  
 Ordered, That Messrs Willis,  
 Dorsey and Cushing, with such as the House  
 may join, be a committee to wait on the Hon.  
 Asa P. Merrill and inform him of his election  
 as Governor of the State of Maine for the current  
 political year.

Sent down for concurrence. The  
 House joined Messrs. Wells of Bangor, Torr of  
 Andover, Hanscom of Waterville, Bradbury of  
 Standish, Cook of Temple, Stittings of Penobscot,  
 and Chase of Calais.

Adjourned

Louis O. Curran, Secretary

Saturday January 6. 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Webb.

Mr Bennett of York, announced that the Hon John F Scammon, Senator elect from the First Senatorial District, was present and ready to take and subscribe the necessary oaths of office. By direction of the President he was accompanied to the Council Chambers, where he took and subscribed the oaths of office, and by direction of the President took his seat at the Board.

Mr Willis from the joint Select Committee appointed to wait upon the Hon Anson P. Merrill, and notify him of his election as Governor of the State, Reported.

"That they had attended to the duties assigned them, and the Governor elect was pleased to say in reply, that he was not insensible to the honor thus conferred upon him, that he did not seek or covet the office, but as it had fallen upon him he accepted the responsible trust, and would endeavor faithfully to discharge its duties to the best of his abilities." He was further pleased to say that he was ready to take and subscribe the oaths of office whenever it should suit the convenience of the Legislature."

The Report was accepted,

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Knebone of Waldo;

Ordered That a message be sent to the House proposing a Convention of the two Branches in the Representatives Hall, at 20 minutes past ten, this day for the year.

-here of electing a Secretary of State and seven Executive Councillors for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary, and the Senate were subsequently informed by message that the House had concurred in the proposition for a convention.

At the hour specified, the Senate repaired to the House of Representatives, where a convention was formed.

### In Convention.

On motion of Mr Lincoln of Hallowell,

Messrs. Boddy and Blake of the Senate, and Lincoln, Stone, Smith, Pitcomb, and Jocelyn of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Secretary of State, and having attended to that duty reported as follows.

Whole number of ballots	170,
Necessary to a choice	86,
Alden Jackson has	134,
Thomas P. Boynton	33,
William Allen	2,
Blanks	1.

The result was accepted and Alden Jackson declared duly elected Secretary of State.

Some Committee were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for seven Councillors to advise with the Governor in the Executive Branch of the government, for the current political year.

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

Whole number of ballots	171
Necessary to a choice	86,
Noah Smith Jr of Colais has	131,
Abner Coburn of Bloomfield,	125,
Charles Danforth, Gardiner,	131,
Franklin Clarke, Westport,	129,
Ammi Butler " Lovell "	131,
Jason Weeks " Bangor	131,
Marshall Cram " Bridgton "	131,
Moses Sweet has	38,
Levi Merrill "	38,
Atwood Stevensellar "	38,
Stephen Young "	38,
Robert Moore Jr "	38,
William Jameson "	38,
Asa A Knowles "	37,
O B Walker "	2.

and Noah Smith Jr.

Abner Coburn, Charles Danforth, Franklin Clarke, Ammi Butler, Jason Weeks and Marshall Cram were declared duly and constitutionally elected Councillors, to advise with the Governor for the current political year.

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

The Convention was subsequently informed by a communication addressed to the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, that Mr Jackson accepts the office of Secretary of State, to which he had been elected.

The Convention then Separated.



In Senate.

On motion of Mr Blake,

Ordered That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify, Noah Smith Jr, Alner Coburn, Charles Sanfuth, Franklin Clarke, Ammie Cutler, Jason Weeks and Marshall Gram that they have been duly elected Councillors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the Government for the current political year and request their immediate attendance.

On motion of Mr Torrey.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House proposing a convention of the branches in the Hall of Representatives, at a quarter before twelve o'clock A M for the purpose of administering to Hon. Anson P. Merrill, the Governor elect the oaths of office necessary to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

This message was conveyed by the Secretary, and the Senate was subsequently informed by message communicated through Mr Cushing of the House, that the proposition for the convention to qualify the Governor elect was concurred in.

The hour for holding the convention having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of Representatives where a convention was formed—

In Convention.

Mrs Penn of Augusta was charged with a message to the Hon. Anson P. Merrill, Governor elect informing him that the two branches of the Legislature were assembled in convention, in the Hall of Representatives, for the purpose of administering to him

the oaths required by the constitution to qualify him 27.  
to enter upon the discharge of his official trusts.

Mr Penno Subsequently informed the Convention that he had delivered the message with which he was intrusted, and that the Governor elect was pleased to say that he would attend the Convention forthwith for the purposes indicated.

Thereupon the Governor elect, attended by the Council of the last year and the Heads of the Departments, preceded by the Sheriff of the County of Vermont came in, and in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate took, and subscribed the oaths required by the constitution to qualify him to discharge his official duties,

The Secretary of State then made the following

### Proclamation.

The votes of the people for Governor which have been duly returned to the office of Secretary of State, having been examined and counted by the Legislature, it appearing therefrom that no person has received a majority of all the votes given, and the House of Representatives having elected, the Hon Isaac Reed and the Hon Asa P. Moonie as the constitutional candidates for that office, from which the Senate have elected the Hon Asa P. Moonie, who, having in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature, taken and subscribed the oaths prescribed by the constitution to qualify him to discharge his official duties,

I now declare and make known to all persons in the State, who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as to all good

citizens thereof, that

Anson P. Morrill  
is Governor, and Commander in Chief of the  
State of Maine, and that due obedience should  
be rendered to all his lawful acts.

God save the State of Maine"

The Governor and his attendants then, and  
the convention dissolved.

In Senate,

On motion of Mr. Dunnell,

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

On motion of Mr. Foggles,

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

The message was conveyed  
by the Secretary, who subsequently informed the Sen-  
ate that the Governor was pleased to say, that he  
would communicate a written message through the  
Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State came in and  
laid upon the table the following message from the  
Governor.

### Governor's Message.

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Rep-  
resentatives:

In entering upon the important duties  
assigned us by the people of this Commonwealth may

we humbly ask wisdom of Him, who is the source of all light and knowledge, that we may be enabled to discharge those duties in a way best to promote the happiness and prosperity of our constituents, and that when we shall have closed the labors of the session, we may in returning to our homes, carry with us an abiding assurance that we have been faithful to the performance of all delegated trusts, and labored assiduously for the public good.

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

There is a deep conviction in the public mind that we have too much legislation, and that much money and time are thrown away enacting laws of doubtful utility, which are amended or repealed by the next succeeding Legislature, thereby uncumbering our statute books with a mass of unnecessary, if not useless legislation, and making it very difficult for any but an experienced lawyer to understand what the law is, in cases where it should be so plain and simple that the humblest citizen need not err in relation to its provisions. All will acknowledge the correctness of this sentiment; it is with legislators to correct the evil. Another cause of protracted sessions and expense is undoubtedly found in the too ardent attachment which members have cherished for political parties; often showing a greater willingness to extend to an unreasonable length the proper time for organization and legislation, than to yield the slightest advantage to a political opponent. Such is an extraordinary degree, is the history of the Legislature of last year, and in a most decided manner have the people pronounced judgment against such a waste of time and abuse of trust.

The present is a time auspicious for improvement



and reform. The people, disregarding old political organizations, have seen fit to elect, of the members of the present Legislature, a greater number who think alike on the great questions which must deeply interest our State and nation, than has usually constituted a legislative majority, and it is reasonable to anticipate such harmonious action, and devotedness to the legitimate business for which we are assembled, as will insure a prudent and economical session, and an early recess.

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

The early spring of the past season opened with unusual promise to the husbandman, but a premature and almost unprecedented drought blasted the prospect of an abundant harvest, and caused the products of the farm generally to be light. The same cause has operated injuriously upon the lumbering interests of the State, preventing an immense amount of lumber from going to market, where a ready sale and high prices awaited it. The shipping interest, in which our people are so largely engaged, has received a severe check by the sudden fall and depression of tonnage and freights. These casualties have operated severely upon persons engaged in those important pursuits, and necessarily involved a scarcity of money which has been felt in all branches of industry throughout the State; still I am happy to believe that the resources of the business community are such that these difficulties, which have been unexpectedly encountered, will cause only a temporary embarrassment, and will wholly disappear with the opening of the present season. Notwithstanding these serious misfortunes to which I have alluded, our State is enjoying a goodly mea-

-sure of prosperity.

The facilities afforded by our railways are being felt, giving life and energy to business, opening new avenues of trade, bringing interior portions of the State into proximity with the coast, giving value to property and location which had been valueless for want of a proper channel through which to reach a market. Maine has about four hundred miles of Railway in successful operation, with a constantly increasing business, which must at an early day, make them good paying roads. Every interest of the State is favorably affected by these great improvements, and we cannot easily over-estimate the benefit and substantial wealth they are destined to afford the community.

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

As the resources of our State are being developed, calling forth and employing mechanical skill in the various departments of trade, it is highly important that a deeper interest should be felt for the advancement of agriculture. Maine, with a soil sufficiently rich and fertile, under a proper husbandry to produce the necessary or staple articles of consumption, for her population, in any abundance, should not pay such large sums of money to other States for corn, flour, pork, and other products, as she is paying from year to year. There should be no necessity for this outlay. We should produce our own supplies of these important articles of food, besides many others for which we go abroad. The lumberman, whose extensive operations are rapidly hurrying our vast forest timber into market, draw their supplies very largely from other States. The men who fill our shipyards to an extent that makes Maine the first State in the Union in point of ship building,

are not supplied with the products of your own soil; their tables are not furnished by our farmers. So with all branches of manufactures, and extensive Railway improvements carried on in this State; the operators and laborers, to a very great extent, are fed on foreign products.

This very large amount of money thus sent out of the State, should be distributed among our farming community—until this is done the agricultural interests of the State will flourish but poorly. Unless that interest become prosperous, although our State be rich in resources, and manufactures and commerce increase, the masses of the people will be poor and dependent.

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

For the purpose of awakening a deeper interest in farming, of connecting science with practical economy, introducing the most approved breeds of cattle and other domestic animals, procuring the choicest kinds of grains, and valuable and rare seeds, testing their qualities and adaptation to our soil and climate, and bringing them to the notice and within the reach of every farmer in the State;—for these and other valuable purposes, it is believed that an Experimental Farm, under the care and patronage of the State, would be of essential service. The outlay would be but trifling compared with the amount of good, that might reasonably be anticipated by the movement, and the people



would cheerfully sustain such an establishment, if economically and properly conducted.

The subject of agricultural chemistry is attracting much attention, and there appears to be a very strong desire with our most intelligent agriculturists, to have the elements of agriculture taught in our common schools, and as a science, constitute a permanent feature in the Educational system of the State. This subject has been urged upon the Legislature by the Board of Agriculture for the last two years, but has not received that attention which I think its importance demands. Believing it unnecessary for me to elaborate a subject, the utility of which must be so apparent to all who give it reflection, I earnestly invite you to give it that consideration, which that great interest of our State demands.

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

No subject can be urged upon your attention, more important to the vital interests of your constituents and country than that of education. Educate the people and they become really,



what without education they are but nominally, sovereign. I am aware that there is a sentiment prevailing in the community to some extent, that the State has already been very liberal in donations to the different institutions of learning, and that it is time to narrow or suspend further appropriations. True, the State has been measurably liberal in aiding our colleges and seminaries, and it is equally true that for no purposes could the money thus expended, have been appropriated with results more honorable and beneficial to the State.

Our common schools have also, from time to time, received the munificence of the State, and an enlightened policy dictates that they be assiduously fostered, as the indispensable nurseries of education. Their improvement cannot be too earnestly urged upon your attention.

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

By extinguishing her title, we dissolved connection with a co-tenant who had interests not felt to be in common with ours, and therefore would bear none of the burdens of building roads and bridges in the territory owned in common, and by the act of Separation, Maine could tax no land owned by Massachusetts, for any purposes whatever. It was an object then of considerable importance to have the fee pass from that State, that those lands might ultimately be held liable to taxation, for the usual purposes for which other lands are appraised in this State.

I have no doubt it is for the interest of the State to continue to sell her timber lands, as fair prices can be obtained for them, especially those lying on the upper waters the St. John, Allagash, and Penobscot rivers. These lands are not so situated as to make it desirable that they be kept for settling purposes. They are exposed to trespass, and must be protected at considerable expense, and the Treasury will need the proceeds to pay the indebtedness created by the purchase of Massachusetts. I would not however recommend the sale of any lands belonging to the State, for the present, or until money shall have become very much easier with the community generally. The lands of the State in the valley of the Acrostook, and on the St. John, included mostly in the six eastern ranges of townships, are generally good settling lands—many of them superior—but still much timber may be found on nearly all these townships; and if the State desires to keep the greater portion of this territory in order to promote the settlement of the country, it would be well, and I think it important, for the interests of the State, to authorize permits to be granted to cut timber unusually, in a prudent manner, on those tracts, until they are occupied by actual settlers. If permits be not granted, the timber will be cut by trespass; and under a judicious system of permittings, much may be realized to the Treasury, and the lands not be so far stripped but that an abundance of suitable timber will remain for all purposes of building by settlers.

The law for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops has been very fully disapproved by the people of this State, and become a question of prominence and deep interest in our elections. The result proves conclusively that the people are by a very large majority in favor of sustaining that law—a happy verdict for the cause of humanity throughout the land. Had Maine declared against the law, her decision

would have been felt most disastrously by other communities, where strong efforts are being made to obtain similar legislation. That any law which human wisdom can devise, will at once rid the public of an evil so vast and deep-rooted as intemperance, should not be expected, but that the traffic which produces it can be circumscribed and controlled by penal enactments, as surely and as legitimately as other crimes, there can be no reasonable doubt.

And it is equally clear that the people are determined to pursue the effort faithfully and give the law a fair trial - They see and feel the terrible ravages the traffic in intoxicating drinks has made on society and its best interests. They feel deeply the loss of many valued citizens, who are constantly being hurried to the inebriate's grave.

They fully realize that the sale and use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, are in direct conflict with the health, morals, industry, peace and happiness of society, and that this fact is so apparent, that those individuals who insist on selling in violation of law should be made to feel its consequences. It is too late to plead that making men inebriates, or giving them the facilities to become such is no crime; none but the more depraved or reckless will support a doctrine so pernicious and absurd; and it is believed that few are now engaged in this State, except those persons who are alike indifferent to public sentiment, the demands of humanity, and their own best interests. Persuasive efforts having been exhausted on this class of men, the law should be enforced in protection of society, and in mercy to the offender. This important statute has not had a fair trial. Executive



officers have been culpably negligent in seeing  
 it enforced. Too often has the officer, whose  
 duty it was to honor and execute it as the  
 law of the Commonwealth, been found more  
 willing to exculpate the offender than to  
 bring him to justice, Such official derelictions  
 of duty emboldened violators of the law  
 to repeated offences, which they would not  
 have committed, with the full assurance th-  
 at the law was to be faithfully adminis-  
 -tered. This error must be corrected, the law  
 must be faithfully enforced. The people  
 demand that grogshops be closed, whether  
 found in spacious saloons and popular ho-  
 -tels, where the temptation is presented in the mo-  
 -st alluring form, or in the filthy cellar, or  
 den, where poor, degraded humanity is made  
 loathsome to the last degree. No man  
 sell ardent spirits in violation of this  
 law through the promptings of patriotism  
 or humanity; he has no higher motive  
 than a reckless or sordid love of gain; he  
 should be held strictly accountable for the  
 mischief his traffic produces. Let this be  
 done, and none will continue in the business  
 except such as are madly bent on suicide.  
 I would suggest the importance of so am-  
 -ending the Law so as to impose imprisonme-  
 -nt for the first offence. The penalty for the  
 first conviction is trifling, and the schemes  
 devised to avoid detection are so numerous  
 that many sellers, undoubtedly, realize  
 large amounts from the business before a  
 conviction is had. Let the prison be open-  
 -ed for their reception and reformation,  
 as it is for offenders of less magnitude, co-  
 -en the unhappy victims of their traffic, and  
 be assured its prospective, chastening influ-  
 -ences will be felt more restrainingly, than



merely taking by force, from the pockets of the delinquents, a trifling part of the money the business had given them. The willingness of rum-sellers in other states to supply those in the same business and the facilities afforded by steamboats and other common carriers to bring liquors into this state for unlawful purposes, call for such improvement in the law as shall meet this pestiferous source of evil, and cut off a great artery which is pouring the poisonous liquid into this state. Other amendments may be desirable to give efficiency to the law and meet the modes of evasion which the ingenuity and cupidity of determined violators have invented.

I would direct your attention to the subject of extending the elective franchise to certain offices that are now filled by executive appointment or Legislative election. If a reform of this kind be desirable it will be necessary to submit the question to the people for an amendment of the Constitution. From various portions of the State much dissatisfaction is expressed with our present judiciary system. Under its operations it is contended that justice is not, and cannot be promptly and economically administered. If these serious charges be well founded, a change is undoubtedly demanded.

The Subject is one of very great importance, and the present system having been so recently established, wisdom dictates that no new system be substituted without mature deliberation. A people possessing a democratic form of government cannot too highly regard the sacredness and importance of the right of suffrage. There can be no doubt that in the later history of the country this right has been often slighted

estimated and debased to mercenary and immoral purposes. The abuse of this inestimable privilege of freemen by many of our population but recently emigrated from the Old World, has given occasion for a strong movement, calling for the amendment or radical change of our naturalization laws. While the genius of our institutions and the policy of our fathers lead us to give the hand of welcome to persons from other countries, who come to secure freedom and homes in our midst, we are bound to be vigilant against all evils that may assail our political system through the influence of such emigration. It will hardly be questioned that men but recently arrived on our shores, and wholly unacquainted with the principles and operation of our government, degraded more or less by the vices of monarchical institutions are unprepared to wield the potent agency of the ballot. The founders of our government wisely instituted laws by which a residence of citizenship, and to certain important offices no citizen of foreign birth can be eligible. That the letter and spirit of the law conferring citizenship has been often and grossly violated, is a matter of the fullest publicity. Further new Legislative provisions are necessary to preserve the sacredness of the elective franchise, and guard the purity of our institutions may be worthy of your investigation.

As one of the sovereign States constituting this great confederacy, we have a deep interest in every important act of the Federal government. We can but look to its policy, foreign and domestic, with the deepest solicitude. Millions are being added to our population, almost

annually, and State after State, in rapid succession, is coming into the Union.

Annexation having extended our borders until States are springing into existence on the shores of the Pacific; the islands of that Ocean are asking that annexation may bring them under the protection of our government and to the enjoyment of our institutions. Progress is stamped on every feature of our country; and where the extended boundaries of the Republic shall be finally fixed, Infinite Wisdom can alone determine. With this increase of population, enlargement of territory and addition of States, must come a corresponding responsibility on those who administer the government; thereby, increasing the responsibility of the millions whose free suffrages must determine on whom shall rest the honors and weight of official power. And while we are called upon, as men true to our country and the Union, to sustain the honest efforts of those entrusted with that power, to promote the best interests of the entire confederacy, we are under the strongest obligations to oppose any and all action of public men which has the remotest tendency to undermine the free institutions of this Republic, by giving such construction to the Constitution as shall permit the Institution of Slavery, with its withering and increasing coils, to spread over our territories, and to extend such controlling influence over this government as shall finally install it over Freedom throughout the Union. However desirous a large portion of the people of the North have been to forbear to discuss or agitate the question of Slavery, lest such agitation might impair the permanency of the Union to



which they have ever shown a most devoted attachment, it is evident that the time has arrived when that question must be met and discussed in our national and State councils and in primary meetings of the people with the same freedom with which other grave questions are wont to be considered.

This question is one of too much importance to the whole country, to the North as well as the South, to suppress discussion only when it is moved by the friends of slavery in order to extend its jurisdiction, or obtain for the institution some new advantage over freedom. That the North has been too willingly hushed into silence on this great question by the menaces of the South, cannot be denied, and the unanimity into which the two great political parties acquiesced in the extraordinary compromise of 1850 shows anything but a disposition on the part of the free States to continue the agitation of which the South so loudly complained.

Notwithstanding that most exceptionable and as is believed unconstitutional law for the rendition of fugitive slaves, forced upon the North, compelling freemen to aid at their perils, in seizing and returning to captivity persons who are guilty of no crime known to the Constitution of the United States - and struggling only for the rights of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" the free States were still disposed to resist a removal of that agitation which as was contended threatened a dismemberment of the Union - while this feeling prevailed the North, the bill for organizing the Territories of Nebraska and Kansas was brought before Congress connected with a scheme to extend slavery over that vast region of country North of  $36^{\circ}30'$  which had been solemnly dedicated to Freedom by the compact



42. of 1820. This aggressive movement carried through Congress aided by a few northern politicians who have been foremost in denouncing agitation and the loudest advocates of compromises, has again forced upon the country the consideration of the question of negro-slavery.

To attempt now to smother the sentiment of the North or to put down free speaking and independent action, would not only be an unavailing effort, but any attempt to turn the public mind away from the fullest contemplation of the subject and the most searching investigations into it, in its largest national aspect, its relations to the whole country, socially, morally, and politically, would be an affront to the intelligence of the people.

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

to plant it in any and all the territories of the government. This new and startling doctrine is sought to be established as the judgment of the people of this country. It cannot be doubted that Congress in its recent action on the bill referred to for the organization of Nebraska and Kansas, favored such extraordinary assumption. And what renders this aggressive movement the more alarming is the evident complicity of the Chief Magistrate of the country, in open disregard and direct violation of a voluntary assurance - given to the people who had elevated him to that high position, that no movement of that character should shock the repose of the country, if in his power to avert it, during his official term."

From this alarming action of Congress and subserviency of men high in official power, we turn with unusual satisfaction to the action of the people of the several States where popular elections have recently taken place, and witness the strong condemnation by the honest and intelligent masses, of the bold attempt to change the original policy of the government, and give nationality to an institution wholly local in its character, and existing only by the power of municipal law.

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

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

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

On motion of Mr. Blake,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to procure the printing of 2500 copies of the Governors message for the use of the Senate.

Adjourned

Louis O. Bowman Secretary



Monday Jan'y 8<sup>th</sup> 1855

Prayer by Rev Dr Tappan

Mr Parker introduced the following order  
Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to make up the pay of Nicholas J. Thomas, up to-day and including two days extra pay for preparing the Senate Chamber, Read and on motion of Mr Willis amended so as to strike out the words to-day and insert the words to Friday Jan'y 5<sup>th</sup> and as amended passed.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from Hon Sam'l Conz, Treasurer of State, transmitting "the annual statements and accounts of the receipts and expenditures of all public money for the fiscal year, terminating on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December 1854"

On motion of Mr Willis,  
Ordered, That a joint select committee be appointed to examine the Treasurers accounts and settle the same, and Messrs Willis of Cumberland, Hochborn of Waldo, and Watson of Lincoln were appointed committee on part of the Senate.  
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Hochborn of Waldo, The Secretary was authorized to employ such assistants as he may choose during the temporary absence of the assistant clerk.

Bill "an act to abolish the January term of the Supreme judicial Court for the County of Franklin" came from the House, amended and passed to be engrossed as amended, The Senate amended the same in concurrence.



46. and as amended passed the same to be engrossed,

Adjourned.

Louis C. Cowan Secretary.

Tuesday Jan'y 9 1853

Prayer by Rev Mr Dexter

On motion of Mr Blake of Pensacola,

Ordered,

That a Committee of three be appointed, by the Chair for the purpose of preparing Rules & Orders for the Government of the Senate, Read and passed, and Messrs Blake of Pensacola, Willis of Cumberland and Gordon of Kennecobee were appointed Committee for said purpose.

On motion of Mr Blake of Pensacola,

Ordered,

That the Secretary of the Senate procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the rules and orders hereafter to be adopted, together with the usual documents accompanying the same.

On motion of Mr Downes of Washington, Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing Normal Schools in this state and the best and most expeditious mode of effecting that object. passed

Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Willis of Cumberland,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to a change in the judicial system of the State be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

Sent down for concurrence

The Chair announced the Committee on Rules in the second reading. viz.

Messrs Blake of Pensacola, Aronson.

Lumby of Cumberland  
 Willis " "  
 Eaton " Kennebec  
 Torrey " "  
 Elliot " Piscataquis,  
 Hammon " York,  
 Garcelon " Lincoln,  
 Thorsdike " "  
 Ruggles " Penobscot,  
 Welch " Waldo,  
 Adams " Washington,

On motion of Mr Funnell of Oxford,

Ordered,

That so much of the Governors message as relates to State Lands, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads,

Communications were received from Noah Smith, Abner Coburn, Marshall Cram, Ammi Cutter and Charles Sanforth, Councilors elect, signifying their acceptance of their trusts and their readiness to take and subscribe the oaths required by the Constitution.

A message was received from the House through Mr Hile of Bangor, proposing a Convention of the two branches at a quarter past eleven o'clock A. M. for the purpose of administering the oaths required by the Constitution to Noah Smith jr, Abner Coburn, Marshall Cram, Ammi Cutter and Charles Sanforth. to qualify them to discharge their duties as Councilors to advise with the Governor for the current political year.

The Senate concurred in the proposition and on motion of Mr. Blake of Penobscot, a message was ordered to be sent to the House informing

it of the concurrence.

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The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

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

### In Convention

Mr Willis of Cumberland was charged with a message to Noah Smith jr, Abner Coburn, Marshall Gram, Ammi Custer, and Charles Sanforth, Councillors elect.

Informing them that the two Branches were in session in the Representatives Hall for the purpose of administering to them the necessary oaths of office, who subsequently reported that the above named Councillors would attend forthwith for the purposes indicated, whereupon the aforesaid Councillors elect came in and before the President of the Senate, and in presence of the two Branches, in Convention assembled, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to enable them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Councillors then returned and the Convention separated.

### In Senate

File "An act to abolish the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Franklin, came from the House, passed to be enacted, and having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed the same was passed to be enacted, and presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.



On motion of Mr Dunsell of Oxford,

Ordered,

That a message be sent to the Governor, notifying him that Noah Smith Jr, Abner Coburn, Charles Sanforth, Marshall Cram, and Ammie Butler, have been duly elected and qualified as councillors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the Government for the current political year.

This message was conveyed by the Secretary,

On motion of Mr Hoichorn of Waldo, Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Maine Liquor Law, be referred to a joint special committee consisting of five on the part of the Senate, and Messrs Hoichorn, Downes, Willis, Ruggles, and Bennett were appointed on the part of Senate. The House joined Hille of Bangor, Lincoln of Bath, Berry of Gardiner, Cogswell of New Gloucester, Jones of China, Seabird of Portland, Hobart of Edmunds, Stevens of Fair, Stillings of Berwick, and Loble of Etna.

On motion of Mr Blake of Penobscot,

Ordered,

That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to an experimental farm be referred to the joint Committee on Agriculture,

Mr Easton of Kennebec, presented Petition of Horiam Bissell and others for a charter for a Bridge across the Kennebec River, in the County of Somerset, and the same was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Pease of Cumberland presented petition of Jane H Lewis, praying for a divorce

and the same was referred to a joint select  
Committee consisting on the part of the Senate  
of Messrs Pease, Hammon and Hoickson  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Flint of Somerset, presented the petition  
of Susan Shing for a divorce, and the same  
was referred to the joint Special Committee  
having under consideration the petition  
of Jane K. Lewis.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Adams of Washington presented petiti-  
on of A. C. Small and others for reconstruc-  
tion of Lock through Millbridge Company's  
dam in Millbridge, and the same was refer-  
ed to the Committee on Railroads and Bridges  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Boody of Cumberland presented petition  
of the President and Directors of the Union Bank,  
Brunswick, asking leave to increase the capital  
stock of said Bank, and the same was referred  
to the Committee on Banks and Banking  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Goodwin of York presented petition of  
Jefferson Moreton and Nathaniel Low to  
be set off from Lyman and annexed to  
Alfred, and the same was referred to the  
Committee on Division of Towns  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Boody of Cumberland presented petition  
of A. B. Thompson for balance pay as Quar-  
termaster General, and the same was referred  
to the Committee on Claims  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Lacey of Kennebec, presented petition of  
Walter Lipp and others for incorporation as  
Wayne Paper Company, and the same was  
referred to the Committee on Manufactures  
Sent down for concurrence

File. "An act to amend an act incorporating  
the Maine Oil Cloth and Carpet Company,  
approved April 1<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1854" came from  
the House ~~passed~~ to be engrossed, the same  
was once read and tomorrow assigned for  
a second reading.

The chair announced the joint standing  
committees on the part of the Senate, which  
subsequently came up joined on the part  
of the House as follows

On the judiciary

Senate  
Messrs Willis  
Goodwin  
Dunnell

House  
Messrs Ingalls  
Hibbard  
Caine  
Stone  
Leavitt  
Inell  
Andrews

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

Senate  
Messrs Shoudike  
Newell Blake  
Goodwin

House  
Messrs Hobart  
Leavitt  
Bradbury  
Nickerson  
Rawson  
Woodbury  
Coombs

Senate	House
Messrs Tinsley	Messrs Lewis, Nicholson
Boody	Haskell, Osgood
Richborn	Hammon, Licut
	and Joscelyn

## On Banks and Banking

Senate	House
Messrs Eaton	Messrs Lincoln, Burpee,
Jones	Sitcomb, Thomas
Quimby	Bradbury, Porter,
	Mason

## On Incorporation of Towns

Senate	House
Messrs Flint	Messrs Morris, Colliot
Shepherd	Cutler, Hight
Sprague	Stanton, Whitcomb
	Payson, Bruce.

## On Division of Towns

Senate	House
Messrs Bennett	Messrs Hall, Charles.
Thornclike	Austin, Bacon
Nathaniel Blake	Mason, Richards.
	Howard,

## On Division of Counties

Senate	House
Messrs Richborn	Messrs Walker, Woodman,
Sprague	Cushing, Hanscomb,
Elliot	Raguer, Nichols
	Blanchard,

## On State Lands and State Roads

Senate	House
Messrs Walker	Messrs Rice, Gunnison,
Nathaniel Blake	Smith, Stevens,
Ruggles	Pattee, Porter,
	Phillips,



## On Indian Affairs

Senate	House
Mepes Adams	Mepes Gunnison, Blake
Wade Blake	Windsor, Sholfield,
Dascomb	Barton, Haines.
	Miller.

## On Agriculture

Senate	House
Mepes Pease	Mepes Bates, Kennedy,
Barker	Hutchins, Brown,
Watson	Baker, Rogers,
	Comins.

## On Fisheries

Senate	House
Mepes Breckore	Mepes Sholfield, Turner
Barker	Combs, Greenleaf
Watson	Chase, Kimbley,
	Hames

## On Manufactures

Senate	House
Mepes Seamon	Mepes Carr, Seavitt,
Turner	Buchelder, Clark,
Cushing	Barker, Furbish
	Austin.

## On Rail Roads and Bridges

Senate	House
Mepes Ruggles	Mepes Smith, Keice,
Willis	Lincoln, Thomas
Sacelon	Small, Chase,
	Park,

## On Interior Waters

Senate	House
Mepes Dascomb	Mepes Benz, Litch,
Cochran	McGilvray, Chase
Adams	Jones, Pore, Mero.

# On Accounts

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Senate	House
Mepes Watson	Mepes Buck, Wallace
Sennett	Files, Leighton,
Cunin	Stevens, Gillman
	Pike

# On Claims

Senate	House
Mepes Cushing	Mepes Woodbury, Sorell,
Cunin	Hopps, Walker,
Shepherd	Patterson, Merrill,
	Peavy,

# On Militia

Senate	House
Mepes Adams	Mepes Ingersoll, Mayo,
Walker	Mordman, Hall,
Turner	Masson, Genish,
	Cushman

# On Militia Pensions

Senate	House
Mepes Elliot	Mepes Fox, Gilman,
Pease	Stileys, Pillsbury,
Hint	Patterson, Smith
	Brown,

# On Insane Hospitals

Senate	House
Mepes Townes	Mepes Oakes
Pease	Sweet
Garcelon	Patten
	Blanchard
	Johnson
	Gones
	Cushman

## On Reform School

Senate	House
Messrs Garcelon	Messrs Hoile, Came,
Newell Blake	Gibby, Lincoln,
Sascoms	Hammon, Heald,
	Turner,

## On State Prison

Senate	House
Messrs Quimby	Messrs Burpee, Novot,
Caton	Buck, Ham,
Ruggles	Manile, Means
	O'Brien,

## On Public Buildings

Senate	House
Messrs Barker	Messrs McKeuney, Brown,
Cochran	Cushman, Furbish,
Sprague	Remick, Holt
	Hiles

## On Library

Senate	House
Messrs Funnell	Messrs Stone, Leuna,
Boody	Algood, Stevens
Lorrey	Cole, Garland,
	Boble

Louis C. Cowan,  
Secy.

Adjourned.

In Senate

Wednesday Jan'y 10 1853

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Prayer by Rev Mr Abbott

Mr Willis from the joint Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts.

Report, That they have carefully examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer, and find his account properly vouched, and the statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasury Department to be correct. They also report that there appears to be due from the Treasurer Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1853. one Hundred eight Thousand seven dollars 4/100 \$ 108,107.41"

Wm Willis Chairman  
and the report was accepted.  
Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Ruggles.

Ordered, That the petitions in favor of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and the Female Collegiate Institute be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Education  
Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Pease,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of striking out the eighth paragraph of Section tenth of an act entitled, An act concerning the apessment of taxes. Approved April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1845.

and also the expediency of repealing an act entitled An act concerning



Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Darnell of Oxford,

Ordered,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to enquire into the expediency of repealing the act entitled An act in relation to costs in real and mixed actions Approved April 18 1854.

Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Boddy of Cumberland,

Ordered That the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to enquire into the expediency of authorizing the business of Banking by general laws

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Torrey of Kennebec,

Ordered,

That there be appointed a Committee consisting of three from the Senate, with such as the House may join to which shall be referred that portion of the Governors message relating to Slavery, passed, and Messrs Torrey, Boddy and Chase were appointed on the part of the House, the House joined

On motion of Mr Garcelon of Lincoln,

Ordered,

That a Committee of three with such as the House may join be appointed to prepare joint rules and orders for the government of the two Houses. Passed and Messrs Garcelon, Blake of Penobscot and Flint of Somerset appointed said Committee on the part of the Senate. The House joined Messrs Canite, Stone, Brown, Fosselyn, McGilvery, Wood-

On motion of Mr. Fournes of Washington,  
Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary,  
be directed to enquire into the expediency of  
amending the fourteenth section of Chapter  
44 of the Revised Statutes by inserting the  
word "Christmas" after the word July, in the  
first and third line thereof.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Willis laid upon the table a "Resolue author-  
izing the State Treasurer to balance certain  
accounts for taxes" and the same was once read  
and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Torrey from the Committee on Bills in the  
second reading reported without amendment  
Bills, "An act to amend an act incorporating  
the Maine Oil Cloth and Carpet Company  
Approved April first A.D. 1854, and the same  
was twice read and passed to be engrossed

The Secretary presented a list of the referred  
business from the last Legislature, and the  
papers included in the list were referred as  
follows

To the Judiciary Committee  
Order relating to the Support of paupers by  
counties.

Petition of Bernard Morse and others

Resolve in addition to a resolve authorizing  
a tax on the several counties in this State.

Petition of Nathaniel Churchile and others,  
and sundry other petitions and orders

Petition of R. G. Wentworth and others

Petition of Joel Wellington

Petition of First Parish in Wintthrop

Bill extending the time of the Franklin Bank to commence and maintain suits.

To the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance.

Petition of A. S. Atwood and others.

Petition of Seward Merrill and others

Petition of Seward Oakes and others and sundry other petitions

Petition of Abner Weeks and others

To the Committee on Education

Resolue in favor of Plantations in Washington County

Bill requiring persons having the control of Youth to procure them public instruction.

To the Committee on State Lands and State Roads

Petition of James B. Cleaveland and others.

To the Committee on Division of Towns

Petition of William Butterfield and others

" " Zenas Fogler

" " Edward Hile and others

" " John Hubbard " "

" " Reuben Ladd

To the Committee on Agriculture  
File to establish an experimental farm.

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To the Committee on Fisheries  
File for the preservation of Salmon, Shad and  
alewives, in Penobscot River, and Bay and  
their tributaries.

To the Committee on Military Pen-  
sions.

Petition of Abigail O'Brien

To the Committee on Claims  
Petitions of Samuel L. Chase jun  
" " John Sargeant.

To the Committee on Interior Waters  
Petition of John Kendall and others  
" " Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company  
" " Seth Paine and others  
" " Ephraim Paulk and others  
" " John Minia and others

To the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges  
Petition of Limeon Allen and others  
" " David Bunker " "  
" " Bangor and Piscataquis Rail Road  
Company  
Petition of John Cameron and others  
" " Franklin Clark " "  
" " James S. Holmes " "  
" " William Morse " "  
" " John Short " "  
" " Stockholders of Martin Point Brid-  
ge.

Resolve authorizing a survey of a  
Rail Way between the eastern shore of  
the Penobscot waters and eastern boundary  
of the State.



62 Resolved in favor of the survey of Acoustic Rail Road,

Petition of E. G. Woodman and 31 others  
" " Ebenezer Cobb " "

" " N. J. Davis and 31 others  
Petitions for the Portland and Oxford  
Central Rail Road: - and the Remonstrance  
of Minias Barnes and others, and Allen  
H. Cobb and others and 37 other Remon-  
strances against said Rail Road.

and  
the foregoing papers were referred to the  
Committee, as before stated

Sent down for concurrence

Adjourned,

Thos A. Cavan Secy.

Thursday January 11 1833

Prayer by Rev Mr Fillingham

The following papers came from the House.  
Petition of John Stickney and others for amendment  
of an act to loan its credit to the Lewis Isl-  
and Railroad Company of the city of Calais.

Petition of Lewis Island Railroad Company  
for changes in the act of incorporation.

Petition of William Pike and others for amendment  
of act allowing the city of Calais to loan its cre-  
dit to Lewis Island Railroad Company.

Petition of G. D. King and others for amendment  
of act allowing the City of Calais to loan its  
credit to the Lewis Island Railroad Compa-  
ny, and the same were referred to the Commi-  
tee on Rail Roads and Bridges in concurren-  
ce.

Petition of George Walker and others, of James  
J. Gothner and others, of Andrew Peter and oth-  
ers, of Israel B. Bradley and others for the pro-  
tection of the forests of Maine from fire; of  
John H. Spring and others for increased pay  
to County Commissioners; of Joshua Hubbard  
and others for resolve in equity for lands  
taken for a public road; of T. F. Small and  
others for an amendment of the Constitution,  
came from the House referred to the judic-  
ary Committee, and the same were referred,  
in concurrence.

Petitions of Nathaniel Cushman and others  
for a division of the town of Belamont. of  
Thomas & Horner praying their territory man-

64. set off Levant to Menduskeag; of Alfred Lemont and others of West Bath to be set off to the City of Bath; of John Barker to be set off from Chelsea and annexed to the town of Pittston; of Willoughby Prescott and others to be set off from Norridgewock and annexed to Towhegan, of S. C. Whitten and Heviam Fuller that certain lands in Farmingdale be annexed to the City of Hallowell. came from the House, referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, and the same were severally referred, in concurrence

Petition of C. H. Smith of Laco; of C. H. Hare and others severally, to endow the Maine State Seminary; of the Trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary; of Leonard Bellings for an appropriation in behalf of the Cutchfield Libeiral Institute, came from the House referred to the Committee on Education, and they were severally referred, in concurrence.

Account of the City of Belfast for expenses incurred by an insane pauper having no settlement in Maine, came from the House referred to Committee on Claims, and the same was referred in concurrence

Petition of Joel Fuller and others, to be set from the Agricultural Society in the County of Androscoggin and annexed to Kennebec Agricultural Society, came from the House referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and the same was referred, in concurrence

Petition of Elias Gubtail to have the title of certain lands in Confield confirmed, came from the House, referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads and the same

was referred in concurrence.

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Petition of J. E. Souvell and others of Portland and vicinity of Portland praying for a charter for a Maine Insurance Company came from the House, and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, in concurrence

Petition of Citizens of Boston Village for a Bank, of Ocean Bank in Kennebunk for increase of Capital Stock; of Ezra Carter Jr praying for further time for putting in operation the Mechanics Bank, came from the House, referred to Committee on Banks and Banking, and the same was referred in concurrence

On motion of Mr Torrey,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the two Houses proposing a Convention the two branches in the Hall of Representatives, at a quarter before eleven A M. for the purpose of electing a Treasurer for the current political year, Subsequently the Senate was informed by message communicated by Mr Lincoln that the House concurred in the proposition for a convention

The hour for holding the Convention to elect a State Treasurer having arrived the Senate proceeded to the Representatives Hall where a Convention was formed

### In Convention

On motion Messrs Hichborn and Barker of the Senate and Wallace of Melbridge, Hobbs of Hope, Stanton of Wellington, Chapin of Brewer and Ingalls of the House, were appointed a Committee to receive sort and count the votes for a



666 Treasurer of State. Having attended to that duty, reported as follows

Whole number of ballots	166,
Necessary to a choice	84,
Woodbury Davis has	122,
James L. Child	43
Joseph A. Sanford	1

The report was accepted and Woodbury Davis was elected duly and constitutionally elected Treasurer of State for the ensuing political year.

The Committee then dissolved.

### In Senate

On motion of Mr Blake, The Secretary of the Senate was directed to inform Woodbury Davis Esq of Belfast, of his election, by a Concurrence of the two branches, to the Office of Treasurer of State

The following order came from the House,

Ordered

That all petitions for private official Legislation which shall be presented to this Legislature after the fifteenth day of February, next be referred to the next Legislature, and the same was passed in concurrence

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, communicating a letter from Hon Jason Weeks, declining to accept the Office of Councillor to advise with the Executive, to which he had been elected on the sixth inst-

On motion of Mr Ruggles, The Secretary was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, proposing a convention of the two branches

is of the Legislature to be held in the Representatives Hall at twenty minutes past 12 for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the Board of Councillors occasioned by the non acceptance of the Office by Hon Jason Weeks. The Senate was subsequently informed by message communicated by the Clerk of the House, that the House concurred in the proposition for a convention

At the hour assigned for holding the Convention the Senate proceeded to the Representatives Hall, where a convention was formed

In Convention

On motion of Messrs Ruggles

Sprague } of the Senate  
Cunnison } of Eastport  
Hoile } of Brune  
McKesson } of Belfast

were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a councillor to fill the vacancy at the Councillors board,

Having attended to that duty,

Reported,

That the whole number of  
Ballots is 157,  
Necessary to a choice 89,  
Henry Richardson has 119,  
William Jameson " 38,

The Report was accepted, and Henry Richardson declared duly elected a councillor to advise the Governor for the current political year

The Senat then retired and the Convention dissolved

In Senate

On motion of Mr. Adams of Washington the Secretary of State was directed to notify Hon Henry Richardson of Old Town that he has been duly elected, councillor to advise with the Governor in the executive departments for the current political year

Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State, reported by the financial Committee of the House, came from the House and passed to be engrossed. The resolve was once read, the rule suspended, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed

The following order came from the House Ordered, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the sale of public Lands and granting permits for cutting timber thereon, be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and the same was passed in concurrence

Petition of Thomas Crocker and others, praying to be incorporated by the name of the Bangor and Piscataquis State Company, came from the House referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges. The Senate nonconcurred in the reference and referred the same to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Willis of Cumberland. Presented the petition of James F. Oakoon and others a Committee of the City of Portland, inviting attention to the Paris Exhibition of 1855, and the same was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence

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Order from the House, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to enquire into the expediency of instituting an investigation into the doings of the late Ship Builders Bank of Rockland with power to send for persons and papers, was passed in concurrence

The following order came from the House. Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the subject of Naturalization be referred to a joint select Committee to consist of seven on the part of House, and referred to Messrs Cushing of Framport, Lincoln of Hallowell, Caine of Portland, Kim of Lewiston, Buck of Bucksport, Fenns of Augusta, and Burgess of Old Town, were appointed on the part of the House. The order was passed in concurrence, and Messrs Goodwin, Hoody, Blake, of Aronstic, Turner, & Elliot appointed on part of the Senate

A communication was received from Hon Samuel Corey, transmitting certain claims for counties of the State. The same were referred to the Committee on accounts in concurrence.

An act additional to Chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes, came to the House amended, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and the same was referred, in concurrence

Adjourned.

Louis C Cowan Secy



In SenateJan'y 12<sup>th</sup> 1855

The following order came from the House, Ordered, "That so much of the Governor's Message as relates to extending the elective franchise so that certain offices that are now filled by executive appointments be referred to a joint select Committee consisting of seven on the part of the House together with such as the Senate may join" and Messrs Lincoln of Hallowell, Staples of Swanville, Tilcomb of Augusta, Oakes of Auburn, Furbush of Brunswick, Mason of Mendon and Hale of Fairfield were appointed on the part of the House; and this order passed in concurrence, and Messrs Towns of Washington, Parker of Hancock, Blake of Penobscot, Sascott of Somerset and Lumbry of Cumberland, were appointed on the part of the Senate on said Committee

The petition of Elisha H. Dunham for a divorce came from the House, referred to the Judiciary Committee and the Senate nonconcurred the House in the reference, and referred the petition to the Joint Select Committee having under consideration the petition of Jane K. Lewis for a divorce  
 Put down for concurrence

The President presented the petition of M. E. Paine and others, citizens of Exeter, for the incorporation and endowment of the Marine State Seminary and the same was referred to the Committee on Education  
 Put down for concurrence

Mr Blake from the Committee on Bills in sec

and reading having examined a resolve 71  
entitled "a resolve authorizing the State Treasurer  
to balance certain accounts for taxes. Reported  
the same without amendment, which  
report was accepted, and the resolve read a  
second time and passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

An act to amend an act incorporating  
the Maine Oil Cloth and Carpet Company,  
Approved April 1 1834, came from the House  
passed to be enacted, and the same was  
passed to be enacted, and presented by  
the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

The following petitions came from the House  
referred to the Committee on Education.  
Petition of Lot M. Merrill and Others: of  
Free Will Baptist State Convention. of  
Jephtha. Young and Others for the endowme-  
nt and incorporation of the Maine State  
Seminary; and the petition of the Mayor  
of the City of Belfast, asking that the City  
District may be authorized to raise money,  
and petition of James Small and Others for  
incorporation and endowment of Maine State  
Seminary, were severally referred, in concu-  
rence, to the Committee on Education

Petition of Samuel Pratt and Others to protect  
the forests against fire

Petition of San Pines and Others for same

Petition of Selectmen of Seaborn. That the do-  
ings of the Selectmen of said town for the ye-  
ars 1850 & 1851, may be made valid

Petition of the inhabitants of Centerville

72 in reference to the tax act of non-resident proprietors

Petition of the City of Bath for an amendment to the City Charter, were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence

Petitions of William Small and Others of Brunswick in aid of the petition for an act to incorporate the Portland and Oxford Central Rail Road Company,

Petitions of Geo A. Pickering, Mayor of Bangor, in aid of the petition of Rufus Swinal, President of the Portland and Kennebec Rail Road Company.

Petition of William Small and Others of Raymond and vicinity in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cole and Others for an act incorporating the Portland and Oxford Central Rail Road Company.

Petition of Rufus Swinal for authority for the City of Bangor to loan its credit in aid of the construction of the Portland and Kennebec Rail Road. Were severally referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of Fryeburg Academy Academy Grant to be annexed to the town of Gilead,

Petition of Amos T. Masser and Others to be set off from the Town of Lowell and annexed to the Town of Confield

Petition of certain inhabitants of Coddington

that a part of the town of Brewer, may  
be annexed to the town of Coddington 73

Petition of inhabitants of Gilead, to annex  
Seyburg Academy Grant to said town,  
were severally referred to the Committee on  
the Division of Towns, in concurrence

Petitions of J. T. Lewis for leave to build a  
dike across tide waters of Salt Marsh creek  
in Millbridge

Petition of Hiram Peavey for a Charter to  
run a Steam Boat on Passadumkeag River.

Petitions of Edward Merrill for a permission  
to build wharves in Portland harbor, were se-  
verally referred to the Committee on Interior  
affairs, in concurrence

Petition of Nathaniel Webster for remunerati-  
on of money paid land.

Petition of Joshua Northway for a lot of land,  
were severally referred to the Committee on Sta-  
te Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Peter S. Tolson for a Military Pen-  
sion.

An act to legalize the sale of oats.

An account of the City of Calais for expens-  
es paid for William Brown an Insane Rus-  
sian and foreigner, were severally referred to  
the Committee on claims, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fuggles of Fennscoth the  
vote whereby the Senate finally passed bill  
entitled An act to amend an act incor-



74 - porating the Maine Oil Cloth and Carpet  
company, approved April 1<sup>st</sup> 1854, was  
reconsidered, and the bill laid on the table

Adjourned.

Chas A Brown, Secy.

Jan'y 13<sup>th</sup> 1853

The Secretary being absent. On motion of Mr Blake of Penobscot, Messrs Blake of Penobscot, Adams and Flint were appointed a committee to receive sort and count the votes for a Secretary Pro. Tem, and said committee subsequently reported that they had attended to that duty, and that the whole number of votes were 18

Necessary for a choice 10

Joseph W. Knowlton has 18

The report was accepted, and Joseph W. Knowlton, declared duly elected Secretary Pro. Tem. Mr Knowlton signified his acceptance. Alden W. Jackson Esq, authorized by decessus Atestamen, administered to him the necessary oaths to qualify him for the discharge of his official duty, as Secretary of the Senate, Pro. Tem.

On motion of Mr Blake of Penobscot a message was sent to the House, informing that body of the election of Joseph W. Knowlton as Secretary of the Senate Pro. Tem.

Mr Blake of Penobscot was charged with the message; and that Senator subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged

Prayer by Rev Mr Tappan of Augusta

The following papers came from the House

76. Petition of Olbridge Harris that the name of the Bangor and Piscataquis Rail Road Company be changed to Old Town and Milford Road Road Company, and petition of C. F. Pierce and others for the renewal of the Old Town and Milford Bridge Company, and authorizing said Company to use the Bridge recently erected by the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Rail Road Company, and to receive tolls upon the same, were severally referred to the joint standing Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

The petition of George Haisted and others for a Bank Charter, and Manufacturers Bank, came from the House, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, and the same were severally referred to said Committee, in concurrence

The petition of John Bird and others for a Charter to incorporate North Insurance Company of Rockland; - and the petition of Oliver S. Livermore and others to be incorporated as the Eastport Gas Light Company, came from the House referred to the joint standing Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and the same were referred to the aforesaid Committee, in concurrence

The petition of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and sundry individuals members of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, for an appropriation from the school fund for a school at Old Town Island for the Indians; - and the credentials of Peol Sockis, Selegate of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, came from the House, referred to the joint standing

Committee on Indian affairs, and the same were referred to the said Committee, in concurrence

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The petition of Darius Wentworth for right to erect a weir in Samsucotta River, came from the House, referred to the joint Standing Committee on Interior Waters, and the same was referred to said Committee, in concurrence.

The petition of Elizabeth Sylvester for a divorce, came from the House referred to the Committee on the petition of Jane K. Lewis, and the same was referred to said Committee, in concurrence

The petition of P. La. Fessenden and others for incorporation and endowment of Marine State Seminary, came from the House, and the same was referred to the joint Standing Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Memorial of N. G. Law Institute for donation of the Statutes of Marine for a Public Library, came from the House, referred to the joint Standing Committee on the Library, and the same was referred to said Committee, in concurrence

The petition of Mark Scott and others for incorporation into a town by the name of Woodville, came from the House, and the same was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

The petition of Joseph M. Moore and another, that certain land may be set off from



Detroit to Pittsfield, came from the House, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Division of Towns, in concurrence

Petition of Town of Detroit to be set off from Somerset County to Penderoot County came from the House, and the same was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence

On motion of Mr Downs of Washington, Ordered, That a joint Special Committee be appointed consisting of three on the part of the Senate and such as the House may join to consider what further legislation is necessary, if any, in relation to elections in Plantations as provided in the Chapter 89<sup>th</sup> of the Laws, passed at extra session 1840, and approved October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1840. Messrs Downs, Blake of Annotic and Quincy were appointed said Committee.

Sent down for concurrence

Order from the House, directing the papers and documents on the files of the last Legislature, relating to the purchase of the fee of the real estate of the reform School, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the reform School, read and passed in concurrence

Order from the House, requesting the Secretary of State to lay upon the Speakers table forthwith the several County estimates that have been received at his office, read and passed, in concurrence

Order from the House, instructing the Committee on Education to enquire into the ex-

dency of increasing the pay, per diem, of members of Superintending School Committee for their services, and also of compensating them for their travel performed, in the regular discharge of their duties; read and passed in concurrence

Order from the House, requesting the Committee on the Judiciary to enquire into the expediency of amending the law for the collection of County taxes on unincorporated lands, so that the County Treasurer shall be obliged to receive the amount due from anyone of the proprietors, as his proportion, and give a receipt for the same, read and passed in concurrence.

Order from the House, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to enquire into the expediency of repealing Chapter 69 of the Public Laws approved July 22-1846; also Chapter 202 of the public laws approved Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1845, commonly known as the usury laws, read and passed in concurrence.

An act in addition to an act entitled an act to establish the County of Sagadahoc came from the House, referred to the delegation from the County of Sagadahoc, referred in concurrence.

- The Petitions from the House, of C. M. Withers and Others
- The Petition of Wm P. Haines and Others
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| " | " | Thomas H. Cole   | " | " |
| " | " | John H. Allen    | " | " |
| " | " | George A. Warner | " | " |
| " | " | Th. H. Cutler    | " | " |
| " | " | Elias Harmon     | " | " |

The Petition of Harrison Lowell and others all of Briddeford for a City Charter; and an act to incorporate the City of Briddeford, were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence

File respecting the erection of wooden buildings in the City of Portland, approved April 1<sup>st</sup> 1854, came from the House, and passed to be engrossed, and the same was read once, and Monday next at eleven o'clock assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr Blake of Penobscot,

Ordered,  
That the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges be directed to enquire into the expediency of repealing an act entitled, "An act additional to an act, incorporating the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Rail Road Company approved March 24, 1845, read and passed

Sent down for concurrence

The petition of J. T. Champlin and another praying to be incorporated by the name of Waterville Library Association, and the petition of E. M. Wood and others of Camden for incorporation and endowment of Maine State Seminary were severally read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence

Petition of Inhabitants of \_\_\_\_\_ for a law concerning School Funds, was read and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads

Sent down for concurrence

Resolve authorizing a loan in behalf of the State. Pl.  
was finally passed, and was presented by  
the Secretary, Mr. Timpae, to the Governor for  
his approval.

Adjourned,

Louis Bowman, Secretary.



Monday Jan'y 15 1855.

Prayer by Rev Mr Suter of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns granting order of Notice, returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Thomas J. Hoines and others that certain lands may be set apart  
 Verant came from the House, recommended, and the Senate concurred

Order from the House, requesting the Committee on Education to consider the expediency of passing a law, compelling truant and vagrant children to attend school, and if the Committee think such a law would be expedient, or would be effectual, to report a bill - was passed, in concurrence.

Order from the House, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to enquire into the expediency of passing a law reducing the salary of the Attorney General - was passed in concurrence

Petition of Samiel Cord and others for a law to protect forests against fire

Petition of William Freeman and 39 others for same object

Petition of the City of Bath, by the Mayor for liberty to pass an ordinance for the removal of snow from side walks

Petition of David Stewart and others of Corinna to make void the doings of said Town, were severally referred to the Committee on the

Petition of Trustees of Limington Academy  
for a grant of land:

Petition of Trustees of Westbrook Seminary for  
aid

Petition of Cornina Union Academy  
for aid

Petition of Joseph Staples and Others  
of Peru for the reincorporation and endow-  
ment of the Maine State Seminary

Petition of Azazel Loojoy and Others of Unity  
for same object

Petition of Thomas Burdin and 77 Others of  
for same object

Petition of Seth May and Others of Winthrop  
that aid may be granted to Towle Academy  
were severally referred to the Committee on  
Education, in concurrence

Remonstrance of Selectmen of the Town of Farm-  
ingdale against the petition of Simon C. Whit-  
tier and Others, was referred to the Committee  
on Division of Towns, in concurrence

Price. An act to amend an ~~act~~ respecting  
the erection of wooden buildings in the City,  
of Portland approved April 1, 1854, was read  
a second time and passed to be engrossed  
in concurrence

Adjourned,

Louis O. Corwin Secy

Tuesday Jan'y 16. 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Ingraham

Mr Blake from the Select Committee to prepare Rules and orders for the government of the Senate Reported "the Rules and orders of the Senate for the year 1854, without amendment" and the report was accepted, and the rules and orders of 1854, were declared to be the rules and orders for the government of the Senate for 1855.

A communication was received from Woodbury Davis, Treasurer elect, signifying his acceptance of the office, and transmitting his official bonds, and the same was referred to the joint Select Committee raised to examine and settle the Treasurers books for 1854.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Gascomb from Somerset presented the petition of Joseph M. Moor and others to be set off from Detroit to Pittsfield, and the same was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Pease from the Committee to which was referred the petition of Susan Thing for a divorce reported order of notice on the same, on motion the Senate recommitted the report with instructions to report reference to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Boody of Cumberland introduced the following order. Ordered, That a joint Select Committee consisting of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to consider the expediency

of an appropriation to complete the Geological Survey of the State. The order was passed, subsequently Mr. Ironsides of Lincoln moved a reconsideration of the vote passing the order, and the Yeas and Nays having been ordered the Senate refused to reconsider as follows;

Nays Adams, Nathaniel Blake, Newell Blake, Boddy, Cichore, Currier, Cushing, Sascumb, Downes, Funnell, Eaton, Elliot, Flint, Hitchborn, Muzzy, Pease, Quimby, Ruggles, Hammond, Shephard, Sprague, Stacey, Turner, Watson and Willis - - - 25  
Yeas Bennett, Thornebine, Walker 3

Mr. Willis, presented the petition of Waterville College for aid, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education,

Put down for concurrence

Order from the House, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire whether the amount of monthly wages due for the services of the principal defendant and of the family, and which is by Statute exempted from the reach of Trustee process, should not be limited to some definite sum, was passed in concurrence

File, An act granting appeals from decisions of County Commissioners of two or more counties,

File, An act to amend Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes,

File, An act in relation to power of County Commissioners. came from the House, referred to the Judiciary Committee, and the same were referred in concurrence.



Order from the House, That the Committee on Education be directed to enquire into the expediency of amending the Seventh section of the 19 Chapter of The Revised Statutes, was passed in concurrence.

Mr Summells of Oxford presented the petition of Abraham Andrews and others praying that the law in relation to taxes may be so amended as that lumber justly and unreasonably taxed in another State may be exempted from taxation in this State, and the same was referred to the judiciary Committee  
Sent down for concurrence

Bill. An act to establish a Police Court in the City of Portland and to abolish the Municipal Court in said City, came from the House referred to the judiciary Committee and the same was referred, in concurrence

Adjourned

Louis Clowen Secy.

Wednesday Jan'y 17 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Cheney

Mr Willis from the Judiciary Committee to which was referred an order relating to an amendment of Chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes, reported,

Bill "An act to amend Chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes," and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Same Gentleman from same Committee to which was referred certain petitions for a City charter from the inhabitants of Biddeford, reported,

Bill, "An act to incorporate the City of Biddeford" and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Garcelon of Cumberland, presented the petition of G. W. Gooddard, County Attorney of the County of Androscoggin for increase of salary, and the same was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Blake of Penobscot, presented the petition of certain voters of the Town of Old Town, praying for an amendment of the Constitution of the State, in relation to the election of State Officers and also in relation to persons of foreign birth, and the same was referred to the joint Select Committee having under consideration so much of the Governor's message as relates to the elective franchise.  
Sent down for concurrence

88 Mr. Willis from the Select Committee to which was referred the Treasurers Bond, reported that they had examined the same and found it correctly drawn and the sum its amply sufficient to respond said amount, The report was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Bill. "An act to amend an act respecting the erection of wooden buildings in the City of Portland, approved April 1, 1854" was reported as truly and strictly engrossed, and the same passed to be enacted, and was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, declaring

Legislation inexpedient on the petition of Ellis Gubrick, was accepted, in concurrence

Mr. Watson from the joint Committee of the Legislature of Sagadahoc County to which was referred Bill "An act amendatory to an act entitled an act to establish the County of Sagadahoc"; reported, "that the Bill ought to pass" the report was accepted the Bill read once, the rule suspended, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed

On motion of Mr. Shephard of Hancock,

Ordered.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending Section 35 of the 425 Chapter of the Revised Statutes by striking out the word four in the fifth line, and inserting the word thirty, so that it shall read thirty days after instead of "four days after"

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the joint Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Susan Shing for a divorce, came from the House, that branch nonconcurring the Senate on the petition to the next Legislature and indefinitely postponing the report. The Senate insisted upon its former vote referring the same to the next Legislature  
 Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Scammon from the Committee on Manufactures to which was referred the petition of Walter Fols and others, praying to be incorporated into a Paper Company, reported, Bill, "An act to incorporate the Wayne Paper Company," and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Petition of Thomas Marshall and others, Trustees of Belfast Bank for extension of time to pay in new Capital Stock authorized by act of March 1854, came from the House, referred to Committee on Banks and Banking, and the same was referred, in concurrence.

Petitions of Hiram Ficker and others of Donnell Brown and others; of Nathaniel S. Thentleff, and others praying for the incorporation of the Portland and Oxford Central Rail Road, were referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petitions of W. A. Rust and others for aid for the Oxford Normal Institute; of G. W. Bean and others of the town of Waterville for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary, were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petitions of Charles W. Rideout and others for



90 amendment of State Constitution, was referred to the joint Select Committee on the Naturalization Laws, in concurrence.

Petition of A. G. Barston for a divorce, was referred to the joint Select Committee having under consideration the petition of James K. Lewis, in concurrence.

Petition of L. J. Hoanson and others for a law to prevent the destruction of timber lands by fire, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petitions of Charles Thompson and others to be set off from Hartford and annexed to Canton: of John Otis and others that certain Real Estate of theirs in Manchester may be annexed to the City of Hallowell; of G. Tibbey and others praying for the setting off a part of Brewer and annexing the same to Eddington, were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of William F. Ward and others against the annexation of a part of Brewer to Eddington, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Adjourned  
Lewis & Cowan, Secy.

Wednesday Jan'y 18 1855  
Prayer by Rev Mr Weston

Mr Flint of Somerset presented the petition of David Bunker and others praying that the towns of Anson and North Anson may be incorporated into one town, and the same was referred to Committee on Division of Towns  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Torrey of Kennebec presented the petition of John Felwell and others in aid of the petition of Trustees of Westbrook Seminary, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education  
Sent down for concurrence

Petition of Ezra Myrick and others for incorporation of a town by the name of Alma was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence

Remonstrance of Francis Mess and others against the petition of Ezra Myrick, was referred to next Legislature, in concurrence

Petitions of Rufus Berry and others for leave to sell the Meeting House of the Freeville Baptist Church in Wayne, was referred to Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Selectmen of Moscow, that their doings may be made valid, was referred to Judiciary, in concurrence

Mr Currier of Franklin presented the petition of Isaac Rogers and others praying for the incorporation of the Maine State Seminary, with suitable endowments, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence

92 Bill. An act to amend Chapter 344 of the Public Laws of 1852, was referred to Committee on Judiciary, in concurrence

Mr. Lushington from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred "Petition of Samuel Chase, as Guardian of G. C. Minor, for remuneration of clothing destroyed by fire" reported, Leave to withdraw on the same, accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Blake from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Bancroft plantation for a law concerning School Funds, reported, "Legislation Impediment" and the same was accepted Sent down for concurrence

Communications were received from the Hon. Franklin Clark, and Hon. Henry Richardson, accepting the office of Counsellors, to which they had been elected, Read and  
Sent down for concurrence

A message was received from the House proposing a Convention of the two branches of the Legislature at eleven o'clock A.M. this day, for the purpose of administering the official oaths to Hon. Franklin Clark, and Hon. Henry Richardson, to qualify them to advise with the Governor in the executive branch for the current political year. The Senate concurred in the proposition.

At the hour appointed for the holding of the convention the Senate proceeded to the Hall of Representatives, where a convention was formed

On motion of Mr. Holt of Tazewell that gentleman was charged with a message to Hon. Franklin Clark and Hon. Henry Richardson, councillors elect informing them that the two branches were assembled in the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering to them the necessary oaths of office. Mr. Holt subsequently informed the Convention that the Councillors elect would attend forthwith for the purposes indicated.

Whereupon Messrs. Clark and Richardson came in and in the presence of the two branches and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the necessary oaths to qualify them to advise with the Governor as councillors in the Executive Branch, for the current political year.

The Convention then dissolved.

### In Senate

The Secretary was charged with a message to the Governor informing him the Hon. Franklin Clark and Hon. Henry Richardson had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths to qualify them to act as councillors to advise with the Executive branch of the Government for the current political year.

Mr. Blake from the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Reported without amendment.

Bill, An act to amend the fourteenth Section of Chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes and the same was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.



Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment. Bill an act to incorporate the City of Briddeford and the committee further recommended that the same be laid upon the table, and 350 Copies be printed for the use of the Legislature. The Report was accepted.

On Motion of Mr Miller, Ireland.

That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to inform the Governor and the Council that the necessary bond has been approved by both branches of the Legislature and that the same be now deposited in the office of Secretary of State.

Mr Blake from the Committee on Bills in third Reading, reported without amendment.

Bill.

An act to incorporate the Wayne Paper Company and the same was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Mr Jones from the joint Select Committee to which was referred an order "to consider what further legislation is necessary, if any, in relation to elections in Plantations, as provided in Chapter 89 of the Laws, passed at the Extra Session of 1840, and approved Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1840. made a report accompanied with a bill and the same was laid upon the table, and 350 copies of the Report and Bill ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr Pease from the Committee on Agriculture to which was referred, "An act to regulate the sale of Oats," reported the same, which was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Hurrell from the Committee on Library, to which was referred the memorial of the New York Law Institute, reported a resolve entitled. 95

"Resolve in favor of the New York Law Institute" and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Mr. Ruggles from the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, to which was referred Petition of Lewis Island Rail Road Company for change in act of incorporation, reported,

Bills  
"An act to authorize the Lewis Island Rail Road Company to change its location" and the same was once read, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of G. J. Thing and others, reported. Bill "An act in addition to an act to authorize the City of Orleans to aid in the construction of the Lewis Island Rail Road, and the report was accepted, the Bill once read, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Petitions of the Directors of Casco Bank for increase of its capital stock; of the Merchants Bank, Portland for increase of its capital stock, was referred to Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence

Petition of Orr Williamson and others for incorporating the Mechanics Association was referred to Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence

Petition of Richard Leargent and others to be set off from Porter and annexed to Brownfield, was referred to the Committee on division of Towns

96. in concurrence

Mr. Pease from the Committee on Agriculture to which was referred the petitions of Josc. Fuller reported,

Bill, An act additional to an act to incorporate Androscooggin Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and the same was accepted. Bill read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

The Senate concurring  
The following orders from the House,

Ordered,  
That the Chaplains of this Legislature have the same privileges in regard to the Library as members of this Legislature, was passed in concurrence

Order from the House. That the Committee on the State Prison be directed to consult upon the expediency of allowing convicts in the State Prison a certain per centage of their earnings to be paid when their time expires, was passed in concurrence

Orders from the House. Ordered, that the Committee on Judiciary consider and report upon the expediency of authorizing the Governor of this State to appoint a Commissioner to revise, abridge, and arrange the Public Laws of this State, also to prepare for publication a copy of all the private special Laws, and also a copy of all Resolves, passed, which have been passed up to, and including the present Session, indicating what have been repealed, and make a report to the next Legislature, was passed, in concurrence

Order from the House. That the Committee on



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Agriculture be directed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the existing law granting a bounty on woloes and bears, as to increase the bounty on woloes to 10s per head, instead of 8s The amount now allowed, was passed in concurrence.

Order from the House. That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to enquire as to the expediency of making a cistern of large capacity on the Northely side of the State House, to be used in case of fire. was passed in concurrence.

Proceedings of the Am. ~~Samological~~ Society. were referred to the Committee on Agriculture. in concurrence.

Petitions of William Smith and others; of Zach-  
rice Jordan and others; of Ebenezer Knowlton  
and others; of H. B. Meservey and others sev-  
erally in favor of the incorporation and en-  
dowment of the Maine State Seminary, were  
referred to the Committee on Education, in  
concurrence.

Petitions of Edward Emerson and others, citizens  
of China praying for amendments of Constitution  
and change in nationalization laws, was  
referred as follows, so much of said petition  
as relates to the elective franchise referred to  
the joint Select Committee on the Elective fran-  
chise. and so much as relates to change in  
the nationalization laws, to the joint Select  
Committee on Nationalization Laws. in concu-  
rence

Petitions of the Portland Cavalry Guards.  
That Cavalry Companies be furnished by State



98 with necessary Horse Equipments, and petition of James B. Calvorn in aid of the same, was referred to Committee on Militia, in concurrence.

Petition of Peter Hoams and others. That Township No 3 being a part of Rangely Plantation in the County of Franklin may be incorporated into a Town was referred to Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands granting "Leave to Withdraw" on the petition of Goshute Pathway was accepted, in concurrence

Adjourned,

Louis O Corvan, Secretary.

Friday Jan'y 19 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Cone

Mr Hitchborn presented Communication of J. G. Sickeron on subjects relating to Common Schools and the same was referred to the Committee on Education Sent down for concurrence

Mr Cushing of Waldo. Presented a Bill to establish a Municipal Court in Belfast, and the same was referred to the Committee on Judiciary Sent down for concurrence

Mr Cushing from Committee on Claims. to which was referred the petition of the City of Belfast for payment of expenses incurred for an insane pauper, having no settlement in Maine, also petition of the City of Calais for expenses incurred for an insane, foreign, pauper. Reported reference of the same to the Committee on Accounts. Report Accepted Sent down for concurrence

Mr Flint of Somerset presented the petition of Bradley T. Sennmore in aid of Petition of Sanice Bunker and others for the joining together of the Towns of Anson and North Anson into one town, and the same was referred to Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence

Petitions of A. C. Buffam and others; of T. M. Withington and others; of Ezra Lotman and others; of G. M. Burleigh and others; of Amos Hastings and others; of Henry J. Warren and others; of W<sup>m</sup> A. P. Sillingham and others severally in favor of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary; also the petition of Edward Emerson and others

of Jacob S. Colliard and others; of James W. Neal and others severally for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary were referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Hoant and others, citizens of Old Town for amendment of the constitution and change in naturalization laws, referred by the Senate to the joint select Committee on Elective franchise came from the House nonconcurred and so much as relates to election of State Officers referred to Committee on Elective franchise, and so much as relates to change in naturalization laws referred to Committee on naturalization laws, The Senate receded and concurred the House in its reference.

Mr Currier of Franklin presented the petition of Joseph S. Linscott for an increase of salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Franklin, and the same was referred to the Joint Legislation of the County of Franklin  
Sent down for Concurrence.

Petitions of Benjamin J. Herrick and others for a Bank Charter; of Randall Savings and Benevolent Association for amendment of Charter were referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Robert Lorthaker and others against the incorporation of Township No. 3 into a town, was referred to Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petitions of Hiram E. Rice and others for incorporation for Manufacturing purposes and Bill to incorporate the Hiram Sale Manufac-

-turing Company, were referred to Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence

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Mr. Lechore of Waldo presented the petition of John F. Gerard and others in favor of the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary, was referred to the Committee on Education  
Laid down for concurrence

Petition of Paul Hammond and others for a law to prevent the destruction of fish in certain ponds and streams in Kennebec County, was referred to Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence

Petition of James Butterfield and others for a law to protect forests against fire, was referred to Judiciary Committee, in concurrence

Memorial of the citizens of Bangor praying to suspend action on the petition of the Penobscot and Kennebec Rail Road Company to loan the credit in aid of said road until an investigation of the affairs of said Company can be had" was referred to Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

On motion of Mr. Hitchborn of Waldo,

Ordered,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to enquire into the expediency of abolishing all Statute provisions for the Impetunatus of Fish Wardens on the Penobscot Waters

On motion of Mr. Garcelon,

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the subject of printing documents as authorized by Resolue of March 22 1856, and report what action may be necessary to secure their pub-



102. - lication hereafter at so early a day as not to embarrass the action of the Legislature - passed and Messrs. Garcelon, Eaton and Boody appointed said Committee

Mr. Willis from the Committee on the judiciary made the following reports

On the petition of C. P. Wentworth. Bice. <sup>In</sup> act to increase the salary of Register of Probate for Worcester County in

On the petition of J. S. Wellington. Bice. <sup>In</sup> act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for Worcester.

On an act to amend the 38<sup>th</sup> Section of the One Hundred and fourth Chapter of the Revised Statutes.

Bice <sup>In</sup> act to amend the 38<sup>th</sup> Section of 104 Chapter of Revised Statutes.

On an act to amend Chapter 244 of the public Laws of 1852.

Bice <sup>In</sup> act to amend Chapter 244 of the public Laws of 1852. on petition of Charles W. Goodard.

Bice. <sup>In</sup> act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of Androscoggin County."

On an order amending the Law relating to the collection of taxes in unincorporated places.

Bice. "An act additional to an act for the assessments and collections of taxes in unincorporated places" - and the following Reports were severally accepted, the Bills were read and tomorrow abridged for a

second reading

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Adjourned,

Louis Obawan Scott.

Thursday Jan'y 20 1853

Prayer by Rev Mr Tappan

Mr Blake of Penobscot, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the credentials of Peol Lockis. Delegate from the Penobscot Indians, Reported.

Read in favor of Peol Lockis" and the same was read once and the rule suspended, read a second time and paper to be engrossed

Mr Bichore of Waldo, presented the petition of E. O. Alden and others members of the Bar of the County of Waldo that no Grand jury be requested to the January term of the Court of said County, and that the criminal jurisdiction of said Court at said term be abolished and the same was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Hitchborn of Waldo, from the Committee on Division of Counties to which was referred the petition of the Town of Sedport from Somerset County to Penobscot County reported, Bills for that purpose, and the same was read once and Monday next assigned for a second reading

Bills. An act in addition to an act entitled, "An act to establish the County of Sagadahoc" came from the House passed to be enacted: was reported as truly and strictly engrossed, and the same was passed to be enacted, and was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval

Mr Watson of Lincoln presented the petition of Charles B. Fisher and others in aid of the prayer of the Trustees of Westbrok Academy, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education. Put down for concurrence.

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Mr Reichborn of Waldo presented the petitions of John Fowler and others, and of Jerome Harris and others severally in aid of the prayer of the petition of the Trustees of Westbrok Seminary, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education. Put down for concurrence.

Mr Blake of Penobscot from the Committee on Indian Affairs to which was referred the petition of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and sundry individuals of the Penobscot Indians. Reported,

"Resolve to promote Education among the Penobscot Indians" which was read once and Monday assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of Peol Lockis, came from the House, finally passed, and being reported as truly and strictly engrossed. The same was finally passed, and presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr Cushing of Waldo,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency, if any alteration in addition to the Statute relating to Sivoices be required to render it less onerous for persons destitute of pecuniary means to prosecute their suits before the Constitutional Tribunals, in such cases made and provided.

Bill An act to incorporate The Augusta



and Kalamazoo Gas Light Company, was referred to Judiciary Committee, in concurrence

Bill. An act in addition giving mortgages of real estate a lien on policies of assurances against fire, was referred to Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, in concurrence

Report upon the petition of Susan Thing came from the House that branch adhering to its former vote indefinitely postponing the same. The Senate receded from its former vote referring it to the next Legislature and concurred with the House in indefinitely postponing the same

Report of the Judiciary Committee to which was referred an act to amend Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, referring the same to the Committee on Manufactures, was accepted, in concurrence

Mr. Sumner of Oxford, presented, Resolve authorizing the Acting Quarter Master General to dispose of certain military property, was referred to Committee on Militia

Put down for concurrence

Mr. Pease of Cumberland presented petition of Nathaniel S. Littlefield in aid of the petition of Trustees of Westbrook Seminary, was referred to the Committee on Education

Put down for concurrence

The following Bills reported by the Committee on Bills in the third reading, viz.

Bill. An act to amend Chapter 244 of the Public Laws of 1852,

Bill. An act to increase the Salary of the Judge of Probate for Androscoog County; 107

Bill An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of Androscoog County."

Bill. An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for Androscoog County:

Bill. An act to amend Chapter 133 of the Revised Statutes.

Bill. An act to amend Chapter 104 of Section 38 of the Revised Statutes

Bill. An act additional to an act to incorporate Androscooggan Agriculture and Horticultural Society:

Bill. An act to authorize the Lewis Island Rail Road Company to change its location.

Bill. An act to regulate the sale of Oats:

Bill "An act additional to an act to authorize the City of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewis Island R. Road.

and the foregoing Bills were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Some Committee also reported, Resolve in favor of New York Law Institute, and the resolve was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Petitions of Davis Johnson for authority to call a meeting of the Stockholders of the New York City and Portland Exchange Granite Company

was referred to Committee on Judiciary, in concurrence

Mr Sumner of Lincoln, presented the petition of Marshall Smith and others of Boothby for an amendment of the constitution in relation to the elective franchise, and in relation to the Naturalization laws, and the same was referred as follows, so much as relates to the elective franchise to the joint Select Committee on Elective franchise, and so much as relates to Naturalization laws to the joint Select Committee on Naturalization.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Jesse Hayes and others for the incorporation of the Maine State Seminary, was referred to Committee on Education, in concurrence

Remonstrance of Elbridge Harris and others in behalf of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canals and Rail Road Company against the repeal of an Act approved March 24<sup>th</sup> 1843, was referred to Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Mr Barker of Hancock presented the petition of Putnam Ingalls and others for an amendment of Constitution in regard to the elective franchise, and relating to change in Naturalization Laws, and the same was referred as follows so much as relates to the elective franchise to the joint Select Committee on Elective franchise and so much as relates to the Naturalization Laws to joint Select Committee on Naturalization Laws, Sent down for concurrence

Order from the House, That the Committee on Judiciary be instructed to enquire into

the expediency of enacting a law requiring the several Plantations in the State to raise money for the support of Schools and the repair of highways in the same manner as incorporated cities and towns are required to do by Law was passed in concurrence

Order from the House. Ordered, That the Committee on Education be directed to enquire into the expediency of so altering the law establishing the The basis of Distribution of the Common School funds that their funds may be more fully equalized among the poorer and less populous districts in the State, was passed in concurrence

On motion of Mr Turner of Lincoln, Ordered That when the Senate adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Monday a eleven o'clock A.M.

Adjourned.

Louis C Corwain, Secy









Prayer by Rev Mr Ammitage. Jan'y 22 1853

The President being absent, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary, who informed the Senate that the President would be absent from the Chair several days, and that it would be necessary to chose a President Pro Tempore.

On motion of Mr Corchore of Waldo, a Committee consisting of Mr Mr Corchore of Waldo, Pease of Cumberland, and Barker of Hancock were appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for President Pro Tempore.

Having attended to the duty reported as follows

Whole Nos of votes	22
Necessary to a choice	12
Neville Blake has	16
Mellie Willis "	6

The Report was accepted and Neville Blake declared elected President Pro Tempore.

Mr. Blake ~~thanked~~ the Senate for its expression of their confidence, and accepted the office and took the chair.

On motion of Mr Dennett of York, a message was ordered to be sent to the House, informing that body, that the Senate had, in the absence of the President, made choice of Neville Blake, as President Pro Tempore.

On motion of Mr Corchore of Waldo a message was ordered to be sent to the Governor and Council informing that branch of the election of Neville Blake, as President Pro Tempore.



114 These messages were conveyed by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr Townes,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be ordered to enquire whether any alteration or amendments are necessary to be made in Chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes, and also to enquire as to the expediency of repealing the act contained in Chapter 136 passed August 14 1849.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of G. H. Douglass and others for aid to the town of Guilford in building a Bridge, came from the House, referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, on motion of Mr Elliot the Senate concurred with the House in the reference, and referred the same to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Boody,

Ordered, That the papers relating to the Geological Survey of the State be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the joint Special Committee, who have that subject under consideration.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Flint

Ordered, That the Committee on Rail Roads & Bridges be directed to enquire into the expediency of the acts and doings of the Kennebec and Somerset Rail Road Company, particularly in respect to that part of their Charter between Shoreham and North Anson with power

to send for persons and papers, and to report  
by Bill or otherwise.

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Sent down for concurrence

Mr Donnell of Oxford presented petitions of  
the Inhabitants of Hebron praying that they  
may be set off from Oxford County, and annexed  
to Androscoggin County, and the same was re-  
ferred to the Committee on Division of Counties.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Corbair of Waldo presented the Remonstrance  
of Eideon Richards and others, inhabitants of the  
town of Belmont against the petition of Nathaniel  
Cushman and others, and the same was refer-  
red to the Committee on Division of Towns

Sent down for concurrence

Same Senator presented the petition of David Howe  
and others of Lincolnville in aid of the petition  
of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary, and the same  
was referred to the Committee on Education

Sent down for concurrence

Petitions of G. P. Sewall and others, of Robert Bl-  
ocker and others, of J. W. Johnson; of Edward  
Anderson and others of Elisha Coolidge and oth-  
ers severally in aid of the petition of the Tru-  
stees of Westbrook Seminary; of H. G. Cilley  
and others of Lewiston, and C. P. Lobb and  
others for incorporation and endowment of  
the Maine State Seminary, was referred to  
the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petitions of A. L. Patten and others of Piscata-  
quis County for amendment or revision of  
State Constitution, of Caroline L. Sargent for  
power to convey certain real estate; and of  
James C. Madigan and others for the passage

of an to prevent the destruction of Forests from fire, was referred to the Committee in Judiciary, in concurrence

Petition of W. H. Brentice and others of Bristol in relation to the Naturalization Laws, was referred to the joint Special Committee having the Naturalization Laws under consideration, in concurrence

Petition of Thomas Caylor of Strong, for renewal and increase of pensions, was referred to the Committee on Pensions, in concurrence.

Account of Daniel Pinos for repairs done on Indian Township Road in the County of Washington, was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Petitions; of Wm G. Rust and others in reference to the toll on Cross Bridge; of Moses M. Libby, and others of Poland for incorporation of Poland and Oxford Central Rail Road Company; of C. H. Forbes and others in aid of the petitioners of the Penobscot Rail Road Company; of John Minin and others for same, of the petition of the directors and Stockholders of the Penobscot Rail Road Company for the alteration and extension of their road; of the directors and Stockholders of the Rail Road Company for the credit of the City of Bangor to said Company; of Elbridge Thomas in behalf of the Bangor Piscataquis Canal and Rail Road Company for the loan of the credit of the City of Bangor to said Company, were severally referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of Frederick Foye and others of Ded-

-ham asking that Sedham be set off from Hancock County, and annexed to Pembroke County, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence 117

Petition of Allegash Dam Company for increase of lot, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Adjourned,

Louis A Cowan, Secretary.



Tuesday Jan'y 23 1853

Prayer by Rev Mr Dexter

Mr Garcelon from the Committee on Joint Rules and orders, reported without amendment the first ten of the joint rules, in an amended form. ~~Also~~ rule 11<sup>th</sup>. The report was accepted subsequently Mr Founell of Oxford moved a reconsideration of the vote accepting the same, and on this question the Yeas and Nays were ordered and being taken the motion to reconsider prevailed.

Yeas, Adams, Barker, Beecham, Cumins,  
 Lascomb, Fennett, Founell Elliot  
 Flint, Goodwin, Holcomb, Pease,  
 Scammon, Shephard, Sprague, Turner,  
 Nays N. Blake, Nathl Blake, Boddy, 16  
 Forney, Garcelon, Watson and Mills

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Mr Founell of Oxford moved to amend by striking out the eleventh rule and the motion to amend prevailed, the report was then accepted as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Blake of Ansonia moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday concerning with the House in its reference of the petition of the Allgash Sam Company, and the motion prevailed and the petition was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Boddy of Cumberland presented

Bill, "An act to provide for the Education of Youth and establish a department of Public Instruction."

and on motion the Bill was laid upon the table 119  
and 350 copies ordered to be printed.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State communicating the 30th annual Report of the American Asylum at Hartford, for the education of the Deaf and Dumb, and the copies of the report transmitted, were distributed to the members of the Board.

Resolves authorizing the Treasurer of the State to balance certain accounts for taxes," came from the House finally passed, and being reported as truly and strictly engrossed, the same was finally passed, and presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Mr Fournelle of Oxford, presented the petition of Ephraim Atwood and others, of George Briggs and others, of Amory H. Allen and others, of Alden Kelce and others severally in favor of the incorporation of the Portland and Oxford Central Rail Road Company, and the same were referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

An act additional to an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Mechanics Bank, approved April 18 1854 was referred to Committee on Banking, in concurrence.

Mr Hochborn of Waldo, presented the petition of A. D. Ames for a divorce, and the same was referred to the Committee having under consideration the petition of Jane W. Lewis.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Elliot of Piscataquis presented the petition

James Holmes and others, Trustees of Foycroft Academy, for aid, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Goodwin of York presented the petition of Joseph Bennett and others in aid of the petition of Jefferson Nowlton and others to be set off from Lyman and annexed to Alfred, and the same was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns  
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Barcelona,  
Ordered. That the papers of the last Legislature in relation to the reform School, together with such reports of the Trustees, Superintendents or Committees as may exist be taken from the files for the use of the Committee on said schools.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to enquire into the expediency of designating and setting apart certain Townships for settling purposes, was passed, in concurrence.

"Resolve to promote the education of the Plover-ot Indians", reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Alfred Houtchins and others in aid of petition of Darius Montworth, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.



Bill. "An act additional to an act to incor- 121.  
porate the proprietors of Norton Point Bridge,  
reported in the House on petition of Stockhol-  
-dus of Bridge, was read once and tomorrow  
assigned for its second reading

Bill "An act to set off Detroit in the County  
of Somerset, and annex the same to the County  
of Rensselaer," reported by the Committee on Bills  
in the second reading, was read a second time  
amended as on sheet annexed marked A. and  
as amended passed to be engrossed.

Petitions of David Stanley and others of Wintthrop;  
of C. B. Abelle and others, of John Bean and  
others, of Moses Springe and others, of Frederick  
Muttling and others of Raymond; of George A.  
Price and others of Charleston; of L. B. Bate-  
-hender and others, severally in favor of the peti-  
-tion of the Petition of the Trustees of the West-  
-brook Seminary; was referred to the Committee  
on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of A. H. Merrill of Phelps; of Janice  
Allen and others of Newmouth, of B. C. Bailey  
and others of Bath, severally in aid of the Mai-  
-ne State Seminary, was referred to the Committee  
on Education, in concurrence.

Bill. An act to establish the Northern Pacific  
Railway; Petitions, of John Hensley and others  
in aid of the petition of Obenger Cobb and oth-  
-ers to incorporate the Portland and Oxford Ce-  
-ntral Rail Road Company; of J. Fairfield and  
others for an appropriation for a Bridge over  
Chrystal Stream in Ansonie County; and the  
petition of Elephat Greely and others for the  
incorporation of a company authorized to const-  
-ruct the Northern Pacific Railway, were severally



122 referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of David W. Gensman of Oxford to be allowed certain money paid out by him, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence

Petition of George A. Sinclair and others for repair of Gun House situated in Bowdoinville, was referred to the Committee on Militia, in concurrence

Petitions of C. S. Harkness and others for the election of State Officers, and for amendment of the Naturalization Laws, was referred, so much as relates to elections to the Committee on Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to the Naturalization Laws to the Committee on Naturalization Laws, in concurrence

Petition of R. P. Whitney and others for amendment of the Constitution so as to elect all State Officers, was referred to the Joint Select Committee, on the elective franchise, in concurrence

Order from the House. That the Messengers of the House of Representatives of the Senate be directed to distribute six copies of the Report of the Superintendent and Trustees of the Reform School, to each member of the House and Senate that what remains after such distribution be reserved to the Superintendent and Trustees of the Reform School for distribution by them, was passed, in concurrence

Order from the House. That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire whether any amendments are necessary to be made in Chapters 243, 286, 311 and 352 of the Special Laws of 1854, was read and passed in

Order from the House, That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to enquire into the expediency of requiring the Secretaries of Savings Institutions to make an annual Report of the amount deposited with the names of the depositors to the assessors of those cities and towns where such depositors reside.

On motion of Mr. Bennett of York.

Bill, "An act to incorporate the City of Biddeford," was taken from the table and the question being in the passage of the Bill to be engrossed, Mr. Bennett moved to amend the same as per sheet annexed to the Bill marked A, and the amendment was adopted, Mr. Bennett then moved further to amend as per sheet B, and the question being on the adoption of the amendment the Bill and amendments on motion of Mr. Dascomb was laid upon the table.

Adjourned.

Louis Chouan, Secy.

Accident.

Bills an act to establish a Police Court in the City of Augusta, and Remonstrance of Thomas Amory, Debtor, members of the Cumberland Bar against the abolition of the Municipal Court in Portland were severally referred to the Judiciary Committee in concurrence.

Wednesday Jan'y 24 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr. Holman

Mr Willis of Cumberland, presented the petition of the Directors of the Androscoggin and Kennebec Rail Road Company for a charter for a Rail Road between Danville Junction and Portland was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Sumby of Cumberland presented the petition of Asa Leavitt and others of Westbrook in aid of the prayer of the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Willis of Cumberland presented Bill.

An act additional to an act in relation to criminal prosecutions, and the same was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to a change in the Judiciary System of the State presented

"Resolution in favor of a Commission to prepare a Judiciary System" and the same was once read, the rule suspended, and the Resolve passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Pease from the Committee on Agriculture to which was referred "Proceedings of the third

Reported,

That the Book containing said proceedings be returned to the House as properly belonging to that body", and the report was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Sumell of Oxford presented the petition of certain inhabitants of Hartford to be set off from said town, and annex the same to the town of Buckfield, and the same was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Watson from the Committee on engrossed bills reported,

Bills, "An act to incorporate the Wayne Paper Company," as truly and strictly engrossed and the same was passed to be enacted, and sent to the Governor for his approval, by the Secretary

Mr Sennett of York moved to take from the table. Bills, "An act to incorporate the City of Biddeford," and the question being on the adoption of the pending motion, the same was withdrawn and the Bill further amended as per sheet annexed marked B. and the Bill as amended, passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Sascome from the Committee on Interior Matters to which was referred the petition of Sewall Munin and others, reported reference of the same to the Committee on Militia, and the report was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Same Senator from same Committee to which was referred the petition of Jacob J. Lewis reported-



Bill, "An act to allow the construction of a Dyke and Ridgen Hill Mark creek in the town of Millbridge;" and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Same Senator from same Committee to which was referred the petition of Paul Hammond and others, reported reference of same to the Committee on Fisheries, and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Willis from the Judiciary Committee, reported,

"An act to incorporate the Hallowell and Augusta Gas Light Company" the same also on petition of Rufus Benz and others

Bill, "An act to authorize the Fieowile Baptist Society to sell their Meeting House on the line between Winthrop and Wayne,

The reports were severally accepted, the Bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Adams,

Ordered, That the Committee of Agriculture be directed to enquire into the expediency of amending Chapter 24 of the public Laws of 1853 by striking out the first and sixth sections and inserting the words "first" and "March", also by striking out the word "October" in the third line of the first and sixth sections, and inserting the word September.

On motion of Mr Boddy, the vote by which the Senate directed the printing of the 350 copies of the act to provide for the education of South and establish a department of public

"Instruction" was reconsidered and the Bill was on his motion referred to the Committee on Education

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Goodwin of York presented the petition of Ephraim C. Hunney of Kittery praying for a grant of Duck Island, one of the Isle of Shoals, and the same was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Willis of Cumberland, presented.

Bill. "An act making further provisions for the conveyance of land by married woman" was referred to the Judiciary Committee

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Plase of Cumberland, presented the petition of Horace Billings and others for authorization of a Rail Road from Portland, Westbrook to Harrison Village, and the same was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence

Adjourned,

Louis A Corvan, Secty

Jan'y 25, 1855  
 Prayer by Rev Mr Squire.

Mr Townes of Washington presented, Resoluc  
 entitled

"Resoluc providing for the promulgation  
 of the Laws of the State"

and the same was read  
 once, the rule suspended, and passed to be eng-  
 robed,

On motion of Mr Loring of Kennebec.

Ordered  
 That the Secretary of the State be requested to  
 furnish for the use of the Senate twelve cop-  
 ies of the Acts and Resolves of the Session  
 of 1854.

Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of the town  
 of Lyman against the petition of Jefferson  
 Mobulton and Nathl Low being set off  
 from that town to Alfred, was referred  
 to Committee on Division of Towns, in concu-  
 -rence

Mr Willis from the Judiciary Committee. An-  
 order to enquire into the expediency of ame-  
 -nding Chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes  
 and Chapter 136 of the public laws of Maine

Reported;

Bills, "An act to amend Chapter  
 173 of the Revised Statutes, and Chapter 136  
 of the Public Laws in the year 1849", and the  
 same was once read and tomorrow assigned  
 for a second reading

An act to allow the construction of a Dyke across Pidgeon Hill Marsh Creek in the town of Millbridge reported by Committee on Bills in second reading, was passed to be engrossed.

An act to incorporate the Hallowell and Augusta Gas Light Company, reported by Committee on Bills in second reading, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Bill. An act to authorize the Lewis Baptist Society of Wayne to sell their Meeting House on the line between Winthrop and Wayne.

Bill. An act additional to an act to incorporate the proprietors of Martin Point Bridge, severally reported by the Committee on Bills in third reading, were read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Mr Ruggles from the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, reported on petition of J. Fairfield and others, reference of the same to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petitions of H. D. Fellows and others of Richmond, of J. B. Thorndike and 660 others of Portland, of Lowell Mauston and 52 others, for the election of all State Officers by the people, and for alterations in the Naturalization Laws, were severally referred as follows, so much as refers to the election of Officers to Committee on Elective Franchise, and so much as relates to foreigners, on the Naturalization Laws, in concurrence.

Petitions of Sherburn Sleyer and others, of Albridge Barker and others, of William Wins-



130 - low and others, of Samuel L. Halsey and others for an act to prevent forests and timber lands from fire, and an act for the protection of forests and timber lands from fire was referred to the Committee in Judiciary, in concurrence

Petitions of Warren Thayer and others; of William Lowell and others, of Henry Sumner and others, of William Cousins and others severally in favor of granting a charter for the Portland and Oxford Central Rail Road Company, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petitions of J. B. Stevens and others, of William Mosely and others severally in favor of granting the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary, and the petition of J. H. Ingraham and others in behalf of the Trustees of Cong Female Academy for a grant of land to said Academy, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence

Petition of Kennebec and Piscataway Rail Road Company for the right to extend said road over the Kennebec River, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence,

Petition of Thomas Hancock and others of Gray for an act of incorporation for a Mutual Benefit Association, was referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence

Order, That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of making it a penal offence for any person to convey real estate by deed mortgage or otherwise knowing

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That prior incumbrance exists, without making the same known to the grantee or mortgagee before receiving the consideration, came from the House and was passed in concurrence

Order from the House. That the petition of John Dudley and others, Inhabitants of White Plantation for remuneration for lumber hauled from School Blocks be taken from the files and that the same together with the certificate of John Dudley accompanying that order be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. was passed in concurrence

Adjourned.

Louis A. Cowan, Secy

Jan'y 26 1855  
Prayer by Rev Mr Felch

Mr. Jennett of York from the Committee on Division of Towns to which was referred the petition of Daniel Bunker and others, that the towns of Anson and North Anson may be reannexed reported, order of notice on same and the same was accepted. The vote accepting this report was subsequently reconsidered and the Report laid upon the Table on motion of Mr Blake

Same Senator from same Committee, reported Order of notice on petition of Frederick Hays and others, and the Report on motion of Mr Blake was laid upon the Table

Mr Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary reported, "Legislation Inexpedient" on an order relating to cases of Surcease, also same report on order respecting Trustee Process, and the same were accepted

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Garcelon from the Committee on Rail Road Bridges to which was referred the petition of C. Cobb and others for the incorporation of the Oxford and Portland Central Rail Road Company reported, "Leave to Withdraw" on the same, and the report was read and on motion of Mr Donnell laid upon the table and Wednesday next assigned for a second reading

On motion of Mr Goodwin of York.

Ordered

That the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance be directed to enquire what legislation, if any, is necessary in addition to Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes. 133

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve for the promulgation of the laws of the State reported as truly and strictly engrossed was finally passed, and conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Bill, "An act to amend Chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes, and Chapter 136 of the Public Laws for the 1849" reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading was read a second, and on motion of Mr Cushing the Bill was laid upon the table, and 350 copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mrs Scammon from the Committee on Manufactures to which was referred an order relating to the amendment of Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, reported Legislation Inexpedient, on the same, accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The petition of William Mills and 58 others legal voters of Levant;

The petition of Peter H Radcliff and 47 others legal voters of Lincolnville.

The petition of John K Frohock and 30 others legal voters of Lincolnville, all praying for alteration of the Constitution in relation to election of officers of State Government by the people, and in relation to persons of foreign birth, were severally read and re-



134 forced. so much as relates to election of officers,  
to the Committee on Naturalization Laws  
and so much as relates to persons of foreign  
birth to the Committee on Naturalization Laws  
Sent down for concurrence

Petition of Jesse Craig and others for an approp-  
riation to open a Rail Road from Chrystie  
Plantation to Island Falls and Sags Island was  
referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and  
Bridges  
Sent down for concurrence

Remonstrance of Rufus B. Walker and others  
against the petition of Simera Allen and  
others for a bridge across Davis Narrows in  
Bluehill, was read and referred to the Com-  
mittee on Rail Roads and Bridges  
Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Thorndike of Lincoln  
Ordered, That the Committee in the Judiciary,  
be directed to enquire and report on  
the expediency of repealing Chapter 28 of  
the Acts of 1847 giving Jurisdiction to Dis-  
trict Courts over Juries of County Commissioners,  
Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of James Coulter of Troy for the en-  
dowment of the Maine State Seminary;  
of John W. Rice and others of Gorham  
in aid of the prayer of the petition of the  
Trustees of Westbrook Seminary, were referred  
to the Committee on Education, in concu-  
-rence.

Petition of Joseph C. Newton of Ports-  
mouth for a grant of Duck Island, was ref-  
-erred to the Committee on State Lands and  
State Roads, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Eldridge G. Durgin and others against the petition of Imicon Allen and others for leave to build a Bridge across Davis Narrows in Berwickville was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of Jonathan Hoarshes of Meinst, in aid of the petition of C. Cobb and others for the incorporation of the Oxford and Portland Rail Road Company, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of J. L. Carlton and others of Portland for a Charter for a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, in concurrence

Petition of James Bagley and others of Woolwich to be set off from Sagadahoc County to the County of Lincoln, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Elliot of Piscataquis Ordered, That the petition of the Trustees of Horcroft Academy, with accompanying papers be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Education  
Sent down for concurrence

Resolves in favor of a Commission to prepare a "Judiciary System" passed to be engrossed in this branch, came back from the House, amended as on sheets marked A and B.

The Senate receded from its former vote, concurred in the adoption of the amendments, and passed the same to be engrossed, as amended.

136 On motion of Mr Willis.

Ordered, That the Senate appoint a Committee of three with such as the House may appoint to select suitable Commissioners to revise the laws establishing the Supreme Judicial Court and to prepare a bill or Bills to establish an additional Court, and Messrs Goodwin and Cushing ~~and~~ Eaton were appointed on part of the Senate

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Joint Committee to prepare rules and orders, came from the House that branch nonconcurring the Senate in the adoption of the report as amended, and the report was accepted as made by the Committee. The Senate insisted upon its former vote amending the report and proposed a conference and Messrs Wickborn of Malden Blake of Penobscot and Bennett of York appointed conferees on the part of the Senate

Sent down for concurrence.

The following Resolves came from the House passed,

Resolved, in concurrence with the Senate, that the members of this Legislature have heard with deep regret of the decease of our late fellow citizen, the esteemed and honored Luther Liverance, for many years a most useful and distinguished member of the Legislature of this State.

Resolved That as a testimonial of our sincere regard for his memory as a man of high integrity and honor, and as a faithful public officer, the members of this body will attend the funeral of the deceased tomorrow afternoon



Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions 137  
be subscribed by the presiding officers of the  
two branches, and forwarded to the family of  
the deceased

They were read and unanimously  
passed.

On motion of Mr Insey.

Ordered  
That a Committee consisting of three, on the  
part of the Senate, with such as the House  
may join, be raised to make arrangements  
for the funeral services of the late Hon Suth-  
er Liverance. The order passed and Messrs  
Insey of Kennebec, Willis of Portland and  
Ruggles of Penobscot, were appointed Committ-  
ee on the part of the Senate, The House join-  
ed. Messrs Leavitt, Lincoln of Hallowell, O'Brien  
of Thomaston, Garrison of Eastport and  
Nicherson of Belfast

Adjourned

Louis C Cowan, Secy.



Saturday Jan'y 27 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Shule

The vote of yesterday passing to be engrossed Resolves to appoint a Commission to prepare a Judiciary System, as amended, was reconsidered on motion of Mr Willis amended as per sheet A. and then laid upon the table

On motion of Mr Willis, the vote passing an order for the raising a joint Committee to appoint Commissioners to report a Judiciary Bill was reconsidered, and the order laid upon the table

On motion of Mr Watson,

Ordered, That the Messenger be authorized to employ an assistant during the absence of the Assistant Messenger

The following order came from the House, Ordered the Senate concurring that a Committee be appointed to be composed of three from the Senate and five from the House to nominate the Commissioners whose names shall be inserted in the resolve providing for the appointment of Commissioners to revise the Judiciary System of the State passed, and Messrs Hile of Bangor, Leavitt of Thowhegan, Coane of Portland, Chesley of Fryeburg, and Cole of Harrington appointed Committee on part of the House, The Senate passed the order in concurrence and joined Messrs Goodwin of York, Eaton of Kennebec and Cushing of Waldo

The following Bills reported as truly and state- 139  
-ly engrossed

Bill, "An act additional to an act to incorpo-  
-ate the proprietors of Martin Point Bridge."

"An act to increase the salary of the judge of Pro-  
-bate for the County of Aroostic."

"An act additional to an act for the  
assessment and collection of taxes in incorpo-  
-ated places."

"An act additional to an act to authorize  
the City of Calais to aid in the construction  
of the Lewis Island Rail Road."

"An act additional to an act to incorpo-  
-ate the Androscoggin Agricultural and Ho-  
-rticultural Society."

"An act to authorize Lewis Island Rail  
Road Company to alter its location."

• "An act to amend Chapter two hundred  
and fifty four of the public Laws of the year  
eighteen Hundred and fifty two;"

"An act to amend Chapter two hundred  
and forty four of the public Laws of the  
year Eighteen Hundred and Fifty two."

"An act to amend the fourteenth section  
of Chapter forty four of the Revised Statutes"

"An act to increase the Salary of the Regis-  
-ter of Probate for Aroostic"

"An act to amend the 38<sup>th</sup> Section of the

140 One Hundred and Fourth Chapter of the Revised Statutes, were severally passed to be enacted

Resolves in favor of the New York Law Institute, were finally passed, in concurrence

These Bills were conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval

On motion of Mr Goodwin of York,

Ordered

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of giving to either party in all cases in equity the right of trial by jury.  
Laid down for concurrence.

Petitions of W. J. Tarbox and others of Westport; of Henry J. Warren and others; of John B. Thing and others, of H. H. Sherman and others; of Josiah Merrow and others; of Mr Arnold and others; of Thomas Hawks and others and of Moses E. Dow and others severally in favor of the election of State officers by the people, and in relation to the Naturalization Laws, were severally referred as follows so much of the said petitions as refers to Elections to the Committee on Elective Franchise, and so much as refers to the Naturalization Laws, to the Committee on Naturalization Laws in concurrence

Resolve in favor of Charles Turner was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of James Sargent and others; of Samuel Mc Clelland and others; & Israel



Fuller and others for a Law to prevent fires in the forests, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence 141

Petitions of G. Purington and others: of James C. Church; of P. M. Garcelon; of John S. Hoyt and others severally in favor of the prayer of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary; of True W. Holle and others and others: of L. D. Trout and others, of J. M. Muzzey and others, of Berks; of Campbell Backholder and others, of Samuel Small and others severally in favor of the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary; of the Trustees of the East Maine Conference Seminary, of J. M. Tilton and others, Ladies of Rockland, of Knott Crockett and others severally in favor of prayer of the Trustees of the East Maine Conference Seminary for aid, and the petition of the Trustees of the East Maine Academy for aid from the State in behalf of that institution were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of the Board of Agriculture praying for the incorporation and endowment of a "State Agricultural Society" was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Pickard and others for a Bank Charter to be located in Danville, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of John R. Whiting of Belfast for an act of Incorporation for Manufacturing purposes: was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence.



142 Petition of the Directors of the Gardiner-Tittabwa Bridge Company to increase the rates of toll on said Bridge, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Remonstrance of Selectmen of Town of Melnick against the petition of James Bailey and others that said town may be annexed to Lincoln County, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence

Account of Daniel Putnam against the State for distributing documents in Waldo County, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence

Order from the House, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the 75<sup>th</sup> section of Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes so as to allow members of Rail Road corporations to be witnesses on trials of actions where said corporations may be parties, was passed in concurrence

Order from the House, That the State Librarian be directed to procure one copy each of the Tri weekly Kennebec Journal, and Tri weekly Age of the last session and one copy each of said papers for the present session of the Legislature and cause the same to be bound and to be placed in the Library, was passed in concurrence

Mr Incey from the Committee on Education to which was referred the petitions of the Trustees of Melbrook Seminary, reported

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary" and the same was read once and Wednesday the seventh day of February assigned for a second reading

Mr. Heichborn from same Committee to which was referred the petition for aid to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, reported.

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary" which was read once and Wednesday the seventh day of February assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Thundike from the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance to which was referred.

Bill, "An act to addition giving Mortgagees on real estate a lien on Policies of Insurance against fire, was read once and Monday assigned for a second reading

Mr. Eaton from the Committee on Banks and Banking to which was referred the petition of the Directors of Casco Bank for increase of Capital Stock reported.

Bill, "An act to increase the Capital Stock of Casco Bank"

also on the petition of the Merchants Bank"

Bill "An act additional relating to the Merchants Bank of Portland"

and the same were read once and Monday assigned for a second reading

Mr. Willis from the Judiciary Committee to which was referred an act making

144 further provisions for the conveyance of properties of married women reported.

Bill, "An act making further provisions for the conveyance of property of married women" also an order relating to Amendments or alterations of Chapter 243, 286, 311 and 352 of the Special Laws of 1854, reported.

An act to amend certain acts passed by the Last Legislature" and the same were severally read once, and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr Sennett of York.

<sup>Ordered</sup>  
That when the Senate adjourn it adjourns to meet at eleven A. M. Monday next.

Adjourned,

Louis Q. Lavan Secy.

Monday Jan'y 29 1855  
Prayer by Rev Mr Ware

On motion of Mr Ruggles, who suggested that  
at no quorum was present, the Senate

Adjourned.

Louis Chouan, Sec'y.



Tuesday, Jan'y 30 1853.  
Prayer by Rev Mr. Drew.

Communication from the Secretary of State transmitting a list of the names of Inspectors of Fish, was referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Fisheries. In concurrence.

Communication from the Secretary of State transmitting Official Statements of the Agricultural Societies, was referred with accompanying Statements to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Communications from Secretary of State, transmitting returns of Cashiers of Bank and Clerks of Corporations, comprising names of Stockholders, their residence, and the amount of Stock owned by each."

Mr. Hoickson from the Conference Committee on the disagreeing vote of the two branches relating to the adoption of the report of the Joint Committee on the Joint rules and orders reported.

the original report, with an amendment, annexed.

Report accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Downes laid upon the table

Bills, "An act repealing Chapter 28 of the Public Laws. Approved March 29 1853 and the same no-

- used to be engrossed

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Sent down for concurrence

Mr Elliot of Piscataquis presented the petition of Stephen Williamson and others, of Orrin Bartlett and others for the incorporation and endowment of a Maine State Seminary, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Adams of Washington presented the Remonstrance of the Millbridge Company against the petition of Alonzo C. Small and others, and the same was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Elliot of Piscataquis presented petition of Alden Monroe and others, praying, "The Legislature to instruct our Senate and request our representatives in Congress to use their influence to procure the entire prohibition of the importation of Alcoholic Liquors into this Country"; and the same was referred to the Committee on so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to the Liquor Laws.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Cushman of Waldo,

Ordered.

That the Secretary be requested to take from the files, the petition of the Ladies Temperance Band in Liberty, for amendment of the Liquor Law, and that the same be referred to the Committee having under consideration that part of the Governor's Message relating to the said Liquor Law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Credentials of John Sewell, Representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, came from the House referred to the Committee on Indian affairs, and were referred, in concurrence.

Mrs Garcelon of Androscoggin presented the petition of William Buckman and others of Lisbon in aid of the Maine State Seminary, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education, Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator presented the petition of William Buckman and others of Union Meeting House in Webster for request to sell the same, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Townes of Washington.

Bill, "An act in addition to an act in relation to elections, passed at Extra Session 1840. approved October 27 1840.

was taken from the table, and on his motion the Bill was read once, the rule suspended, read a second time, and as amended passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Fennett of York. The report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering Notice returnable to present Legislature on the petition of Daniel Bunker Jr and others, was taken from the table, and the same was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of John M Wood and 545 others of Portland praying that the Municipal Court of Portland may be abolished and a



Police Court established in its stead, was referred to the Judiciary Committee, in concurrence

Bill, "An act regulating the use of Rail Road Bridges" was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Mr. Boody of Cumberland, presented the Memorial of J. H. Williams, Judge of the Municipal Court of Portland, asking that the charges against him may be investigated in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, and the same was referred to the Judiciary Committee, Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of abolishing the February Term of the Criminal Court in Oxford County, in concurrence

On motion of Mr. Boody, The Secretary was directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the Resolves in favor of the Western Seminary, and the Westworth Seminary for the use of the Legislature

Communication from the Secretary of State, relating to the State Library, made in compliance with the act of April 20 1854, was referred to the Committee on the Library, in concurrence

Order from the House, That the Committee on the State Reform School, be directed to visit said school and to examine the condition of the same and report to the present Legislature, was passed in concurrence



Remonstrance of Noah Wood and 280 others inhabitants of the City of Gardiner against the petition of the Directors of the Gallatin and Pittston Bridge for an increase of toll, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petitions of Albert Smith and others, of Jacob Bemis and others, of William A. Lee and others of Trustees of the Coahoma Union Academy, of Dustin Page and others for endowments of Charlestown Academy, of John S. Knox and others of Bucksport, of John Black and others for aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary; of A. M. Fob and others of Cold Town for the endowment of a Department of Natural Science in connection with Westbrook Seminary, were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petitions of R. J. Sprague and others, of John Jumpers and others relating to election of all State officers, and Naturalization Laws were severally referred so much of the petitions as refers to elections to the Committee on Elective franchise, and so much as relates to changes in the Naturalization Laws to the Committee on Naturalization, in concurrence.

Petition of William Kilbume and others in aid of the petition of Samuel Rickard and others for a Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of O. R. Bacheller and others for incorporation of Key State Lodge, was referred to Committee on Mercantile affairs and Manu-

Petition of Charles Kidden and others for grant of Land in Township Letter B. Norwalk County for certain purposes, also of John Taber, for a similar grant, were referred to Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence

Petition of Benjamin Warren and others of Islesboro for a grant to build a wharf in Pleasant Bay waters near Crow Cove, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence

Petition of Joel Hodgman Agent of School District No 8 in Camden that the Sittings of the Agent and Building Committee may be legalized, was referred to the Judiciary Committee in concurrence.

Mrs. Hitchborn of Waldo presented  
Bills, "An act to incorporate the Holders of the first Congregational Church of Searsport," and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary  
Sent down for concurrence

Remonstrance of S. W. Taylor and others against the annexation of the "Gore" to the Town of Western Norwalk County, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Petition of S. P. Shaw and others in aid of the Petition of the Trustees of Waterville College for aid in behalf of that institution, was referred to the Committee on Education

Petitions, of Wales Hubbard and others, of A. B. Dyer and others, of David S. Stevens and others of Emory D. Bean and others, for aid of the petition of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary for aid from State, were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence

Order from the House, That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to enquire into the expediency of so amending the Laws in relation to the assessments of taxes as to require the assessors of cities, towns and plantations to make their assessments on the first day of May instead of the first day of April as now provided, was passed, in concurrence

The following Bills reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, without amendment.

Bill, "An act to increase the Capital Stock of the Banco Bank"

Bill, "An act additional to the Merchants Bank of Portland"

Bill, "An act to amend certain Acts passed by the Last Legislature"

Bill, "An act making further provisions for the conveyance of property of married women" and these Bills were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns giving Leave to withdraw on the petition of Robinson, Moulton and Nathaniel [unclear] [unclear]



farms may be set off from Lyman to Alfred, 153.  
was accepted, in concurrence

Bill, An act to apportion and assess on the inhabitants of this State a tax of two Hundred and one Thousand One Hundred fifty three dollars and forty six cents, reported in the House by the Finance Committee, and passed to be engrossed in the House, The Bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Thorndike from the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance to which was referred the petition of John Bard and others reported on same

Bill, An act to incorporate the North Insurance Company of Rockland and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Bill, An act additional to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Allegash Saw Company approved June 3 1857, reported in the House by the Committee on State Roads and State Lands, and from that branch, passed to be engrossed, The Bill was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Bill, An act in addition giving to mortgages on real estate a lien on Policies of assurances against fire;

reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time and on motion of Mr Eaton it was laid upon the table

Order from the House, relative to amen



1524- ding Chapter 72 of the Laws of 1848 and Chap-  
ter 216 of the Laws of 1857 giving to laborers  
on lumber a lien on the Lumber that they  
help cut and haul, came from the House  
was referred to the Committee on the Judici-  
ary, and the same was passed, in concu-  
-rence

Adjourned.

Louis O Cowan, Secretary

Wednesday Jan'y 31 1855  
Prayer by Rev. Mr. Jew

The following Bills reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading without amendment.

Bill, "An act in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Alleghash Dam Company approved June 3 1851."

Bill "An act to incorporate the North Insurance Company Richland."

Bill, "An act to assess and apportion on the Inhabitants of this State a Tax of \$201, 153, 44 for the Year 1853"

were severally read a second time and the same passed to be engrossed

Resolve in favor of John Newell and Joseph Toler Selmore, reported in the House from the Committee on Indian affairs, came from the House and passed to be engrossed and the same was read once, and the rule suspended, and read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence

Mr Blake from the Committee on Indian affairs reported

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, and the same was read once, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

156. Mr Cushing from Wals moved to take from the table

Bill, "An act to amend Chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes and Chapter 136 of the Public Laws for 1849, and the motion prevailed. On his motion the bill was assigned for a further consideration tomorrow at eleven o'clock.

The report of the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petitions for the incorporation of the Portland and Central Rail Road Company, came up by assignment. On motion of Mr Donnell the report was laid upon the table, and Tuesday Feb 6, assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr Walker of Oxford, That a joint Select Committee be raised consisting of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join to contract with some person or persons to do the State printing and binding for the current political year. The order passed and Messrs Walker of Oxford, Downes of Calais, and Eaton of Kennebec were appointed Committee on the part of the Senate. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Randall Savings and Benevolent Association, reported in the House on petition of the Treasurer of said Institution, was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Eaton from the Committee on Banks and Banking on the petition of the Directors of Union Bank, reported.

Bill. An act to increase the

Capital Stock of Union Bank." and the same 157  
was once read and tomorrow assigned for  
its second reading

Bill, "An act to authorize the Lee Mill Bapt-  
-ist Society of Wayne to sell their Meeting House  
on the line between Winthrop and Wayne

Bill, "An act repealing Chapter twenty eighth  
of the Public Laws, approved March twenty ninth  
Eighteen Hundred and fifty Three

Bill, "An act to allow the construction of a  
dike across Pigeon Hill Marsh Creek in the  
town of Millridge

Bill "An Act to incorporate the city of Biddeford.

Bill "An act in addition to an act entitled  
An act to incorporate the Allegash Dam Com-  
pany, approved June 3 1851."

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Augusta  
and Hallowell Gas Light Company, were ser-  
-ially reported as truly and strictly engrossed  
were passed to be enacted.

Resolve in favor of John Newell and Joseph  
Pelmore., reported as truly and strictly engr-  
-ossed., was finally passed

These Bills and Resolves, were conveyed to the  
Governor, by the Secretary for his approval

Mr Blake from Committee on Indian Affairs  
reported,

"Resolve in favor of Paskamaquoddy  
Indians" and the same was once read  
and tomorrow assigned for a second readi-  
-ng.



Report of the Committee on Interior Matters ordering notice on petition of Jarvis Wentworth and others, was accepted, in concurrence

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

Petitions of William Hoam and others of Leeds to be set off from Leeds and annexed to Wales, of George Dodge and others to be set off from Bridgton Center Village Corporation, and Remonstrance of the Electors of Manchester against the petition of John Otis and others, were referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence

Petitions of Benjamin Walker and others for a Rail Road from Portland to Bridgton or from Portland to Houlton and Watford of John Desser and others, of Castine, for a Bridge across Davis Narrows; of Alexander Snowman and others for a Bridge across Davis's Narrows, were referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petitions of Moses Abbott and others of Etta for the incorporation of a new County by the name of Sebastecook, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties in concurrence

Petition of Maine Charitable Mechanics Association for extension of Charter, was referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence

Bills "An act making further provisions for the protection of public ways" was referred to the Judiciary Committee, in concurrence 159.

Petition of Francis Stoughton and others of Dresden, praying that all State Officers may be elected by the people, was referred to the Committee on Elective Franchise in concurrence

Petition of Jacob W. Reed and others praying for an amendment of the Constitution so that no person of foreign birth shall hold office civil or military, was referred to the Committee on Naturalization, in concurrence

Mr Elliot of Piscataquis presented the petition of C. H. Woodbury and others of Dover for an amendment of the Constitution so that all State Officers and County Officers shall be elected by the people, was referred to the Committee on Elective Franchise  
Sent down for concurrence

Order from the House, That the petition of Francis Tibbey together with the accompanying papers be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence

Adjourned

Louis Q. Courau, Sec'y

February 1 1853.

Prayer by Rev Mr Hanson

On motion of Mr Brody,

Ordered, That a Bill entitled "An act to authorize the business of Banking be taken from the files of the last Legislature of 1850, and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking

On motion of Mr Bennett of York. The report of the Committee on Division of Towns ordering notice, returnable to this Legislature on the petition of Frederick Frye and others, was taken from the table, and the same was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Goodwin of York from the joint Select Committee to nominate three Commissioners to revise the Judiciary System, Reported as follows

"That they nominate Edward Kent of Bangor, Lot M. Merrill of Augusta, and John Rand, Esq of Portland, as Commissioners whose names shall be inserted in the resolve, providing for the appointment of Commissioners to revise the Judiciary System of this State" and the report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

The following Bills and Resolves reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading without amendment, viz Bill, "An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Randall Savings and Benevolent Association."



Bill "An act to increase the Capital Stock of 161.  
the Union Bank" and a

Resolve in favor  
of the Passamaquoddy Indians, were severally  
read a second time and passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Pease, Ordered, That the Com-  
mittee on Military Pensions be directed to inquire  
into the expediency of repealing the Resolve granting  
William Fox a pension, and the same passed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Tunnell from the Committee  
on the Library. Reported on a recommendation  
of the Secretary of State the following.

"The Secretary  
of State is hereby authorized to embrace in the  
list of exchanges with different States of the Union,  
one set of all our Legislative, Educational and Ag-  
ricultural Documents and the same was once read  
and tomorrow assigned for a second reading."

"Resolve authorizing the apportionment of County  
Taxes on the several Counties" reported by the  
Finance Committee in the House, and passed to  
be engrossed in that Branch, was read once  
and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Petitions of Jonas Faensworth and others  
of Pembroke: of Samuel Gibson and others: of  
Calvin Bridgman and others: of Alpheus Lyon  
and others in aid of the prayer of Trustees of  
Westbrook Seminary, and the petition of Arthur  
Cavens and others of Biddeford, also

Petition of C. O. Libby and others in favor of  
the Maine State Seminary, were severally re-  
ferred to the Committee on Education in con-



Petition of the inhabitants of the town of Dunham to be set off from Androscoggin County to Cumberland County, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties in concurrence

Remonstrance of Asa Paine and others against the petition of Daniel Bunker Jr for the Union of the towns of Anson and North Anson, was referred in concurrence

Petitions of Hiram Irvine and others for aid to Edward Gray to build a Carding Machine

Petitions of Sylvanus C. Prince and others: of Paul R. Curtis and others for an act to incorporate the Keepswell Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and an act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Keepswell, were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence

Petition of Luther Curtis for remuneration for services in expenses in arresting a criminal, was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence

Remonstrance of John Minn and others against the petition of the Bangor Piscataquis Canal Rail Road Company for change of name, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of F. W. Dillingham and 406 others, to have the Police Court of the City of Bangor abolished, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence

Petition of Solomon Browning and others of Charles- 163.  
town also

Petitions of A. Waterhouse of Durham;  
of A. R. P. Smart and others of Dexter; of N. P.  
Hoskelle and others; of Timothy Bailey and others  
of Auburn; of A. L. McDonald and others  
relative to changes in the law respecting the  
election of State Officers, and changes in the nat-  
uralization laws, were severally referred so much  
as relates to the election of State Officers to the  
Committee on Elective Franchise, and so much  
as relates to the naturalization laws to the Com-  
mittee on Naturalization Laws, in concurrence

Mr Ruggles from Penobscot presented the petition  
of Adams Treat and others for authority to con-  
struct a Railroad from Frankfort to Bangor,  
and the same was referred to the Committee  
on Railroads and Bridges, in concurrence

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Ruggles of Penobscot, from the Committee  
on Rail Roads and Bridges, to which was  
referred the petition of Eliphalet Greedy and oth-  
ers, reported

Bills to establish the Northern  
Pacific Railway, and on motion of Mr Lancelon  
the report and accompanying Bills was recommen-  
ded

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Willis of Cumberland presented the petition  
of John Sharow and others for an appropriation  
of \$25,000 to the establishment of Natural Science  
in the Westbrook Seminary, and the same was re-  
ferred to the Committee on Education

Sent down for concurrence

164. Mr Pease of Cumberland presented the petition of Ephraim Flint and others Assessors, Treasurers and Collectors of Baldwin, that their doings may be legalized, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Eaton presented,

Bill. An act in amendment of the ninety first Chapter of the Revised Statutes, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Blake of Penobscot from the Committee on Indian Affairs to which was referred the account of Janice Pines.

Reported, reference of the same to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads

Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Carleton of Cumberland, ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to enquire what laws if any are necessary to secure the employment of competent teachers in such Institutions as may be endowed by the State

Sent down for concurrence

Bill. "An act to amend Chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes and Chapter 136 of the Public Laws of the year 1849," came up by assignment, and the Bill was read a second time and ordered to be en-

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Adjourned.

Louis A. Courau, Sec'y.



Friday Feb'y 2 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Squire

Petition of Charles Foster and 98 others of Machias that the prayer of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary for aid may be granted

Petition of Nathaniel Andrews and 22 others praying for incorporation and endowment of Maine State Seminary

Petition of Cornelius Holland and others citizens of Camden for the endowment of a department of Natural Science in connexion with Westbrook Seminary

Petition of George Smith and 56 others in favor of East Maine Conference Seminary, came from the House and were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence

Petition of J. B. Marrow and 43 others in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb to incorporate Portland and Oxford Central Rail Road Company

Petition of F. D. J. Smith for an act of incorporation to rebuild a bridge at Canda point, Oxford County, came from the House and were severally referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of Moses M. Eaton and 19 others  
praying for a new County

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Petition of John Puffer and 23 others for a  
new County

Petition of Watson Clark and 78 others inha-  
bitants of the town of Newport for a new  
County, came from the House, and were  
severally referred to the Committee on Divi-  
sion of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of Ephraim Marble and others Pro-  
prietors and of the Dixfield Union Meeting  
House for an act authorizing them to make  
sale of said House.

Remonstrance of the inhabitants of school  
District No 3, in Belmont, asking the Legis-  
lature to make valid the doings of said  
District.

An additional act respecting the apportion-  
ment of taxes.

An act to authorize Hosea Austin and  
others to sell Union Meeting House (so ca-  
lled) situated in Dixfield village in the  
County of Oxford, came from the House,  
and were severally referred to the Commit-  
tee on the Judiciary, in concurrence

Remonstrance of Edmund Noyes and 81  
others of West Bath, against the petition of A.  
Tomont, came from the House, and was referred  
to the Committee on Division of Town, in  
concurrence

168. Petition of Assessors and Agent of Patricktown for that part of the East line of Patricktown to be established, came from the House and was referred to the Committee on incorporations of Towns, in concurrence

Petition of Directors of Ciconic Bank, for an increase of their Capital Stock of said Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking

Sent down for concurrence

Petition of Charles Jewett and 130 Others of Clinton

Petition of Michael Shea praying for an alteration of the Constitution were referred so much as relates to election of officers to Committee on Elective franchise, and so much as relates to persons of foreign birth to Committee on Naturalization Laws

Sent down for concurrence

Mrs Brody of Cumberland from the joint select Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of an appropriation to complete the Geological Survey of this State, made a report accompanied by a Resolve for the completion of said Survey, which on his motion was laid on the table and 350 copies of said report with the accompanying resolves, were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

Petition of Thomas P. Fuller and 57 Others of Deer Isle

Petition of Nathaniel Bennett and 59 Others

Petition of Wales &c. Packard and 70 others  
of Ellsworth

Petition of J. L. Merrill and 55 others of  
Webster and vicinity all praying for an alt-  
-eration in the Constitution, came from the  
House, and so much as relates to the election  
of officers by the people was referred to the  
Committee on the elective franchise, and  
so much as relates to persons of foreign  
birth was referred to the Committee on Nat-  
-ionalization Laws, in concurrence

Petition of Charley W. Snow and others for  
a charter to incorporate the Rockland  
Savings Bank, came from the House, and  
was referred to the Committee on Banks and  
Banking, in concurrence

Petition of Trustees of Fryeburg Academy  
for aid, came from the House, and was  
referred to the Committee on Education,  
in concurrence

Petition of J. A. Milliken for an appropri-  
-on by the State to defray expenses of su-  
-veying a shore route of the European  
and North American Rail Road between  
Penobscot and St Croix Rivers

Petition of Jeremiah O'Brien and 113 others  
for the same object, were severally refer-  
-red to the Committee on Rail Roads and  
Bridges

Sent down for concurrence



Petition of H. N. West and company for an appropriation for building a Bridge was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads

Sent down for concurrence

Petition of A. Burbank and 35 others of Lewiston Falls for aid for Matamoras bridge was referred to Committee on Education

Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Thorndike of Lincoln.

Ordered, That the Committee of State Prisons be directed to inquire and report on the expediency of increasing the pay of the State Prison Inspectors.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Willis of Cumberland, from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred the petition of A. S. Patten and others and petition of G. S. Small for a revision of the Constitution in regard to election of officers, made a report, "that this Committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and they be referred to the Committee on Elective franchise, and the the Committee on Naturalization Laws" read and accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Bill entitled. An act to regulate the sale of oats came from the House, and the same was indefinitely postponed in concurrence

The following order came from the House,  
"Ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary,  
be directed to inquire into the expediency  
of passing a law repealing Chapter ninety  
one of the Public Laws, passed by the  
Legislature of 1854, and the same was pass-  
ed in concurrence.

Mr. Willis from the Committee on the  
Judiciary to which was referred an order to  
inquire into the propriety of repealing  
Acts establishing Fish Wardens on the Pen-  
sacot River, made a report "that Legislation  
thereon is inexpedient," which report was  
accepted,  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Willis from the Committee on Judiciary  
to which was referred a bill in relation  
to power of County Commissioners, reported  
"that further Legislation is inexpedient on  
the subject" which report was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Willis from the Committee on Judiciary  
to which was referred the petition of David  
Johnson, praying that ~~the~~ may be author-  
ized to call a Meeting of the Stockholders  
of the New York City and Portland  
exchange Granite company, Reported that the  
Petitioners have leave to withdraw which report was  
accepted.

Mr. Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary  
to which was referred the petition of  
Caroline A. Sargent for power to convey real  
estate. Reported. That the petitioners have  
leave to withdraw" which reports were ac-  
-cepted

Sent down for concurrence

172. The Committee on the joint Delegation of Franklin County to which was referred the petition of J. A. Linscot and others, reported Bill to increase the Salary of the Register of Probate for Franklin County, which was once read and Monday next assigned for a second reading

Bill entitled An act to abolish the February Term of the Criminal Court in the County of Penobscot, came from the House and passed to be engrossed, and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Bill entitled, An act making further provisions for the protection of Public ways.

Bill entitled, An act additional to an act to incorporate the City of Bath reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, and were severally read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Bill entitled An act to amend Chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes, and Chapter 136 of the public Laws for the year 1849, came from the House, recommitted,

The Senate recessed from its vote of yesterday passing this Bill to be engrossed, and recommitted the same, in concurrence

The Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians, was finally passed and the same was presented by the Secretary Pro Tem, to the Governor for his approval

Adjourned



Saturday Feb'y 3 1855

The Secretary being absent, on motion of Mr Boody, Messrs Boody, Garcelon and Adams were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Secretary of the Senate Pro Tempore, and having attended to that duty, reported as follows

Whole number of votes	20
Necessary for a choice	11
J. W. Knowlton has	20

Mr Knowlton signified his acceptance and took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties before Alden Jackson Esq, authorized by *dedimus potestatem*

Bill entitled 'An act, to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Randal Hoag and Benevolent Association,

Bill entitled, An act to apportion and assess the inhabitants of this State a tax of two hundred thousand one hundred and fifty three dollars and forty four cents for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. were severally passed to be enacted, and presented by the Secretary Pro Tem, to the Governor for his approval

Petition of Isaac H. Grover and 30 others of Glenburn, that the prayer of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary for aid may be granted



174 Petition of Charles Howlin and others of  
Lyzman for the endowment of the Maine  
State Seminary

Petition of Joseph Woodman and others  
of Buxton and Keolis that the prayer  
of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary for  
aid may be granted

Petition of William Nash and others  
of Addison for the same object

Petition of Joseph Baker and others  
of Brewer for aid to the East Maine  
Conference Seminary located in Bucks-  
port

Petition of J. H. Nickerson, and others  
of Oronington for same object

Petition of Timothy Nye and others of  
Oronington for same object.

Petition of The Directors of East Pittstown  
Academy for aid

An act to amend an act to provide  
for the Education of Youth approved  
August 27 1850, came from the House  
and were severally referred to the  
Committee on Education, in concurrence

Petition of A. H. Ford and 44 others  
of the A. Company of Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Division,  
Town of Acton for an appropriation  
for equipments, came from the House  
and the same was referred to the  
Committee on Militia, in concurrence

Petition of Peleg Thomas and Others for  
the repeal of an act passed May  
23 1850

175.

Petition of Selectmen and Clerk of the  
town of Sweden, that their doings  
may be made valid

Bills entitled In act further defini-  
ng the power of Mayors of Cities in the  
election of City Officers.

Remonstrance of Edward Kent and 38  
Other members of the Bar of the County  
of Pensacola against the proposed cha-  
nge in the Judiciary System, came fr-  
om the House, and were severally  
referred to the Committee on the judi-  
ciary, in concurrence

Petition of L. S. Lutz and Others of  
for a new County

Petition of Stephen Wedgewood and  
Others of Corinna for same object,  
came from the House, were severally  
referred to the Committee on Division of  
Counties, in concurrence

Remonstrance of the Selectmen of the town  
- ~~the~~ of Pittston against the petition  
of Joseph M. Moore and Others to set  
off a part of Detroit to Pittsfield

Remonstrance of William C. Sumner  
and 33 Others against the same, came  
from the House, and were severally  
referred to the Committee on Divisions  
of Towns. in concurrence

Petition of Luther Hoapworth and others inhabitants of North half of Township No 8, South Division of Bingham Purchase for incorporation of a town by the name of Middletown.

Petition of Joseph A. Woodard and 25 others inhabitants of Maltham, that the petition of inhabitants of No 8 for an act of incorporation, may be granted

Petition of Joseph A. Dean and 34 others of Collisworth for same object, came from the House, and were severally referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence

Petition of George Pierce and 15 others for a Rail Road charter from Portland to Bridgton, or from Portland through Harrison and Lowell.

Memorial of the meeting of the citizens of Bangor on the subject of the loan of the credit of the City in aid of the construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Rail Road, came from the House, and were severally referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of Amasa Stetson for an act for the protection and preservation of highways came from the House, and was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence,

Bill entitled An act to abolish the February term of the Criminal Court in

the County of Penobscot, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence

Bill entitled "An act additional to an act to incorporate the City of Bath."

Bill entitled "An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Franklin";

Bill, An act making further provisions for the protection of public ways, were severally passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

On motion by Mr Thorndike,  
Ordered,  
That a message be sent to the House, informing that body that the Senate had in the absence of the Secretary, made choice of J. W. Knowlton as secretary Pro Tempore

Mr Thorndike was charged with the message; and that Senator subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

An act entitled "An act abolishing the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Androscoggin, came from the House, and the same was referred to the joint delegation from the County of Androscoggin, in concurrence

Petition of Elisha Brown and 24 others a Township No 6 Range 5, Arrostic



County for an appropriation to build a bridge in said Township, came from the House, and was referred to the Committee on State Roads and State Lands in concurrence

Petition of Bradford Varnum and others of Penobscot for an alteration of the Constitution so that all officers shall be elected by the people, came from the House, and was referred to Committee on Elective Franchise, in concurrence

Petition of George Cox and 36 others of Yassaboro for change of Constitution

Petition of Francis Soule and 67 others of Orland for same object

Petition of Joshua Hawes and 37 others of Corinth for same object, came from the House, and so much of said petition as relates to election of officers, was referred to the select Committee on the elective franchise; - and so much as relates to persons of foreign birth, was referred to the select Committee on Naturalization Laws, in concurrence

On motion of Mr Quincy

Ordered That the Memorial of George H. Smith, asking for a Military Pension together with all the accompanying papers, be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions

Put down for concurrence

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Report of the Committee on Division of  
Towns on the petition of inhabitants  
of Fryeburg Academy Grant, that Fryeburg  
Academy Grant, together with a part of  
Batchelder's Grant may be annexed to the  
town of Gilead, that the petitioners cause  
an attested copy of their petition, with  
this order thereon to be served on the Town  
Clerk of Gilead, and on the Plantation  
Clerks of Fryeburg Academy Grant and  
Batchelder's Grant, 14 days at least  
before the 27<sup>th</sup> inst.

Report of the Committee on Division of  
Towns, on the petition of Oakes Thompson  
and others, that a part of Hartford may be  
set off, and annexed to Canton, that the  
Petitioners cause an attested copy of their  
petition and this order thereon to be ser-  
-ved on the Clerks of Hartford and Canton  
fourteen days at least before the 27<sup>th</sup> inst.

Report of the Committee on Divisions of Towns  
on the petition of Thomas J. Haines  
and others that lots No 5 & 6 in Range 11,  
may be set off from Levant and ~~annexed~~  
to Henduskeag, - that the petitioners cause  
an attested copy of their petition, and  
this order thereon to be served on the  
Clerks of Levant and Henduskeag, fourteen  
days at least before the 23<sup>d</sup> instant, came  
from the House, and were severally accept-  
-ed, in concurrence

Mr M. G. Nicholborn from the Committee  
on Division of Counties, to which was refer-  
-ed petition of petition, Bailey and others  
inhabitants of Woodtick praying that  
said town may be set off from the Cou-

180 - nty of Sagadahok and annexed to the County  
of Lincoln, - reported, that petitioners have be-  
- come to withdraw, which report was accepted,  
Sent down for concurrence

Bill entitled, "An act to incorporate North  
Insurance Company, Rockland", came from  
the House, Recommended, with instructions to  
reprint a bill in accordance with the pro-  
- vision of the Statute.

The Senate receded from the vote, they  
passed this bill to be engrossed, and  
the same was recommitted, in concurrence

Bill entitled, An act to establish the  
Salary of the County Attorney of the Coun-  
- ty of Androscoggin, came from the House,  
referred to the joint Delegation from the Coun-  
- ty of Androscoggin. The Senate reconsidered  
the vote passing this bill to be engrossed,  
and the same was referred, and the  
same was referred, in concurrence

Order. that the papers relating to the Brita-  
- nd Society of Natural History be taken from  
the files of the last Legislature and refer-  
- red to the Committee on Education, came from  
the House, and was passed in concurrence

Order, that the Committee on Education  
consider and report, if any, if what  
Legislation may be required to enable  
cities to choose annually a suitable  
number of persons who shall constitute  
the board of School Committee for the  
city, and who shall be subject to such  
rules and regulations as the Council of  
said cities may prescribe provided



the same do not conflict with the provisions of the Statute for the Education of Youth, came from the House, and was passed, in concurrence 181

On motion by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of excepting from taxation, blood animals imported into this State for the purpose of improving the breeds of stock.

Sent down for concurrence

On motion by Mr. Eaton a bill entitled "An act in addition giving to Mortgagees of real estate a lien on Policies of insurance against fire, was taken from the table and recommitted to Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence

Bill entitled, "An act to authorize School Districts to raise money for the support of Schools," Reported by Mr. Torrey from the Committee on Education, was once read and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

Bill entitled, "An act to give the Supreme judicial Court power to examine the parties in cases of Divorcées, was laid on the table by Mr. Willis & was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence

Bill entitled "An act to increase the Capital stock of Ocean Bank" reported by Mr. Eaton from the Committee on Banks



162 and Banking was once read and Monday assigned for a second reading.

On motion by Mr Garcelon,

Ordered, That when

the Senate adjourn, it adjourns to meet at 11 o'clock A. M., on Monday next.

Bill, entitled, "An act to reorganize the Board of Agriculture," was laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill entitled, "An act to extend Charter of Maine Charitable Mechanics Association," reported from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance by Mr Thorndike, was once read, and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

Bill entitled, "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of Government," came from the House, and passed to be engrossed, and was read once and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

On motion by Mr Jones,

Ordered, That

the Committee on State printing and binding, be directed to enquire and report the most favorable terms on which the printing and binding may be done, by separate and distinct contracting parties prior to making the contract therefor.

Laid down for concurrence

Adjourned

For W. Knapp & Sons Secs Pro Tem

Monday Feb 5 1855

The Journal of Saturday, was read and approved.

Petition of Ellbridge G. Bedeout and 60 others, in aid of the prayer of Westbrook Seminary.

Petition of Thomas Robinson and 30 others of Ellsworth that the prayer of Trustees of Waterville College, may be granted

Petition of P. Sheldon and others of Farmington in favor of a Grant to Westbrook Seminary.

Petition of Henry Clark and 22 others of Wiscasset in favor of the prayer of Trustees of East Maine Wesleyan Conference for aid

Came from the House, and the same were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence

Petition of J. K. Kilgore for remuneration of expense on account of sickness of George Heathaway. came from the House, and was referred to Committee on claims, in concurrence

Petition of Benjamin Groodridge and others praying for the Charter of a Rail Road from Portland to Watford,

Petition of Eben Hinckley and 52 others of Blue Hill for a bridge across Davis narrow-

184 - we came from The House, and were referred to Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

On motion of Mr Willis the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Resolve in favor of a commission to prepare a Judiciary System, and the same was passed to be engrossed as previously amended as on sheets annexed marked A, B, and C  
Laid down for concurrence.

Petition of Lydia Loring, praying that the State will relinquish to her the title to the real estate of her late husband

Petition of Samuel Painter and others to amend the Homestead Law,

An act to repeal Chapter 286 of the public Laws of 1852

Resolve in favor of Lydia Loring, came from the House, and were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of B. A. Bryant against the petition of William Backham and others for right to sell Meeting House in Webster, came from the House, and was referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence

Petition of Thomas Drury and others for an appropriation to build a road in No. 6 Range 5, in Aroostic Co., came from the House, and was referred to the Committee

in Rail Roads and Bridges in concurrence. 185

Bill entitled, "An act to increase the Capital Stock of Caco Bank".

Bill, entitled, "An act to abolish the February term of the Criminal Court in the County of Knoxeset,"

Bill entitled "An act to amend certain acts passed by the last Legislature"

Bill entitled, "An act additional relating to Merchants Bank of Portland".

Bill, "An act to increase the Capital Stock of Umbagog Bank".

were severally passed to be enacted and presented to the Governor for his approval

Mr Thorndike from the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Hancock for incorporation of a Mutual Benefit Association, Reported a bill entitled, "An act to incorporate the Gray Mutual Benefit and Literary Association

Mr Willis from the Committee on Judiciary to which was referred, "An act additional to Chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes, Reported a bill in a new draft

Resolue directing the State Treasurer to balance accounts with the Washington County and St Croix Banks, came from the House, and passed to be engrossed, and were severally read once and to -



186. - morrow assigned for a second reading

Report of the Committee on the Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of William Hoam and others that a part of Leeds and Monmouth may be set off and annexed to Wales. Ordering notice to be served on the Town Clerk of Monmouth, Leeds, and Wales, returnable to this Legislature, came from the House, and was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Pease from the Joint Select Committee to which was referred,

The petition of Jane K. Lewis for divorce

The petition of Elizabeth Lyloster for divorce

The petition of Albert S. Burnham for divorce

The petition of Elisha H. Dunham for divorce,  
Reported that the petitioners have leave  
to withdraw, Read and accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Bill entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of Hallowell, came from the House of Representatives, and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, in concurrence

The following orders came from the House,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that one thousand copies of the accompanying bill, entitled, An act for the establishment of Normal Schools, be printed for the use of the Legislature

Ordered, That the Committee on Education be instructed to enquire into the expediency of further Legislation on Chapter 17<sup>th</sup> Section 42<sup>nd</sup> of the Revised Statutes in relation to the duties of District School Agents, and were severally read and passed in concurrence

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking to which was referred the order directing said Committee to enquire into the expediency of requiring the secretaries of Savings Institutions to make an annual report of the amount deposited with the names of the depositors to the Assessors of those Cities and Towns where such depositors reside, came from the House, and the same was recommitted, in concurrence

Petition of William Reed and others of Mount Desert, for an alteration of the Constitution

Petition of John A. Marden and 42 others of Brazil for same object, came from the House, and so much of said petition as relates to the elections of officers, were referred to the Committee on the Elective franchise, and so much as relates to persons of foreign birth was referred to the Committee on the Naturalization Laws, in concurrence

A Bill to abolish the Police Court in the City of Bangor, and to establish a Municipal Court with enlarged jurisdiction, introduced in the House by Mr Hoile of Bangor, came from the House, & was ref-

188 - voted to the Committee on the judiciary,  
in concurrence

On motion by Mr. Donnell,

Ordered, that  
there be taken from the files of last year  
all petitions praying for the incorporation  
of the Town of Umbagog, and that the same  
be referred to the Committee on incorpo-  
-ration of Towns

Sent down for concurrence

Adjourned

Louis O. Brown, Secretary.

Tuesday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1855  
Prayer by Rev Mr Weston

Petition of S. P. Dennette and others Creditors of Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Company praying that acts of said Company may be made valid.

Petition of S. J. White and others, Stockholders of Sullivan and Hancock Company, that the prayer of said petitioners may be granted, came from the House, and were referred to the Committee on Judiciary, in concurrence

Mr Blake of Apogistic from the Committee on bills in the Second reading, reported without amendment bill entitled, "An act additional to Chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes, and on motion by Mr Eaton it was laid upon the table.

Petitioners of George W. Springer and others of Franklin in behalf of East Maine Conference Seminary for aid, came from the House, and was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah Grindle and others citizens of Penobscot praying for a bridge across Davis Narrows.

Petition of John Barry and others asking for an appropriation to survey a Shore route for the European and North American Rail Road, came from the House, and was referred to Committee



190 on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Bill entitled An act to provide in part for the expenditures of Government, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence,

Bill entitled An act to extend the Charter of the Maine Locomotive Mechanics Association,

Bill entitled, An act to increase the Capital Stock of the Casco Bank, were severally twice read, and passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

On motion by Mr Ruggles, a Message was sent to the Governor, requesting him to return to the senate an act entitled, "An act to abolish the February term of the Criminal Court in the County of Penobscot"

The Secretary of the State laid on the table the bill aforesaid and  
On

Motion by Mr Ruggles.

The Senate reconsidered the vote passing to be enacted, a bill to abolish the February term of the Criminal Court in the County of Penobscot, and it was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.  
Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Willis.

The Senate reconsidered the vote of yesterday passing to be

engrossed, Resolve in favor of a commission 191  
to prepare a judicial system, and said  
Resolves were further amended as on  
sheet annexed marked A. and as amend-  
ed passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Bourne presented the petition of Hei-  
-ram Barrows and 91 others of Hebron  
for a change of constitution, and on  
his motion it was referred to the Commi-  
-tee on Naturalization Laws.

Sent down for concurrence

The same Senator also presented the  
petition of Joseph Barrows and 80 other  
legal voters of Hebron for a removal of  
Public Buildings, and on his motion it was  
referred to the joint delegation from  
Oxford County.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Boddy laid upon the table a bill  
entitled, "An act to authorize the busi-  
-ness of Banking," and the same was ref-  
-erred to the Committee on Banks and  
Banking.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Thorndike presented the petition of  
Hoaskell Fuller and 46 others of Sugranger;  
for further Legislation in regard to  
powers conferred by Chapter 28 of the act  
and Resolves of 1847, giving jurisdiction  
to District Courts over doings of the County  
Commissioners, and it was referred to  
Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence

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Mr Sprague presented the petition of Thomas C. Norris and others citizens of Vienna in favor of the Maine State Seminary

Mr Fournell presented the Petition of C. C. Stevens and 26 others for aid to Waterville College, and they were severally referred to the Committee on Education  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Pease from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred a bill to define more fully the powers and duties of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, Reported a bill which on motion was made by Mr Pease, was laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature,

Petition of owners of Free Meeting House in Hartford for an act to authorize them to sell the same, came from the House, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges. The Senate nonconcurred in that reference, and referred the same to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Fournell from Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of John Barker to be set off with his estate from Chelsea and annexed to Pittston, Reported a bill which was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Report of Committee on Rail Roads and

Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of C. Cobb and others for an act to incorporate the Portland and Oxford Central Rail Road Company, was taken from the table. 193

Mr Sennell of Oxford moved that the report be recommitted with instructions to bring in a bill, and on this motion the Yeas were ordered, and the question decided in negative as follows

Yeas, Messrs Currier, Sennell and  
Hitchborn 3

Nays Messrs Nathaniel Blake, Boddy,  
Sennett, Downes, Eaton, Elliot,  
Garcelon, Goodwin, Muzzy, Pease,  
Quimby, Ruggles, Scammon,  
Shephard, Sprague, Thordike,  
Turner, Walker, Watson and  
Willis 20

The Report was accepted  
Laid down for concurrence

Petition of D. Warren and Sons of West  
Brooksville for Wharf Extension.

Petition of David Benjamin and others  
for a Charter to build a dam on Swift  
River, came from the House, and was  
severally referred to Committee on Interior  
Waters, in concurrence

Petition of President of Rockland Water  
Company, for an amendment of their  
Charter,



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Petition of City Council and citizens  
of Rockland for amendment of City Charter

Petition of City Council and citizens  
of the Rockland Water Company.

Petition of A. P. Fuller and others of  
Albion for an act to increase the pay  
of Justices of our County Courts of Juris-  
-diction

Petition of James Orrington Clay for such  
a modification of the laws of the State  
relating to Marriage as will bring  
them into harmony with the laws of  
Love: also for the disbanding of the  
Militia of the State, and recommending  
the general government to abolish the  
Army and Navy, so that Government  
may rely for its defence, not on carnal  
weapons, but on spiritual weapons,  
tempered with the sublime doctrines  
enunciated by the Saviour of the World

Remonstrance of H. Beverage and 118  
others of North Haven against the peti-  
-tion of P. Thomas and others for the rep-  
-eal of the act passed the 23<sup>d</sup> day of  
May 1850, came from the House, and  
were severally referred to the Committee  
on Judiciary, in concurrence

Petition of President and Directors of  
State Bank for increase of Capital  
Stock, came from the House, and was  
referred to Committee on Banks and  
Banking. in concurrence

Bill entitled "An act to incorporate  
The Gray Mutual Benefit and Library  
Association, was read a second time  
and passed to be engrossed,  
Sent down for concurrence

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Adjourned

Joseph W. Kenoulton,  
Clerk Pro Tem.

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In Senate

Feb'y 7 1853

Prayer by Rev Mr Cheney

On motion of Mr Pease of Cumberland.

Ordered,  
That the Committee on Education be directed  
to enquire into the expediency of abolishing  
the office of Superintendant of Common Scho-  
ols, and the reestablishment of the Board  
of Education, and Teachers Institutes  
Sent down for concurrence

Report of the Committee on Division of  
Towns, ordering notice returnable to the  
present Legislature on the petition of  
George Dodge and others, was accepted, in  
concurrence

Mr Townes from the joint Select Committee  
to which was referred so much of the  
Governor's message as relates to the elect-  
-ion of State Officers, made a report accom-  
-panied with a Resolue, entitled "Resolue  
providing for an amendment of the  
Constitution relating to the elective fran-  
-chise;" and the same was once read  
and tomorrow assigned for a second  
reading.

Mr Torrey from the Committee on Educatio-  
-on to which was referred the petition of  
the Trustees of East Maine Conference Sem-  
-inary, reported, "Resolue in favor of the  
East Maine Conference Seminary;" and the  
same was read once, and tomorrow assigned

for a second reading

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Mr. Jascomb from the Committee on Intuition Waters, to which was referred the petition of David Watson and others, reported on the same.

Bill, "An act authorizing the extension of a Wharf into tide waters of Castine River;" and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Willis from the Judiciary Committee to which was referred a Bill, "An act further defining the power of Mayors of cities in the election of City officers" reported the same and the Bill was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Same Senator from same Committee reported on the petition of Lydia Corymore, "Resolves in favor of Lydia Corymore" and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Same Senator from the same Committee to which was recommitted.

Bill, "An act to amend Chapter 173 of the Revised Statutes and Chapter 136 of the laws of 1849" reported the Bill in a new draft as amended, and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Report of the Committee on Claims giving leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. K. Kibbee, reported by Mr. Cushing



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of Waldo from the Committee on Claims,  
was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Same Senator from the same Committee  
to which was referred the petition of  
Luther Curtis reported, "Resolve in favor  
of Luther Curtis" and the same was once  
read and tomorrow assigned for a second  
reading

Mr. Pease of Cumberland presented Petitions  
of Franklin Sawyer and others, of Lewis W.  
Houghton and others; of Benjamin Webber  
and others; of Stephen Thimney and others,  
severally in favor of the petition of Horace  
Bellings and others, and the same were  
referred to the Committee on Education

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Watson presented the petition of Sullivan  
Bray and others of Georgetown; of  
Joseph Benz and others; of H. L. Bray and  
others, in aid of the East Maine Conference  
Seminary, and the same was referred to  
the Committee on Education

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Cochran of Waldo presented the petitions  
of James White and others of Belfast; of Samuel  
Hletcher and others, severally in favor  
of the prayer of the Trustees of Westbrook  
Seminary, were referred to the Committee  
on Education

Sent down for concurrence

Petition of Henry R. Parsons and 380 other  
citizens of Paris, for the removal of the  
County Buildings in Oxford, was referred

to the Committee on the joint Selegation 199  
of Oxford County, in concurrence

Petition of A. S. Bittues for an act authorizing the erection of a wharf in tide waters at Augusta, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence

Memorial of a citizen's meeting of the inhabitants of Bangor in aid of the petition of the Penobscot Rail Road Company for the loan of the credit of the City in aid of the construction of said road, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph of Addison and others for survey of a Rail Road between Bangor and Calais, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence,

Petition of Assessors and Agent of Patricktown asking that a portion of Whitfield may be set off from that town and annexed to Patricktown, was referred to Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence

Petition of Assessors and Agent of Patricktown foraid from State for building and repairing Highways and Bridges, was referred to Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petitions of Richard Mayberry and others of Casco; of Oren Smith and others of Clinton, of John Page and others of Hamford, of Oliver Moses and others of Bath in

200 aid of the prayer of the Trustees of Westbrook  
Seminary, were severally referred to the Comm-  
-ittee on Education, in concurrence

Petition of Aaron Ayer and others of Newfield  
for aid to the Maine State Seminary; of J.  
Moenshaw and others; of Mary S. Wardwell  
and others severally in behalf of the East  
Maine Seminary; of George Leavitt and others  
of Addison, for aid to Common Schools,  
were severally referred to the Committee  
on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of S. Royall and 50 others for a  
Law to regulate Bowling Alleys, was referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concu-  
-rence

Petition of A. L. Nichols and others of Buxton  
praying for amendments in Constitution  
and in the Naturalization Laws, was ref-  
-erred to the Committee on Elective Franchi-  
-se, and Committee on Naturalization, in  
concurrence,

Order from the House That the Committee  
on Education be instructed to inquire into  
into the expediency of abolishing the act  
entitled An act to provide for the appoi-  
-ntment of a Superintendent of Common  
Schools and for county conventions of  
teachers, Approved by the Governor April 17  
1854, was passed in concurrence.

Mr Walker of Oxford presented the petition  
of Jeremiah Wormeale and others of Rumf-  
-ord, for the removal of the County Buildi-  
-ngs of Oxford County, was referred to the  
Joint Delegation from Oxford County, in

Mr Willis from the Judiciary Committee, to which was referred the petition of the City of Bath for leave to pass an ordinance for the removal of snow from sidewalks, reported, Bill "An act additional to an act incorporating the City of Bath"

and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Mr Townes of Washington presented the petition of Stephen Emery and others of Paris for aid to Waterville College, was referred to Committee on Education

Sent down for concurrence

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary" came up by assignment and the same was amended as per sheets A, B, and C, and the question then being upon the passage of the resolve to be engrossed, the Senate adjourned without taking the question

Adjourned,

Louis C. Brown, Secy.



Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> 55

Prayer by Rev Mr Dexter

The President said that the Senate when it last adjourned had under consideration, a "Resolve in favor of the Wesleyan Seminary" and the question was on the passage of the Resolve to be engrossed on motion of Mr Eaton the bill was laid upon the table and 11 o'clock this day assigned for its further consideration

Mr Willis of Portland presented the petition of John M. Wood and 248 others in aid of the petition of Horace Billings for a Rail Road from Portland through Stroudwater to Sebago Pond and thence to Sweden and Lovell, and the same was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Eaton presented the petition of Charles Rop and others of China praying for a Bank Charter in said town: of Amasa Taylor and others in aid of the petition of Charles Ross and others for a Bank, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Pease from Cumberland presented the petition of George Copeland and others for incorporation to manufacture Twilled Steamless Bags, and the same was referred to the Committee on Manufactures

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Brady, by leave laid upon the table 203.  
Bill, "An act to establish Normal Schools"  
and the rule was suspended, the Bill  
was read once and tomorrow assigned  
for its second reading.

Mr. Ruggles from the Committee on Rail  
Roads and Bridges, to which was referred  
the petition of Rufus Swinald President of  
the Penobscot & Kennebec R. R. Co for autho-  
-rity for the City of Bangor to loan its  
credit in aid of the construction of  
said road, reported.

Bill "An act to authorize the City of  
Bangor to extend further aid to the  
construction of the Penobscot and Kenne-  
-bec Railroad, and the same was once  
read and Thursday the fifteenth day  
of February, assigned for its second read-  
-ing.

Mr. Scammon from the Committee on Man-  
-ufactures to which was referred the petition  
of Thomas Crocker and others, reported on the  
same Bill, "An act to incorporate the Ban-  
-gor and Piscataquis State Company"  
and the same was read once, and tomo-  
-row assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Pease from the Committee on Agricult-  
-ure, Reported. Bill "An act to incorporate  
the West Penobscot Agricultural Society"  
and the same was once read, and tomo-  
-row assigned for a second reading.

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Mutual  
Fire Insurance Company in Harpswell"  
reported in the House from the Committee

204 on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on the petition of Paul R. Carter and others, was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Bile. "An act to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company" reported in the House from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on the petition of Samuel L. Carleton and others, and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Bile. "An act to incorporate the Pittsford Sugar Company" and the petition of Cedar and Grey for aid to build a carding machine, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence

Communication from the Governor, transmitting certain papers relative to ceding certain lands for public uses situated in Belfast to the United States, was referred with accompanying papers to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence

A message was received from the House, conveyed by Mr. Lincoln of the House, informing the Senate in the absence of the Speaker, had made choice of John B. Hale as Speaker Pro Tempore

Resolve in favor of a Commission to prepare a judicial System; reported as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed and having been signed by the President, was presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval



Resolve providing for amendment of the Constitution, reported by Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Remonstrance of Jeremiah Mather and others against Bill for the incorporation of the first Congregational Society of Sealport was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary, reported without amendment by Committee on Bills in the second reading, was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. Blake of Penobscot.

Mr. Elliot from Committee on Military pensions reported on petition of Peter Folsom, "Resolve in favor of Peter Folsom", and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Hunt from Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported, Order of Notice upon petition of Agents Assessors of Patricktown for incorporation of Town and the same was accepted.

Laid down for concurrence

The following Bills reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in the second reading.

Bill, "An act amending Chapter 173 of Revised Statutes and Chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1849



206 Bill, "An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters in Coarcted River and the same were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Resolve in favor of Lydia Corymore

Resolve in favor of Susan Curtis, severally reported by Committee on Bills in the second reading, were read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Report of the Judiciary Committee giving leave to bring in a Bill entitled,

Bill, "An act additional in relation to criminal prosecutions, was recommitted, in concurrence

Resolve in favor of the Wesleyan Seminary was taken up at the hour assigned and further amended as per sheets annexed marked D and E, and the question being on the passage of the resolve to be engrossed the Yeas and Nays were ordered and it was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. Boodz.

Report of Committee on Banks and Banking to which was recommitted, Report declaring Legislation Inexpedient, on an order, relating to returns from Saving Institutions, was accepted, in concurrence,

Bill "An act in relation to the set off of demands" Petitioners of Stockholders of the Cork Street Freeville Baptist Meeting House in Bangor for leave to sell said House. Bill to amend the 35<sup>th</sup> Section

of Chapter 25 of Revised Statutes and Petitions of Joseph Hobson jr and others of Saco, of David Libbey and others of Saco, of David Bunham and others of Saco, of Oliver Boothby and others of Saco, severally in favor of Some Stringent Legislation to prevent the destruction of forests and woodlands from the fire, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence

Bill, "An act to define the rights of the owners of Seaport Steam Boat wharf" was referred to the Committee on Interior Matters Sent down for concurrence

Bill, "An act additional in relation to Public Schools"

Petition of David S. Witham and others of Smithfield; of B. H. Taylor and others of New Charon; of James Weymouth and others of Sebastesville severally in favor of the endowment of the Maine State Seminary,

Petition of Charles McFadden and others of Vassalboro, in aid of the prayer of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary; were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence

Petition of Ivory Brooks and others of Seaport for amendments in the Section 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter 211 of the Public Laws of 1851, was referred to the joint Select Committee having under consideration so much of the Governors message as relates to the Liquor Laws, in concurrence

Mr. Jounell of Oxford presented the petition of Caleb Blake for remuneration for services while pursuing a fugitive from justice, and the same was referred to the Committee on claims

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Barker of Hancock, presented the petition of Wm. J. Robinson and others for aid to the East Maine Conference, was referred to Committee on Education

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Pease of Cumberland presented the petition of George Copeland "for an act of incorporation to manufacture Twilled Seamless Bags" and the same was referred to Committee on Manufactures

Sent down for concurrence

Petition of N. Webster and others for a law to protect Trout in Cold Stream Pond in Enfield, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence

Mr. Hitchborn presented the petition of the Selectmen of Prospect asking for protection from foreign pauperism thrown upon said town from laborers on Fort Knox, and the same was referred to a joint Select Committee consisting on the part of the Senate of Messrs. Hitchborn, Sumner and Goodwin, The House joined Messrs. M<sup>r</sup>. Silvery, Burgess, Stillings, Stevens of Paris and Cote of Harington

Mr. Barker of Hancock presented the petition of Joseph Walker and others for a right to build a bridge across Hutchinson River



and a remonstrance against the petition  
of Simon Allen and others for a bridge  
across Davis Narrows in Brooksville and  
the same was referred to the Committee  
on Rail Roads and Bridges

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Sent down for concurrence

Petitions of James M. Seering and others of  
Saco; of Asgood Carr and others of Muen;  
of John J. Loeper, and others of Sebce;  
of Charles Wethertz and others of Belmont;  
of E. W. French and others of Eastport;  
of J. F. Hamilton and others; of L. M. We-  
st and others citizens of Franklin; of Nath-  
-an Woodbury and others of Auburn, severally  
for changes in the Constitution so that  
the people may elect all State officers,  
and for changes in the Naturalization  
Laws, were severally referred to the Comm-  
-ittee having those Subjects under considera-  
-tion.

Mr Barker of Hancock presented the petition  
of Leonard Joyce and others, that all Offi-  
-as may be elected by the people and  
for changes in the Naturalization Laws,  
and the same was referred to the Joint  
Select Committee having those Subjects  
under consideration

Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Turner

Ordered, That the  
Committee on the Judiciary be directed  
to enquire and report within some further  
provisions should not be made for  
the fees of Officers, for their services in  
committing persons to jail in criminal  
process Sent down for concurrence



210 Order from the House,  
That the Committee  
on State Lands and State Roads be directed to, inquire into the expediency of making an application to finish the repairs on the Bridge at Mattawamkeag Point, was passed, in concurrence

Mr Boodz by leave laid upon the table  
Resolue providing for the appointment  
of Commissioners to revise the System  
of Public Instruction" and the same was  
once read,

Mr Torrey moved that Thursday next  
be assigned for the second reading of the  
resolue, and

Bill "An act authorizing the  
extending of a wharf into tide waters in  
Seasideport, introduced by Mr Hickborn, was  
referred to the Committee on Interior Matters  
Laid down for concurrence

Adjourned

Louis, C. Connam Secy





February 9<sup>th</sup> 1855.

Prayer by Mr Tappan,

The consideration of the motion to assign Thursday next for the second reading of a "Resol<sup>n</sup> authorizing the appointment of Commissioners to revise the system of public Instruction," which was under consideration when the Senate last adjourned, was resumed. On motion of Mr. Hichborn the Resol<sup>n</sup> was laid upon the table. Subsequently, the Resol<sup>n</sup> was taken up and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration.

"Resol<sup>n</sup> in favor of Maine Wesleyan Seminary," was called up on motion of Mr. Hichborn and, on his motion, Wednesday next was assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Ruggles, the vote assigning Thursday next for the further consideration of the "Bill, 'An act to authorize the City of Bangor to extend further aid to the Construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad'" was reconsidered, and this day at 12 o'clock was assigned for its second readings.

Bill "An act to establish Normal Schools" reported by the Committee on Bills in the second readings was read a second time, and Wednesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Bill, "An act to authorize the city of Bangor to extend further aid to the Construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Rail Road"



Q114 came up by assignment, and having been reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, the same passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Boody, Resolves authorizing the Continuance of the Geological and Agricultural Survey of the State were taken from the table, and Thursday next assigned for their further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Hichborn of Wadsworth ordered that the Judiciary Committee be requested to enquire what further legislation may be necessary for restraining Lotteries and other species of gambling in this State.

Sent down for concurrence

The following Bills reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in second reading, viz;

Bill "An act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis State Company.

" "An act to incorporate the West Penobscot Agricultural Society.

" "An act further defining the powers of Mayors of cities in the election of city officers

" "An Act to set off certain land from Chelsea and annex the same to Pittston

" "An act to incorporate the Harpswell Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

" "An act to incorporate the Atlantic

Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and 215  
the same were secondly read a second time and  
passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence

Resolve in favor of Peter J. Holson, reported  
by Committee on Bills, on second reading, was  
passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Pease from the Committee on Agriculture,  
- to which was referred the petition of the Board  
of Agriculture praying for the incorporation and  
- endowment of a State Agricultural Society,  
reported on the same, Bill. "An act to incorpo-  
- rate the Maine State Agricultural Society."  
And the same was once read, and 350 Copies  
ordered to be printed for the use of the Legis-  
- lature.

Mr. Willis, the Committee on the  
judiciary, reported on the following orders.  
Legislation inexpedient, to act, on an order  
relative to conveyance of Real Estate

On an Petition of Selectmen of Moscow.

" " " " N. P. Fuller and others to  
increase pay of witnesses.

And on Bill relative to Criminal Pros-  
- ecutions, and on Bill, an act repealing Chap  
286 of the Public Laws of 1852 that the same  
ought not to pass, and the reports were, second-  
- ly accepted.

Sent down for concurrence

Petition of Joseph Percival & others of Waterville  
asking for a charter for a Bank to be located  
in Waterville, was referred to the Committee  
on Banks & Banking in Concurrence.

Petition of County Commissioners of Andros-

216. - origin County for Loan for County Buildings,  
was referred to the Committee on Mercantile  
affairs & Insurance in concurrence.

Mr. Bennett from the Committee on Division  
of Towns reported on petition of Mr. Butterfield  
& others;

Bill, "An act to annex certain territory to  
the town of Weston" and the same was once re-  
ad, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading,

Mr. Willis from the Judiciary Committee, to  
which was referred;

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Pew Hold-  
ers of the first Congregational Church in Sears-  
port" reported the same.

On an act entitled, "An act to amend an  
act to incorporate the City of Hallowell," re-  
ported the same.

On an act entitled "An  
act in amendment of the ninety first Chapter  
of the Revised Statutes," reported the same.

On an act entitled "An act ceding to the  
United States of America jurisdiction over  
certain lands and their appurtenances, situa-  
ted in the town of Ellsworth and the city of  
Belfast and for other purposes therein men-  
tioned" reported the same, and these bills were  
severally read once and tomorrow assigned  
for their second reading

Mr. Scammon from the Committee on Manuf-  
actures reported on the petition of Erik Williamson.  
son & others.

Bill, An act to incorporate the Mechanics Association at Augusta in the County of Kennebec" and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading,

Mr Blake of Penobscot from the committee on Claims reported on the petition of A. B. Thompson. Resolved in favor of A. B. Thompson. And the same was once read and Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup> instant assigned for a second reading.

Mr Walker of Oxford presented Petition of Joel Howe and others for the removal of the County Buildings in Oxford County, and the same was referred to the committee of the joint Delegation of the County of Oxford.  
Lent down for Concurrence

Mr Shephard of Hancock presented the petition of Stephen Johnson jr, and others for authority to sell Union Meeting House in the town of Sullivan and the same was referred to the Committee on the judiciary.  
Lent down for Concurrence

Petitions of Sylvanus Poor and others of Andover of Moses M. Merrill & others of Roxbury; of Richard Taylor and others of Byron severally for the passage of a law authorizing the removal of the County Buildings in Oxford County were referred to the joint Delegation of the County of Oxford in concurrence

Petition of Nehemiah Ellis for compensation for services & money expended in arresting a criminal was referred to the Committee on claims, in concurrence.

Petition of S. H. Jenkins and others members



of the Maine Medical Association for the passage of an act for the advancement of Medical Science in this State; and same was referred to the Judiciary, in concurrence

Petition of E. D. King & others of Calais for aid to Waterville College was referred to the Committee on Education,

Petition of B. W. Vernon & others of Wagne; of David Bultin of Industry; of Benjamin Bachelder and others, of James D. Emery of Hampton; of Robinson Cook & others of Bolster & Mills in aid of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary; of Levi Emery jr & others in favor of of Farmington & others for endowment of the East Maine Conscience Seminary, were referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill, "An act relating to the transfer of actions laid upon the table by leave, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,

But down for Concurrence

Petition of Isaac Wilder for a grant of Land in consideration of building Mills in 13<sup>th</sup> Range was referred to committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence

Petition of Warren Leighton and others for an appropriation to survey a Rail Road route from Bangor to Calais was referred to Committee on Rail Roads & Bridges, in concurrence

Remonstrance of Pleg Hall & others of Milford, against the petition of E. B. Pierce, and others, for making the Rail Road Bridge between Oldtown and Milford, may be used as a toll bridge, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads & Bridges, in concurrence.

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Remonstrance of G. M. Buckhig and others of  
Septa, against the incorporation of the County  
of Sebastieock, was referred to the Committee on  
Division of Counties, in concurrence

Petition of Moses L. Appleton & others for aid to  
make roads in Township No 6 Range 5, was re-  
ferred to the Committee on State Lands & State  
Roads, in concurrence

Petitions of Richard Mayberry and others, of  
Samuel J. Robinson and others, of Bath; of  
James Cochran and others of Monmouth; and  
of Asa Hecath and others of Detroit, severally  
asking that all State officials may be elected  
by the people, and for changes in the laws res-  
pecting the voting of naturalized citizens, and  
the same were severally referred to the Commit-  
tees having these subjects under consideration,

Mr Watson of Lincoln presented the petition  
of John P. Preston and others, of Ansonia, for  
revision of the constitution so that all State offi-  
cers shall be elected by the people, and for cha-  
nges in the laws respecting the voting of natu-  
ralized citizens, and the same was referred  
to the Committee who have these subjects under  
consideration

Adjourned

Louis A. Cowan, Secretary

Saturday Feb'y 10<sup>th</sup> 1855

"Resolve in favor of the Maine State Seminary," came from the House re-committed to the Committee on Education and the same was re-committed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Waterville College reported in the House by Committee on Education, was re-committed, in concurrence.

Order of Notice returnable to present Legislature on the petitions of the Assessors and Agent of Patrick Town Plantation was accepted in concurrence.

Order of Notice returnable to present Legislature reported in the House from the Joint Committee on the Delegation from Oxford County, on the H. R. Parsons and others for removal of Bounty Buildings was accepted, in concurrence.

Order of Notice returnable to present Legislature reported in house on the petition of John Kendall and others by the Committee on Interior Water was accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Goodwin, ordered, that the petition of Jefferson Marston and Nathaniel Dow to be let off by Seaman and annexed, in aid of the same be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns. Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Charles Tanner," reported in the House by Committee on Agriculture, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in

The following Bills reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second reading viz.

Bill, "An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of Hallouall.

Bill, "An act on amendment of the ninety first chapter of the Revised Statutes.

Bill, "An act to annex certain territory to Weston

Bill, "An act to incorporate the pewholders of the first Congregational Church in Newport

Bill, "an act to incorporate the Mechanics Association;

Bill, "An act ceding to the United States of America jurisdiction over certain lands, and their appurtenances, situate in the town of Ellsworth, and the City of Belfast and for other purposes therein mentioned." were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Put down for concurrence.

Communication from the Governor transmitting report of Seth Smith agent of Passamaquoddy Indians, was referred to the Committee on Indian affairs, in concurrence.

The following Bills reported by the Committee on engrossed Bills, as timely and strictly engrossed, viz

Bill, "An to authorize the City of Bangor to extend further aid to the construction of the Penobscot and Kennebec Rail Road.

Bill entitled An act to increase the capi



Bill "An act to provide in part for the expenditure of Government.

Bill entitled An act additional to an act to incorporating the City of Bath.

Bill entitled An act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate for the County of Franklin.

Bill entitled An act in addition to an act in relation to elections approved October second eighteen hundred and forty

Bill entitled An act making further provisions for the Protection of public highways and the same were severally passed to be enacted

Resolve directing the Treasurer to balance accounts with the Washington County and Mt Croix Bank.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, and the same were finally passed

On motion of Mr Garcelon, ordered, that the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing the act concerning Rail Roads approved March 30<sup>th</sup> 1853 and also into the expediency of appointing Rail Road Commissioners to whom all schemes for new Charters shall be presented for approval prior to the application for the same to the Legislature Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Willis from the Committee on Rail

Roads and Bridges to which was referred the petition of the Androscoggin & Kennebec Rail Road Company, reported on the same "that the petitioners having made satisfactory arrangements with the Grand Trunk Road for their joint business, have asked leave to withdraw their petition which is granted by the Committee" and the report was accepted -  
-ed- Sent down for concurrence

Report of the Committee on Agriculture declaring Legislation inexpedient on an order relative to the increase of bounty on wolves was accepted, in concurrence

Order from the House "Ordered, that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire if any further legislation is necessary to protect the public against losses by Expressmen, was passed in concurrence

Order from the House, Ordered, that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency of making and all notes, bills of exchange, drafts, or any description of paper, discounted or purchased by the Banks of this State, or their agents, wherein more than six per cent was taken or reserved, directly or indirectly, was passed in concurrence.

Order from the House, Ordered, that the joint select Committee on "naturalization laws" be directed to enquire into the expediency of restricting or annulling the naturalization powers of our courts, was passed in concurrence

Order from the House that the Judiciary

224 Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of removing all objections to the testimony of witnesses in civil cases. was passed, in Concurrence

Bill "An act relating to the transfer of actions" was referred to Judiciary Committee, in concurrence.

Petitions of Jeremiah Fowler and others of Lubec; of George F. Talbot and others; of L. L. Shaw and others, of Dover, and severally in favor of granting aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary, were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Abner Randell asking remuneration for expense incurred on account of sickness while in the service of the State, presented by Mr Ruggles of Penobscot, was referred to the Committee on Claims  
Sent down for Concurrence

Mr Ruggles of Penobscot, presented the petition of Jeremiah Fowler and others of Lubec for aid to the East Maine Conference Seminary, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education  
Sent down for Concurrence

Mr Blake of Aroostic presented the petition of Isaac H. Clark asking investigation into the taxes in Township No 2 Range 8 Penobscot County and the same was referred to Committee on State Lands & State Roads,

Petition of Samuel F. Torrey and others to have a contract made with the Harb. agent

of Massachusetts, complied with the part  
of Maine referred to the Committee on  
State Lands & State Roads, in concurrence

Petition of the President & Directors of Buck-  
port Bank was referred to the Committee  
on Banks and Banking, in concurrence

Petition of Samuel F. Rawson for services and  
expenses in holding an Inquisition on the  
dead body of a pauper not belonging to  
the State, was referred to the Committee  
on claims, in concurrence

Petition of Tamar Sewy to be restored  
to the possession of certain meadow, was  
referred to the Committee on Indian af-  
-fairs in concurrence

Petition of Valentine Ripley for reimburse-  
-ment of losses incurred by aid rendered  
an officer while executing a criminal  
process, was referred to the Committee  
on claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Ellsworth of Avon, ask-  
-ing for a division of said town, and annex-  
-ing a part of the same to Phillips, and the  
other part of the town of Strong, were refer-  
-ed to the Committee on Division in Towns  
in concurrence

Petition of A. D. White praying that Val-  
-entine Ripley may be remunerated for  
services performed for the State; of  
Tristram Hardy and others for the same  
purpose; of Lewis Biscoe and others for same  
were referred to Committee on claims: in  
concurrence



Petitions of Amos M. Roberts and others for a new line of Telegraph through the State from east to west line thereof; and the petition of Nathaniel S. Thompson of Kennebunk, for an incorporation for the purpose of insuring against losses by fire and marine risks, were referred to the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of John Milliken and others, citizens of North Hancock praying for a more stringent Liquor Law was referred in concurrence to the joint select Committee having under considerations that part of the Government message which relates to the Liquor Law.

Petition of Joel Howe and others for the removal of the County Buildings of Oxford County were referred to the Committee on the Joint Delegation of Oxford County in concurrence.

Petitions of the Selectmen & Clerk of the Town of Stonham that their doings may be made valid, of Nathaniel G. Gould and others for leave to sell the Free Will Baptist Meeting House in Rock-  
-wich, of Henry Hobbs and others proprietors of the Free Meeting House in Hope to sell the same, were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Wm McFarland and others of Hancock; of Richard H. Gilman and others of Liberty severally, that all State officers may be elected by the people

and for changes in naturalization laws  
were referred to the Committee having those  
subjects under consideration in concurrence

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- Mr Ruggles of Pensacola presented the remon-  
- strance against the petition of Hiram Perry <sup>John Peter</sup>  
and others for a charter to run a Steam Bo- <sup>it also</sup>  
- at on the Rapadunkhaz River, and the  
- same were referred to the Committee on In-  
- tior waters

Sent down for concurrence

- Order from the House, that the Committee  
on the judiciary be directed to enquire in-  
- to the expediency of legalizing the doings  
- of School District No 8 Camden, was  
passed, in concurrence

Resolve in favor of Charles Turner, was  
recommitted to the Committee on claims  
in concurrence

- Mr Ruggles from the Committee on Ra-  
- il Roads and Bridges to which was ref-  
- erred the petition of Simon Allen and  
- others, for an act to incorporate the Br-  
- ooksville Bridge Company, Reported Bill  
an act to incorporate the Brooksville  
Bridge Company and the same was  
read once and Monday assigned for  
a second reading

Adjourned

Louis Q Cowan Secy

February 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

Prayer by Rev Mr Bone

Mr Pease from Cumberland presented the petition of Anson Jordan and others, for an improvement on present School System, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education

Sent down for concurrence

The President presented the petition of Joseph Plummer, and others of Gorham, in favor of the incorporation and endowments of the Maine State Seminary and the same was referred to the Committee on Education

Sent down for concurrence

The Committee of Bills in the second reading reported without amendment.

"Bill," An act additional to an act incorporating the City of Bath.  
And the was read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Blake from Committee on Bills in the second reading reported, without amendment

"Bill" An act to incorporate the Brooksville Bridge Company" and the same was read a second time, and amendment, on motion of Mr Cushing of Malden, as per sheet annexed marked A, and as amended, passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

"Bill," An act to incorporate the Eastport Gas Light Company reported in the House



by the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance on the petition of S. L. Leverage and others was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Bill "An act to increase the Capital Stock of the Ticonic Bank" reported to the House by the Committee on Banks and Banking on the petition of the President Directors and Company of the Ticonic Bank was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act authorizing the erection of a wharf in tide waters in the City of Augusta" reported by Committee on Bills in the second reading was read a second time and passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Petition of S. L. Boulter and others of Jackson Brook Plantation to be incorporated into a town was referred to the Committee on incorporation of town in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional to Chapter 126 of Revised Statutes" was referred to Committee on Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Maine Bleaching and Laundry Company, was referred to Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Account of the Sheriff of Penobscot County for distributing Blank returns for the Sept election was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence



Remonstrance of A. Pendleton, and others  
against the loan of the credit of the City  
of Bangor for the construction of the Pen-  
obscot Rail Road was referred to the Com-  
mittee on Rail Roads & Bridges, in concu-  
-rence

Remonstrance of Thomas Jordan and oth-  
-ers against the petition of William Buck-  
-man and others for leave to sell Meeting  
House in Webster was referred, in concu-  
-rence, to the Committee on Mercantile affa-  
-irs and Insurance

Petition of A. H. Kimball and others of Rockl-  
-and for the establishment of a new County  
was referred to the Committee on Division  
of Counties, in concurrence

Remonstrance of Benjamin S. Perkins and  
others against the petition of the Direc-  
-tors of the Gardiner & Pittston Bridge Com-  
-pany for increase of Toll was referred to  
the Committee on Rail Roads and  
Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of Joseph Jones and A. Berry  
and 106 others, of G. Robbins and others  
of Dover severally in favor of East Maine  
Conference Seminary, were severally refer-  
-ed to the Committee on Education, in  
concurrence

Petition of B. V. Freeman and others citi-  
-zens of Vermont in aid of the prayer of  
the Trustees of Waterville College, for aid to  
that institution

Petition of Levi Loring and others, of Homer

H. Wingate and others; of J. R. Ward and others, severally in favor of changes in the laws so as to elect State officers, and for changes in the naturalization laws, were referred, in concurrence, to the Committee having these subjects under consideration 231

Petition of the First School District in Buckshot for an act authorizing said District to raise a sum of money exceeding thirty five Hundred Dollars, was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence,

Petition of Mark Traylor for lot No 12 Little B. Range 1 Morrist County for work done on roads to the amount of fifty Dollars was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence,

The following order came from the House Ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire whether any further Legislation is necessary for the protection of Burying grounds, and the same was passed, in concurrence

Respectfully,

Louis A. Conrau, Secretary.

Tuesday Feb'y 13 1855

Mr Barker of Hancock presented the petition of David Walker and others for an appropriation of money for the survey of a route of the European and North America Rail Road and the same was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads & Bridges

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Garcelon of Lincoln presented the petition of the President Directors and Company of Winthrop and the same was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Sprague of Kennebec presented the petition of Oliver Mowbray and others for the election of all State officers by the people and for changes in the laws allowing foreigners to vote, was referred to the Committee having those things under consideration

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Goodwin of York by leave laid upon the table "Bill an act in addition to an entitled, An act to incorporate the York County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and the same were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Charles Fernald and others presented by Mr Elliot, for the incorporation and endowment of the Maine State Seminary was referred to the Committee on Education

Sent down for Concurrence

Mr Blake from the Committee on Indian Affairs - 233  
- is to which was referred a resolve for support of  
schools among the Passamaquoddy Indians,  
reported the same, and the resolve was once  
read and tomorrow assigned for a second  
reading.

On motion  
Mr Downes of Washington. Bill "An act  
additional to Chap 170 of the Revised Sta-  
- tutes" was taken from the table and the que-  
- stion being on its passage to be engrossed,  
Mr Downes offered an amendment, and the  
Bill together with the amendment was  
then recommitted to the Judiciary Com-  
- mittee, Sent down for concurrence

Petition of Lydia Cushman and others  
that certain lands and buildings may  
be restored to her, came from the House,  
referred to a joint Special Committee, The  
Senate noncarried in the reference of the Hou-  
- se and referred the same to the Judiciary  
Committee Sent down for concurrence

Petition of L. P. Waterhouse and others in aid  
of the petition of Joseph M. Moore and  
others to set off certain lands from Detroit  
and annex the same to Pittsfield was  
referred to Committee on Division of  
Town, in concurrence

The following Bills, reported as truly and  
stidly engrossed viz

Bill "An act to extend the Char-  
- ter of the Maine Charitable Mechanic Assoc-  
- iation

Bill "An act to incorporate the Gray  
Mutual Benefit and Library Association,



234 Bill "An act authorizing the extension  
of a wharf into the tide waters of Castine River  
- or"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Har-  
-pell Mutual Fire Insurance Company  
and the same were severally passed to be  
enacted, and were presented by the Secretary  
to the Governor for his approval.

Mr Pease presented the petition of Joseph  
S. Lumborn and others for authority to  
sell the meeting House in West Bowdoin,  
and the same was referred to the Comm-  
-ittee on the judiciary

Sent down for concurrence

Petition of Peleg Wadsworth and others  
of Hiram for the removal of the public bui-  
-ldings of the County of Oxford, presented  
by Mr. Dunsell, was referred to the joint  
Delegation of the County of Oxford.

Mr Pease of Cumberland, presented  
the petition of Alvan Davis and others of  
praying for a new county to be composed  
of Bridgton, Harrison, Otisfield, Naples, Casco  
and Sebago in the County of Cumberland,  
and Denmark, Brownfield, Hiram, Porter,  
Fryeburg, Lovell, Sweden, Stowe, Stoneham  
and Watford, in the County of Oxford,  
of Luther Billings and others; of N. L. Lil-  
-tlefield and others severally in favor of  
the petition of Alvin Davis and others  
for a new County were referred to the Com-  
-mittee on Division of Counties

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Ruggles from the Committee on Rail  
Roads & Bridges to which the petition of

the apessons of Patricton Plantation was  
referred, reported reference of the same  
to the Committee on State Roads and Sta-  
-te Lands, and the same was accepted.  
Sent down for concurrence

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Remonstrance of the Mayor and Alder-  
-man and Common Councilmen of Belfast  
against changing the Police Court in  
said City, and the same was referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary, in  
concurrence.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Eastport  
Gas Light Company,

Bill "An act to increase the Capital  
Stock of the Ticonic Bank" reported with-  
-out amendment by the Committee on Bi-  
-lls, in the second reading, were severally  
passed to be engrossed

"Resolve in favor of Lydia Longmore" came  
from the House referred to the Committee  
on State Lands and State Roads, in concu-  
-rence.

Mrs Barker of Hancock, presented the pet-  
-tion of William Freeman and 224 others  
of Cherryfield; of Joseph Brandon and  
105 others of Columbia; of David Walker  
and others of Brooksville severally for appi-  
-cation for the survey of a shore route for the  
European and North American Railway,  
were referred to the Committee on Rail Ro-  
-ads & Bridges

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Adams of Washington presented the

236 Remonstrances of Moses Fickett and others  
and Albert Hayfield and others, severally,  
against the petition of A. C. Small and oth-  
-ers and the same were referred to the  
Committee on Rail Roads & Bridges  
Sent down for concurrence

Mon Torrey of Kennebec, presented the petiti-  
-on of Samuel Melvin and others for authority  
-to sell the Methodist Meeting House in  
East Readfield and the same was referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary  
Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act to incorporate the York In-  
-surance Company," was referred to the Com-  
-mittee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance  
in concurrence

Bill An act for the promulgation of the  
public Laws, was referred to the Committee  
on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petitions of Joshua Hill and others of Ha-  
-milton of M. H. Jewett, and others of Appleton  
of Samuel Felt and others; of James Hart-  
-ford and others of Athens, in favor of grant-  
-ing the prayer of the Trustees of the East  
Maine Conference Seminary same were  
referred to the Committee on Education  
in concurrence.

Petition of Benson G. Mitchell and others  
for the repeal of the act dividing the tow-  
-n of Wilson approved August tenth eight-  
-een Hundred and forty eight, and the sa-  
-me was referred to the Committee on Dio-  
-vision of Town, in concurrence



Petition of Moses B. Sears, James B. Fellebray, and Benjamin P. Briggs, Committee of Proprietors of Universalist Meeting House, in Winthrop, for leave to sell a part of the real estate, and petition of B. F. Sprague and others for an amendment of the Constitution relative to the exercise of the right of voting, was referred to the Judiciary Committee, in concurrence.

Petition of John B. Coffin and others of Houghton for the survey of a Railroad Route from Bangor to Calais, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Andrew Wiggins, and others for an appropriation for the repair of State Roads, from Kingsbury to Moosehead Lake, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Cuthbert and others for an act to incorporate the Augusta Shovel Company, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Wm. L. Mitchell and 1089 others, citizens Bangor, Hermon, Dixmont, Exeter, Henduskeag, Milford, Springfield, Lincoln, Eddington, and Bradley, for an amendment of the Constitution so that all State officers may be elected by the people and relative to the exercise of the right of persons of foreign birth to vote, was referred to the Joint Select Committee having those subjects under consideration, in concurrence.

The following order came from the House.



Ordered that the Committee on Education be instructed to enquire into the expediency, of so amending our School Laws as to require the number of scholars to be retained the first day of April instead of the first day of May as it now is. that it may correspond with the amendments of the Tax Act, requiring the Inventories to be taken the first day of April, and the same was passed.

Report of the Committee on Division of Counties granting leave to withdraw on petitions of the Inhabitants of Otta Neuport, for a new County was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. Hunt.

Adjourned

Louis Q. Cowan, Secy

Wednesday Feb'y 14 1855

Prayer by the Rev Mr Aspinwall

Mr Downes by leave laid upon the table Bill, "An act additional and explanatory of the act authorizing the City of Portland to aid in the construction of Lewis and Clark Rail Road passed January twenty ninth eighteen hundred and fifty five" and the bill was once read, the rule suspended, the Bill read a second time and the same passed to be engrossed.

The following Bills reported, as truly and strictly engrossed having passed to be enacted in the House viz

Bill "An act to incorporate the Bangor and Piscataquis State Company."

Bill "An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of Hallowell"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Eastport Gas Light Company."

Bill "An act to increase the capital stock of Iconic Bank" And the same were severally passed to be enacted, and presented by the Secretary to the Governor, for the approval.

Resolve authorizing the appointment of Commissioners to revise the system of Public Instruction came up by assignment, and the question being on its passage to be

240 engrossed, the resolve was referred a  
passage

Bill An act to establish Normal Schools,  
assigned for consideration today was taken  
up, and the question being in the  
passage of the Bill to be engrossed the  
same was passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Torsey from the Committee on Edu-  
cation to which was recommitted, Resol-  
ves making appropriations to the Maine  
State Seminary and Waterville College  
reported a "Resolve in aid of certain  
Literary Institutions" and the same  
was once read, the resolve ordered to be  
printed and tomorrow assigned for a  
second reading.

Mr Torsey from the Committee on Educati-  
on to which was recommitted the Bill for  
the incorporation and endowments of the  
Maine State Seminary reported back,  
Bill "An act to incorporate the Trustees  
of the Maine State Seminary, and the  
same was once read, ordered to be prin-  
-led, and tomorrow assigned for its sec-  
-ond reading.

Mr Willis of Cumberland from the judi-  
-ciary Committee to which was referred ce-  
-tain petitions to protect forests from fires  
reported,

Bill "An act to protect forests and timber  
lands to punish the unlawful and careless  
kindling of fires" and the same was once  
read and tomorrow assigned for the second.

Mr Willis from the same Committee reported, "Legislation Inexpedient" on an order relating to cost in realigned actions and the same was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Remonstrance of Samuel C. Bradley and others against the petition of E. B. Price and others for the use of Rail Road Bridges upon Old Town in Milford as a toll Bridge, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of D. S. Sakerman and others for authority to alter the Methodist Meeting House in Hallowell, and an act to incorporate the Glen Mills Manufactory Company, were referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Mr Eaton from the Committee on Banks and Banking which was refused the petition of the Directors of Belfast Bank reported leave to withdraw on the same, and the report was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Willis from the Judiciary Committee reported "Leave to withdraw" on petition of B. F. Sprague and others, and the same was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Blake of Arvostic from the Committee on State Lands & State roads, reported the following resolves, viz.

"Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer,



242. to adjust the accounts, among the bills  
resolved for public uses, in certain cases  
and "Resolve in favor of Thomas Goff  
and the same were read once and tomorrow  
assigned for a second reading,

Mr. Bushing from the Committee on Clai-  
ms to which was referred the petition of Cha-  
- rles Turner reported "Resolve in favor of Charles  
Turner and the same was read once and tom-  
- orrow assigned for a second reading.

To which was referred to the Senators from same  
Committee, petition of "Sam'l F. Rawson"  
reported that said petition be referred to Com-  
- mittee on accounts, and the report was accep-  
- ted. Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Seammon from the Committee on Man-  
- ufactures to which was referred,

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Portland  
Sugar Company" reported that the same  
ought to pass, and the Bill was once read  
and tomorrow assigned for its second read-  
- ing,

Mr. Willis from the Committee of the Judicia-  
- ry, to which was referred an order relative  
to the power of Plantations, to raise money  
for Schools and Highways reported.

Bill "An act to authorize Plantations to  
raise money for Schools & Highways, also  
"An act additional to Chap 126 of the Re-  
- vised Statutes, also

On an order praying  
doings that the doings of School District No 8 in  
Camden may be legalized.

Bill "An act to make valid the doings  
of School District No 8, in Camden

And the same were severally read once and tomorrow assigned for their second reading. 243

Mr. Leammon from the Committee on Manufactures to which was referred the petition of John R. Whiting, reported on the House same

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Belfast Edge Company and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading. Look

Bill, "An act additional to an act explanatory of the act authorizing the City of Calais to aid in the construction of Lewis Island Railroad passed and approved April fourteenth eighteen hundred and fifty four and of the act in addition to authorize the City of Calais to aid in construction of Lewis Island Railroad passed January, twentieth eighteen hundred and fifty five Reported, as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, and presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval Calais

Mr. Dennette from the Committee on Division of Towns to which was referred the petition of Nathaniel Cushman and others to be set from Belmont and incorporated into a town reported

Bill "An act to divide the town of Belmont and to incorporate the Northernly part of Belmont into a new town by the name of Morrill" and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

244 Mr. Wushing, from the Committee on claims to which was referred the petition of David W. Denmore and reported on the same,

Resolve in favor of David W. Denmore and the same was once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading,

Bill "An act to amend an act to provide for the Education of Youth approved August twenty seventh eighteen hundred and fifty, reported in the House by the Committee on Education was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Master Wardens and members of Key Stone Lodge" reported in the House by Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance in petition of R. Batchelder and others, was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Resolve in aid of roads in the Counties of Shoshone and Teton, reported in the House by Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Resolve for the support of Schools among the Passamaguddy Indians" reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, was passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the petition of James Worthington Lelay on the laws relating to marriage came from



the House, referring so much of the petition 245  
as relates to the disbanding of the Militia,  
to the Militia Committee, and the Senate  
accepted the report, in concurrence.

Mr Bennett of Oxford presented the peti-  
- tion of Mark P. Smith and others of Norway  
to be incorporated by the name of the Nor-  
- way Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and  
the same were referred to the Committee  
on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance,  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Quinby of Cumberland presented the  
petition of Citizens of Westbrook for the repe-  
- al of the provision of law exempting the  
wages of laborers from Trustee process, was  
referred to the Judiciary Committee  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Watson of Lincoln, presented the peti-  
- tion of John M. Sadden and others, citizens  
of Georgetown that said town may be au-  
- thorized to raise money by a tax for a  
town Library, and the same was referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Quinby of Cumberland presented the  
petition of H. D. McTear and others,  
for an act of incorporation, and the same  
was referred to the Committee on Educa-  
- tion Sent down for concurrence

Mr Archere of Waldo presented by leave  
Bill "An act to incorporate the Lincoln-  
- ville Steam Boat Wharf Company" and the  
same was referred to the Committee on  
Interior Affairs. Sent down for concurrence.



Mr Watson of Lincoln, presented the petition of Ira B. Delano, for remuneration for damages sustained in the purchase of logs, and the same was referred to the Committee on State Land and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Pease of Cumberland presented the petition of Oliver M. Pike and others, for a law that whenever a person is prosecuted in behalf of the State, and shall be acquitted he shall be entitled to costs and damages, and the same was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Sent down for concurrence

Petition of John McLean and others of the town of Alna, praying that all officers of the States Government shall be elected by the people also for an alteration in the naturalization laws, the same was referred to the Committee having those subjects under their consideration.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Frazer of Pennebec presented the petition of Wm C Dow and others for the passage of an act indemnifying persons for depredations committed on their property for enforcing the Legion Law, and the same was referred to the Joint Special Committee having under consideration so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Legion Law.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Adams of Washington presented the petition of Ira Nash and others of Sturbridge for the election of all State officers, by the people and relative to the right of voting by

persons of foreign birth, and the same  
was referred to the Committee having those  
subjects under consideration.

Gent down for concurrence

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Petitions of Calvin L. Rowe and others of Hink-  
land praying that the name of said town  
may be changed to Haidson; of William  
Moore and others for increase of Toll on the  
Fairfield Boom Corporations; of J. A. Mc-  
rod and others for an extension of the Char-  
ter of the Bangor and Bozwer Ferry Com-  
pany; of A. C. Buffum and others of the  
Penobscot Steamboat Association, to make a  
Canal at the point of Ormside Island; and A.  
C. Buffum and others to have a Commission  
appointed to examine the inlet of the Little  
Water Branch of the Penobscot River on ac-  
count of its filling up; and the same were  
referred to the Committee on Interior Mat-  
ters, in concurrence.

Petitions of John Harris and 390 others  
of Bath, of William Porter and others of Free-  
port; of Samuel Eames and others of Bath  
of George W. Jan and others of Lewiston,  
of William Field and others of Freeport.  
of Thomas P. Hall and others of Varmouth,  
of Edward Thompson and others of Freeport,  
of Henry Bradbury and others of Auburn  
of Joseph H. Hames and others of Dunham  
of Daniel Coffin and others of Varmouth  
of Rufus Goddard and others of Freeport,  
of G. V. Mills and 58 others of Brooksville,  
of J. Horn and others of Bingham.  
Liberally in favor of election of State  
officers by the people, and in relation  
to allowing persons of foreign birth to  
exercise the right of voting were referred

248 to the Joint Special Committee having  
those subjects under consideration in con-  
-currence.

Petitions of J. A. Davis and others citizens  
of Lurey praying for aid in behalf of the  
East Maine Conference Seminary.

of E. B. Harney and others of Calais for  
aid to Waterville College; of C. B. Walker  
and others of Franklin for same; of the  
Trustees of Belgrade Academy for aid to that  
Institution; of David Brown and others  
of Waterville College for aid, and act in  
additional to an act for the Education of  
Youth approved August twenty seventh  
eighteen hundred and fifty, were refer-  
-red to the Committee on Education in  
concurrency.

Petitions of John H. Fogg and others citizens  
of Wales in aid of the petition of William  
Ham and others, of Isaac J. Small and  
others of Wales for the same object and  
the petition of Bronson J. Mitchell and  
others, praying that the act dividing the  
town of Wilson may be repealed, was re-  
-ferred to the Committee on Division of  
Towns, in concurrency.

Petition of J. L. Smith and 78 others, of  
Noah Haven, of Christopher Young and  
79 others of Union, of William E. Palmer  
and 146 others of Rockland for the es-  
-tablishment of a new County, and the  
Remonstrance of Henry Hobbs and oth-  
-ers of Hope against being incorporated  
into a new County, were referred to the  
Committee on Division of Counties, in  
concurrency.



Bill, "An act to establish a municipal 249  
Court in the City of Biddeford."

Bill, "An act to incorporate the officers  
and members of Young Men's Chapter  
And petitions of Thomas L. Stanton and  
others, for an act of incorporation under  
the name of Union Meeting House Pari-  
-sh and to legalize their doings as an ass-  
-ociation, and the petition of Charles Hill,  
praying that all laws which provide for  
the exemption from attachments of the pro-  
-ceeds of the personal labor of any person  
may be repealed, were severally referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary in  
concurrence

Petitions of the Trustees of the Kennebec  
County Agricultural Society for an app-  
-ropriation to establish an Endow. Agr.  
Stock & Experimental Farm within the  
State, of petition of Bushrod W. Hoickly  
and others for an incorporation of the Blue  
Hill Horticultural Society, and bill to  
amend Chapter of the Revised Statute  
was referred to the Committee on Agri-  
-cultural, in concurrence.

Petition of William C. Brown and others  
for an Appropriation on road from  
to Moose Head Lake; of E. G. Savage, and  
others, for the same object of Georg. Downing,  
and others for the same, were referred to  
the Committee on State Land and Sta-  
-te Roads, in concurrence

Petition of Thomas Brazdon, for a Military  
pension, was referred to the Committee  
on Military Pensions, in concurrence



Petitions of John Andrews, and others for Warren Mutual Insurance Company; of Joseph Wight, and others for changes in the laws authorizing licenses to be granted to Hawkers and Peddlars, were severally referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs, in concurrence

Petition of Ezra Tipton and others for a Bank at Kendall's Mills; was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence

Petition of G. N. Taylor and others; of John B. Coffin and others for an appropriation for the survey of Shore route for the European and North American Railway of John Creighton and others of Warren, and Thomaston that the second section "Of an act entitled an act to amend an act incorporating the Warren Tide Bridge Company, may be repealed, was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of A. N. Hill and others, for an act of incorporation, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence

Petition of Sumner Burnham for allowance of a bill incurred in arrest of Ruben Miley, was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Order from the House, That the Governor be requested to communicate to this Legislature what action has been taken under the provisions of a Resolve approved August twenty fourth eighteen hundred and fifty

setting apart and reserving twenty four  
half Townships of the Public Lands for  
common School funds was passed, in  
concurrence.

Petition of Timothy Ludden for the increase  
of salary of the Judge of Probate of Oxford  
County, came from the House referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary, and  
the Senate nonconcurred. The House in its  
reference and referred the petition to  
the Joint Delegation of the County of  
Oxford Sent down for concurrence

Bill, "An act authorizing School Districts  
to raise money for the Support of Schools  
was called up by Mr. Wickborn, and  
the question being on its passage to be  
engrossed, it was further considered -  
and then laid upon the table

The following order came from the House,  
 Ordered, That a joint select committee be  
 appointed, consisting of five of the part of  
 the House and such as the Senate may  
 join, to inquire and report as soon as  
 may be, at what time the standing com-  
 mittees will be able finally to report on  
 all business before them, and also what day  
 may be fixed for the adjournment of the  
 two Houses without day, and Messrs Hills  
 of Greene, Barrows of Harrison, Hutchins of  
 Penobscot, O'Brien of Thomaston, and Gilmo-  
 of Enfield, were appointed, and the same  
 was passed in concurrence the senate joi-  
 ned, Ruggles, Adams, Sprague.

Adjourned

Louis Q. Cowan Secretary.

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Prayer by the Rev Mr. Armistead;

Mr. Bennett from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Joseph W. Moore and others, reported,

Bill, "An act to set off a part of Detroit and annex the same to Missfeld" and the same was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading,

Mr. Thordike from the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of Charles Hathrop, reported,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Augusta Shroud Company", also on a Bill, entitled "An act additional to give mortgages of real estate a lien on policy of a fire insurance against fire, and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading,

Same Senator for the same Committee, to which was referred a "Bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Glen Mills Manufactory" and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Resolve in favor of Daniel Pinca "reported in the House by the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, was read once, and Tomorrow assigned for its second reading,

Bill. An act authorizing Seward Merrill



254 and others, to construct a wharf, on the petition of Edward Merrill and others.

Bill "An act to authorize Edward Merrill and others to construct a wharf" and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Goodwin from the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, to which was referred an order directing said Committee to enquire what legislation if any is necessary, in addition to Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes,

Bill "An act in addition to Chapter seventy ninth of the Revised Statutes" was referred and laid upon the table and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr Searcomb from the Committee on Interior Matters to which was referred the petition of Benjamin Warren reported on the same

Bill "An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters of Ponduscot Bay at Lebanon" and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "An act to regulate the sale of wood and Bark in Lewiston, laid on the table by leave, by Mr Garcelon of Lewiston was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Donnell of Oxford presented the petition of Mr Turner and others of Lebanon praying

for an act to prevent the destruction of  
Pickersel in Mathews Pond and the same  
was referred to the Committee on Fisheries  
Laid down for concurrence

Petitions of W. L. Brown and others of Newcastle  
for an inebriant Law. of Moses Springer and  
313 others of Bath. for the passage of an  
act to regulate Billiard Rooms; petition  
of Selectmen and assessors of Galloway for abatemen-  
ent of State Tax, of John Potter and others  
for additional protection of Mechanics by  
lien on buildings; of the Independent Baptis-  
-t Society, of the town of Corinth for leave to  
remove their meeting House, and to sell the  
land on which it stands; and Act  
Bills, "An act to regulate Billiard Tables.

Bills, An act in relation to the contracts of  
minors.

Bills, "An act relating to Criminal Proceed-  
ings; and remonstrance of D. K. Shaw and  
others of the Piscataquis Bar against a re-  
-vision of the Judiciary System of this State  
and petition of F. H. Mead and others for  
a Bill to regulate the construction of  
Sleigh shafts and whiffletrees, was referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary, in con-  
-currence.

Petitions of Wm Marsh and others of Aaron  
B. Emerson and others of Danie Clark and  
others, Joseph Veighton and others severally  
praying for aid to the East Maine Seminary  
of Isaac S. Kalloch and others in aid of the  
petition of the Trustees of Waterville College  
were referred to the Committee on the Judic-  
-iary in concurrence.

Petitions of the Trustees of Norway Liberal Institute for aid; presented by Mr (Donnell of Oxford, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Willis of Cumberland, presented the petition of Maine Historical Fund Society for aid, and the same was referred to the Committee on Library.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Donnell of Oxford presented the petition of the Trustees of the Norway Liberal Institute for aid and the same was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Goodwin of York presented the petition of James Cushing and Alonzo L. Mason for compensation for expenses in arresting William B. Smith, a fugitive from justice, and the same was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Shephard of Hancock presented the Remonstrance of Allen Griffin, and others against the petition of Luther Hoapworth and others and the same was referred to the Committee on incorporation of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Barker of Hancock presented the petition of John R. Bridges of Boston for change in the naturalization laws and for amendment of the constitution, relating to the exercise of the right of the election franchise, and the same were referred to the Committee having the naturalization laws under

Sent down for concurrence,

Petition of Inhabitants of Old Town, that the Rail Road Bridge may be used for travel; of Inhabitants of Pembroke residing above Old Town for same purpose; of Selectmen of Old Town for same purposes; of John Kirby and others of Dennyville and vicinity asking for an appropriation for the survey of a Rail Road from Bangor to Calais through the shore towns were referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional to Chap 79 of the Revised Statutes relating to Insurance Companies, was referred to the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of George Gledhill and others inhabitants of Indian Township No 2 against being incorporated into a town and the same was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence,

Petitions of Jonas Day and others praying for a release from obligation to pay stampage cut on Township No 4 Range 5; and of C. E. Nelson in aid of the petition of Jonas Day; of Ephraim Packard and others for an appropriation for the repair of State Road from Kingsbury to Blanchard and the same was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Dorcas Neuman aged 84 years and 92 other Ladies of Rumford for an



amended

alteration of the Law for the suppression of Drinking Houses and Tippling Shops may be amended so as to prohibit the sale of Alcoholic Liquors for medicinal and medical uses, was referred to the Committee having under consideration so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to the Liquor Laws, in concurrence.

Petition of Jeremiah Howe and others of Norway, for the removal of the County Buildings, was referred to the joint Delegation of Oxford County, in concurrence.

Petitions, of David Norton and others of Ozias Millett and others; of John Cobb, and 175 others of Kennebunk, and of Ruben Higgins and 78 others of Cape Elizabeth praying that the constitution may be altered by the people and for changes in the Naturalization Laws were severally referred to the Committee having those things under consideration, in concurrence and Rawlins and

The following Bills, reported without amendment by Committee on Bills in the second reading.

Bill "An act to protect forests and Timber Lands from fires and to punish the unlawful and careless kindling of the same."

Bill "An act to amend an act to provide for the education of Youth approved August twenty seventh eighteen hundred and fifty."

Bill "An act to divide the town of Belmont and to incorporate the northern part of

said town into a new town by the name  
of Morrill 259.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Master  
Wardens and members of the Key Stone  
Sodgy"

Bill "An act to make valid the doings  
of School District Number 8 in the town  
of Camden"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Portland  
Sugar Company".

Bill "An act to incorporate the Belfast  
Edge Tool Company."

Bill "An act to incorporate the Trustees  
of the Maine State Seminary."

Resolve in favor of Thomas Hops.

Resolve in favor of David W. Denison.

Resolve in favor of Charles Turner.

Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer  
to adjust the accounts, among the  
lots reserved for public uses in certain  
cases.

Resolves in aid of roads in the Counties  
of Androscoggin and Somerset; and the same  
were severally read a second time and pas-  
sed to be engrossed.

Order from the House, ordered that peti-  
tion of Daniel Hensley and others praying  
to be set off from Mendonshire to Leobant

be taken from the files of eighteen hundred and fifty three and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, was passed in concurrence.

Mr Turner from the Committee to which was recommended the petitions of James Harrington Olney, praying the Militia may be disbanded and recommending the federal government to abolish the army and navy so that government may rely for its defence ~~not on carnal weapons~~ but spiritual ~~tem-~~pered by the sublime doctrines communicated by the Savior of the world, reported leave to withdraw on the same, and the same was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Order of Notice returnable to the present Legislature reported in the House by the Committee on Division of Towns on the petition of Willoughby Prescott and others that a part of Norridgewock may be annexed to Shouhegan, was accepted, in concurrence.

Mr Torrey moved to proceed to the consideration of the Resolve in favor of certain Literary Institutions.

Pending this motion. Mr Boody of Cumberland moved that the Senate adjourn and the motion prevailed.

Bill "An act giving power to Plantations to raise money," reported by the Committee on Rules in the second reading, was laid on the table and the usual number of copies printed for the use of the Legislature

Friday Feb'y 16 1855

The motion pending when the Senate last adjourned to take up

Resolves in aid of certain Literary Institutions, prevailed, and the question being on its passage to be engrossed, they were further considered and on motion of Mr. Garcelon, were laid upon the table.

Mr. Adams from the Committee on the Militia to which was referred, Resolved authorizing the Acting Quarter Master General to dispose of certain Military Property, reported the resolve as amended and the same was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act additional to Article 1<sup>st</sup> Sect 8 of the School Laws approved August twenty seventh eighteen hundred and fifth," reported in the House by the Committee on Education on an order relating to the compensation of Superintending School Committees, was once read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act to increase the Capital Stock of the State Bank" reported in the House by the Committee on Banks and Banking on the petition of the President Directors and Company of the State Bank was once read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading



Bill an Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Bucksport Bank "reported in the House on the petition of the President Directors and Company of the Bucksport Bank, was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Cochran, moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate passed to be engrossed "Bill to incorporate the Belfast Edge Tool Company" and the motion prevailed and on motion of Mr. Cochran the Bill was amended and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Report of the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges granting "leave to withdraw" on the petition of Daniel Bunker and others for a charter for a Rail Road from North Anson to West Waterville, granting leave to withdraw came from the House of Representatives, and was accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of John Plaisted and 322 others of Sander-

Petition of John G. Perry and 49 others of Bath

" " L. B. Holt and 47 others of Turner

" " James H. Tibbets and 53 others of Brunswick

Petition of Wm L. Higgins and 49 others of Thordike

Petition of John W. Leonard and others of Uni-

Petition of Robert C. Rider and others of  
Washington

Petition of Oren G. Stewart and others of  
Unicom

Petition of Job Tuttle and 26 others of Smith-  
field, for a revision or amendment of the  
Constitution, were severally referred, so much  
as relates to the election of State officers, to  
Committee on election franchise; and so  
much as relates to persons of foreign birth,  
to Committee on Naturalization Laws, in  
concurrence.

Petition of Sewall Fly and others of Denmark

" " Marshall Saunders and others of Water-  
ford

Petition of S. C. Hawkins and 69 others of Water-  
ford

Petition of C. W. Woodbury and 35 others of  
Sweden; of Franklin Hosmer and 41 others  
of Sweden, for a new County by the name  
of Sebago to be incorporated from certain towns  
in Cumberland and Oxford Counties.  
And petition of John C. Moody of Rockland  
for the establishment of a new County, came  
from the House of Representatives, and were  
severally referred to the Committee on Divi-  
sion of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of H. H. Hill and others for an  
amendment of City Charter of Augusta.

264 Petition of James W. Holden and others for chang-  
- ing the Whiffletree and shafts of single sleighs

Petition of C. S. Merrill and others of Wilton  
for leave to sell second Free Meeting House  
in said town.

Petition of William Hillman in behalf of  
the Maine Medical Association.

Petition of George P. Barrows of the first Par-  
- ish of Fryeburg, for parish funds in said  
Parish to be exempt from taxation.

Petition of J. A. Pike and 82 others for an  
insolvent law.

Bill authorizing sale of second Free Meeting  
House in Wilton. Came from the House  
of Representatives, and was severally referred  
to the Committee on Judiciary, in concurre-  
- nce.

Petition of Samuel L. Hinds and 30 others  
of Bristol; of Ammi Stone and others of War-  
- mouth, in aid of prayer of Trustees of Mes-  
- thuen Seminary; of John Walker and 22  
others; of John A. Bowman and 40 others  
of Eastport, in aid of East Maine Confere-  
- nce Seminary, came from the House of Re-  
- presentatives, and were severally referred to  
the Committee on Education, in concurre-  
- nce.

Pay Roll of Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Division, with papers relating  
to the services of said company during the  
riot in the City of Baltimore in July last. Came

from the House, and was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Samuel Getchell and 35 others of Wales, against the petition of Wm Ham and others to be set off from Monmouth and Leeds and annexed to Wales came from the House of Representatives, and was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of D. C. Lomes and others of Biddeford for a Bank Charter, came from the House of Representatives and was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of William Methuen and others of Castine  
 " " William Snow and others of Centerville  
 " " John M. Wilder and others " of John A. Wallace jun and 39 others for an appropriation for a survey of Rail Road from Calais to Bangor through Machias; of O. Pearson and others of Old Town in aid of petition of C. B. Pierce for lot Bridge at Old Town; of Franklin Holmes and 26 others for a Rail Road from Portland to Bridgton, Sweden and Charles. came from the House of Representatives and was severally referred to the Committee on Rail Roads & Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Gison and 270 others; of John Bartlett and others; of Alden Chase and 80 others for removal of County of Oxford, came from the House of Representatives, and were severally referred to joint Delegation from Oxford County, in concurrence.



266. Order, That the Committee on Judiciary be directed to Report what further Legislation is necessary, to compel the Proprietors of unincorporated places to maintain in good repair public Highways in such places, and to enforce the payments of damages for neglect of the same.

Order, That Committee on Judiciary inquire if any further Legislation is necessary, to prevent Treasurers of Corporations from using the money, or funds of such corporations for purposes of private speculations.

Order, That the Committee on Judiciary be instructed to inquire what further Legislation may be proper to enable Mortgagees desiring to redeem mortgages held by persons residing out of the United States to make tender to redeem said Mortgages came from the House of Representatives and were severally passed, in concurrence

On motion by Mr Eaton of Kentucky Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to take from the files of the Senate last year, Resolve in favor of Benson Institute with the accompanying papers, and the same be referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Hitchborn moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate accepted the report of the Committee on Banks and Banking giving leave to withdraw on the petition of The Directors of Belfast Bank, and on his motion the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

February 17 1855

Introduced by the Rev Mr Ingraham

The following Bills reported, as truly and strictly engrossed having passed to be enacted in the House, to wit,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Mechanics Association

Bill an act to incorporate the Brooksville Bridge Company

Bill "An act to amend Chap. 173, of the Revised Statutes and Chap 136 of the Public Laws for the year eighteen hundred and forty nine.

Bill "An act to incorporate the new holders of the first Congregational Church in Seaboard;

Bill "An act to set off certain land from Chelsea and annex the same to Pittston"

Bill "An act in amendment of the ninety first Chapter of the Revised Statutes;

Bill "An act to incorporate the Master Wardens, and members of Key Stone Lodge;

Bill "An act further defining the power of Mayor of cities, in the election of city officers

Bill An act to annex certain territory to the Town of Weston

Bill "An act additional to an act incorporating the city of Bath

268 Bill. "An act authorizing the erection of a wharf in tide waters in the City of Augusta

Bill "An act ceding to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands and their appurtenances" Bills an act to incorporate the West Penobscot Agricultural Society.

Bill "An act to establish an act to provide for the education of the Youth approved August twenty seventh eighteen hundred and fifty. were severally passed to be enacted

Resolve in favor of Peter S. Holman

Resolve in favor of Luther Curtis

Resolve in aid of roads in the Counties of Ansonia and Penobscot, were severally reported as truly and strictly engrossed and having been finally passed in the House, were finally passed.

The foregoing Bills and resolves were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company, came from the House, amended and passed to be engrossed; and the vote of the Senate praying the same to be engrossed, was reconsidered, amended the same in concurrence, and the same passed to be engrossed

Resolve in favor of A. B. Thompson reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second reading, was amended as per Shuts A+B. and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr Quimby of Cumberland  
Ordered, That the joint Standing Committee  
in the State Prison be directed to select  
from their number a sub-committee to consist  
of not more than five, to visit the Prison in  
person, to examine into the condition and  
affairs of the same, and make report to the  
next Legislature

Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act to set off a part of the town  
of Detroit and annex the same to the town  
of Pittsfield, reported by Committee on Bi-  
-lls in second reading was read a second  
time and on motion of Mr Hunt laid upon  
the table, and Tuesday the 20 inst assigned  
for its further consideration

On motion of Mr Chase, the Reports of the  
Committee on Agriculture reported. Bill  
An act to reorganize the Board of Agriculture, &  
Bill "An act to incorporate and endow  
the Maine State Agricultural School, was  
taken from the table and recommitted to  
the Committee on Agriculture

Sent down for concurrence

Rollers in favor of certain Literary Institu-  
-ions, was called up on motion of Mr Gurdon,  
and on his motion Tuesday next, was assign-  
-ned for its further consideration of the next  
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Order from the House, That the Committee  
on the Maine Law be directed to cause to be  
printed for the use of the Legislature four  
hundred and fifty copies of the bill they  
have prepared to reprint was passed, in  
concurrence,



270 Report of the Committee on Interior waters made in the House of Representatives on the petition of Calvin Rowe and others asking to be discharged from the consideration of same and recommending its reference to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports from the Committee on State Lands and State roads granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Nathaniel Walker, and others, on the petition of James B. Cleaveland and others also Regulation Inexpedient on an order relating to the petition of John Sudley and others also leave to withdraw on the petition of C. H. Douglass, and others reported in the House, were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Mr Baker of Hancock from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported on an order relative to a cistern, near the State House reported Resolved authorizing a cistern near the State House.

Mr Ruggles from the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges on the petition of Maria Russell and others. Bill "An act to incorporate the Somerset Bridge Company,

Mr Carchore from the Committee on Fisheries reported petition of N. Webster and others

Bill "An act to prevent the destruction of fish in Cold Stream Pond in the town of Enfield and Lowell" also on the petition of Paul Hammond and others Bill "An act to prevent the destruction of fish in certain Ponds and Streams in Hampshire Town

Mr Seaman from the Committee on Manufactures reported on the petition of Hiram E. Pierce and others

Bill "An act to incor-

-porate the Hiram Dale Manufacturing Com-  
pany"

Mr Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary reported Bill "An act for the Promulgation of the Public Laws"

Mr Tascomb from the Committee on Interior Waters reported on the petition of Benjamin Warren and others Bill "An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into the tide waters of the Penobscot Bay at Ashboro"

Mr Willis from the Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred

Bill "An act to incorporate the officers and members of King Heram's Chapter at Lewiston, reported on the same,

Mr Thorne like from the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance to which was referred, Bill "An act in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the York County Mutual Fire Insurance Company"

Mr Elliot from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of George K. Smith, reported,

Resolve in favor of George K. Smith, and the foregoing Bills and resolves were severally read once and Monday assigned for their second reading

272 Mr Thorndike from the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, reported leave to withdraw on the petition of Joseph Hight and others and the report was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary reported, on the petition of Pleg Thompson and others, leave to withdraw and the report was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

The following Bills and Resolves reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, viz.

Bill "An act to authorize Sewall Merrill and others to construct a wharf in the tide waters of the Harbour of the City of Portland".

Resolve in favor of Dan Puno were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, also

Bill "An act additional to give Mortgages of real estate a lien on Policies of assurance against fire"

Bill "An act authorizing the Town of Lewiston to regulate the sale of wood and Bark in said town,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Glen Mills Manufacturing Company" and the same were severally passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Pease of Cumberland presented the petitions 2/3  
of William Maxfield and others of Casco; of  
Daniel Bean and others of Brookfield in aid  
of the petition of Alvin Davis and the same  
were severally referred to the Committee on the  
Division of Counties

Sent down for concurrence

Remonstrance of John P. Perley and others aga-  
-inst the petition of Alvin Davis and others for  
a new County, was referred to Committee on  
Division of Counties, also petition of Albert  
Davis and others of Bridgton, of Lemuel H.  
Lombard and others of Sebago, in favor of  
the petition of Alvin Davis for a new County  
were referred to the Committee on Division  
of Counties, in concurrence.

Mr Shephard of Hancock presented the petition  
of A. S. Gupstail and others for an appropriati-  
-on for a survey of a shore route for the Europ-  
-ean and North American Rail Road, and the  
same was referred to the Committee on Rail  
Roads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. W. Palmer and others aga-  
-inst petition of J. L. Butter and others for  
Incorporation of Townships No 9 Range 3, and  
the same be referred to the Committee on  
Incorporation of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence

Petition of A. C. Chesley and others in aid of  
petition of C. B. Pierce and others praying  
that the Charter of the Town and Milford  
Bridge may be revised and the same was  
referred to the Committee on Rail Roads  
and Bridges, in concurrence



274 Petition of Ebene Stevens praying that a  
law may be passed prohibiting persons from  
sending Mackeral under certain cases, was  
referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in  
consequence

Adjourned

Louis Obowau, Secretary

In Senate

Monday Feb'y 19<sup>th</sup> 1855

The President being absent the Senate was called to order by the Secretary who informed the Senate that the President would be absent, several days and that it would be necessary for the Senate to choose a President Pro Tempore.

On motion of Mr Quinby, of Cumberland, a committee consisting of Mr Quinby of Cumberland, Barker of Hancock and Bownell of Oxford was appointed by the Secretary to receive sort and count the votes for a President Pro Tempore. Having attended to that duty, Reported as follows

Whole No of votes	18
Necessary for a choice	10
Wm Willis had	14
M. H. Donnell	3
Newall Blake	1

The Report was accepted and Hon Wm Willis declared duly elected President, Pro Tempore, to serve in the absence of the President, and thereupon Mr Willis took the chair, and addressed the Senate as follows. [copy not furnished].

Bill, "An act to amend Sect 14 of Article 1 of ~~an~~ an act entitled "An act to provide for the education of youth approved August twenty seventh eighteen hundred and fifty, reported by the Committee on Education in the House in the petition of D. K. Chase and others, was recommitted in concurrence

Messages were respectively sent to the House

276 and to the Governor informing those branches of the Government that the Senate in the absence of the President had elected Hon. William Miller President Pro Tempore.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Atlas Insurance Company, reported in the House, and passed to be engrossed in that Branch, was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act to change the names of certain persons" reported in the House and passed to be engrossed in that Branch was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act additional to the twenty third Chapter of the Revised Statutes" reported by the Judiciary Committee on an order relating to private Burying Grounds, in the House, and passed to be engrossed in that branch, was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Auburn Block Company" reported in the House on the petition of William Kilburn and others and passed to be engrossed in that branch. was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company" reported on the petition of John C. Donnell and others, and passed to be engrossed in that branch. was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act authorizing the Methodist Society in Hallowell to repair and remove their meeting House" reported in the House on the petition of D. D. Lakeman and others and passed to be engrossed in that branch, was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

The following Bills reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, to wit,

Bill "An act to incorporate the officers and members of King Hoodam Chapter of Lewiston Me"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Somerset Bridge Company,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Augusta Shoe Company"

Bill "An act to prevent the destruction of fish in cold Stream Pond in the town of Enfield

Bill "An act in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the York County Mutual Fire Insurance Company"

Bill, An act to prevent the destruction of fish in certain Ponds and Streams in Kennebec and Somerset Counties"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Hiram Dale Manufacturing Company" were severally passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act additional to Article 1 Section of the School Laws approved August twenty two to eighteen hundred and fifty



Bill "An act to increase the Capital Stock of the State Bank"

Bill "An act to increase the Capital Stock of Bucksport" were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The following Resolves reported without amendment, by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, viz.

Resolves for continuation of the Geological Survey of State,

Resolve in favor of George K. Smith,

Resolve authorizing a cistern near the Stat. House

Resolves, authorizing the Acting Quarter Master General to dispose of certain Military property were severally passed to be engrossed,

Mr Pease from the Committee, to which was referred the petition of Alonzo Barnes for a Divorce, reported, Leave to withdraw on same, and the report was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Brechore from the Committee on Fisheries to which was referred the List of Inspectors of Fish, reported, That they find 123 Inspectors in commission the present year, only forty one of which have made returns, to the Secretary of the State, in conformity with the twenty seventh Section of Chapter fifty fourth of the Revised Statutes, and the report was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An Act to provide for the promulgation of the Laws" reported without amendment by Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed

Petitions of A. J. Howard and others of Hanson for a new bounty by the name of Sebago, was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Daniel Lord and others against the petition of Amos Mason and others to be set off from Lowell to Enfield was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Joseph Lechney and others against the petition of Hiram Peavy and others to run a Steam Boat on Passadumkeag Stream, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petitions of John H. Staples and others of Elliot;  
 " " B. F. Jewett and others of Madbury;  
 " " John Johnson and others of Whitfield  
 " " Samuel P. Sargent and others of Garland  
 severally praying for an amendment of the constitution so that all officers may be elected by the people also that no foreigners be allowed to vote or hold office, were referred to the Committee having those subjects under consideration, in concurrence.

Petitions of E. G. Porter and others, of Hemeny, Kennedy and others, of E. Trask and others in aid of the Trustees of Waterville College; of John Crawford and others of Jackson; of Wm L. McAllister and others in favor

280 of endowment of East Maine Conference Seminary, were severally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Heildeth Robinson and others against the petition of C. S. Merrill and others for leave to sell the second Free Meeting House in Milton, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence

Bill authorizing Caroline A. Sargent to convey certain Real Estate, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petitions of Edwin Wood and 75 others of Town of C. K. Higgins and others of Brooklyn, and petition of Arno Wiswell and 250 others of Ellsworth, severally for aid to survey a Rail Road Route from Bangor to Calais, and the same was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence.

The following orders came from the House. Ordered, that the several committees of the Legislature be instructed to report upon all the subjects now before them, as soon as practicable, and without any delay on account of petitions or remonstrances that may hereafter be referred to them.

Ordered, that all petitions in aid of petitions now pending before the Committee, and all remonstrances against such petitions now in the hands of members of the House, be presented and referred to the respective committees having the subject under consideration.

Ordered. That the Committee on State Lands and Roads, consider the expediency of appropriating a sum of money for repair of the public Indian township, in Washing County, and the same were passed in concurrence 281

Report of the Committee on Education, declaring Legislation Inexpedient on an order relative to the time of taking census, was accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Beechore

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to take from the file the petition of the Selectmen of the town of Belmont praying that the wages of School district No 3, in said town and that the same be referred to the committee on the judiciary

Sent down for concurrence

Adjourned

Louis Obowen,  
Secy.



Tuesday February 20 1855

Mr Hunt presented the petition of Francis Caldwell and others in aid of the petition of Daniel Bunker and others, for the reunion of Anson and North Anson was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Lockhart moved to take up the motion made by Mr Hichborn to reconsider the vote of the Senate accepting the Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of the President Directors and Company of the Belfast Bank and the motion prevailed, and the vote accepting the report was reconsidered, On motion of Mr Lockhart the report was recommitted.

The following Bills and Resolves having been reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in concurrence reading, to wit

"Resolve authorizing the assessment of County Taxes on the several Counties."

Bill An act to incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

Bill "An act authorizing the Methodist Society at Hallowell, to repair and remodel their Meeting House

Bill An act additional to the twenty third Chapter of the Revised Statutes.

Bill an act to incorporate the Atlas Ins

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Auburn Block Company" were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, in the petition of Thomas Ellsworth and others for the Division of the town of Soom, ordering notice returnable to the next Legislature on the same, was accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, declaring legislation inexpedient, on an order relating to the repeal of an act providing for the appointments of Superintendents of Common Schools, was accepted, in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Governor, announcing that a vacancy exists in the Office of Major General Amos M. Laughlin. The communication was read and placed in the files.

Petition of Robert Hussey, and others of Henduska in aid of the petition of S. Hussey praying that he may be set off from the town of Henduska and annexed to the town of Levant was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence. Remonstrance of Joshua Hilton in petition of Daniel Bunker et al. referred as above. Petition of S. Jones and others in aid of the petition of F. Frye and others.

Remonstrance of J. Spofford and others of Portland for an act for relief of Insolvent Debtors" was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

204 Petition of Daniel Putnam and others of Belfast in aid of the prayer of the Trustees of Westbrook Seminary for aid, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of M. W. Wentworth and others of Kittery, of Joseph C. Coe of Kittery; of Moses McBrin of Belfast and others praying that all officers shall be elected by the people and for changes in the laws relating to the right of foreigners to vote, were referred to the Committee having those subjects under consideration, in concurrence.

"Resolve in aid of certain Literary Institutions" assigned for further consideration to day, was taken up, and the question being on the passage of the resolves to be engrossed to be engrossed, the Yeas and Nays were ordered. on motion of Mr Walker of Oxford and being taken, the Resolves were passed as follows

Yeas, Adams, Nathaniel Blake, Newell  
Blake, Courier, Cochran, Dennett,  
Donnell, Eaton, Elliot, Flint, Garcelon,  
Quimby, Sprague, Thorndike, Torsey,  
Turner and Watson 17

Nays, Barker, Boddy, Cushing,  
Dascomb, Downes, Pease, Scammon,  
Walker and Willis 9

The following Bills having passed to be enacted in the House and having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed to wit.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Company

Bill, 'An act to authorize Sewall Mearns, 285  
and others to construct a wharf in tide  
waters in Portland Harbour and was passed  
to be enacted

Resolve in favor of San Pines, finally pas-  
-ed in the House and reported as truly and  
-strictly engrossed was finally passed, and  
the foregoing Bills and Resolves were convey-  
-ed by the Secretary to the Governor for his  
approval

Adjourned

Louis C. Cowan. Secy.



Wednesday Feb'y 21<sup>st</sup> 1855  
Prayer by the Rev Mr Liguori

Mr Downes from the Committee on the Insane Hospital to which was referred orders relating to appropriations for the same, made a report accompanied by Resolves as follows

Resolves making an appropriation for Insane Hospitals"

Resolve making an appropriation for Chaplain and assistant Physicians for Insane Hospital" and the same were read once, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Eaton from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported on the petition of Samuel Packard and others

Bill "An act to incorporate the Sarville Bank", and the same was read once, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Downes from the Committee on Banks and Banking reported on the petition of Ezra Carter and others. Bill, An act in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Mechanics Bank, approved, April eighteenth eighteen hundred and fifty four and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Cushing from the Committee on Claims reported on the petition of Simon Burnham, and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading. Reside

Same Senator from same Committee report - 287  
- led on the petition of Caleb Blake

Resolve in favor of Caleb Blake.

Remonstrance of D.D. Wiggins and 220 others  
of Levant against the petition of Thomas J.  
Haines, presented by Mr. Riggles, was refer-  
- red to the Committee on Division of Towns  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Bennett from the Committee on Division  
of Towns, reported on Petition of Alfred Lem-  
ont and others for the Division of West Bath.

Bill "An act to cut off certain lands from  
West Bath and annex the same to the City  
of Bath" and the same was recommitted  
on motion of Mr Turner  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Pease by leave presented Bill, "An act  
relating to bounties on wild animals, and  
the same was once read and on motion  
of Mr Walker, was laid on the table.

- Mr Dascomb from the Committee on Inter-  
ior waters to which was referred, the petition  
of David Benjamin and others, reported  
on the same

Bill "An act to incorporate  
the Swift River Dam Company"; and the  
same was read once and laid upon the  
on motion of Mr Walker.

Mr Pease from the Committee on Agriculture  
to which was recommended.

Bill, to reorganize the board of Agricultural

288. and to incorporate a State Agricultural Society," reported.

Bill "An act to incorporate and endow the Maine State Agricultural Society, and more fully prescribing the powers and duties of agricultural societies" and the same was read once, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr Cushing, from the Committee on Claims, reported on the petition of Valentine Ripley, a statement of facts accompanied by a resolve in favor of Valentine Ripley, and the statement of facts, was laid upon the table, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Was taken up.  
On motion of Mr Flint, Bill "An act to set off a part of Detroit and annex the same to Pittsfield." was laid upon the table on motion of Mr Downes, again.

Mr Dascomb from the Committee on Interior waters to which was referred.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Lincolnville Steam Boat Wharf Company" reported the Bill ought to pass, and the Bill was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr Boody from the Committee on Education to which was referred an order relating to Chapter 17 Sect 42 of the Revised Statutes.

Reported.  
Bill "An act respecting School Agents" and the same was read once, and tomorrow assign-

Bill "An act to make valid the doings of School District No. 8 in the town of Camden, was recommitted to the Committee of the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr Eaton presented, Bill "An act accepting the surrender of the Charter of the China Bank" and the same was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Pease presented Bill "An act defining the time of office for Clerks of Courts and County Allowances" and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.  
Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act to incorporate the Maine Lumber Company" laid upon the table by Mr Eaton, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Pease presented petitions of Peabody Knell and others; and Wm F. Leavitt and others in aid of petition of Albin Davis for a new County, was referred to the Committee on Division of new Counties.  
Sent down for concurrence

Petition of E. Drisco and others, of H. C. Emerson and others for a Survey of Railroad, for a shore route from Bangor to Calais was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of J. Sawyer, and others of Biddeford, for changes of the laws relating to Trustees



290 Procepes, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petitions of T. F. Winchester and others, in aid of Matamoros Seminary; of S. Powers and others for aid for Matamoras College, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Holway and others of the County of Somerset, for the reorganization of the Militia, was referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Petition of Lorenzo D. Stacy and others of Porter, Hiram, and Parsonsfield for an amendment of the constitution so that all officers may be elected by the people and for changes in the laws allowing foreigners to vote was referred to the Committee having those subjects under consideration.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Augusta and New York Navigator Company, was referred to the Committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

Mr. Nichborn from the Committee on Division of Counties, to which was referred petition of the inhabitants of Dunham to be set off from Androscoggon, to Cumberland County, reported "Leave to withdraw" on the same, and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Cushing, from the Committee on Claims to which was referred the petition of Nehemiah Ellis for compensation for money and service in arresting a criminal, reported "Leave to withdraw on same, and the report

was accepted,

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Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Hickborn from Committee on Division of Counties, reported, Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Inhabitants of Hebron to be set off from the County of Oxford and annexed to the County of Andruscoggin, and the same was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Bondy from the Committee on Education, reported Legislation Inexpedient, in an order, directing them to inquire what Laws are necessary to secure competent Teachers in institutions endowed by the State, and the same was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Willis from the Judiciary Committee, reported Legislation Inexpedient, on an order relating to liabilities of Express men, also, on an order relating to mortgages held by persons residing out of the United States.

Also, on petition of O. W. Pike and others that defendants in criminal process who are acquitted be entitled to costs.

Also, on an order relating to the duties of Treasurer of Corporation and whether further legislation is necessary to prevent them from using funds of such Companies for private uses.

Also, on petition of the citizens of Westbrook to repeal so much of Trustee Law as exempts a month's wages of laborers.

Also, on petition of the Inhabitants of Con-

292 -ville, for changes in the Law in relation to the taxes of non resident proprietors, and the foregoing Reports were severally accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Same Senator from same Committee, reported, Leave to withdraw on the petition of John M. Ladden and others, and the same was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Bill. An act to authorize Caroline L. Sargent, to sell real estate, that the same ought to pass, and the same was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Also Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the 2<sup>d</sup> Parish of Augsburg that their funds may be exempted from taxation, and the same was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Same Committee to which was referred numerous petitions from owners of pews in meeting Houses, and owners and proprietors of Meeting Houses, for leave to sell their houses and land and to repair or remodel their said Houses, reported on the same.

Bill. An act giving further powers to owners of Meeting Houses, and the Bill was read once and the Bill was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

On motion of Mr. Blake of Shostick ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads enquire into the expediency of appropriating a sum of money to complete a bridge partly erected in Township, Litch-

Mr. Nathaniel Blake from Committee on State Lands & State Roads reported on Petition of Isaac Wilder

"Resolve in favor of Isaac Wilder"  
also. "Resolve making an appropriation for a Fire Proof Safe in Land Office"

Order from the House, Ordered That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to enquire into the expediency of raising the Salary of the County Attorney for the County of Somerset was passed in Concurrence.

The following Bills, having passed to be enacted in the House, and having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed; Viz -

Bill; an Act to increase the Capital Stock of Bucksport Banks,

Bill an Act to increase the Capital Stock of the State Banks,

Bill an Act additional to Article first Sect. 8. Rev. Statutes Approved Aug 27. 1850  
were passed to be enacted and presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Mr Blake of Portland moved to reconsider the vote passing to be engrossed Bill to incorporate the Atlas Insurance Company and moved to lay the motion on the table, which prevailed.

"Bill to change the names of certain persons was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in Concurrence.

Bill an Act to incorporate the Rockland Turnpike Bank reported in the House in the petition of Charles W. Snow et al and passed



294 to be engrossed in that branch was read once and  
laminated assigned for a second reading.

Bill an act incorporating the Maine Bleach-  
ing and Laundering Company, and

Bill an act in addition to an act entitled an  
an act incorporating the Bangor and

Brewer Ferry Company reported in peti-  
tion of Henry A Wood als and paper to be engross-  
ed in the House was once read and laminat-  
ed assigned for a second reading.

Resolve repealing Resolve in favor of William  
Pott approved April 17. 1854 reported in the  
House by the Committee on the Militia was  
read once and laminated assigned for its second  
reading.

On motion of Mr Garcelon "Bill to author-  
ize School Districts to raise money for the  
support of Schools" was taken up and on motion  
of Mr Hunt of Somerset was indefinitely postponed,  
as follows

Yeas, Adams, Sewall Blake, Corbin,  
Descent, Bennett, Eaton, Elliot, Hunt, Garce-  
lon, Pease, Trinity, Ruggles, Sprague, Thomdike,  
Turner, Walker, Watson, Wells. 18.

Nays. Barker, Nathaniel Blake, Bondy,  
Carling, Currier, Goodwin, Hutchinson,  
Leavitt and Torrey. 9.

Bill an act relating to criminal  
prosecutions and to prevent unnecessary costs  
to the State was referred to the Committee on the  
Judiciary in concurrence.

Mr. Watson from the Committee on  
accounts reported.

Resolve for the Payment of Roll  
of Accounts Number 35. and the same was  
once read and laid upon the table.

Adjourned Louis Obear, Secy

In Senate.

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Thursday Feb 22. 1855.

Prayer by Rev Mr Peck.

On motion of Mr Eaton the vote was  
being to be engrossed.

"Bill an act to incorporate the Smicasset  
Bridge Company," was reconsidered and the  
bill recommitted to Committee on Rail  
Roads & Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Willis by leave, laid upon the table.

"Bill to abolish the Police Court for the City  
of Bangor and to establish a Municipal Court  
for said City with enlarged jurisdiction" and  
the same was once read and ordered to be  
printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr Prody presented,

"Resolve for building a Prison in winter"  
and the same was referred to Committee  
on public buildings.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Godwin of York presented Bill  
An act in addition to Chapter One Hundred  
and Twenty Six of the Revised Statutes and  
the same was referred to Committee on the  
Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Pasenut presented the petition  
of Joseph Barrett et als for the amendment  
of the Maine Law relating to Town Agents  
for the sale of Liquors and the same was  
referred to the Joint Special Committee  
to which was referred so much of the Green  
man's message as relates to the Liquor Law.  
Sent down for concurrence.

196. The following Order, from the House, ordered that the petition of Samuel Pillsbury and others, praying for a charter of a Bank to be located at Rockland be taken from the files of last year and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking was passed in concurrence.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Dominick Bank" reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in the Second reading was read a second time and the same passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolue in favor of Lydia Layman" reported in the House in a new Draft by Committee on the Judiciary, and passed to be engrossed in that branch, was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance granting Leave to withdraw in the petition of William Bucknam and others, was accepted in concurrence.

Mr Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred the petition of William H. Hall and others reported that the petitioners have "Leave to withdraw" and further Report a general act giving authority to all towns and cities to regulate that subject entitled "An act granting further powers to cities and towns" and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Seaman from the Committee on Manufactures on the petition of George Espilance and others Reported Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Novelty Bagging Company," and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading. 297

Mr Ellis from the Committee on the Judiciary reported, in an order to enquire into the expediency of raising the salary of the County Attorney of Somerset that they be discharged and the same referred to the delegation of the County of Somerset.

Report accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Ellis from same Committee Reported on "an act relating to the contracts of miners" that the same "ought not to pass" and the Report was accepted,

Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrances of P. A. Spofford & als; and of Aaron Fitz and others against the petition of Frederick Byr and others, praying to be set off from Dedham to the town of Holden, was referred in concurrence to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Remonstrance of Chester Weld and others  
" P. B. Kennistun and others  
against the petition of John W. Newsey and others, to be set from the town of Menduskeag and annexed to the town of Levant, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of John Hane and others, for aid



298 to East Maine Conference Seminary was referred to Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of T. S. Howard and others for aid in repairing State Roads through Kingsbury and Blanchard was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of John Williams and others of Webster for the election of all State Officers of the State government by the people and that foreigners may not be allowed to vote was referred to the Joint Special Committee having those subjects under consideration in concurrence.

The following order came from the House  
Ordered,

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of extending the operations of a resolve for the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office, approved April 20, 1854

and the same was passed in concurrence.

Bill "An act to set off a part of the town of Detroit, and annex the same to Pittsfield came up and the question being on its passage to be suggested, the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and being taken the Bill passed to be suggested as follows,

Yeas, Adams, Barker, Newell Blake,  
Merdy, Cushman, Gascomb, Gen-  
neth, James, Summell, Elliot

Plint, Godwin, Muzzy, Phoebe, Linnity  
Ruggles, Seaman, Sprague, Thonickke,  
Torrey, Turner, Katshe, and Willis  
Total 23.

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Messrs. Kiehnborn and Garcelon were excused  
from voting.

Adjourned

Louis O. Brown, Secretary

February 23. 1855

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Abner,

Bill "an act to authorize School Districts to raise money for the support of Schools" came from the House recommended. The Senate adhered to its vote indefinitely postponing the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Flint Ordered, That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the necessity of any appropriation upon the Canada Road and report.  
- - - Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House communicated through Mr. Hobart of that branch, that the House had elected, by ballot, Eli Jones as Major General of the Second Division of the Militia of Maine to fill the vacancy which exists in that office.

On motion of Mr. Dannelth, Ordered that the Senate this day at eleven o'clock proceed to elect a Major General of the Second Division of the Militia of Maine.

At the hour assigned the Senate proceeded to the election of a Major General to fill the vacancy which exists in the Second Division of the Militia of Maine.

Messrs. Dannelth, Blake of Penobscot, and Quincy of Cumberland, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes and Report. "Whole number of votes 214"

Necessary for a choice	13	301
Samuel Goodrich has	17	
Eli Jones "	2	
Samuel Wood "	2	
Henry P. Lacey "	2	

The report was accepted and Samuel Goodrich declared duly and constitutionally elected Major General of the Second Division of the Militia of Maine.

On motion of Mr. Donnell, a message was sent to the House informing that Branch that the Senate had by ballot duly and constitutionally elected on its part Samuel Goodrich as Major General to fill the vacancy that exists in the Second Division of the Militia of Maine.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

The following Bills having been reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, viz,

Bills. An act in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Mechanics Bank approved April eighteenth eighteen hundred and fifty-four

Bills "An act to incorporate the Maine Bleaching and Lumber Dressing Company".

Bills "An act in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Bangor and Brewer Ferry Company"

Bills "An act to incorporate the Grandville



## Steam Boat Wharf Company"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Switz Bagging Company"

Bill "An act respecting school Agents" reported by the Committee on Bills in second reading, were severally passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Bill to amend Chap 126 of Revised Statute reprinted without amendment by the Committee on Bills in the second reading was read a second time amended as per sheet A. and as amended passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act additional to Chap 79 of the Rev Statutes reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading without amendment was amended as per sheet A. and as amended passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Resolve making an appropriation for fire proof safe for the Land office.

Resolve, repealing the resolves in favor of William Poor jr approved April twentieth eighteen hundred and fifty four.

"Resolve in favor of Lydia Gorymae"

"Resolve in favor of Isaac Wilder"

Resolve for payment of Roll of accounts

Resolve making an appropriation for Chaplain and assistant Physician for Maine Hospital.

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Resolve making an appropriation for Insane Hospital, reported by Committee on Bills in the second reading, was severally passed to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of Caleb Blake reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time on motion of Mr. Lechore, laid upon the table

Resolve in favor of Simon Buerhe reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time on motion of Mr. Lechore laid upon

The following Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed having been passed to be enacted in the House, viz,

Bill "An act additional to the twenty third Chapter of the Revised Statutes

Bill "An act to incorporate the Auburn Block Company"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Glen Falls Manufacturing Company" were severally passed to be enacted and a resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to adjust the accounts among the lots reserved for public uses, in certain cases, reported as truly and strictly engrossed and finally passed These Bills and resolves were conveyed to the Governor by Secretary for his approval

Petition of Calvin Jewett and 56 others of Town of John T. Merrill and 24 others praying for a revision and amendment of the constitution came from the House of Repre-

304 sessions, and were severally referred to the Committee on Naturalization Laws, in concurrence

Petition of Burns Walker and 41 others in aid of the petition of Alvin Davis and others for a new county, came from the House, and was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of Albert Corner and others in aid of the petition of John Breighton, came from the House, and was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of James Miller of Belfast for leave to extend a wharf into the tide waters in the harbour of Belfast, came from the House, and was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Petition of Geo. S. Emery and others in aid of the prayer of Trustees of Waterville College for aid, came from the House, and was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Josiah Knight and 75 others of Ayerburg for a new County, came from the House, and was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence

An act concerning public schools in the City of Bangor, came from the House, and was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence

"An act to amend Chapter 177 of Revised Statutes"

An act to facilitate the detection, and prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills, came from the House, were referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Gardner.

An act relative to foreclosures on mortgages, came from the House, and were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Remonstrance of William Haskell and others stockholders in the Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Company against the petition of A. White and others, came from the House, and was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of David B. Morse and 55 others against the petition for a new County.

Remonstrance of Jacob Hazen and 77 others of Bridgton against the petition of Alvan Davis and others for a new County, came from the House, and were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Order, that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed, to inquire whether further legislation is expedient relating to notice to be given by debtors to disclose came from the House, and was read once, and passed, in concurrence.

Ordered, that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to enquire into the expediency



of repealing. Chapter twenty eighth of the public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty two  
Sent down for concurrence

Report of the Committee on the judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the citizens of the town of Westbrook, came from the House, recommitted. The Senate receded from their former vote accepting said report, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

Mr Willis from the Committee on the judiciary to which was referred the petition of H. H. Hoile and others for amendment of City Charter of Augusta, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and further reports an act entitled an act giving further powers to cities and towns to pass by laws and ordinances

and the same was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed

Mr Bennett from Committee on Division of towns to which was referred the petitions of William Ham and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill, which was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Willis from the judiciary Committee to which was referred the petition of the City Council and citizens of Portland praying that their City Charter may be amended. Reported that Petitioners have leave to bring in a bill which was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Flint from the Committee to which was

referred the petition of Peter Haines and other inhabitants of Township No. three second range in the County of Franklin for incorporation into a town by the name of Rangely. Reported that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill, which was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Garcelon from the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of Horace Billings and others for a Rail Road from Portland to Bridgton, Reported that the same be referred to next Legislature, which report was accepted.  
Laid down for concurrence

Report of the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, on the petition of Presidents and Directors and Stockholders of the Penobscot Rail Road Company, reported in the House.

Bill An act to authorize the City of Bangor to aid in the construction of the Penobscot Rail Road, and the same was read once, the rule suspended. The Bill read a second time and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr Ruggles

Adjourned

Louis A. Corvan Secy



Saturday Feb'y 24 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Dexter

Mr Quimby of Cumberland moved to reconsider the vote of the Senate by which it accepted the report of the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, referring to the next Legislature the petition of Horace Billings and others, and the motion prevailed. The report was then recommitted

Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Shephard,

Ordered, that the Secretary be directed to take from the files the petition of Samuel Whitmore and others of Deer Isle for a law to regulate the taking of Bogies.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Ruggles from the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges reported on petition of F. O. Smith, for an act of incorporation to rebuild the Bridge at Canton Point, order of notice returnable to the next Legislature, on the petition, and the petition was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same senator from same committee to which was referred an order directing the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges to inquire into the acts and doings of the Somerset and Kennebec Rail Road Company, reported "Legislature Inexpedient" on the same and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on enrolled Bills, reported as



310 truly and strictly engrosed.

Resolve in favor of A. B. Thompson, and the same was finally passed

Resolve to incorporate the Belfast Edge Tool Factory.

Resolve to incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

Resolve to protect forests and timberlands from fires, and to punish the unlawful and careless kindling of fires, and the same were severally passed to be enacted and signed by the President, and presented to the Governor for his approval.

Petition of J. R. Chadborne and 75 others in favor of an exploration of a shore route of the North American Rail Road, came from the House of Representatives, and was referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence

Petition of Curtis P. Howe and 27 others of Oxford for the removal of County Buildings in Oxford County.

Petition of Darius Forbes and others for same object, came from the House, and were severally referred to the joint Delegation of Oxford County, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Watson Dyer and others against the petition of S. L. Botts and others for incorporation of Township No 9 Range 3, came from the House, and was referred to the Committee on incorporations of towns, in concurrence

Mr. Ruggles moved to take up the

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Bill "An act to authorize the City of Bangor to aid in the construction of the Penobscot Rail Road" and the motion prevailed. He then moved to recommit the Bill and report, with instruction to report on Monday morning next and the motion prevailed.

Put down for concurrence

Remonstrance of H. G. Brown and 75 others of Oxford County against the petition of Abner Dabbs for a new County.

Remonstrance of Charles M. Jones of Oxford County against the same.

Remonstrance of A. R. Knapp and 32 others against the same.

Remonstrance of Wm A. Rust and 63 others against the same.

Petition of George Small and 16 others of Bridgton for a new County. of P. S. Pease and 10 others for same object, came from the House, and were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence

Resolve in favor of Caleb Blake.

Resolve in favor of Sumner Burnham.

Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Rangely, amended as on sheet annexed marked A. were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed

Put down for concurrence.

Mr. Collier from the Committee on Bills in the second reading, reported without amendment, "An act in addition to an act to incorporate the City of Rockland". and on motion of Mr. Eaton the same was laid on the table

Mr. Thorneike from the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance to which was referred the petition of the County Commissioners of Androscoggin County for loan for building County buildings, reported a resolve which was read once, and on motion of Mr. Garcelon, it was laid on the table

Report of the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Wm. Hopes and others of Bath, West Bath, and Sheeping, for power to County Commissioners of Lincoln to lay out and establish a bridge over Whinnegance Creek, came from the House and the same was accepted, in concurrence

Report of Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges granting leave to withdraw on the petition of A. C. Small and others praying that the Lock through the dam at Mill Bridge, may be recommended

Report from same Committee granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel H. Blake; also order on Governor's Message for survey of a Rail Road from Mathewamking, to Acostock River.

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of John Cameron and others for a toll Bridge across tide waters between Boothbay and Southport, came from the House, and were generally accepted in concurrence

Remonstrance of Nathaniel Tyler and others of 313  
Syracuse Academy Grant. against being annexed  
to Cilead

Remonstrance of Peter Dunbar and others against  
petition of assessors of Patricktown Plantation,  
came from the House, and were severally referred  
to the Committee on the Division of towns, in  
concurrence.

A. message was received from the House by Mr  
Hobart that the House had elected Samuel  
Goodrich Major General of the second Division  
of the Militia of Maine, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Maine Law,  
granting leave to withdraw on the petition of  
Royal Williams for an amendment to be ma-  
de in the law so as to allow Manufactures of  
Alcohol in this State for certain purposes,  
came from the House, and was accepted, in  
concurrence.

Bill entitled "An act for the preservation of  
Pickeral in Mathews Pond and its tributary  
streams," reported by Mr Leitch from the Commi-  
tee on Fisheries

Bill entitled, "An act to change the time for the  
close of the financial year of the State Reform  
School" came from the House

Resolve making an appropriation for building  
a Bridge across the Crystal Stream, and ~~for~~  
repairing a road in Township No 4 Range 5  
came from the House. were severally read on-  
ce and Monday 25 instant at 11 o'clock assigned  
for a second reading.



314. Bill entitled "An act to annex certain territory to the Town of Wales" reported by Mr Bennett from the Committee on Division of Towns was read once, and the 28 instant assigned assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Elliot;

Ordered, that when the Senate adjourn, it adjourn to 11 o'clock A. M. Monday next

Adjourned

Louis A. Cowan, Secretary

Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Cheney

On motion of Mr Dinnell,

Ordered, The House concurring, that when the two branches of the Legislature adjourn on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March they adjourn without day.

Laid down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Willis

Ordered, that no bill or order laid upon the table hereafter by any member of the Senate shall be referred to any committee, but the same shall be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr Bennett from the Committee on Division of Towns to which was referred the petition of Daniel Bunker and others from the reannexation of Anson and North Anson

Reported

Bill "An act to reunite the towns of Anson and North Anson" and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Mr Scammon from the Committee on Manufactures to which was referred the petition of Edward Guy and others reported

Leave to withdraw on the same, and the report was accepted

Laid down for concurrence

Report of the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, on the petition of Horace Billings and others referring the same to the next Legislature and accepted in the Senate came from the House.

346 That Branch now concerning the Senate in the acceptance of the report on motion the Senate reconsidered its former vote and recommitted the same to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. A. Milliken for an appropriation for the survey of a shore route for a Rail Road from Bangor to Calais, was accepted, in concurrence.

Mr Ruggles from the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges to which was recommitted.

Bill

"An act to authorize the City of Bangor to aid in the construction of the Penobscot Rail Road". reported the Bill on a new draft and the same was once read, the rule suspended and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

Report of the Committee on Education declaring<sup>ing</sup> Legislation Inexpedient, on an order relative to the duty of cities and towns to choose School Agents, was accepted, in concurrence.

The following Bills and Resolves reported without amendment by Committee on Bills in the second reading, viz.

Bill "An act for the preservation of Pickeral in Matthews Pond and its tributary Streams"

Resolve authorizing the Secretary of the State to effect certain exchanges of public documents

Resolve making an appropriation for building a Bridge across Crystal Stream and for repairing a road in township No 10 Range 5 and the

same was passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

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Mr. Hitchborn from the Committee on Division of Counties to which was referred the petition of Abner Davis and others for a new county reported, Leave to withdraw, on the same, and the report was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Report of Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, made in the House, on petition of John Bingham and others giving, Leave to withdraw, on the same, was accepted, in concurrence,

Report of Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges, made in the House, on the petition of John Short and others for a charter for a Rail Road from Bangor to Eastport giving, Leave to withdraw, on the same, was accepted, in concurrence

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking made in the House giving Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Ezra Tatum and others, was on motion of Mr. Hunt recommitted  
Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act to incorporate the Oakland Bank" reported in the House, on petition of George Plaisted and others

Bill "An act to incorporate the Women Mutual Fire Insurance Company" <sup>and Bill to prevent exorbitant taxation of Blood Animals</sup> reported by the Committee on Agriculture on an order asking that Blood Animals may be exempt from taxation

"Resolved authorizing the Governor to subscribe for the publications of the Maine Historical Society"



318 reported by McSonnell from the Committee in the Library on the petition of the Maine Horticultural Society, were severally read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns giving leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Ellis and others, made in the House was accepted, in concurrence

On motion of Mr. Cushman

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Governor and council informing them that Samuel Goodridge by a concurrent vote of the two branches of the Legislature has been duly elected Major General of the 2<sup>d</sup> Division of the Militia of the State

Remonstrance of William Fitch, and others against the petition of Simon H. Lombard and others of Bangor in aid of the petition of Alvin Davis and others, and Remonstrance of H. W. Knight and others of Naples against the formation of new County

Remonstrance of James Simison and others against a law to legalize the doings of District No 1 in Camden, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary  
Sent down for concurrence

Remonstrance of Timothy J. Chadbourne and others against the petition of Augustus C. Stiles and others for the annexation of Hyaburg Academy grant to Eilead, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns  
Sent down for concurrence

The following communication was received from the Governor.

Council Chamber Feb; 16 1853

In Obedience to an order of the Legislature of the 13 inst, asking to be informed what action has been taken under the provision of a Resolve approved August 24<sup>th</sup> 1850 setting apart certain lands for a common School fund, I have to inform the Legislature, that no action has been taken under said resolve

To the Senate and  
House of Representatives }

The foregoing communication was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence

Adjourned

Louis O'Connell Secy.

Tuesday Feb 27 1855

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dexter

Mr. Townes by leave laid upon the table.

Bill

"An act to unite Calais and Bangor Rail Road with Lewis's Rail Road", and the bill was once read, the rule suspended, and the Bill read a second time and was passed to be engrossed.

The vote by which the Senate passed the following  
 orders, viz,

Ordered, That no bill or order laid upon the table by any member of the Senate shall be referred to any committee but the same shall be referred to the next Legislature, was reconsidered, and the same was laid upon the table.

Remonstrance of John L. Tenney and others, and of the Selectmen of Norridgewock, and others against the petition of Willoughby, Prescott and others for a Division of said town, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Mr. Willis from the Judiciary Committee reported Legislation Inexpedient, on an act extending the time of Franklin Bank to commence suits:

Also, on an order relating to the official conduct of J. C. Cochran,

Also, a resolve in additional authorizing a tax on the several Counties of the State.

Also, on the support of paupers by counties instead of towns.

and the same was accepted, excepting so much of the said report as relates to the

Franklin Bank which was recommended.

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Mr Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary reported leave to withdraw on the following petitions

On Petition of John Doock  
" " " Mordecai Mithell and others  
" " " Nathaniel Chamberlain " "  
" " " Samuel Taintor " "  
" " " John Polter " "  
" " " Electmen of Bowdoin  
" " " Ephraim Flint and others

also

Legislation Inexpedient on an order relative to repeal of the usury laws.

also

"Ought not to pass" on an act on foreclosures of mortgages.

and the same were severally accepted, in the Senate, down for concurrence.

Bill "An act making further provisions for the administration of police in the City of Portland" was laid upon the table by Mr Dannel.

Mr Brody by leave laid upon the table.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Brunswick Paper Manufacturing Company"

Bill "An act to prevent unnecessary cost in criminal proceedings, reported by the Judiciary Committee.

Bill "An act to regulate Billiard Rooms, reported by the Judiciary Committee on petition of Moses Sprague, and others.

Bill "An act defining the term of office of Clerks of Courts and County Allowance reported



322. by the Mills from the Judiciary Committee

Bill "An act relating to Corporations" reported by Mr. Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary."

Bill "An act for the protection of Marine Fisheries on the coast of Maine, reported by the Committee on the Judiciary on petition of Eben Stevens

Bill "An act to change the name of Kirkland" reported by Mr. Flint from the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Galois L. Rowe and others

Bill, "An act to incorporate the City Bank" reported in the House by Committee on Banks and Banking on petition of D. C. Lomes and others

Bill "An act to incorporate the Alfred Bank, reported by the House by the Committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of Benj. J. Herrick and others and a

"Resolve authorizing the County of Androscoggin to procure a loan" called from the table on motion of Mr. Blake, were severally read once and tomorrow assigned for their second reading

Mr. Eaton from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petition of the Southport Bank of Winthrop for increase of capital, reported

Leave to Withdraw on the same, and the report was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Cushman from the Committee on Fisheries,

reported,  
Leave to withdraw on the petition of Samuel Whit-  
more and others for a law to prevent the taking  
of manhaden, and the same was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

The following Bills and Resolves reported  
without amendment by the Committee on  
Bills in the second reading.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Oakland Be-  
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Bill "An act to incorporate the Warren  
Mutual Fire Insurance Company,

Bill "An act to prevent exorbitant taxation  
of blood animals, and the same was se-  
-ually passed to be engrossed, in concurrence

Bill "An act to reunite the towns of Anson  
and North Anson" and

"Resolves authorizing  
the Governor to subscribe for the publications of  
the Maine Historical Society" severally rep-  
-orted by the Committee on Bills in the second  
reading were passed to be engrossed.  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Willis from the Judiciary Committee to  
whom was referred the petition of Thomas  
Boyd and others for the passage of an insol-  
-vent Law, reported

Leave to withdraw and  
the same was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Petition of Jacob Smith and others for the  
incorporation and endowment of the Maine

State Seminary, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill. An act in addition to Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, came from the House recommitted to the Committee on Mercantile affairs and insurance and the vote of the Senate asking the same to be engrossed, reconsidered, and the same was recommitted in concurrence.

The following Bills having been passed to be enacted in the House and having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed, viz

Bill "An act to incorporate the Maine Bleaching and Sawm Dressing Company"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Rockland Savings Bank"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Sannell Bank"

Bill "An act authorizing the town of Lewiston to regulate the sale of Wood and Bark in said town"

Bill "An act to prevent the destruction of fish in certain ponds and streams in Kennebec and Somerset Counties"

Bill "An act for the promulgation of the public Laws"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Hiram Sals Manufacturing Company"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Atlas Insurance Company"

Bill "An act in addition to an act entitled  
an act to incorporate the Mechanics Ba-  
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Bill "An act authorizing the extension of  
a wharf into the tide waters of Penobscot Bay,  
at Isleborough

Bill "An act in addition to an act entitled  
an act to incorporate the Bangor and Bru-  
ce Ferry Company.

Bill: "An act to incorporate the Portland Ve-  
gar Company.

Bill "An act in addition to an act entitled  
an act to incorporate the York County Mutu-  
al Fire Insurance Company."

Bill: "An act to incorporate the officers and  
members of King Williams Chapter of Lewiston."

Bill: "An act to incorporate the Augusta Sho-  
ol Company."

Bill "An act additional to give mortgages of  
real estate a lien on policies of assurance ag-  
ainst fire."

Bill: "An act to prevent the destruction of  
fish in Cold Stream Pond in the towns of  
Confield and Lowell?" were passed to be ~~en-  
acted~~ enacted.

The following Resolves having been fin-  
ally passed in the House and having been re-  
ported as truly and strictly engrossed, viz-

"Resolve for support of Schools among the Rep-  
-amagoodz Indians."



Resolve repealing the resolve in favor of William  
Bor jr approved April seventeenth in the year  
of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and  
fifty four"

Resolve authorizing the acting Quarter Master  
General to dispose of certain Military property."

"Resolve in favor of David W. Sinsmore."

"Resolve in favor of Thomas Goff."

"Resolve in favor of Charles Turner."

Resolve authorizing the apportionment of County  
Taxes in the several counties" and

"Resolve in favor of Lydia Corymore",  
were severally passed

These Bills and Resolves were conveyed by  
the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Bills. "An act giving further powers to cities  
and towns to pass by laws and ordinances"  
was called up by Mr Mills and the ques-  
-on being on the passage of the bill to be engr-  
-oped the same was read a second time  
and passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Adjourned

Wednesday, Feb. 28 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Weston

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Bath Bank laid upon the table by Mr. Watson of Lincoln and was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent down for concurrence

Bill, "An act entitled an act to increase the Capital Stock of the Eastern Bank of Bangor was laid upon the table by Mr. Blake of Bangor and the same was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Bennett, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Frederick Frye and others reported "Leave to withdraw" on the same, and the report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

The following Bills reported by the Committee on Bills, in the second reading without amendment, viz.

Bill, "An act defining the term of office of Clerks of the Courts and County Attornies"

Bill, "An act making further provisions for the administration of Police in the City of Portland"

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Brunswick Paper Manufacturing Company"

Bill, "An act to regulate Billiard Rooms"

Bill, "An act to regulate Mackerel Fishery, on the coast of Maine."

Bill, "An act to prevent unnecessary cost in criminal proceedings," and these Bills were read a second time and severally passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence

Bill, "An act to incorporate Alfred Bank,"

Bill, "An act to incorporate the City Bank" reported by Committee on bills in the second reading without amendment, were read a second and passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Mr. Pease from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Leave to withdraw" on the petition of Amasa Peterson and others in relation to the duties of Highway Surveyors, and the same was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Same Senator from same Committee to which was referred the petition of D. A. Fairbanks and others for the appropriation of 25,000 to establish and endow a Stock and experimental School, reported "Leave to withdraw" on the same, and the report was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Scammon from the Committee on Manufactures to which was referred a Bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Augustus and New York Navigation Company," reported reference of the Bill to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance and the same was accepted Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred an order to make notes taken by Banks void when extra interest is reserved. reported. Legislation Inexpedient, on the same

Same Senator from same Committee to which was referred the petition of Citizens of Westbrook and Charles Hill and others praying that so much of the trustee law as exempt one month wages of labor from that process reported that they do not think it expedient to make any alteration on the law.

and the several reports were accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred an order relating to increasing the pay of County Commissioners, reported. Legislation Inexpedient, on the same.

Same Senator from same Committee to which was referred the petition of Joshua Hubbard and others, reported. Leave to withdraw, on the same, and these reports were severally accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Pease from the Committee on Agriculture, reported on petition of Benj. W. Hunkley and others,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Blue Hill Horticultural Society"

Mr. Scammon from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Hiram H. Hill and others reported

Bill. An act to incorporate the Spring Brook



Same Senator from same Committee to which was referred,

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Maine Hay Company";

Mr Mills from the Judiciary Committee reported on the petition of William Wilforn and others praying that the Maine Medical Association may be incorporated reported.

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Maine Medical Association".

Mr Barker from the Committee on Agriculture to which was referred an order to enquire into the expediency of amending Chapter 27<sup>th</sup> of the Revised Statutes, reported,

Bill, "An act to amend Chapter 27<sup>th</sup> of the Statutes of 1853

Mr Downes from the Committee on Banks and Banking on the petition of Resident Directors and Company of the China Bank reported,

Bill, "An act accepting the surrender of the China Bank."

Same Senator from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of the first School District in Bucksport, reported.

Bill to authorize the first School District in Bucksport to accept a bequest made by Joseph G. Folsom,

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Union Meeting House Parish" reported in the House by the Judiciary Committee and the preceding bills

were severally read once and tomorrow assigned  
for their second reading. 331

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking  
made by Mr Downes referring to the next Le-  
gislature

Bill, "An act to authorize the busi-  
ness of Banking" was accepted  
Put down for concurrence

Mr Goodwin of York moved to take from the  
table.

Bill "An act relating to Stockholders  
in Corporations and amending Chapter 76  
of the Revised Statutes" and the motion  
prevailed. The Bill was amended as per she-  
et marked A. read once and tomorrow af-  
-signed for its second reading.

Bill, "An act relating to Corporations, reported  
by the Committee on Bills in the second rea-  
-ding, was amended, was read a second  
time and recommitteed to the Judiciary Co-  
-mmitttee

Put down for concurrence

Bill, An act to change the name of Kirkland  
reported by the Committee on Bills in the second  
reading without amendment was read a sec-  
-ond time and laid upon the table on mo-  
-tion of Mr Blake of Penobscot

Bill "An act to annex certain territory to  
the town of Wales" reported by the Comm-  
-itttee on Bills in the second reading wit-  
-hout amendment, was read a second time  
and laid upon the table on motion of Mr  
Donnelly

332 "Resol<sup>n</sup> authorizing the County of Ind<sup>h</sup>berg-  
-gin to procure a loan" reported by the Comm-  
-ittee on Bills in the second reading, without  
amendment, was read a second time, and  
the question being on the passage of the Resol<sup>n</sup>  
to be engrossed the Senate without taking  
the question.

Adjourned

Louis O. Cowan,  
Secretary.

Thursday March 1 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Webb

Resolve authorizing the County of Androscoggin to procure a loan which was under consideration when the Senate last adjourned was laid upon the table

Mr Willis from the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges recommitted report of said Committee on the petition of Horace Billings and others reported,

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Lake Umbagog R.R. Company" and the Bill without being read was laid upon the table on motion of Mr Willis.

On motion of Mr Blake

Ordered, That a Committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join be a committee to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the relief of indigent persons residing on the St Johns River in the county of Arrostic,

and Messrs Blake,

Sumner, and Dounele were appointed said Committee on the part of the Senators. The House passed the order in concurrence and Messrs Patten of Fort Fairfield, Smith of Mattawamkeag, Hammon of Saco, Lincoln of Bath, Buck of Bucksport, of Eastport, and Thomas of Portland were joined as Committee

The following Bills having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed, and having been passed to be enacted in the House viz

Bill. An act to authorise the City of Bangor



334 in the construction of the Penobscot Rail Road"

Bill "An act authorizing the Methodist Society in Hallowell to repair and remove their Meeting House, and

Bill, "An act to prevent exorbitant taxation of Blood animals" were severally passed to be enacted and were presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval

Mr Willis by leave laid upon the table Bill "An act accepting the surrender of the Charter of the Atlantic Bank"

Mr Goodwin by leave laid upon the table Bill, "An act in addition to an act incorporating the City of Biddeford, and these Bills were read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Bill, "An act to regulate the business of pawnbrokers" was laid upon the table by Mr Goodwin

Bill, "An act in relation to Bankrupt Plaintiffs" laid on the table by Mr Donnell by leave.

Bill "An act respecting judicial proceedings, laid on the table by Mr Thorndike by leave were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary  
Sent down for concurrence

Remonstrance of William Thompson and 44 others and 195 others, of Thomas Rowe and 91 others, of Leonard Russell and others all against the petition of Henry K. Parsons and others for the removal of the County Buildings

in Oxford County was referred to the delegation 335  
from Oxford County

Sent down for concurrence

Remonstrances of John M. Seshon and others,  
of Percy Thomas and others against the petition  
of Henry R. Parsons and others for the removal  
of County Buildings in Oxford County, were re-  
ferred to the joint Delegation of Oxford County,  
in concurrence

Petition of A. Marston and others in aid of the  
petition of H. R. Parsons for removal of County  
Buildings in Oxford County, was referred to the  
joint Delegation of Oxford County, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of James S. Glidden and 55 oth-  
ers against the petition of Josiah Bruce and oth-  
ers to incorporate Patrickstown Plantation may  
be incorporated into a town, was referred to the  
Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence

Petition of W. H. Neil and others in aid of the  
petition of Willoughby Prescott and others to be  
set off from Norridgewock to Shawhegan was refer-  
red to the Committee on Division of Towns, in con-  
currence.

Remonstrance of John Black and other Stock-  
holders of Sullivan Bridge Company against the peti-  
tion of J. P. Donnell and others that the doings  
of said Company may be legalized was referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concu-  
rence

Mr Thorndike from the Committee on Mercan-  
tile affairs and Insurance reported.

Legislation  
Inexpedient on the petition of the owners of the

True Meeting House in Hartford and the report was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Bennett from the Committee on Division of Towns reported. Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Milloughby Prescott and others to be set off from Norridgewock to Shoshogon and the same was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Ruggles from the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges reported. Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Directors of Gardiner and Pittston Bridge Company and the report was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Elliot from the Committee on Military Pensions reported. Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Abigail O'Brien that the benefits of the residence of March 20 1838 may be extended to her, and the report was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Same Senator from same Committee, reported. Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Thomas Taylor of Strong for a renewal and increase of pension and the report was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Flint, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported order of notices returnable to next Legislature as follows.

on petition of Mark Scott and others  
also " " " " L. L. Bolter and others  
" " " " Luther Hoapworth and others  
and these reports were severally accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Bill. An act to incorporate the Maine Harbom- 337  
-pany, reported by Committee on Bills in the sec-  
-ond reading, without amendment, was read  
a second time, and on motion of Mr Goodwin  
was laid upon the table

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary declar-  
-ing, Legislation Inexpedient, on "An act extending  
the time of Franklin Bank to commence suits, wh-  
-ich was recommitted in the Senate, came fr-  
-om the House that branch recommending in the  
recommitment and accepting the report as  
originally made, The Senate receded from  
its former vote and accepted the report, in  
concurrence.

Bill, "An act to amend the twenty sixth Ch-  
-apter of the Revised Statutes" was reported with  
the amendment adopted and the Bill and  
amendment was read a second time, and  
the Bill was recommitted with instructions  
to prepare a bill in accordance with the  
principles of the amendment, to the Judiciary,  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Hunt from the Committee on Incorporati-  
-ons of Towns, to which was referred the peti-  
-tion of the assessors and agent of Patrick  
Plantation, reported on the same

Bill, "An act entitled an act to establish  
the Easterly Line of Patricktown Plantation"  
and the same was read once and tomor-  
-row assigned for a second reading  
Sent down for concurrence

The following Bills having been reported  
by the Committee on Bills in the second  
reading viz



Bill, "An act to incorporate the Union Meeting House Parish, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An act to authorize the inhabitants of the first School District in Bucksport to accept a bequest made by Joseph R. Folsom."

Bill, "An act to amend Chapter 27 of the laws of 1853"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Maine Medical Association".

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Spring Brook Manufacturing Company."

Bill, "An act to amend Chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes"

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Blue Hill Horticultural Society."

Bill "An act accepting the surrender of the charter of the China Bank" reported without amendment, by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed

Bill, "An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of Androscoggin County" reported by the joint Delegation of Androscoggin County in the House, was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

On motion of Mr Sprague the Senate took up the the

Resolves authorizing the County of Androscoggin to measure a loan" and Mr.

Mr Garcelon moved to recommit the resolves to the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance with instructions to bring in an act explanatory of the act establishing the County of Androscoggin agreeably to the facts proved before the Committee. The accompanying Bill.

Pending this motion to recommit the Bill on motion of Mr. Boody it was laid up-  
on the table

Bill. An act in addition to Chapter one Hundred and twenty six of the Revised Statutes reported as truly and strictly engrossed and passed to be enacted in the House, was on its passage to be enacted, laid on the table on motion of Mr. Willis

The following order came from the House Ordered that the Secretary of the State be authorized to purchase a suitable number of copies of the Revised Statutes, and the subsequent Public Laws, for the use of the Library, and for distribution to parties entitled to the same under existing laws, not exceeding twenty copies of the Revised Statutes and ten copies of the subsequent public Laws, came from the House, and was passed in concurrence.

Bill. An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine State Seminary" came from the House amended and passed to be engrossed, on motion of Mr. Hichborn the Bill was laid upon the table

Adjourned  
Louis O. Corvan Secretary.

Friday March 2 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Ware

The Senate, on motion of Mr Hillis, reconsidered the vote recommending the act relating to Stockholders in Corporations and amending Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes and the question being on the passage of the Bill to be engrossed the bill was amended, and as amended passed to be engrossed

The following Bills having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed, and having passed to be enacted in the House, viz.

Bill. "An act in addition to Chapter one Hundred and Twenty Six of the Revised Statutes"

Bill. "An act to incorporate the Oakland Bank" were severally passed to be enacted and were conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval

The joint Special Committee to which was referred the petition of David Page and others also an order relative to enquiring into the expediency of an appropriation for the relief of indigent persons residing on the St Johns River, in the County of Alameda, reported on the same.

"Resolve in aid of certain persons on the St Johns River" and the resolve was read once, the rule suspended, resolve amended as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for Concurrence

Mr Goodwin from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred. 341

Bill. "An act regulating the use of Railroad Bridges" and the same was read once, and on motion of Mr Goodwin the usual number of copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The following Bills having been reported as two-Committee Bills in the second reading, viz.

Bill. "An act accepting the surrender of the Charter of the Atlantic Bank"

Bill. "An act additonal to an act incorporating the City of Biddeford"

Bill. "An act to establish the Salary of the County Attorney of the County of Androscoggin"

Bill. "An act to establish the Custody of Patricktown Plantation", and these bills were severally read a second time and were passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Mills from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, on the following orders and acts, on "An order relative to appeals from County Commissioners."

on "An act respecting reviews"

On: "An act of transfer of actions in new Counties"

on an act in relation to set off demands

Legislation Impediment, and these reports were severally accepted. Sent down for concurrence.



A message was received from the House through the Clerk communicating to the House that the Governor had informed the House that he had approved on the 28 of February the following acts

"An act for the promulgation of the Public Laws"

- An act additional to give mortgagees of Real Estate a lien on policies of assurance against fire"

- Mr Willis from the Judiciary Committee to which was referred an order relative to the expediency of repealing Chapter 28 of the laws of 1847 relating to appeals from County Commissioners reported "Legislation Inexpedient on the same on motion of Mr Donnell's the report was laid upon the table

Reports of Edward Kent and Lot Merrill and John Rand, Commissioners by a resolve of the present Legislature "to prepare a judiciary system" were received, and on motion of Mr Willis the same were laid upon the table and 400 copies of them ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr Ruggles Bill, "An act to change the name of Kirkland" was taken from the table and the question being on its passage to be engrossed the bill was indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. Ruggles

On motion of Mr Boody, "Resolves authorizing the County of Androscoggin to procure a loan" was taken up and the question being on the

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with instructions the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and the Senate refused to recommit as follows

Yeas Nathl Blake, Dascomb, Flint, Garcelon,  
Muzzy, Ruggles, Scammon, Sprague,  
Thorncliffe, Turner, Walker, Watson

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Nays Newell, Blake, Boody, Currier, Donnett  
Downs, Fennell, Elliot, Goodwin, Rich-  
born, Shephard, Torrey, Willis

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Mr Garcelon, then moved the indefinite postponement of the Resolves, and the Yeas and Nays, having been ordered the motion to postpone prevailed as follows

Yeas Nathl Blake, Dascomb, Donnett, Elliot  
Garcelon, Muzzy, Ruggles, Scammon, Torrey,  
Sprague, Thorncliffe, Turner, Walker, Watson

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Nays Barker, Newell, Blake, Boody,  
Currier, Downs, Fennell, Flint,  
Goodwin, Richborn, Shephard and  
Willis

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Mr Willis from the Judiciary Committee reported, Legislation Impediment, on An order to enquire into the expediency of reducing the Salary of the Attorney General.

Mr Dascomb from the Committee on Interior Matters, reported, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Kim and others, on the petition of John Kendall and others, on the petition of Mattawamkeag Log Driving Company,

on the petition of Seth Paine and others

on the petition of Ephraim Paulk and

B44 others

Mr Newall Blake from the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, reported  
Leave to withdraw, on

"Petition of A. M. Roberts and others"

Mr Pease from the Committee on Agriculture reported, 'the same ought to pass'

"An act to establish an experimental farm" and the above reports were severally accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Ruggles from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported a

"Resolue for the repair of the Canada road"

Mr Willis from the Judiciary Committee reported,

"An act additional to an act entitled an act giving to laborers on lumbering thereon"

"An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of Gardiner"

An act additional to Chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes"

An act to regulate the business of Pawn Brokers"

Mr Donnell from the Committee on the Library reported,

"Resolue authorizing the purchase of certain National Medals"

Mr Lusser from the Committee on Education

reported

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"An act to incorporate the Waterville Library Association".

and the foregoing Acts and Resolves were severally read once, and tomorrow at ten of the clock in the forenoon assigned for a second reading.

Bill entitled "An act to amend the fifteenth Chapter of the Revised Statutes, came from the House, passed to be engrossed, and the same was read once, and tomorrow at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, assigned for a second reading.

Mr Goodenow by leave laid upon the table

Bill entitled, "An act to amend Chapter 88 of the Statutes of 1854, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Sent down for concurrence

Mr Barker from the Committee on Public Buildings reported "ought not to pass" on a

"Resoln for building of a Reservoir for Water"

Mr Dascomb from the Committee on Interior Affairs, reported reference to next Legislature on the petition of William Moore and others which report was severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence

Bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Eastport Steam Mill Company" came from the House, passed to be engrossed, and the same was read once and tomorrow at 10 o'clock in the forenoon assigned for a second reading.



346 Mr Lascomb from the Committee on Interior  
Waters, reported.

"An act to allow the construction of a Mill in tide waters of Samara's-  
ta River,

which was read once, and on  
motion of Mr Watson was laid on the table

Adjourned

Louis Q. Cowan Secretary

Saturday March 3 1855

"Resolve for the repair of the Canada Road"

Bill entitled, "An act to incorporate the Waterville Library Association"

"An act to annex certain territory to the town of Wales"

"An act additional to Chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes"

"An act additional to an act entitled an act giving to laborers on lumber a lien thereon"

"An act to regulate the business of Pawn Brokers"

"An act to incorporate the Eastport Steam Mill Company" were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Swift River Saw Company, was taken from the table, amended as on Sheet annexed marked A, read a second time, and passed to be engrossed as amended

Sent down for concurrence

Bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the owner of Meeting House to sell, or remove, or repair the same was amended as in sheets annexed marked A and B, and as amended read a second time and passed to be engrossed"

Sent down for concurrence

"Resolves in aid of certain Letters on the Lo-  
john's River" reported as truly and strictly  
engroped and finally passed in the House,  
was finally passed.

The following Bills, reported as truly and strictly  
engroped, and passed to be enacted in the Hou-  
se. viz.

Bills. An act to divide the town of Belmont  
and to incorporate the northerly part thereof  
into a new town by the name of Monile.

Bill. "An act to incorporate the City Bank"

" " "An act to incorporate the town of ~~Belmont~~  
Monile

Bill. "An act to incorporate the Oakland Bank"

Bill. "An act to establish the salary of the County  
Attorney of the County of Andruscoggin"

Bill. "An act to incorporate the Union Meeting  
House Parish,

were passed to be enacted and  
the foregoing Bills and Resolves were conveyed  
by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval

Mr Walker from the Joint Delegation of the  
County of Oxford reported Leave to withdraw  
on the petition of sundry persons in Oxford  
County for the removal of Public Buildings  
Henry R. Parsons and others.

Mr Nathaniel Blake from the Committee on  
State Lands and State Roads, reported  
Leave to withdraw on the petition of Ira

Mr Garcelon from the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges reported. Leave to withdraw, on the petition of C. Harris in behalf of the City of Bangor to loan its credit.

Mr Reichborn from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported. Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Christopher Young and others.

Mr Ruggles from the joint Select Committee to which was referred an order directing them to inquire and report what time the several joint Standing Committee will be able finally in all business before them; and also what day may be fixed for the adjournment of the two Houses without day, made a report. and the foregoing reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Thordike presented the petition of Kinsor Crockett and others, asking for permission to increase the Capital Stock of "Stone Rock Bank," and the same was referred to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence

Bill entitled, "An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of Gardiner".

Resolves authorizing the purchase of certain National Medals," were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence



Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to establish and pay the claim of Edward Kent, Lot M. Mouille, and John Rand, Commissioners appointed by Resolve to revise the Judiciary System

Bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Camden Bank"

Bill entitled "An act to authorize the town of Lewiston to raise money for certain purposes" laid on the table by Mr Garcelon, were severally read once, and Monday next at 11 o'clock, assigned for a second reading

On motion of Mr Downes

Ordered, that from and after Monday next the Senate hold two sessions a day commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. and half past 2 o'clock afternoon.

Mr Blake from the Committee on Indian affairs to which was referred a communication from the Governor and accompanying report of the Papamagwoody Indians Agent, reported upon the same accompanied with a resolve entitled.

Resolve on relation to Papamagwoody Indian Lands, and the resolve was once read, and the resolve, and accompanying Documents were ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

On motion of Mr Thordike it was voted that when the Senate adjourn, it adjourns to meet on Monday a eleven o'clock

Bill.

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An act to amend the fifthth Chapter  
of the Revised Statutes reported by Committee  
on Bills in the second reading was read a  
second time and on motion of Mr Goodwin  
laid upon the table

Adjourned

Louis Almon,  
Secretary.

Monday March 5 1855

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ware

The following bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed having been passed to be enacted in the House viz

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Alfred Bank"

Bill "An act accepting the surrender of the Charter of the Atlantic Bank."

were severally passed to be enacted.

Resolve for the payment of note of accounts reported as truly and strictly engrossed, and finally passed in the Senate, was finally passed.

The foregoing Acts and Resolves were conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John Wendall and others came from the House that Branch nonconcurring the Senate on accepting the report, and referring the same to the next Legislature. The Senate recessed and concurred the House in refusing the same the next Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Blake of Shrovet

Ordered,  
That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repairing the road through Township No 9 Range 5 Fenced partly by the State and partly by individual proprietors and report by resolve or otherwise.

Mr Blake of Ansonia by leave laid upon the table 353

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the Lot reserved for the further Suspension of the Legislature in the town of Brownville, and the same was once read, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr Turner of Lincoln by leave laid upon the table.

Bill. "An act to authorize the Selectmen of the town of Wiscasset to lay out a road over tide waters, and the Bill was once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill. "An act additional to an act to establish the Kennebec and Wiscasset Rail Road Company; reported by the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges in the House, was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve providing for a revision of the Public Laws of the State"; reported in the House from the Judiciary Committee, was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

"Resolve for the representation of Maine at the Paris Exhibition of 1853," reported in the House by the Committee, and refused a passage then was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill. "An act to protect Mackerel Fishery on the coast of Maine," came from the House, amended, and passed to be engrossed. The Senate receded from its former vote passing the Bill to be engrossed, amended it in concurrence with the House and as amended passed the



354. Bill to be engrossed.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns granting Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the assessors of Patricktown, came from the House, that branch amending the Bill so as to allow the petitioners to bring in a Bill, and the Senate concurred in the amendment and

Bill. "An act to set off parts of Whitfield and Jefferson and annex the same to Patricktown Plantation", and the Bill was once read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr Shandike from the Committee on Division of Towns to which was referred the petition of Alfred Lemons and others reported thereon

Bill. "An act to set off certain lands from West Bath and annex the same to the City of Bath, and the same was once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr Watson of Lincoln

Bill. "An act to allow the construction of a Mill in tide waters of the Saco and Kennebec Rivers" was taken from the table and read a second time and passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

The following Bills and Resolves having been reported by Committee on Bills in the second reading without amendment, viz.

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Canton Bank."

Resolve in favor of the Commissioners in the Judicial System. were soon

-ally read a second time and passed to be engrossed

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-Petition of Cyrus Thayer and others in aid of the East Maine Conference Seminary, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence

-Petition of Nathl Sumner and others for changes in the Naturalization Laws and for the election of State Officers by the people, was referred to the Committee having those subjects under consideration, in concurrence

On motion of Mr Pease

Bill, "An act to incorporate and endow the Maine State Agricultural Society, and more fully prescribing the powers and duties of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies" was taken from the table and the Bill was read once, rule suspended, amended in its 8 section, the rule suspended, and the bill read a second time as amended passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Downes

"Resol<sup>n</sup> providing for an amendment of the Constitution relating to the elective franchise"; was taken from the table and on his motion the further consideration of the same was postponed untill Wednesday next

Mr Souwell from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred

Bill, "An act to amend the charter of the City of Biddeford"; reported

An act to establish a Municipal Court in the City of Biddeford, and the same was read once, laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

Mr Turner from Maine by leave laid upon the table

Bill, "An act to authorize the town of Wiscasset to aid in the construction of the Kennebec and Wiscasset Rail Road, and the bill was once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Mr Hichborn from the Committee to which was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Maine Law reported

Bill, "An act for the suppression of Drinking Houses and Tippling Shops" and the same was once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

The following Reports came from the House, from the Judiciary Committee, granting Leave to withdraw, on petition of Selectmen of Scarborough

On petition of Selectmen & Town Clerk of Stoneham

On petition of Selectmen and Town Clerk of Sweden

On petition of David Stewart and others  
" " of Grand Morse and others

By the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges

On act to incorporate the National Pacific Rail

Road Company:

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that the same ought to pass  
on the petition of Elbridge Harris and others  
Leave to withdraw.

By the Committee on Interior Waters  
on the petition of A. C. Buffum and others  
and referred to the next Legislature  
on the petition of Horiam Peasey and others.  
Leave to withdraw.

By the Committee on the Militia  
on the petition of the Portland Cavalry Gu-  
ards of Portland  
Leave to withdraw.

By the Committee on State Lands and Sea-  
to Roads  
On the petition of John Taber and  
others  
On petition of Mark Crofton and others

By the Committee on Banks and Banking  
on the petition of Joseph Paccioli and others  
Leave to withdraw.

By the Committee on Education  
concerning the Public Schools in Bath, <sup>on a Bill</sup>  
not to pass; and the same were accepted in  
concurrence. <sup>, ought</sup>

A. message was received from the House com-  
municating to the Senate that the Governor



358 has sent information to the House, that he had approved March 3 1855 the following acts, viz

"An act additional to Chapter one Hundred and twenty six of the Revised Statutes."

"An act to prevent exorbitant taxation of blood animals."

"An act to establish the Salary of the County Attorney of the County of Androscoggin"

Adjourned

Louis A Cowan,  
Secretary

Tuesday March 6 1853

Prayer by Rev Mr Amistap

Report of the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges referring to the next Legislature

"An order relating to repeal of an act additional incorporating the Bangor and Piscataquis Rail Road Companies" made in the House was accepted, in concurrence

Report of the same Committee, made in the House granting reference to the next Legislature the petition of S. B. Pierce and others, was accepted, in concurrence

Report of the same Committee made in the House granting reference to the next Legislature, the petition of Adams Sear and others and ordering that the petitioners furnish a working survey and profile of the Rail Road route asked for, was accepted, in concurrence

Message from the Governor transmitting certain Rhode Island resolutions, was referred to the Committee on the Naturalization Laws, in concurrence

Report of the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Rail Road Company, for change of name made in the House, and accepted in that Branch, was amended so as to give the petitioners leave to bring in a bill, and the report was then laid upon the table, and on motion of

360 Mr Blake of Portland

Resolve for the representation of Maine at the Paris Exhibition of 1865 reported without amendment by Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time and refused a passage, in concurrence

A message was received from the House asking for the return of the

"Resolve for the representation of Maine at the Paris Exhibition in 1865" and the Senate directed the return of said resolve and accompanying papers

The papers were returned by Messrs

Mr Donnell from the joint Committee of the Delegation reported on the petition of Timothy Sandden

Bill, "An act to increase the Salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford" and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Mr Downes by leave laid on the table

"Resolves in relation to the payment of the State Debt" and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr Sonnell's by leave laid upon the table

Bill. An act providing for a standard and inspection for Gas Meters and preventing fraud in the measurement of Gas, and the same was referred to the Judiciary Committee

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Garcelon by leave laid upon the table 361

Bill, "An act entitled an act to incorporate the Old Town and Lincoln Rail Road Company" and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred, "An order for engraving into the expediency of assessing taxes on mortgaged property, declaring Legislative Inexpedient on the same, was accepted, in concurrence

On motion of Mr Fournell the vote of the Senate, ordering the printing of the bill to establish a Municipal Court in the City of Biddeford was reconsidered and the bill was once read the rule suspended, Bill read a second time, and passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking giving Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the President Directors of the Bank of Winthrop, came from the House, that branch nonconcurring the Senate in the acceptance of the report and amending the same by giving the petitioners Leave to bring in a Bill, the Senate receded, and

Bill, "An act to increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of Winthrop in Winthrop" was read one and tomorrow assigned for its second reading,

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Norway National Fire Insurance Company" reported in the



362 House by Committee on Mercantile Affairs  
and Insurance on petition of Mark Smith  
and others

Bill. An act authorizing the Penobscot Sam-  
bering Association, or Daniel White & Benja-  
min F. Gilman and others to make a cut  
a canal across a point on the easterly side  
of Orons Island, reported in the House by  
the Committee on Interior Waters on petition  
of A. C. Buffum and others

Bill. An act additional to an act entitled  
an act to establish the Bangor and Orons  
Rail Road, approved August 21 1850,  
reported in the House by Committee on Rail  
Roads and Bridges on the petition of the Pen-  
obscot Rail Road Company

Bill. An act to incorporate the Somerset Bridge  
Company, reported in the House on petition  
of Eliam Burnell and others on recommendation  
to Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges.

Bill. An act to punish the fraudulent issue  
and transfer of certificates of Stock in corporations  
reported by the Committee on Banks and Banki-  
ng in the House on an order relative thereon.

Bill. An act additional to Chapter one Hundred  
and fourth of the Public Laws of the year 1854  
entitled and act additional to an act to  
provide for the education of Youth, reported  
by the Committee on Education on an order  
relative to the basis of distributing the Scho-  
ol Funds

Bill. An act to change the terms of the Crim-  
inal Court, for the County of Penobscot report

in the House by the Committee on the Judiciary - 363  
-ry to which the previous bill was recommitted  
and the foregoing Bills were once read and  
tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Resolve in favor of Samuel F. Hersey" reported  
by the Committee on State Lands and State  
Roads, on petition of Samuel F. Hersey.

"Resolve in favor of Comar Levy." reported by the  
House on petition of Comar Levy by Committee on  
State Lands and State Roads, were severally  
read once and tomorrow assigned for its second  
reading.

Bill, "An act for the suppression of Drinking  
Houses and Lapping Shops," reported without am-  
-endment by Committee on Bills in the second  
reading was amended as per sheets A & B,  
and was then laid upon the table on motion  
of Mr. Garcelon.

Resolve extending the time when certain lands  
shall be forfeited to the State, reported by  
the Committee on State Lands and State  
Roads, was once read and laid upon the  
table on motion of Mr. Eaton.

On motion voted that when the Senate adj-  
-ourn, it adjourn to meet at 10 A.M. tomorrow.

The following Bills having passed to be enacted  
in the House and having been reported as  
truly and strictly engrossed, viz.

"An act to incorporate the Eastport Steam  
Mill Company."

An act to incorporate the Blue Hill Agricult-

"An act additional to an act incorporating the City of Biddeford"

"An act defining the terms of office of clerks of Courts of County Attornies."

An act making further provisions for the administration of police in the City of Portland

"An act to authorize the inhabitants of the first School District in Bucksport to accept a bequest made by Joseph G. Folsom."

"An act to protect the Mackerel Fishery on the coast of Maine."

"An act to amend Chapter twenty seven of the laws of 1853"

An act to incorporate the Brunswick Paper Manufacturing Company"

"An act giving further power to Cities and towns to pass by laws and ordinances"

"An act for the preservation of Pickeral in Mathews Pond and its tributary streams."

"An act to incorporate the Warren Mutual Life Insurance Company"

An act to unite Calais and Bangor Railroad with Lewis Island Rail Road"  
and these bills were severally passed to be enacted.

The following Resolves having been finally  
passed in the House and reported as truly  
and strictly engrossed viz.

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"Resolve in favor of Isaac Wilder."

"Resolve making an appropriation for the In-  
sane Hospital"

"Resolve authorizing the Governor to subscribe  
for the publication of the Maine Historical  
Society."

"Resolve making appropriations for Chaplain  
and assistant physicians for the Insane Hospi-  
tal."

And the same were finally passed  
and the foregoing Acts and Resolves were  
conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor  
for his approval.

Adjourned

Louis C. Cowan, Secretary.



Wednesday March 7 1855  
Prayer by the Rev Mr Lappan

On motion of Mr Goodwin who stated the Secretary had received a letter from the Assistant Secretary who had been absent several days, stating that he was sick and it was uncertain when he would be able to discharge his duties, the Secretary was authorized to procure such help as he may need to enable him to discharge his duties during the absence of the Assistant Secretary.

Mr Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary reported, Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Nankin Fuller and 46 others for legislation in regard to County Commissioners

Also same report on Abraham Andrews and others that the law relating to taxing personal property which has been taxed in other States

Also reference to next Legislature on petition of the President of the Rockland Water Company and the City Council of Rockland that the charter of said Company may be amended

These reports were severally accepted

Laid down for concurrence

Bill An act entitled an act in addition to an act entitled an act incorporating the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Railroad Company was read once and tomorrow signed for a second reading

Mr Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary 367  
to which was referred a bill entitled a Bill  
An act to regulate the fees of officers in courts  
in cases

Same Senator from same Committee to which  
referred an order relating to the subject.  
reported,

Bill, "An act to authorize the clerk  
of School District No 8 in Camden to amend  
his records

Same Senator from same Committee to which  
was referred the petition of H. D. White  
and others reported a

Bill "An act for the  
amendment of the records of the Sullivan  
and Hancock Bridge Corporation."

Mr Goodwin from the same Committee to  
which was referred an order relating to the  
subject a

Bill, "An act to amend the tenth  
section of an act entitled an act concerning  
the assessment of taxes.

These bills were  
severally read once and tomorrow at 10  
o'clock A. M. assigned for a second read-  
ing

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to  
sell the lot reserved for the future dis-  
position of the Legislature in the town of  
Brownville, was read a second time  
and on motion of Mr Cushing laid on the  
table

Resolve providing for a revision of the  
public laws of the State, were read a

second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence

On motion of Mr. Pease the Senate proceeded to the consideration of a

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Sebago Lake Railroad Corporation, and the same was read once and tomorrow at 10 o'clock A.M. assigned for a second reading

Bill, "An act to authorize the town of Miscoasset to aid in the construction of the Kennebec and Miscoasset Railroad, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Willis referred to the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence

Bill, "An act to amend Chapter 88 of the laws of 1844 in regard to poor debtors, reported by Mr. Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary, ought to pass. The report was accepted, and the same was once read, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Mr. By leave laid on the table Bill, "An act to amend Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes on Marriage, and the same was read once and tomorrow at 10 o'clock assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a

Bill, "An act additional to Chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes, reported that the same ought to pass. The bill was read once and tomorrow at 10 o'clock assigned for a

on motion of Mr Goodwin laid on the table 369.

Bill. An act to authorize the Selectmen of the town of Miscapet to layout a road over tide waters, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Blake of Acrostich by leave laid on the table a

Resolve authorizing the appointment of a Commissioner to settle certain claims against the Governor Government of the United States, and the same was read once and to-morrow at 10 o'clock assigned for a second reading

On motion of Mr Blake of Penobscot the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Resolve in relation to Passamaquoddy Indians, and the same was passed to be engrossed Sent down for concurrence

Bill. An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Miscapet Railroad Company, was read a second time and amendment marked A. of the House concurred in, and further amended on motion of Mr Watson, as on sheet annexed marked B. and as amended, passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Resolve extending the time when certain lands shall be declared forfeited to the State, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence

Bill. An act to increase salaries of the



Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford  
was read a second time and on motion  
of Mr Walker amended by striking out \$250 and  
inserting \$275 as the salary of the Judge and as  
amended passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Resolve authorizing the continuation of the  
Geological and Agricultural Survey of  
the State passed to be engrossed in the  
Senate came from the House, recom-  
mended to the Senate

Bill, "An act to set off parts of Whitfield's  
Jefferson and annex the same to Pat-  
rickston Plantation, was read a second  
time and laid on the table

"Resolve in favor of Valentine Repley"

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Somerset  
Bridge Company"

were severally read a  
second time and passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act to punish the fraudulent is-  
sue and transfer of certificates of stock in corp-  
orations,

Bill, "An act to increase the capit-  
al stock of the Bank of Northrup in Winthrop.

"Resolve in favor of Eorman, Lowy"

"Resolve in aid of Bridge in letter B"

Bill, "An act to set off certain lands from  
West Bath to the City of Bath

Bill, "An act additional to Chapter 104 3/4 of the public laws of the year 1854. entitled an act additional to an act to provide for the education of Youth"

Bill, "An act additional to an act additional to an act entitled an act to establish the Bangor and Orono Rail Road, approved August 21 1850

were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An act to regulate Billiard Rooms. passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came up from the House amended as on sheet annexed marked A and as amended passed to be engrossed. The Senate concurred and concurred in the amendment and passed the bill as amended to be engrossed, in concurrence,

Resolve in relation to the payment of the State debt, was read a second time, amended on motion of Mr. Willis as on sheet annexed marked A. and as amended passed to be engrossed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Cushman by leave laid upon the table Resolve in favor of the Committee on State Reform School" and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Bill, "An act in addition to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Old Town and Lincoln Rail Road", reported by Committee on Bills in second reading, was read once second time and laid upon the table on

372. Motion of Mr. Downes

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, declaring Legislation Inexpedient, on an order on expediency of repealing Chapter 28 of Laws of 1847 granting Appeals from County Commissioners, was recommitted to Judiciary Committee

Sent down for concurrence

The following Communication was received from the Governor,

To the Senate and  
House of Representatives

A vacancy exists in the office of Major General of the Eighth division of the Militia of Maine occasioned by the death of Major General Cnoch C. Belcher. The duty of filling the vacancy devolves on you

Council Chamber

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The communication was read and placed on file

Report of Committee on Division of Towns granting Leave to withdraw, on petition of Amos P. Messer to be set off from Lowell to Enfield was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

An act to authorize the City District in Belfast to raise money for the support of Schools therein, reported by Committee on Education on petition of Mayor and Alderman of City of Belfast.

Bill, "An act to authorize the extension of the Steam Boat Wharf in Searsport into the tide waters of the Penobscot" reported in the House by the Committee on Interior Waters 373.

Bill "to change the name of Nathaniel Darius Emery" reported in the House by Committee on change of names, on petition of Nathaniel Darius Emery. and the same were read, once, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Mr. Bennett from the Committee on Division of Towns to which was referred petition of Benson J. Mitchell and others, reported order of notice returnable to next Legislature on the same and the report was accepted  
Put down for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Gencelon, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourn it adjourn to meet at 10 A. M. tomorrow morning

Mr. Torrey from the joint Select Committee to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to Slavery, reported a series of resolves, and the same were once read and laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature

The following Bills having passed to be enacted in the House and reported as truly and strictly engrossed, viz.

"An act to incorporate the town of Rangely"

"An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the City of Gardiner"



3/4 "An act respecting School Agents."

"An act to incorporate the Spring Brook Manufacturing Company."

"An act to incorporate the Novelty Bagging Company."

"An act accepting the surrender of the Charter of the China Bank."

"An act to incorporate the Lincolnville Steam Boat Wharf Company."

"An act to incorporate the Maine Medical Association."

were severally passed to be enacted.

"Resolve in favor of George K. Smith"

"Resolve in favor of Simon Bunker"

"Resolve in favor of Caleb Blake."

"Resolve authorizing a cistern near the State House."

"Resolve authorizing the Secretary of State to effect certain Exchanges of documents."

Resolve making an appropriation for a fire proof safe in the Land Office.

were passed,  
in concurrence

The foregoing Acts and Resolves were conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval

Mr. Townes laid upon the table, the petition of Isaac E. Johnson and others for the election of State officers by the people, and for changes in the Naturalization Laws and the petition was read, and laid upon the, it having been suggested that the Committee having those subjects under consideration had reported.

On motion of Mr. Willis, of the Commissioners appointed, "to prepare a Judicial System" together with the bills presented by the Commissioners were taken from the table, and the Bills were assigned for further consideration for tomorrow at twelve o'clock

Adjourned.

Louis C. Cowan, Secy.

Thursday March 8 1855  
Prayer by Rev Mr Ingraham

A message was received from the House, by the hand of William Hile of Bangor, informing the Senate that the House has this day by ballot made chosen Hannibal Bletcher as Major General to fill the vacancy existing in the 8<sup>th</sup> Division of the Militia of the State.

On motion of Mr Nicholson the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

The  
Act for the suppression of Drinking Houses and Tippling Shops. The bill was read a second time amended as on sheets annexed. Marked A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. Mr Garcelon moved to amend the bill in section 22<sup>nd</sup> by adding after the word Statue, the words, except all fines accruing from violations of section 2<sup>nd</sup> of this act which shall go the several cities, towns or plantations where the offence was committed. And the question of the addition of this amendment was decided in the affirmative by Yeas and Nays as follows

Yeas Messrs Barker, Newell Blake, Boody, Colchore, Currier, Cushing, Gascomb, Townes, Donnell Elliot, Garcelon, Nicholson, Scammon, Sprague, Wells, Torrey and Turner

Nays Messrs Bennett, Hile, Gordon, May, Rice, Sumner, Thompson, Walker and Watson, 9. Bletcher and his wife 9.

Resolved extending the time when certain lands shall be declared forfeited to the State. was reported as truly and strictly engrossed

and having been finally passed in the House 377  
was finally passed

Says on amendment to Sect. 22. Bill for suppression of Smuggling &c  
Messrs. Bennett, Flint, Goodwin  
Muzzy, Chase, Sumner, Thondike, Walker  
and Watson 9

The Bill was then laid on the table

Adjourned to 2 1/2 P.M.

Afternoon

Mr. Boody by leave laid on the table  
Bill entitled

"An act to incorporate the  
Peoples Bank" and the same was read  
once and laid on the table

On motion of Mr. Breckore

Ordered, That the

Senate tomorrow at eleven o'clock A. M. proceed  
to the election of a Major General for the  
6th Division of the Militia of this State

On motion of Mr. Willis the Senate reconsi-  
dered the vote whereby it accepted the report  
of the Committee on the Judiciary, declaring  
Legislation Impediment, on an act granting  
appeals from the decisions of County Commis-  
sioners of two or more Counties, and then on  
motion of same Senator the report was so  
amended as to grant leave to bring in  
a bill.

Resolves in aid of certain Literary Instit-  
-utions, passed to be engrossed in the  
Senate, came up from the House amended



as on sheets annexed marked A. B. C and D and indefinitely postponed. Mr Donnell moved that the Senate insist on its former vote passing the Resolves to be engrossed without amendment, which motion was decided in the affirmative by Yeas and Nays as follows

Yeas Messrs Sewall, Blake, Currier, Sennett, Donnell, Elliot, Flint, Gascon, Muzzey, Heichborn, Quimby, Sprague, Thordike, Loring, Turner, and Watson

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Nays Messrs Backus, Boddy, Cushman, Cushing, Gascomb Towne, Goodwin, Pease, Peabody, Walker and Willis

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On motion of William Heichborn the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill "an Act for the suppression of Drinking Houses and Lying-in Shops" On motion of Mr Heichborn the vote whereby the Senate adopted amendment ~~was~~ was recommitted the amendment withdrawn. The Bill as amended then passed to be engrossed  
Laid down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Willis the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the minority report of the Commissioners appointed to re-organise the judicial Courts of this State accompanied by a Bill entitled,

"An act to establish a Court of common Pleas; and the same was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

On motion of same Senator the Legislature proceeded to the consideration of the Minority

Report of said Commissioners, accompanied  
by a bill entitled. 274.

"An act additional  
concerning the Supreme Judicial Court  
and its jurisdiction and

Bill "An act  
to modify and limit the jurisdiction of the  
Supreme Judicial Court, the same was  
read once and tomorrow at 10 o'clock A.  
M. assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Pease by leave laid on the table a  
"Resolve in favor of certain members of  
the Maine Board of Agriculture," and  
the same was read once and tomorrow  
at 10 o'clock A. M. assigned for a sec-  
ond reading.

Bill, "An act to amend Chapter 87 of the  
Revised Statutes, on m

Resolve authorizing the appointment of a  
Commissioner to settle certain claims against  
the General Government of the United States

"Resolve in favor of Committee on State Reform  
School"

Bill, "An act to regulate the fees of Officers in  
certain cases

Bill "An act in addition to an act entitled  
an act incorporating the Bangor and Piscata-  
quis Canal and Railroad Company, -

were se-  
cially read a second time and passed  
to be engrossed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill. An act to change the name of Nathaniel Darius Comuz.

Bill. "An act to change the time for the close of the financial year of the State Reform School"

Bill. An act to authorize the extension of the Steamboat Wharf in Fearsport into the tide waters of the Penobscot Bay.

Bill. "An act to authorize the City District in Belfast to raise money for its support of Schools therein."

were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence

Bill. An act to authorize the Clerk of School District No 8 in Camden to amend his records was read a second time, amended on motion of Mr Michborn as on sheet annexed marked A. and as amended passed to be engrossed

Put down for concurrence

Bill "An act additional to Chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes, reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary, came from the House, referred a joint Select Committee consisting on the part of the House of Messrs Buck of Buckfield, Warren of Franklin, Benz of Gardiner and Gunnison of Eastfield, Rawson of Waldborough, Means of Juneau and Roberts of Eod. The Senate concurred in the reference and joined Messrs Thorndike, Richborn and Blake of Penobscot.

On motion of Mr. Fournell, Messrs Fournell

Donnell, Thorndike and Bennett were appointed conferees on a disagreeing vote between the two branches, on "Resolves in aid of certain Literary Institutions."

"An act to incorporate the Sebago Lake Railroad Company" reported by Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time and laid upon the table  
Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act to amend the Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes" reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time and on motion of Mr. Downes was laid upon the table

Bill, "An act for the amendment of the records of the Sullivan and Hancock and Bridgton Corporation" reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading was passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Bennett from the Committee on Division of Towns to which was referred the petition of Charles Aldrich and others, reported on the same.

Bill, "An act to set off certain territory from Brewer to Coddington", also on the petition of George Dodge and others.

Bill.  
"An act relating to Bridgton Central Village Corporation"

and the same were severally read once, and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Bank-



382 - ing, on the petition of Ezra Cotman and others, came from the House, amended, so as to give the petitioners leave to bring in a Bill, was amended, in concurrence, and the Bill

An act to incorporate the Springfield Bank was read once, amended as per sheet A, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

The following Bills having been passed, to be enacted in the House, and having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed, viz,

Bill. "An act to regulate Billiard Rooms"

Bill. "An act to incorporate the North Linc and Marine Insurance Company,"

Bill "An act to punish the fraudulent issue and transfer of certificates of Stock in Corporations"

Bill. An act to increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of Wintthrop in Wintthrop.  
were severally passed to be enacted

The following resolves came from the House finally passed, and having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed, viz.

"Resolve in aid of a bridge in Letter B,"

"Resolve providing for a revision of the public Laws of this State."

"Resolve on the petition of Loman Levy"

were severally, finally passed, and the 323  
Resolves were conveyed by the Secretary to  
the Governor for his approval.

Bill. An act to incorporate the Gardiner  
Market Company, laid upon the table,  
was referred to the Committee on Mercantile  
-le affairs and Insurance

Sent down for concurrence

Adjourned

Louis C. Conant, Secretary



Friday March 7. 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Denton

Mr Willis from the Committee on the Judiciary reported reference to the next Legislature on Bill "An act for providing a Standard and inspection of Gas Meters"

Said Senator from the same Committee reported "Leave to withdraw" on the petition of Isaac B. Black. also

On "Bill to establish a municipal court in Belfast and abolish a police court. that the Bill "ought not to pass"

Mr Quimby from the Committee on the State Prison reported "Legislation inexpedient" on an order respecting the earnings of convicts

Mr Thorndike from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance reported "Legislation inexpedient" on the petition of A. J. Atwood and others, and the foregoing reports were severally accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Willis from the Judiciary Committee, reported reference to the next Legislature on a Bill to establish a Police Court in the City of Augusta and to abolish the Municipal Court in said City and that the judge of said Municipal Court be served with personal notice of this act fourteen days before the first day of January next" and the report was accepted

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary giving leave to withdraw on the petition of John W.



386. Williams made in the House, was accepted in concurrence

Mr Jannell from the Judiciary Committee reported ought to pass

On, an act relating to witnesses in criminal proceedings in other states; also on petition of Hiram C. Allen and others,

Bill "An act to dispense with the criminal business of the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court in Waldo County"

also on an order relating to the Chancery powers of the Supreme Court.

Bill "An act concerning trial by jury" also ought to pass;

also ought to pass

On Bill "An act to amend the 35 section of the 35 Chapter of Revised Statutes"; also

ought to pass. On bill "An act to amend Chapter 187 of the public Laws of 1846, relating to Coroners and the same were severally read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

The following Bills and Resolves reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, viz:

Bill "An act to set off certain territory belonging to the of Beaver and annex the same to the town of Eddington

Bill "An act relating to Bridgton Centre Village Corporation"

Resolve in favor of certain members of the

Board of Agriculture,

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were severally passed  
to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act to incorporate the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company" was passed to be engrossed in concurrence

"Resolve in favor of Isaac Park" was read once, the rule suspended, and the same was passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Bill "An act authorizing the Lumbering Association of Daniel White, Benjamin F. Gelman and others to make a cut or canal across a point on the east side of Orson Island, reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading was amended as on sheets of V.B. and the same was passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

"Resolve in favor of Samuel H. Hersey and Dudley C. Hale" was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence

On motion of Mr Scammon Bill "An act to incorporate the Sebago Lake Rail Road Company" was taken from the table and the Bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Mr Willis from the Judiciary Committee reported ought to pass.

On Bill "An act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes"

Mr Walker from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported

Resolves setting apart

388 certain Townships for settlement.

Bill an act to incorporate the Revolutionary Monumental Association in Buckfield" laid upon the table by Mr Sumnells.

Resolve to correct the valuation of the towns of Belmont and to establish that of the town of Morris, laid upon the table, by Mr Cushing

An act to amend an act incorporating the Wells Mutual Fire Insurance Company approved February 16 1836. laid upon the table by Mr Sennett

and The foregoing Bills and resolves were read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

The House assigned by the Senate for the choice of a Major General of the eighth division having approved. Messrs Boody, Jones, and Goodwin were appointed a Committee to receive sort and count the votes, and having attended to the duty assigned them reported

That the whole number of votes cast	31
Necessary to a choice	11
Hannibal Belcher has	17
John Heald	1
J. C. Kimball	1
Mr J. N. Goodwin	1
Cornelius Turner	1

The report was accepted, and Hannibal Belcher was declared duly elected, on the part of the Senate, Major General to fill the vacancy exist-

ing in the eighth division of the Militia of  
Maine

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On motion of Mr. Cushman a message  
was about to the House informing that branch that  
the Senate had elected on its part Hanibal Belcher  
of Farmington to fill the vacancy existing in the  
Office of Major General in the eighth division of  
the Militia of Maine. The Message was conveyed  
by the Secretary

On motion of Mr. Cushman

Ordered

"That a message be sent to the Governor informing  
him that Hanibal Belcher by a vote of both bran-  
ches has been duly elected Major General of the  
eighth division of the Militia of this State"

Mr. Brody from the Committee on Geological  
Survey to which was recommended Resolves au-  
thorizing the continuation of the Geological and  
Agricultural Survey of the State" reported the  
same as amended and the same was read  
once and tomorrow assigned for the second  
reading

Bill "An act for the regulation of Bowling  
Alleys" reported in the House by the Committee  
on Judicary on the petition of L. Royall and  
others

Bill "An act making valid the doings  
of cities towns and districts" reported in the  
House by the Committee on Education on petition  
of sundry petitions that the doings of Town  
Officers may be made valid

Bill "An act to amend Section 14 of "An act to  
provide for the education of Youth approved  
August 27 1850" reported by Committee on Education  
on a bill on Infant children, and the foregoing  
bills were read once and tomorrow assigned for



their second reading

Bill "An act to set off parts of Whitefield, and Jefferson and annex the same to Patrick town Plantation was taken from the table amended as on Sheet 8, and as amended passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act to set off part of Leont and annex the same to Henderson, passed to be engrossed in the House, was read a second time and referred to the next Legislature

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Boody from the Committee on Education reported reference to the next Legislature on Bill "An act additional to an act for the education of Youth approved August 27, 1850 and the report was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary Committee made in the House giving "Leave to withdraw" on John H. Williams" was accepted in concurrence

On motion of Mr. Fennell

Ordered, That there be taken from the file the present session, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, An act entitled an act granting appeals from the joint boards of County Commissioners

Sent down for concurrence

P. M.

Met at 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> o'clock

Bill "An act to incorporate the Maine

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Flax Company" was taken from the table,  
and the bill was read a second time,  
and passed to be engrossed  
Laid down for concurrence

Bill "An act to incorporate the Waterville  
Library Association" came from the House amend-  
ed and passed to be engrossed. The Senate re-  
cided from its former vote passing the bill to  
be engrossed adopted the amendments of the House  
and passed the same to be engrossed, in con-  
currence

Mr. Willis by leave laid upon the table.  
Bill "An act to establish the Office of  
auditors of accounts" was read once and to-  
morrow assigned for a second reading

Bill "An act additional respecting Banks"  
reported by Committee on Banks and Bank-  
ing in the House

"Bill An act respecting Juries" reported in  
the House by the Judiciary Committee.

Bill "An act to set off a part of the town  
of Lyman and annex the same to Alford".  
Reported by the Committee on Division of Towns.

Resolve for the Shingling of the Mattawam-  
keag Bridge, reported by Committee on State  
Lands, on an order relating to repairing Matta-  
wamkeag Bridge

Resolve in favor of Charles F. A. Johnston and  
Charles Kiddle reported on petition of Charles F.  
A. Johnston and Charles Kiddle by Committee on  
State Lands and State Roads

Resolve in favor of Jonas Gray and others reported in House by same Committee on petition of Jonas Gray

Resolve making appropriations to be expended on Roads in Kingsburg, Blanchard and Shuley" reported in House on the petition of Ephraim Richard and others

Resolve making an appropriation for the road across the Indian township in Washington County, reported in the House by Committee on State Roads and State Lands on an order relating to roads on Indian Townships

Resolve to provide for the repair of roads and bridges in Patricktown Plantation, reported in the House on petition of Israel Gliddon and others by the Committee on State Roads and State Lands

Resolve to diminish the State valuation of the town of Cutler reported in the House by the Judiciary Committee on petition of Selectmen of Cutler

File "An act entitled an act to increase the Capital Stock of the Eastern Bank Bangor" reported in the House, by the Committee on Banks and Banking

File "An act to incorporate the West Boston Bank" reported in the House on petition of Oliver Dow by the Committee on Banks and Banking

"Resolve for the repair of the Gun House at Bowdoinham" reported by the Committee on the Militia in the House on the petition Geo. W. Cunn and others

Resolve for the encouragement of Flax Growing 393  
laid upon the table by leave, by Mr. Hickborn

Bill "An act to amend an act in relation to the returns of Railroad Corporations, reported in the House by the Judiciary Committee

Resolve in relation to the printing of certain Documents, reported by Mr. Farclon from the joint select Committee to which was referred an order relating to the printing of certain documents

The foregoing Bills were read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Bill, "An act in addition to Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes" came from the House, amended and passed to be engrossed, the Senate receded from its former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed, amended the bill in concurrence, and then passed the same to be engrossed in concurrence

Mr. Bennett from the Committee on Revision of Laws reported "Leave to withdraw" on petition of Oakes Thompson and others, also on petition of Herman Wood and others "Leave to withdraw," and the same was accepted

Put down for concurrence

Report of Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges on "An act respecting Rail Roads" that the same ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence

Bill "An act to incorporate the People's Bank reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Torrey was laid upon the table



Resolves" providing for a revision of the private and special laws and of the resolves of this state" reported in the House by the Judiciary Committee, came from the House accompanied by an order directing an enquiry into certain matters connected with the subject matter of the resolves, and appointing on the part of the House Messrs Setcomb of Augusta, Leavitt of Newhagen, and Ingersoll of Bangor, Committee to make such enquiries - The resolves were read the order passed in concurrence and Messrs Townes, Eaton and Willis were appointed Committee on the part of the Senate

The following Acts having passed to be enacted in the House, and having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed viz

Bill. "An act to incorporate the Canton Bank"

Bill "An act to set off a part of Acton and annex the same to the town of Pittsfield"

Bill, "An act additional to an act entitled An act giving to laborers on lumber a lien thereon"

were severally passed to be enacted

"Resolve in favor of Isaac Park"

"Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to audit and pay the claims of Edward Kent Lot M. Merrill and John Rand Commissioners appointed by resolve to revise the Judiciary System"

were reported as truly and strictly engrossed, and having been finally passed in the House were finally passed

The foregoing Bills and Resolves were conveyed by  
the Secretary to the Governor for his approval

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Bill "An act in addition to Chapter 69 of the  
Revised Statutes" reported in the House by the  
Judiciary, in the House on an order relative to  
repeal of the usury laws, was read once and  
on motion of Mr Goodwin was laid upon the ta-  
ble

Adjourned

Louis C. Cowan, Secy

Saturday March 10. 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr

Mr Willis moved to take up "Bill to establish a Court of Common Pleas" and the bill was read a second time, was refused a passage

Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act to modify and limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court" reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time and on motion of Mr Eaton, indefinitely postponed

Bill "An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction reported by Committee on Bills in the second reading was read a second time amended on motion of Mr Willis as per sheet annexed marked A, further amended as per sheet marked B, and as amended passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Funnell the vote of the Senate by which was passed to be engrossed Bill "An act in addition to Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes" was reconsidered and on his motion the Bill was laid upon the table

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Fairfield Bank" was called from the table by Mr Hunt, and the same was read a second time and passed to be engrossed as amended

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Cushing by leave laid upon the table

Bill "An act authorizing the Town of Amherst

to appoint Surveyors of Lumber

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also, Bill "An act to incorporate the town of Reed"

also, Bill "An act to provide for the adoption of children"

Mr Blake, by leave laid upon the table  
Bill "An act to amend Chapter 145 of the Private  
and Special Laws of 1853" and the same were once  
read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Mr Eaton by leave laid upon the table, Bill  
"An act to incorporate the Mechanics Manufactur-  
ing Company of Waterville,

and the same were  
once read, rule suspended and the same passed  
to be engrossed

The following Bill and Resolves having been  
reported by Committee on Bills in second read-  
ing, viz

Bill "An act to incorporate the Revolutionary Monu-  
mental Association in Buckfield"

Bill "An act to amend Chapter one Hundred  
and Thirteen of the Revised Statutes"

Bill "An act making valid the doings of cities  
towns, plantations and districts," in concurrence,

Resolve to correct the State valuation of the town  
of Belmont as amended"

Resolve setting apart certain Townships for set-  
tlements were severally read a second time and  
passed to be engrossed



Bill "An act to repeal all laws granting appeals from County Commissioners" reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading was read a second time and laid upon the table on motion of Mr Walker

Mr Thordike from the Select Committee to which was referred Bill "An act additional to Chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes" reported by the Judiciary Committee "Legislation unexpedited" on the same, and the same was laid upon the table on motion of Mr Backer

On motion of Mr Scumells, Bill "An act to incorporate the Peoples Bank at Waterville" was taken up, pending the consideration of this Bill, Mr Beecher moved that when the Senate adjourn it adjourn to meet on Monday next at 10 A. M.

Adjourned

Louis O. Cowan Secretary

Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> 1855  
Senate met at 10 A.M.

The act to incorporate the Peoples Bank at Waterville under consideration when the Senate last adjourned was laid upon the table

On motion of Mr. Willis. The vote of Senate passing to be engrossed, "Rule" An act concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and its jurisdiction was reconsidered and the Bill was further amended as per sheets D, E, F, and G, amended, and as amended, passed the Bill to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence

Rule. "An act to incorporate the Cardiner Market Company" came from the House that branch nonconcurring the Senate in its reference to the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, and passing the bill to be engrossed. The Senate reconsidered its former vote referring the same, and the bill was once read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Mr. Willis by leave laid upon the table Bill "An act additional to an act to incorporate the New York City and Portland Exchange Company" and the same was read once, rule suspended, and passed to be engrossed

"Resolve for the representation of Maine at the Paris Exhibition in 1855" came from the House amended and passed to be engrossed. The Senate reconsidered its vote referring the resolve a hokar, amended the same in con-

400 currence, and as amended, passed the resolve to be engrossed, in concurrence

Mr Sennett by leave laid upon the table "Resolve relating to the veto of the French claim" and the same were once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Petition of Solomon boy, and others for the repeal of the Statute, relating to the surveying of lumber and scaling of logs was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence

The following order from the House

Ordered, That the order which passed this House, fixing the day of adjournment of this Legislature on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March instant is hereby rescinded, the Senate concurring" was passed in concurrence

Mr Watson from the Committee on Accounts reported finally, per resolve, entitled

Resolve for the payment of additional roll of accounts numbers and the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Mr Sennell from the Committee on Divisions of Towns reported, leave to withdraw, on petition of Augustus W. Stiles and others for the annexation of the Foxburg Academy Grant to the town of Gilsum

Mr Walker from the Committee on State Lands and State roads reported, leave to withdraw, on petition of Joseph G. Newton and others for a grant of Duck Island

Same Senator from same Committee reported

"Leave to withdraw" on the petition of Ephraim C. Spurney and others for a grant of Duck Island. And the foregoing reports were accepted severally.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Cushing from the Committee on Claims reported "Leave to withdraw" on the petition of John Sargent, for balance of accounts be allowed him for services as forage master in the Arctic war.

Mr Sumner from the Committee on Revision of Laws reported, order of notice returnable to the next Legislature on petitions of Robert Hubery and others to be set off from Menduskeag to Soranto and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence

Report of the Committee on Education declaring "Legislation Inexpedient" on a bill additional in relation to public Schools, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary reported in the House "Legislation Inexpedient" on an order relating to notices be given to debtors to disclose, and the same was accepted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Sumner Bile, "An act additional to Chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes" was taken ~~up~~ and the question being on the passage of the Bile to be engrossed the Yeas and Nays were ordered and the Senate refused the Bile a passage, as follows:

Yeas Cushing, Foyes Flint, Nickborn, Scammon, Sumner, Turner, Watson, &



402. Hays, Barker, Blake, Bondy, Chebore, Cummin,  
Sennett, Sennell, Eston, Elliot, Goodwin,  
Muzzy, Laimby, Ruggles, Thordike, Walker,  
Mills 16

Bill. "An act to incorporate the Augusta  
and New York Navigation Company" reported  
in the House by the Committee on Mercantile  
affairs and Insurance

Bill "relating to Lotteries" reported in the  
House by the Judiciary Committee on an  
order requiring the Committee to inquire into  
the expediency of further Legislation upon Lot-  
tery Schemes

Bill "An act in relation to Bankrupt Man-  
tiffs", reported in the House, by the Judic-  
iary Committee.

Resolve for the repair of road in No 9 R. 5.  
reported in the House by the Committee  
on State Lands and State Roads

and the  
foregoing Bill and resolves were read once  
and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Mr Sennett from the Committee on division  
of Towns, reported on petition of Richard  
Larjeant and others

Bill. "An act to set off  
certain lands from Porter to Brownfield"

Mr Cushing from the Committee on Claims, re-  
ported on petition of Alvin Barden

Resolve  
in favor of Alvin Barden.

and the foregoing Bill  
and resolve, were read once, and tomorrow al

signed for a second reading

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The following Bills and Resolves having been reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in the second reading viz

Bills "An act authorizing the Selection of the Town of Frankfort to appoint Surogers of Elmore"

Bills "An act to provide for the adoption of children"

Bills "An act to abolish the criminal term of the Supreme Judicial Court held in Wards County in January"

Bills "An act to amend Chapter 187 of Laws relating to coroners"

Resolve to diminish the State valuation in the Town of Butler"

Resolve making appropriation to be expended on roads in "Hindsbury, Blanchard and Thirley"

Resolve for the repair of the Gun House in Boston Harbor"

Resolve in favor of James Cushing and George P. Mason"

were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Bills "An act for the regulation of Bowling Alleys" reported by Committee on Bills in the second reading was amended, as per sheet A, and as amended passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

The following Bills and Resolves having been reported without amendment by the Committee on Bills in the second reading viz

"Resolve making an appropriation for the road across the Indian Township in Washington County"

"Resolve in favor of Charles F. A. Johnston and Charles Kidder"

"Resolve directing the printing of certain documents"

were severally read a second time and were passed to be engrossed

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary made in the House granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John M. Wood and others for a police Court in the City of Portland, came from that Branch amended by giving the petitioners leave to bring in a Bill, and the report was laid upon the table on motion of Mr Willis

Bill, "An Act to reunite the towns of Anson and North Anson" passed to be enacted in the House, came up on its passage to be enacted, and was laid upon the table on motion of Mr Blake of Pembroke

Bill, "An Act to incorporate the town of Reed" came up for a second reading and the same was read and laid upon the table on motion of Mr Thoudike

Resolve in favor of Jonas Day and others" came up for a second reading and the same was read a second time and was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. Bushings

Mr Cushing from the Committee on claims reported 405  
ed "Leave to Withdraw" on the petition of the City  
of Bath, to be remunerated for payments made  
to the Militia for suppressing a riot in the  
City of Bath and the report was laid upon  
the table on motion of Mr Watson

Bill "An act additional respecting divorces came  
up for a second reading and the same was  
read a second time and laid upon the  
table on motion of Mr Cushing

Bill. "An act to set off Jefferson Houston and Nathaniel  
Cox with their estates from Lyman to Alfred,  
came up for a second reading and the same  
was read a second time and was laid upon  
the table by Mr Bondy

Bill "An act to amend Section 35 Chapter Re-  
vised Statutes" came up for a second reading  
and the same was read a second time and  
was laid upon the table on motion of Mr Jones

Resolve to provide for the repairs of Roads and  
Bridges in Bethelton Plantation" came up for  
a second reading and having been read a  
second time was refused a passage

The following Bills have been passed to be en-  
acted in The House, and having been report-  
ed by the Committee on engrossed Bills as true-  
ly and strictly engrossed

Bill "An act additional to Chapter 121 of the  
Revised Statutes

Bill. "An act authorizing the owners of Meeting  
houses to sell or remove or repair the same



Bill "An act additional to Chapter 104 of the public Laws of the year 1854 entitled, "An act additional to an act to provide for the Education of Youth"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company"

Bill "An act to change the time for the close of the financial year of the State Reform School"

Bill "An act to authorize the extension of the Steamboat wharf in Leamport into the waters of the Peddocks Bay"

Bill "An act to allow the construction of a weir in tide waters of the Sarnawiscata River"

Bill "An act to regulate the business of Pawn Brokers"

Bill "An act to authorize the City District in Belfast to raise money for the support of Schools therein"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Swift River Iron Company"

Bill "An act to change the name of Nathaniel S. Emery"

Bill "An act to establish a Municipal Court in the City of Biddeford"

Bill "An act to authorize the Clerk of District No 8 in Camden to amend his records,

were  
severally passed to be enacted, and were signed by the President, and presented by the Secretary

to the Governor for his approval

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Resolve in favor of Samuel A. Hensz, and Dudley C. Hale

Resolve making an appropriation for building a Bridge across Crystal Stream, and for repairing a road in Township number 4 Range 5

Resolve authorizing the purchase of certain National Medals

Resolve for the repair of the Canada Road, came from the House, and being reported by the Committee on engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally and finally passed, and signed by the President, and presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval

P. M.  
Met at 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> o'clock

Bills "An act making valid the doings of Cities, towns, plantations and districts"

Bills "An act to regulate the fees of officers in certain cases"

Bills "An act to sell off parts of Whitefield and Jefferson and annex the same to Patricktown Plantation"

Bills "An act to incorporate the Waterville Library Association"

Bills "An act authorizing the Penobscot Chambering Association, or Jamie White, Benjamin T. Gilman

408 and others to make a cut or canal across a point on the easterly side of Ocean Island

Bill. "An act to amend Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes."

Bill. "An act to annex certain territory to the town of Wals"

Bill. "An act additional to an act to establish the Kennebec and Piscasset Rail Road Company."

Bill. "An act to incorporate the Somerset Bridge Company."

Bill. "An act additional to an act entitled An act to establish the Bangor and Croton Rail Road, approved August 21 1853. came from the House, and being reported by the Committee on engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally passed to be engrossed

Resolve in favor of Committee on the reform school, came from the House, and being reported by the Committee on engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed

Bill. "An act to incorporate the People's Bank" was called up and amended as per Sheet A. and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Yeas and Nays as follows

Sent down for concurrence

Yeas Barker, Boddy, Canin, Sennetts, Flint, Sunnile, Elliot, Goodwin, Hickborn, Pease, Thordike, Walker, Watson

Nays. Newall Blake. Cushman, Cushing, Jones,  
Eaton, Garland, Muzzey, Quincy, Scammon  
and Willis

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On motion of Mr. Hickborn the vote of the Senate refusing a passage to "An act additional to Chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes" was reconsidered and the bill was recommitted to the Judiciary  
Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Blake the report of the Select Committee to which was referred "An act additional to Chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes" reporting "Legislation Inexpedient" on the same was taken up and the same was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence

Order. That the Secretary of State is hereby authorized and required to prepay the postage on all documents furnished Cities, towns and plantations in this State, came from the House and was passed in concurrence

Bill. "An act to set off the town of Scio, in the County of Somerset, and annex the same to the County of Penobscot, came from the House, and was referred to the next Legislature in concurrence

Bill. "An act to change the terms of the Criminal Court in the County of Penobscot" reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence

Bill. "An act to establish the Office of Auditors accounts, reported from the Committee on Bills in second reading was refused a passage



On motion of Mr Goodwin

File concerning the liability of Railroads be taken from the table, and amended as on sheet annexed marked A. and as amended, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed

Put down for concurrence

File. "An act to amend section 14 of Article 1 of an act to provide for the Education of Youth approved August 27 1850, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence

File, "An act to amend an act incorporating the Wells Fire Insurance Company" was read a second time and laid upon the table, on motion of Mr Sennell

On motion of Mr Thorndike

File "An act to incorporate the Town of Reed" was taken from the table, amended on motion of Mr Thorndike, and as amended passed to be engrossed

Put down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Goodwin

File. "An act additional to Chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes was read a second time and refused a passage by Yeas and Nays as follows.

Yeas Mr. Blake, Sennell, Eaton, Gurdon,  
Walker, Willis 6

Nays Barker, Boody, Clehac, Currier,  
Cushing, Gascomb, Sennett, Jones,  
Elliot Hunt, Hightown, Mouzzy, Pease,  
Quincy, Ruggles, Scammon, Sprague,  
Thorndike and Watson 19

Bill. "An act to amend the 76 Chapter of the Revised Statutes" was called up by Mr. Soumes, and was further considered and laid upon the table by Mr. Eaton. 411

Resolves providing for an amendment of the Constitution, was called up by Mr. Soumes and tomorrow assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Chiche, The Senate

Adjourned,

Thos. Clewson Secy.

Tuesday March 13 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Felch

The Senate resumed the consideration of Resolves providing for an amendment of the Constitution relating to the elective franchise and the question being on the passage of the resolves to be engrossed, Mr Sunnile moved their indefinite postponement, and the motion was negatived as follows

Yeas, Sunnile, Eaton, Walker, Willis 4

Nays, Barker, Newell Blake, Bondy, Cushman, Currier, Jascomb, Townes, Elliot, Hunt, Garcelon, Hichborn, Muzzey, Pease, Limby, Ruggles, Scammon, Turner, Sprague Thordike, Watson 20

Mr Mills of Cumberland moved to amend the Resolves by striking out the word judge of Probate whenever it occurs in said Resolves, and on his motion the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and the motion was not adopted,

Yeas, Cushman, Currier, Sunnile, Scammon, Eaton, Thordike, Walker and Willis 8

Nays, Barker, N. Blake, Bondy, Jascomb, Sennell, Townes, Elliot, Garcelon, Hunt, Hichborn, Muzzey, Pease, Limby, Ruggles, Sprague, Turner and Watson 17

Mr Sunnile moved to amend by striking out the word Sheriff whenever it occurs in the first Resolves, also add after the word election in the 17<sup>th</sup> line of the same Resolves the following words, and Sheriffs shall be

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elected by the people at their annual meeting in September by a plurality vote for the term of two years, and on this question the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and the amendment was adopted. as follows

Yeas. Backus, Boody, Cushman, Currier, Dacombs, Sennett, Downes, Sennell, Eaton, Elliot, Flint, Nicholson, Muzzey, Pease, Quincy, Ruggles, Scammon, Sprague, Thordike, Torrey, Turner, Walker and Watson 23

Nays Mr Blake 1

On motion of Mr Downes the resolves were further amended by inserting in the 19<sup>th</sup> line of the first Resolve of the printed resolve after the words March the words "or April"

The resolves were then proposed to be engrossed as amended by Yeas and Nays as follows

Yeas. Backus, Newell Blake, Boody, Cushman, Currier, Dacombs, Sennett, Downes, Elliot, Flint, Garcelon, Nicholson, Muzzey, Pease, Quincy, Ruggles, Scammon, Sprague, Thordike, Torrey, Turner and Watson 32

Nays Quinell, Eaton, Willis 3

Mr Blake of Fenwick moved to take up the Bill "to reunite the Towns of Anson and North Anson" and the question being on the passage of the bill to be enacted, Mr Eaton moved the indefinite postponement of the Bill, and the Yeas and Nays having been taken the motion was negatived as follows

Yeas Newell Blake, Cushman, Eaton, Elliot,



4/14 Muzzey, Ruggles, Thordike, Willis 8

Nays, Barker, Boody, Currie, Jascoms, Sennett,  
Gowus, Sannell, Kent, Garcelon, Hickborn,  
Bass, Quincy, Scammon, Sprague, Torrey,  
Turner, Walker and Watson 18

The Bill then passed to be enacted, was signed  
by the President, and conveyed by the Secretary  
to the Governor for his approval.

The following Bills and Resolves having been reported  
without amendment by the Committee on Bills  
in the third reading (to wit),

"Resolves for the payment of additional roll of  
accounts number Thirty five"

"Resolves relating to the veto of the French  
Spoilation Bill"

were read a second time  
and passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

File, "An act to amend the City Charter of  
Rockland was taken up on motion of Mr Thord-  
ike, and the same was passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Eaton by leave laid on the table a Resolve  
in the favor of the Town of Richmond, and the  
same was read once, the rule suspend, and  
said Resolve was read a second time and  
passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Garcelon by leave laid on the table  
a "Bill to change the name of the Sanville  
Bank which was once read, and tomorrow

at ten o'clock A. M. assigned for a second reading 415.

Bill, "An act to abolish the Police Court in the City of Bangor and to establish a Municipal Court for said City with enlarged jurisdiction" reported from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred a Bill with the above title, was read once, and tomorrow at 10 o'clock A. M. assigned for a second reading

On motion of Mr. Bushing "Resolves relating to Slavery, and the repeal of the Missouri Compromise" were taken up and assigned for further consideration to 3. P. M.

Bill, "An act respecting Lotteries" reported without amendment by Committee on Bills in Second reading, was read a second time and was laid upon the table by motion of Mr. Mills

P. M.  
Met at 2 1/2 P. M.

The following Resolves and Bills, reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading without amendment, viz.

"Resolve in favor of  
Shingling Mattawamkeag Bridge"

Bill, "An act to incorporate the West Boston Bank"

Bill, "An act to increase the Capital Stock of the Eastern Bank"

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Augusta and New York Navigation Company"

Bill. "An act additional respecting Banks. were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Mr Willis from the Special Committee to which was referred order of the House, to enquire into the expense of preparing and publishing and binding one thousand volumes of the Special Laws and Resolves of this State, reported, "Resolve concerning the Special acts and resolves of this State" And the same was once read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

At the hour assigned for the consideration of the Resolves respecting Slavery and the repeal of the Missouri Compromise" They were taken up and the question being on their passage to be engrossed, the resolves were amended as per sheet annexed, and as amended, passed to be engrossed

Bill "An act to set off part of the Town of Lyman and annex the same to the Town of Alfred." was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to abolish the Municipal Court in the City of Portland, and to establish a Police Court in said City, was taken up, read once and tomorrow at 10 o'clock A. M., assigned for a second reading.

Bill "An act to amend the thirty fifth Section of the twenty fifth Chapter of the Revised Statutes, Reported from the Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Resolve in Honor of James Simonds' reported,

in the House by the Committee on State Lands and State roads, was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

Bill, 'An act for the suppression of Drinking Houses and Tippling Shops, came from the House, that branch noncommitting the Senate in the amendments A, G, I, H, and adopting O, P, Q, R, S, and the Senate acceded and concurred the House in the amendments A & G, and the bill was then laid upon the table on motion of Mr. Sennell

The following Bills having been passed to be enacted in the House, and having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed, viz.

Bill, 'An act to incorporate the Fairfield Bank'

Bill, 'An act to incorporate the Peoples Bank'

Bill, 'An act to change the Terms of Criminal Courts in the County of Windsor'

Bill, 'An act in addition to an act entitled An Act incorporating the Bangor and Piscataquis Canal and Rail Road Company

Bill 'An act relating to Bridgton Center Corporation' Bill 'An act to provide for the education of youth to amend Sect 14 of Act 1, Approved Aug 27, 1850

Bill, 'An act to increase the Salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and the same were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence and signed by the President, and presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval

The following Resolves having been finally passed in the House, and having been reported as strictly and truly engrossed, viz.



418 Resolve to diminish the State valuation of the town of Cuth

Resolve making appropriations to be expended on roads in Kingsbury, Blanchard and Shirley.

Resolve in favor of Charles B. H. Johnston and Charles Hilder

Resolve for the repair of the Gun House in Bowdoinham.

Resolve making appropriations for the repair of the road across Indian Township in Washington County.

Resolve for the representation of Maine at the Paris Exhibition in eighteen hundred and fifty five

Resolve in favor of James Cushing and Henry S. Mason.

and the same were severally finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and presented by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

Resolves relating to Slavery.

The resolves were amended as per sheet A.

Mr. Cushing then moved to amend by adding another section as follows

Resolved, That the third paragraph in the second section of the first article of the constitution of the United States, should be amended by striking out the words, "which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons including those bound to service for a term of years, and including Indians not taxed three fifths of all other persons" and adding in place thereof the words "excepting Indians not taxed and all persons deemed and held as

The question on adopting this amendment was taken by Yeas and Nays and decided in the affirmative as follows:

Yeas. Messrs W Barker, N. Blake, Boddy,  
Curran, Cushing, Gascomb, Sennett, Elliot,  
Farrelton, Goodwin, Hitchborn, Pease, Sprague,  
Lammon, Thordike, Torrey, Turner and  
Watson 18

Nays Messrs Townes, Sunnell, Eaton  
Hunt, Muzzey, Quincy, Ruggles,  
Walker and Miller 9

The resolves were then further amended and as amended passed to be engrossed.

A message was received from the House by the Clerk communicating to the Senate the fact that the Governor had signed the following public acts

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An act making further provisions for the administration of police in the City of Portland

An act to protect Mackerel Fishing on the coast of Maine

An act to amend Chapter 27 of the Laws of 1853

An act additional to an act incorporating the City of Biddeford

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An act defining the terms of

420 Office of Clerks of the Courts and County Attorneys

An act to amend Chapter seventy seven of the Revised Statutes

An act to regulate Billiard Rooms

An act to amend an act entitled An act to incorporate the City of Garden

An act to punish the fraudulent issue and transfer of certificates of stock in corporations

An act additional to an act entitled An act giving to labourers on lumber a lien thereon

Adjourned

Louis C. Cowan, Secretary

Wednesday March 14 1855

Prayer by Rev Mr Chung

On motion of Mr Nicholson the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill

"An act for the suppression of Drinking Houses and Tippling Shops" and on motion of the Senate insisted on its former vote amending the bill as per sheet annexed I. and receded and concurred with the House in rejecting the amendment marked K. and adopted in concurrence. The amendments of the House, marked O. P. Q. R. S. and as amended passed the same to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act additional to an act establishing a Police Court in the City of Fiddesford laid upon the table by Mr Goodwin. was once read rule suspended, and passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

"Resolve in favor of James Simmons" came from the House, and reported from Vices in second reading, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Order that the Secretary of State be authorized to deliver to the Chairman of Committee on Charge of Names, certain private papers - the property of Thomas March. came from the House, and was read and passed in concurrence

Bill, "An act for the regulation of Bowling Allys" came from the House, amended and passed to be engrossed. The Senate receded from its former votes amended the Bill in concurrence



422 and as amended passed the same, to be engrossed, in concurrence

File, "An act regulating the formation of Military Companies" reported by the Committee on the Naturalization Laws in the House was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading

File, "An act to incorporate the Piscataquis Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company" reported in the House from the Committee on Mercantile affairs and Insurance, on the petition of Abner Baker, came from the House, was read once, and tomorrow at 10 A. M. assigned for a second reading

Mr Garcelon by leave laid upon the table

Resolve providing for the annual appropriation of the reform School, which was once read and tomorrow at 10 A. M. assigned for a second reading.

File "An act to abolish the Municipal Court in the City of Portland, and to establish a Police Court in said City" came from the House up for its second reading with amendments as per sheets annexed marked A, B, C, D, E, F, G, were concurred in and the House amendments marked H. The Senate nonconcurred the House in adopting the same, further amended the Bill as per sheets marked 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and as amended passed the same to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

File, "An act to authorize the town of Miscasset, to aid in the construction of the Kennebec and Miscasset Raie Road, came

the House, and was read a second time, 423.  
and passed to be engrossed

Bill, "An act to change the name of the Danville Bank" reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Eaton from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported on petition of the President Directors of the Belfast Bank.

File "An act to increase the Capital Stock of the Belfast Bank" and the Bill was once read, the rule suspended, the bill read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Bill, "An act regulating the formation of Military Companies, reported in the House, from the Committee on Naturalization Laws.

Resolve for furnishing Registers of Seeds with the Laws and Resolves

Resolve for the purchase and distribution of the Maine Register.

came from the House, and was severally read once, and tomorrow at 10 A. M. assigned for a second reading

Resolve, the special acts and resolves of this State reported from Committee on Bills in second reading entitled,

"Resolve concerning the Special Acts and Resolves of this State" was read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Met at 2 1/2 o'clock

Bill "An act to abolish the Police Court for the City of Bangor, and to establish a Municipal Court for said City with enlarged jurisdiction, reported by Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time amended as per sheet annexed marked A, and as amended passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Bill "An act authorizing the Selectmen of the Town of Frankfort to appoint surveyors of Land" came from the House amended and passed the same to be engrossed. The Senate receded from its former vote, amended the Bill in concurrence and passed the bill to be engrossed in concurrence

Bill, "An act relating to corporations, came from the House passed to be engrossed, The Bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Bill, "An act relating to Lotteries" came up for a second reading and the same was read a second time amended by substituting a new bill after the enacting clause, and as amended passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Report of the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges giving leave to withdraw on the petition of E. Coff and others for the incorporation of the Central Rail Road, and accepted in the Senate, came from the House that Branch concurring the Senate in acceptance of the Report. The Senate insisted upon its

former vote accepting the report as originally made 425

Put down for concurrence

Bill "An act to incorporate the Bath Bank" came from the House passed to be engrossed. The Bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, "An act for the admission of interested witnesses" reported in the House by the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating thereto, and passed to be engrossed in the same, was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act for the promotion of Medical Science in the State of Maine" reported in the House by the Judiciary Committee on petition of the Maine Medical Association, and refused a passage in the House, was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Bill, "An act to change the name of George Barille" reported in the House by the Committee on change of names was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Bill, "An act amending the Naturalization powers of Courts in this State" came from the House passed to be engrossed it having been reported by the Joint Select Committee on Naturalization, was read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Thoudike moved to take from the table Bill granting appeals from County Commissioners and the motion prevailed. The Bill was then indefinitely postponed by Yeas and Nays as follows



426 Yeas. N. Blake, Boodr, Cushman, Sennett,  
Kellist, Flint, Hildborn, Muzzy, Pease,  
Quincy, Ruggles, Scammon, Tolley, Walker  
and Willis 15

Nays, Barker, Currier, Gascomb, Sennett,  
Cotton, Eardson, Goodwin, Peague  
Thurndike, Turner, Watson. 11

File. "An act additional to an act to incorpor-  
ate the New York City and Portland Exchange  
Granite Company

File. "An act to incorporate the Augusta and  
New York Navigation Company"

File "An act to set off certain territory belonging  
to the town of Brewer" and to annex the same  
to the town of Eddington"

File. "An act to incorporate the Revolutionary Mon-  
ument Association of Rockford

File. "An act to incorporate the Mechanics Man-  
ufacturing Company of Waterville

File "An act to incorporate the Camden Bank

File "An act to increase the Capital Stock of the  
Eastern Bank of Bangor

File "An act to amend the tenth section of an  
act entitled an act concerning the apportionment  
of taxes

File. "An act to authorize the Selectmen of the  
town of Miscapet to lay out a road over the  
waters.

File "An act to incorporate the West Burton

Bank

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File "An act to incorporate the Marine  
Glass Company"

came from the House, and having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, and were signed by the President and presented to the Governor for his approval.

Resolve in relation to the payments of State  
Debts

Resolve in relation to the Passamogquoddy Indian  
Lands

Resolve in favor of Valentine Ripley

Resolve to correct the State valuation of the  
town of Belmont, and to establish that of the  
town of Marble

came from the House, and being reported as truly and strictly engrossed, were severally finally passed and signed by the President, and presented to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. Cummin

Bill, "An act to amend  
Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes" and the motion prevailed, and the Bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. Fennell from the Committee on the disagreeing vote of the two branches on the disagreeing vote of the two branches on a Resolve relating to certain Literary Institutions, and the report was laid upon the table without acceptance and tomorrow assigned for its further consideration.

Ordered That the Legislature, the House  
concurring, will adjourn without day on Friday  
March 16

Put down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Willis the vote by which  
the Senate passed to be engrossed.

Bill to abolish  
the Municipal Court in Portland and to es-  
tablish a Police Court in said City" was  
reconsidered and Mr Willis moved to amend  
as follows by adding to Section 36 the words  
provided the citizens of Portland in their  
respective ward meetings shall accept this  
act voting by ballot on which shall be writ-  
ten the word Yes or No, And if accepted  
by a majority of ballots so cast it shall not  
take effect, and the city authorities are  
required to present this question in their  
call for ward meetings.

And the question  
of adopting this amendment was taken by  
Yeas and Nays and the amendment was  
adopted, as follows

Yeas, Barker, Blake, Boody, Buckner, Eaton,  
Hunt, Goodwin, Muzzy, Ruggles,  
Scammon, Thorneike, Torrey, Walker,  
Watson and Willis 15

Nays Currier, Tascomb, Tennett, Townes,  
Stinnell, Hitchborn, Pease, Paineby,  
Sprague, Turner, 10

The Bill was then amended further as per  
sheet annexed marked No 7 and as amended  
passed to be engrossed

Put down for concurrence

Bill, "An act to amend the 76 Chapter of the Revised Statutes, was taken up on motion of Mr. Goodwin, and further amended on his motion as per sheet annexed marked B. 429

Mr. Blake moved the indefinite postponement of the Bill and on his motion the Yeas and Nays were ordered and being taken the motion was rejected as follows

Yeas, Blake, Muzzy and Ruggles 3

Nays, Boody, Cumin, Sennett, Townes,  
Sunnelle Eaton, Flint, Goodwin,  
Hickborn, Pease, Quincy, Scammon,  
Sprague, Thorndike, Torrey, Turner  
Watson and Willis 18

On the Bill as amended passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Bill, "An act additional to an act establishing a Municipal Court in the City of Biddeford, was reported as truly and strictly engrossed and having passed to be enacted in concurrence and signed by the President and presented to the Governor for his approval

Mr. Willis called up the Report of the Committee on claims giving leave to withdraw on the petition of the Officers and Soldiers of the City Guard of Bath, and moved to amend the report by giving the petitioners leave to bring in a Petition pending this motion, the report was laid upon the table and the Senate

Adjourned

Louis C. Cowan, Secretary



Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> 1855  
 Prayer by Rev Mr Steele

Mr Willis introduced the following

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and required to cause exchanges to be made with the Governments of Canada and New Brunswick of all the public documents of this State in the same manner as is effected with the several States of this Union

and the resolve was once read and the rule suspended, and passed to be engrossed

Mr Watson moved to take up the report of the Committee on Claims on the petition of the Officers and Company of the Bath Regt, and the motion to amend so as to give the petitioners leave to bring in a Resolve, and the motion to amend was adopted, and the Resolve was once read. The rule suspended, and the resolve was read a second time

Mr Cocke moved the indefinite postponement of the resolve and the motion was negatived by Yeas and Nays as follows

Yeas, N. Blake, Brady, Cocke, Cushing,  
 Eaton, Flint, Hickborn, Muzzey,  
 Pease, Quincy, Scammon & Willis 12

Nays, Barker, Currier, Gascomb, Sennetts,  
 Sennell, Garcelon, Goodwin, Sprague,  
 Ruggles, Thordaike, Turner, Walker,  
 Watson and Downes 14

The Resolve was then passed to be engrossed 431  
Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Bishop, The Senate reconsidered the vote whereby the "Act to abolish the Municipal Court in the City of Portland, and to establish a Police Court in said City," was passed to be engrossed and on his motion amended as per sheet annexed marked C by Yeas and Nays as follows

Yeas, Parker, N. Blake, Bondy, Bishop,  
Currier, Cushing, Gascomb, Bennett,  
Fowles, Funnell, Eaton, Elliot,  
Hunt, Garcelon, Goodwin, Hitchborn,  
Muzzey, Pease, Quincy, Ruggles,  
Scammon, Sprague, Thomas & Walter. 24

Nays Willis  
and the Bill was then passed  
to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Resolve for the payment of additional roll of accounts No 35 came from the House and being reported as truly and strictly engrossed was finally passed,

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Lake Sebago Rail Road Company" came from the House, and being reported as truly and strictly engrossed was passed to be enacted

The above  
Resolve and Bill was then signed by the President, and presented to the Governor for his approval

On motion of Mr Thorndike.

Resolve for the

purchase and distribution of the Maine Register was called up, and

On motion of Mr Brody the same was indefinitely postponed

On motion of Mr Brody the Senate proceeded to consider

Resolves authorizing the continuation of the Geological and Agricultural Survey of the State

Mr Thordike moved the indefinite postponement of said resolves, and on his motion the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and were as follows

Yeas. Cooke, Flint, Mouzey, Scammon,  
Thordike, Walker, 6

Nays. Barker, Brody, Currier, Cushing,  
Iscomb, Jennett, Jones, Sennett,  
Eaton, Elliot, Archiborn, Pease, Pumbry,  
Ruggles, Sprague, Torrey, Tunn, Walcott,  
Wells 18

The Resolves were then read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Put down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Jones the Senate proceeded to consider

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Sanderlin Market Company; and

Resolve in favor of James Amminas" and being read a second time they passed to be engrossed

Mr Flint by leave laid upon the table

Bill.

"An act to change the name of the town of 'Hickland'" And the Bill was once read

rule suspended and papered to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

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Mr Sunnells by leave laid upon the table

Bill "An act authorizing Plantations Settle G.  
H No 11 Range 5 and Crystal to raise money  
to repair the roads in said Plantations" and the  
same was read once and tomorrow signed

Mr Soones called up from the table  
Bill, "An act giving power to plantations to raise  
money for schools and highways" and the same  
was read a second time. The Bill amended as  
per sheets annexed marked A, and B, and as  
amended papered to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Mr Hitchborn from the Select Committee reported  
on petition of Selectmen of Prospect

Bill "An act  
to provide for the relief of paupers having no legal  
settlement in the State" and the same was heard  
once and laid upon the table

P. M.

Met at 2 1/2 o'clock

Mr Beekun from the Committee on Fisheries  
to which was referred an act for the preservation  
of Salmon, Shad and Alewives, in Penobscot River  
reported that Legislation on that subject is in-  
expedient and the report was accepted

Sent down for concurrence

Resolve in relation to the purchase of Eaton  
and Plymouth Grants came from the House  
papered to be engrossed, and the Resolve was  
read once. The rule suspended, and the Resolve



434. was passed to be engrossed in concurrence

File, "An act to facilitate the election and to prevent the circulation of counterfeit Bank Bills," reported in the House by Committee on Banks and Banking

An Act regulating the suffrage of Naturalized Citizens," reported by the Naturalization Committee

Resolves in favor of certain members of the Legislature came from the House, and the same were severally read once and tomorrow at 10 A.M. assigned for a second reading

File, "An act to incorporate the Gaudin Market Company," reported by Bills in the second reading read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence

File "An act to abolish the Police Court for the City of Bangor and to establish a Municipal Court for said City with enlarged jurisdiction" came from the House that branch nonconcurring the Senate in the adoption of the amendment H, and passing the Bill to be engrossed. The Senate receded from its former vote adopting the amendment, and passed the Bill to be engrossed in concurrence.

File "An act to incorporate and endow the Maine State Agricultural Society and more fully prescribing the powers and duties of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies" passed to be engrossed heretofore in the Senate, came from the House amended as per sheets annexed. The Senate receded from its former vote, adopted the amendment in concurrence with the House and as amended passed to be engrossed in

Bill "An Act additional to Chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes" made in the House by the Committee on the Judiciary to which it was committed by the Judiciary, and passed to be engrossed in that branch was read once, read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act for the promotion of Medical Science in the State of Maine" reported by Committee on Judiciary in the House, came from the House indefinitely postponed. The question being in con- with the House that question was decided in the negative as follows by Yeas and Nays

Yeas. Barker, Carnie, Gascomb, ~~Sacramento~~, Eaton,  
Elliot, Flint, Hitchborn, Muzzey, Turner,  
Walker and Watson 12

Nays N. Blake, Boddy, Cushing, Fennett  
Garcelon, Goodwin, Pease, Quincy,  
Ruggles, Scammon, Sprague, Thordike  
and Willis 13

and the same was referred to the next Legis-  
lature Sent down for concurrence

Bills "An Act in addition to Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes" came from the House amended, and passed to be engrossed. The Senate, re-  
ceded, and amended the same in concurrence and passed the same to be engrossed, in con-  
currence.

Resolve in favor of Abner Braaten, reported by Committee on Bills in the second reading, was read a second time and passed to be Engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

Resolve authorizing the County of Androscoggin to procure a loan" came from the House passed to be engrossed, the resolve was read once and laid upon the table on motion of Mr Cushing

Resolve authorizing the County of Androscoggin to procure a loan. came from the House, that branch nonconcurring the Senate in the indefinite postponement of the resolves, and passing them to be engrossed

Mr Sprague moved that the Senate adhere to the vote, indefinitely postponing the resolves, and on this question the Yeas and Nays were ordered to be taken and being taken the motion was adopted as follows

Yeas, Currier, Sascumb, Sennett, Eaton,  
 Elliott, Flint, Garcelon, Ruggles,  
 Scammon, Sprague, Hasey, Turner,  
 Walker, and Watson 15

Nays Parker, Jr, Blake, Brody, Chetane  
 Cushing, Downes, Dunne, Goodwin,  
 Nicholson, Muzzy, Pease, Quincy  
 and Miller 13

Bill, "An act to amend Chapter 145 of the private and Special laws of the year 1853

Resolves in favor of the appropriation of the Reform School."

severally reported by Committee on Bills in the second reading were read a second time and passed to be engrossed  
 Sent down for concurrence

The following Bills and Resolves reported by the Committee on Bills in the second reading

Bills, in Act to change the name of George Castle Jr. 437

" An Act in relation to Bankrupt Plaintiffs,

" An Act to amend an Act in relation to Rail Road Corporations,

Resolve for the repair of Road to Townshill No 9. in the Fifth Range.

And the same were read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of certain members of the Maine Board of Agriculture" came from the House independently postponed. The Senate insisted on its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed.

The following Bills having passed to be read 2d in the House and having been reported as such, and finally engrossed, viz-

Bill An Act to amend Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes;

" An Act relating to Corporations;

" " " to amend Sect 30. Chap 25 of the Revised Statutes;

" to dispense with the criminal business of the January term of the Supreme Court in Waldo County;

" authorizing the Selectmen of the Town of Frankfort to appoint Surveyors of Land;

" to amend Chapter 180. of the public Laws of 1846. relating to Coroners;



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Bill An act to increase the Capital Stock  
of the Belfast Bank;

" An Act additional to incorporate the  
City of Rockland;

" An act to authorize the town of Wiscasset  
to aid in the construction of Kennebec and  
Wiscasset Rail Road;

" An Act additional respecting Banks;  
were passed to be enacted

Resolve to provide for the Shingling of the  
Mattawamkeag Bridge, was finally passed

And these Bills and resolves were  
conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor for  
his approval.

Adjourned,

Louis C. Corvan  
Secretary.

Friday, March 17, 1855.

Prayer by Rev Mr Come,

Mr Cullen moved the following order,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to prepare and procure the printing of 350 copies of the Journal of the Senate for the current Session, and there be distributed two copies to each of the Senators, two each to the State Senators for 1856, one copy to the States with which this State exchanges documents, and the remaining copies to be deposited in the State Library, providing the whole expense of preparing and printing the same shall not exceed Six Hundred Dollars. and the order was laid on the table.

Mr Barker by leave laid on the table Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell certain Islands near Swan's Island which was once read; the rules suspended read a second time and passed to be engrossed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Piggles, from the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges to which was referred the papers on the petition of Elephatet Greeley and others for the incorporation of the Pacific Railroad Company, reported,

Legislation inexpedient in the subject  
and the Report was accepted  
Sent down for concurrence.

440 The following Bills reported by Committee  
on Bills in Second Reading; viz.

Bill, An act to incorporate the Piscataquis  
Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

" An act to set off certain lands from  
Porter to Brunfield;

were severally read a  
Second time and passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of certain members of the Legis-  
lature who visited the State's Prison;

Bill, An act to set off certain lands from West  
Bath and annex the Same to the city of Bath;

Bill, An act annulling the Naturalization  
papers of Courts in this State;

Bill An Act to incorporate the Bath Bank,

Resolves for furnishing Registers of Deeds with  
the Law and Rescripts and

Resolves in favor of certain members of the  
Legislature, were severally passed to be engros-  
sed in concurrence.

Bill An Act additional respecting  
the Supreme Judicial Court and its juris-  
diction came from the House, that Branch  
nonconcurring the Senate in its amendments,  
marked B, D, E, and F, concurring in the  
other amendments of the Senate, and

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and further amended as per sheets marked M, R. P. and as amended passed to be engrossed. The Senate receded from its former vote concurred in the House in the rejection of amendments marked B, S, C, and D, and also concurred in the House of amendments M, R. P. and as amended passed the Bill to be engrossed, in concurrence

Bill, An act authorizing Plantations, Letters G, H No 11 Range 5 and Cayrat Plantations to repair the roads in said plantations was read twice and referred to the next Legislature

Mr. Funnell moved to take up the Report of the Conference Committee upon the disagreeing vote of the two Houses on

Resolve in favor of certain Literary Institutions" and the motion prevailed

Mr. Currier moved to amend by striking out the words of the Maine State Seminary in the sum of Eight Thousand dollars" and motion prevailed. and the reports were accepted and the Resolves accompanying the report entitled

Resolve in favor of the Marine Wesleyan and Female Collegiate Institute, was read once, the rule suspended, read twice

Mr. Pease moved to amend by adding before the word "provided" at the close of the preceding sentence, the words "and also a like sum of seven thousand dollars to the Westbrook Seminary upon the same terms and conditions"

and on the question the Yeas and Nays being taken, the amendment was rejected as follows

Nays, - Barker, N. Blake, Creshore, Currier



442. Sennett, Eaton, Elliot, Hickborn, Pease,  
Quincy, Torsey, Turner and Willis 13

Nays, - Boddy, Cushing, Gascomb, Flint  
Garcelon, Goodwin, Muzzy, Ruggles  
Scammon, Thorndike Walker and Watson 13

Mr Barker moved to amend by adding before  
the word "provided" at the close of the preced-  
ing sentence, the words "and also a like sum  
of seven thousand dollars to the East Maine  
Conference upon the same terms and conditions"

and upon this question the Yeas and Nays  
being ordered and taken the amendment  
was rejected as follows

Yeas, - Barker, Brehne, Currier, Sennett  
Townes, Hickborn, Quincy, Turner 8

Nays, N. Blake, Boddy, Gascomb, Eaton  
Elliot, Flint, Garcelon, Goodwin,  
Muzzy, Pease, Scammon, Sprague  
Thorndike, Torsey, Walker, Willis 18

Mr Boddy then moved, that the matter be in-  
definitely postponed, and on his motion the  
Yeas and Nays being ordered and taken,  
the motion was rejected, as follows

Yeas, - Barker, Boddy, Brehne, Cushing,  
Gascomb, Townes, Goodwin, Scammon,  
Walker 9

Nays, N. Blake, Currier, Sennett, Sannell,  
Eaton, Flint, Garcelon, Hickborn, Muzzy  
Pease, Quincy, Ruggles, Sprague, Torsey,  
Thorndike, Turner, Watson, Willis 18

Mr Torsey moved to amend by striking out the word "seven" and insert the word "ten" in the fourth line of the first resolve and the motion was adopted 443

The resolve as amended then passed to be engrossed by Yeas and Nays as follows

Yeas Mr. Blake, Currier, Sennett, Sennels, Eaton, Flint, Garcelon, Hickson, Muzzy, Pease, Ruggles, Sprague, Torsey, Thordike, Turner, Watson, Willis 14

Nays: Barker, Boddy, Cephone, Cushing, James, Sascumb, Goodwin, Cammon, Walker 9

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Marine State Seminary, was called up by Mr Currier of Franklin, and on his motion the amendments of the House concurred in, and the Bill then passed to be engrossed in concurrence by Yeas and Nays as follows

Yeas; - Cephone, Currier, Sennett, Sascumb, Eaton, Elliott, Flint, Garcelon, Goodwin, Hickson, Pease, Quincy, Ruggles, Torsey, Sprague, Thordike, Turner, Watson, Willis 19

Nays Barker, Boddy, Cushing, Sascumb, James, Muzzy, Walker 7

The order of the Senate relating to final adjournment came back amended so as to strike out Friday March 16 and insert Monday March 19 - The Senate nonconcurred in the adoption of amendment and inserted Saturday 17 and passed

444. Bill, "An act to protect the Personal Liberty" came from the House referred to joint Select Committee consisting on the part of the House of Messrs Lincoln, Bushman, Fenno, Garland and Warren. The Senate joined Messrs Willis Bushing and Angell

The following Bills having passed to be enacted in the House, and having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed, viz

Bill, "An act to establish a Municipal Court in the City of Portland and to establish a Police Court in said City"

Bill "An act for the regulation of Bowling Alleys"

Bill, "An act to change the name of George Baelle jr"

Bill "An act to incorporate the Gardiner Market Company"

Bill "An act to change the name of the Danville Bank"

Bill, "An act to amend the 76 Chapter of the Revised Statutes"

Bill, "An act additional to Chapter 170 of the Revised Statutes"

were severally passed to be enacted

The following Resolves having finally passed in the House and having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed viz,

Resolve for the repair of the road in township Number 9 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Range"

Resolve in relation to the purchase of the Eaton and Plymouth Grant"

Resolve in favor of the town of Richmond 1445

Resolve concerning the Special Acts and resolves  
of this State

Resolve relating to the veto of the French Spoil-  
ation Bill, were severally finally passed, and  
the foregoing Acts and Resolves were conveyed to  
the Governor for his approval by the Secretary

P. M.

Met at 2 1/2 o'clock

Resolve in favor of Albert T. Wheelock was read  
the rule suspended and passed to be engrossed  
Enrolled for concurrence

Resolve to provide for the repair of certain roads  
in Patricktown Plantation, refused a passage  
in House, came from the House insisting on its  
former vote passing the resolve and appointing  
Messrs Buck, Jones conferees on the part of the  
House - The Senate insisted on its former vote  
and appointed Messrs Eaton, Cushing and Rug-  
gles conferees.

Resolves providing for an amendment of the Con-  
stitution relating to the Elective franchise came  
from the House that branch nonconcurring in the  
amendment marked A & B, amended the re-  
solve, as per sheet marked M in concurrence  
and the resolves were then passed to be engrossed  
by Yeas and Nays as follows

Yeas, Barker, N. Blake, Bondy, Currier, Cushing,  
Huscomb, Jones, Eaton, Carleton, Hichborn



446 Muzzey, Pease, Quincy, Ruggles, Scammon,  
Thorncliffe, Watson 17

Noyes, Sennett, Sennell, Flint, Goodwin,  
Walker, Willis 6

Resolve for the purchase and distribution of the  
"Marine Register" Indefinitely Postponed in the  
Senate came back from the House, that branch  
insisting upon its former vote passing the re-  
solves to be engrossed

On motion the Senate re-  
cided from its former vote and the question be-  
ing on the passage of the resolves to be engrossed  
Mr Cushing moved to strike out

"and one co-  
py to each member of the Legislature" and on this  
motion the Yeas and Nays being ordered and  
the amendment was adopted as follows

Yeas, Barker, Brody, Cushing, Gascomb,  
Gowes, Latham, Carleton, Hickson, Muzzey,  
Quincy, Ruggles, Scammon, Walker and  
Willis 14

Nays, Newell Blake, Canvin, Sennett, Sennell  
Goodwin, Pease, Thorncliffe, Torrey, Watson 9

and the Resolve was further amended and laid  
upon the table

The Senate to up Act for the admission of in-  
terested Witnesses, reported in the House from  
the Committee on the Judiciary on an order to  
amend Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes,  
and on motion of Mr Eaton the same was  
indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence

The following Bills having been debated as

truly and strictly engrossed, and having been 447  
enacted in the House, viz

Bill "An act for the suppression of drinking  
houses and Tippling shops"

Bill, "An act concerning the liability of Rail  
Road corporations and other carriers for loss  
of life in certain cases"

Bill, "An act in relation to Bankrupt Plaintiffs"

Bill "An act to amend an act in relation to  
the returns of Rail Road corporations"

Bill, "An act additional concerning the Supreme  
Court and its jurisdiction"

Bill "An act relating to Lotteries"

Bill, "An act in additional to Chapter 79  
of the Revised Statutes"

Bill, "An act to amend the records of the  
Sullivan and Hancock Bridge Corporations"

Resolves providing for the annual appropriations  
for the Reform School, was finally passed

Bill, "An act relating to criminal proceedings,  
reported from the Committee on the Judiciary,  
to which was referred an act relating to wit-  
nesses in Criminal proceedings, and the same  
was indefinitely postponed"

Sent down for concurrence

Resolves relating to Slavery, came from the House  
that branch concurring in the adoption of Sen-  
ate amendments marked A. B. C. nonconcur-

448 ring amendment C, further amended as per sheet marked A, and passed the same to be engrossed - The Senate receded from its former vote adopting amendment C, concurred the House in adopted amendments, and passed the same to be engrossed

Resolves setting apart certain lands for settlement, came from the House amended, and passed to be engrossed - The Senate receded from its former vote passing the Bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendments of the House and passed the same to be engrossed

Bill, "An act regulating the formation of Military Companies"

Bill, "An act for the admission of interested witnesses"

Bill, "An act to facilitate the Detection and prevent the circulation of Counterfeit Bank Bills"

Bill "An act relating the suffrage of Naturalized citizens" as amended in concurrence

Bill, "An act relating to Criminal Proceedings" reported by Judiciary Committee indefinitely postponed was brought up on motion, and motion indefinitely postponed reconsidered, and the Bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed

But down for concurrence  
The vote of the Senate Indefinitely postponing.  
Bill"

"An act in relation to interested witnesses was reconsidered, and the Bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence

Mr Cushing moved to take from the table  
 Resolve,  
 authorizing the Land Agent to sell the lot reserved  
 for the further disposition of the Legislature in the  
 town of Brownville and the motion prevailed and  
 the resolve was read a second time and pass-  
 ed to be engrossed

Bills, "An act authorizing George Smith Guardian of  
 John Rogers to convey the estate of said Rogers to  
 John Owen Rogers" was taken from the table read  
 a second time and amended as per sheet an-  
 nexed marked A. and passed to be engrossed  
 Sent down for concurrence

Mr Sunnells of Oxford by leave laid on the ta-  
 ble "Resolve relating to the State Library" and  
 the same was once read, rule suspended and  
 read a second time and passed to be engrossed  
 Sent down for concurrence

Mr Willis from the joint Select Committee to  
 which was referred "An act further to protect  
 personal liberty," reported the Bill in a new  
 draft, which was read once, the rule suspended  
 read a second time, and passed to be en-  
 grossed  
 Sent down for concurrence

Resolves in Literary Institutions House adopt-  
 ing amendments and refusing to accept report  
 Mr.

Sunnells moved to insist, - conferees Thordike  
 Ruggles and Nicholson were appointed  
 Sent down for concurrence

Resolve for the purchase and distribution of the  
 Maine Register was amended as per sheet  
 annexed A. and passed to be engrossed



§ 50 Bill, "An act to provide for the relief of paupers having no legal settlement within this State," was referred to the next Legislature  
Sent down for concurrence

Resolve for the encouragement of Alex. Gossing was read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Mr Eaton from Committee on disagreeing vote of the two branches upon "Resolve to provide for the repair of roads and Bridges on Patricktown Plantation," made a report that "both Branches of the Legislature adhere" and the report was accepted Sent down for concurrence

Resolve in favor of H. P. Osgood "came from the House, passed to be engrossed, the resolve was once read, the rule suspended, and passed the same to be engrossed in concurrence

On motion of Mr Bennett,

Ordered That the order passed fixing upon one half past five o'clock for the adjournment of this afternoon be hereby rescinded

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to make up the Pay Roll of the Senate to and including Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> instant - that he make up the pay of the Officers of the Senate the same as last year - and that he make up for the several clergymen who have officiated as chaplains to the Senate the present session five dollars each, read and passed  
Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Blake of Tennessee

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Ordered  
That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to make up on the Pay Role of the Senate to James G. Blaine, and Daniel T. Pike as reporters of the Senate for the present session the sum of seventy five dollars each.

Petition of John W. Washelle of Pennsylvania for a title to certain lands, came from the House, and was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

The following order  
Order. That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure and prepare the printing of 350 copies of the Journal of the Senate for the current session, and there be distributed, two to each of the Senators, two copies to each of the State Senators for the year 1856, one copy to the States, with which this State exchanges documents, and the remaining copies to be deposited in the State Library, provided the whole expense of preparing and printing the same, shall not exceed six hundred dollars, was called up and passed.

Evening  
Met at 7 1/2 o'clock

Report of the Conference on the Resigning vote of the two Branches on certain Literary Resolves, came from the House that branch nonconcurring the Senate in accepting the report, and adhering to its former vote. The Senate adhered to its former vote accepting the report.

File. An Act for the establishment of Normal Schools" passed to be engrossed.

452 Feb'y 14 By the Senate came from the House  
that Branch indefinitely postponed.

Mr Boddy  
moved that the Senate insist on their vote  
passing this Bill to be engrossed, and that confer-  
ees be appointed, and on this question the Yeas  
and Nays were ordered, and the motion prevailed  
as follows

Yeas. Barker, Boddy, Currier, Cushing,  
Jascomb, Sennett, Townes, Scunelle,  
Edson, Gancelon, Muzzy, Pease, Scammon,  
Walker, Watson, Willis 14

Nays; - Elliot, Hightorn, Quincy, Ruggles  
Sprague, Thordike, 6

and Messrs  
Boddy, Pease and Jascomb were appointed  
conferrees Sent down for concurrence

The Secretary presented the Pay Roll of  
the Senate, agreeably to the directions of the  
order of the Senate, entitled as follows

"Resolve for the Pay Roll of the Senate" and the  
same was once read. The rule suspended  
and the Resolve read a second time and  
passed to be engrossed  
Sent down for concurrence

The Sub Committee from the joint Committee  
on State Prison, reported in the House a

"Resolve in favor of the State Prison" and the  
same was once read the rule suspended and  
passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Bill. An act to set off a part of Lyman and annex the same to the town of Alford; came up for its passage to be enacted, and the same was referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence

Report of the Committee on Rail Roads and Bridges giving leave to withdraw on petition of C. C. M. and others came from the House that branch adhering to its former vote passing the Bill to be engrossed and the Senate adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the Bill

Resolve for the purchase of Cavalry Equipments and Horse Furniture was indefinitely postponed in concurrence, reported in House, by Committee of Militia on the petition of A. J. Lord -

Bill, "An act respecting Lien on Vessels" together with the report of the minority of Select Committee on Lien Law was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence

The following Order,

Ordered, That the Secretary of State cause to be printed and be put up in Pamphlet form sections ten to twenty two inclusive of the Statue Chapter two hundred and five of the year 1846, and the act entitled an act for the suppression of Drinking houses and Tippling Shops passed by the present Legislature, and that one thousand and five hundred copies be sent to the clerks of the several cities, towns, and plantations postage paid and that five hundred copies be deposited in the Library for future distribution - was passed in concurrence

Resolve respecting Normal Schools" laid upon the table by Mr. Torrey of Kennebec



454 was read once, the rule suspended, and passed to be engrossed

The following Bills having passed to be enacted in the House and having been reported as truly and strictly engrossed

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Trustees of Moaine State Seminary"

Bill, "An act annulling the naturalization powers of the Courts of this State"

Bill, "An act to set off certain lands from the town of West Bath to the City of Bath"

Bill, "An act regulating the formation of Military Companies"

Bill, "An act authorizing Plantations to raise money for the support of Schools"

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Bath Bank"

The foregoing Bills were by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval

Finally passed  
Resolve setting apart certain townships for settlement finally passed in the House, and reported as truly and strictly engrossed, and finally passed in the Senate

The foregoing Resolves was conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval

Bill, "An act for the establishment of Normal Schools, came from the House, that branch insisting on its former vote indefinitely postponing the Bill. The Senate receded from its former vote making the Bill to be engrossed

Amended the Bill as per sheets annexed  
marked A, & B, and as amended, passed  
the Bill to be engrossed

Put down for concurrence

On motion the Senate adjourned to meet  
at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning

Adjourned,

Louis O'Connor,  
Secretary.

March 17, 1855

Met at 8 o'clock A.M.

Bill, "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of the Government" was received from the House, passed to be engrossed. The act was read once, the rule suspended, amended by striking out "Printing House and Senate Journal" \$1200, by Yeas and Nays as follows

Yeas, Barker, Sewell Blake, Boddy, Currier,  
Cushing, Gascomb, Townes, Eaton, Nicholson,  
Muzzey, 10

passed to be engrossed Bill again came back from the House insisting upon its passage to be engrossed without amendment. The Senate insisted upon its former vote and appointed Messrs. Torrey, Ruggles and Nicholson conferees.

Resolves providing for an alteration of constitution relating to elective Franchise passed to be enacted by Yeas and Nays as follows.

Yeas, Barker, Sewall Blake, Boddy, Currier, Cushing, Gascomb, Bennett, Townes, Eaton, Gascelon, Nicholson, Muzzey, Quincy, Ruggles, Leammon, Thordike, Torrey, Richer and Watson 20  
Nays, Sumner, Goodwin, Willis 3.

Bill an act for the adoption of children was amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the Secretary of State's Office, also on Pay Roll of the House of Representatives.

and a Resolve in favor of certain members of the 457  
House of Representatives were passed in concu-  
rence.

Resolve in favor of Lydia Cushman came from  
the House passed to be engrossed and the same  
was laid upon the table.

An order from the House  
That the Secretary of  
State, cause to be printed with the public  
Laws passed during this Session in the several  
newspapers which shall publish said Laws the  
resolves relating to Slavery, to the French Spoil  
ation Bill, and relating to the amendment  
of the constitution in relation to the Elective  
Franchise, was passed in concurrence.

Report relating to and Bill establishing  
a State Normal School came from the House  
that body adhering to its former vote indefi-  
nitely postponing the Bill. On motion of Mr  
Boddy the Senate adhered to its former vote  
passing the same.

The following Bills, viz.

- Bills An act further to protect personal liberty;
- " An act to ensure the detection and prevent  
the circulation of Counterfeit Bank Bills,
- " An act for the admission of interested  
witnesses.
- " An act authorizing George Smith Gu-  
ardian of John Rogers to convey certain  
Real Estate
- " An Act to incorporate the town of Reed,
- " An Act to amend Chapter 145 of the  
Private and Special Laws of the year 1853,
- " An Act to incorporate the Piscataquis.



458 Mutual Fire Insurance Company;

Bill, An Act relating to Criminal proceedings  
and to prevent unnecessary costs to the State;

" An Act to change the name of Kirkland;

" An Act to set off certain lands from Porter to Brownfield;

" An Act authorizing Plantations Letter  
G & H number eleven Range 5 and lays  
out to repair roads in said Plantations;

" An Act in relation to Criminal Proceedings;

" An Act regulating the subject of naturalizing  
citizens;

" An Act to amend an Act in relation to the  
officers of the State Prison;

" An Act to incorporate the Maine State  
Agricultural Society and more fully to pre-  
scribe the powers and duties of Agricultural  
and Horticultural Societies;

" An Act to abolish the Police Court in the  
City of Bangor and to establish a Municipal  
Court for said City with enlarged jurisdiction;  
and

" An Act to provide in part for the expen-  
ditures of the Government; and

" An Act providing for the adoption of chil-  
dren, were severally passed to be enacted,  
and conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor  
for his approval.

The following Resolves viz.  
Resolue in favor of Amos Bardin,

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- " " " " James Sumner,
- " " " " the Bath City Greys,
- " " " " certain members of the  
House of Representatives,
- " for the encouragement of Play Gaming,
- " in favor of certain members of the  
Legislature who visited the State Prison,
- " for the publication of certain documents;
- " in favor of the temporary clerks in the  
Secretary of State's office;
- " relating to the State Library;
- " authorizing the appointment of a Com-  
missioner to settle certain claims against  
the government of the United States,
- " in favor of Schools on certain islands;
- " in favor of H. P. Osgood,
- " in favor of certain members of the  
Maine Board of Agriculture,
- " On the Pay Roll of the Senate
- " On the Pay Roll of the House of Represen-  
tatives,
- " relating to Slavery;

2,60 Resolves authorizing the continuation of the Geological and Agricultural Survey of the State;

Resolve in favor of certain members of the Legislature.

Resolve in favor Albert Wheelocks,

Resolve in favor of S. C. Wright;

Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the lot reserved for public uses in the town of Brownville;

Resolve for furnishing the Registers of Deeds with the Laws and Resolves; and

Resolve, for the purchase of the Maine Register, were severally finally passed, and conveyed by the Secretary to the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr Torrey.

Ordered. "That a committee consisting of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted upon all business before them and are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make" and Messrs Torrey, Wells, and Jones were appointed said committee on the part of the Senate. Sent down for concurrence. The House passed the order in concurrence.

Subsequently Mr Torrey reported that the committee had waited on the Governor, and that he was pleased to say, that he would communicate through the Secretary of State,

On motion of Mr Garcelon a message was sent to the House of Representatives proposing that when the two branches of the Legislature next adjourn they adjourn without day. Subsequently a message was received from the House concurring in the proposition relative to a final adjournment.

Mr Sumrell of Oxford offered the following Ordered, "That while we retain each for the other the most kindly feelings and highest regard, we would recollect with profound respect the truly generous and noble character of Hon Nathaniel Blake now absent, and the peculiar circumstances under which he left our board, and took upon himself the hazardous enterprize of carrying the means of life to the starving citizens of our State," which was passed unanimously.

Mr Willis of Cumberland then arose and said,

Mr President.

I have a resolution to offer which I think will receive the unanimous concurrence of the Senate. The Session, Sir, is drawing to its closing hour, and we may honestly speak of it as as remarkable for the dispatch of business, and the harmony of its action. In some things we have not all concurred, there has been an occasional struggle between moderate conservatism and a progress somewhat hasty, in which there have been alternations of success. The blending of the two gives security and strength. I trust that our constituents will have no reason to say that the commonwealth has sustained injury in the result. This is undoubtedly an age of progress and while many linger in the recollections of the past, more dwell in visions of the future. It becomes



462. the wise and prudent so to temper these conflicting elements that the dead past shall not crush but counsel, the glowing life of an advanced civilization.

Most of our members were fresh in the duties of legislation. we brought from our various industrial pursuits habits of business which have been turned with equal readiness to the service of the State. We were free from political partisanship, and acknowledged no leaders but duty and right; and consequently we have had no party machinery to restrict our movements, or narrow our course of action.

On our assembling together, most of us met for the first time; we were strangers to each other; and on our final adjournment, we shall, in all human probability, never meet again. But in this brief space friendships have been formed which will always endure. Each Senator has made his mark, and his character in a measure stands revealed. The impressions here made will never be effaced, while memory shall retain its hold upon the events which move over it.

"What has been writ in this period has been writ," the record is made up, our acts are engrossed for eternity. Our intercourse has been genial, our action has been characterized by no narrow jealousy, nor bitter feeling; and I do not doubt that we shall bear each other testimony, that there has prevailed from the beginning a sincere conscientious desire and endeavor to promote the public good as well as to cultivate a friendly intercourse with each other.

In this hour of separation, I feel quite sure that we entertain and will carry away with us none but kind feelings and most friendly wishes. For myself I can and do freely tender to each one of my Senatorial companions and brethren and believe that they will respond to the sentiment

that most sweet wish which Shakespere so beautifully expresses. 463

"May you live longer  
Than I have time to tell your years  
Ever beloved and loving, may your lives be  
And when old time shall bring you to your end  
Goodness and you fill up one monument"

I now turn from you, Mr President, to speak of  
you what I am confident is the unanimous sentiment  
of this body - that much of our dispatch  
of business and harmony of action, may be attributed  
to the good presiding qualities of the  
chair. He has proved himself no less skilled  
in the art of legislation, than as an apt apprentice  
of that cunning artificer, who of old, in  
the workshop of the gods, forged their immortal  
armor.

It is therefore with great pleasure, I lay  
upon your table, Mr Secretary, the following  
resolution which I desire you to submit to  
the Senate.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate  
be presented to the Hon. Franklin Muzzey,  
for the prompt, the courteous and impartial  
manner in which he has presided over the  
deliberations of this body. And that our best  
wishes accompany him into whatever sphere  
of duty, and as elsewhere he may hereafter be  
guided".

The resolution was unanimously  
adopted, by Senators rising.

Mr Muzzey responded as follows.

Senators; The resolve you have just passed and  
the remarks of the Hon Senator from Cumberland  
awaken a lively apprehension of the fact  
that the closing moments of the session are upon  
us

464 For your expression of kindness and approbation I beg you to accept my most grateful acknowledgments.

If I have succeeded in presiding over your deliberations to your acceptance I am sincerely thankful. I do not, however, forget that I am greatly indebted for this success to the uniform courtesy, kindness and gentlemanly bearing constantly extended to me, and observed between themselves by Senators at this board.

Senators, we are about to part never again to meet as associates in this chamber, and the consciousness of this brings over us all, I doubt not, a cloud of sadness. A few weeks since we met here most of us strangers; we separate this morning as intimate acquaintances and friends.

For the first time in the annals of our State the seats at this board have been occupied by members of the same political party, imbued with common political principles and sympathies.

In the absence of the eagle eye of political antagonism to warn of approaching dangers, and guided only by devotion to the highest interest of the people of our State in the discharge of the important duties of the Session, the Senators of this board have labored with unflinching assiduity and patriotic fidelity. I am sure, with how much of wisdom is cheerfully committed to the verdict of the future.

Senators, our official labors are closed. May we all as we leave this chamber and return with gladness to the sacred retirement of private life, bear with us hearts of thanksgiving to Him, by whose power alone, during the arduous labors of the Session, we are indebted for life, and health, and whatever of wisdom has attended our deliberations.

Mr Garcelon offered the following.

Resolved. That the thanks of the Senate be tendered to Louis O. Corvan Esq. Secretary and to Joseph W. Knapp Esq. Assistant Secretary for the able and acceptable manner in which they have performed the duties of their respective offices.

And the resolve was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr Quincy,

Ordered, That the thanks of the Senate be tendered to Edwin Freeman Mepfinger and to James Shaw Assistant Mepfinger for the faithful and gentlemanly manner in which they have performed their official duties, and the same was unanimously adopted.

The Senate then took recess.

Attest. Louis O. Corvan,  
Secretary.

Senate called to order again.

The Secretary being absent on motion of Mr Eaton, Daniel S. Pike was chosen Secretary of the Senate Pro Tempore, and the oaths of office were administered by Hon. Noah Smith authorized by Dedimus Potestatem.

Resolve on the Pay Roll of the House of Representatives, Resolve on the Pay Roll of the Senate.

Resolve in favor of certain members of the House of Representatives.

were severally  
passed, and presented by the Secretary to the



466 Governor for his approval.

The Secretary of State came in, and laid before the Senate a communication from the Governor, transmitting a list of the titles of 216 acts and 92 Resolves, passed by the present Legislature, and approved by him, and informing the Senate that he had no further communication to make.

On motion the Senate, then  
Adjourned without day.

Daniel T. Pike,  
Secretary, Pro Tempore.

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