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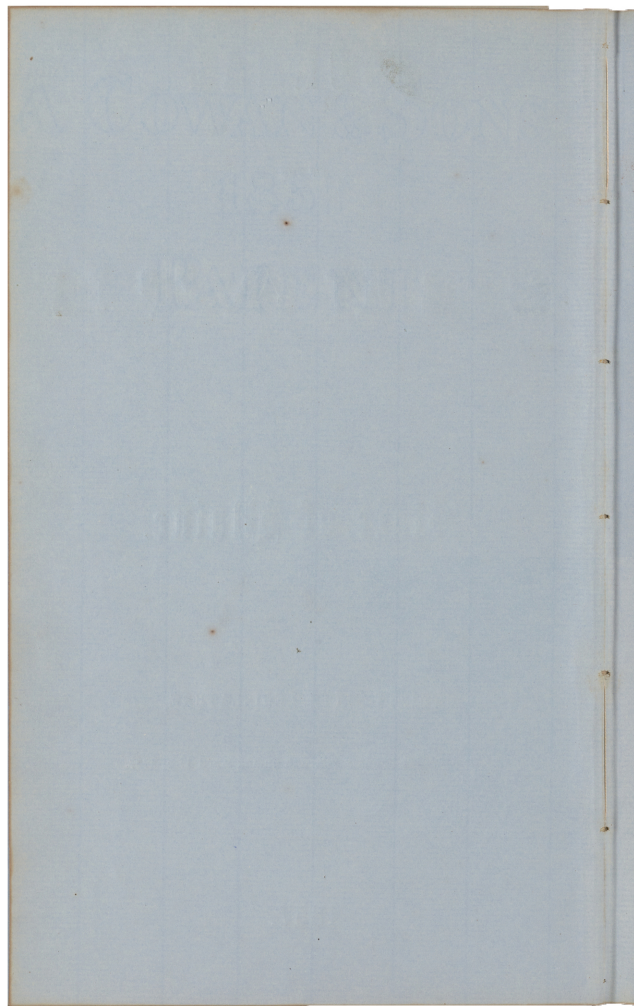
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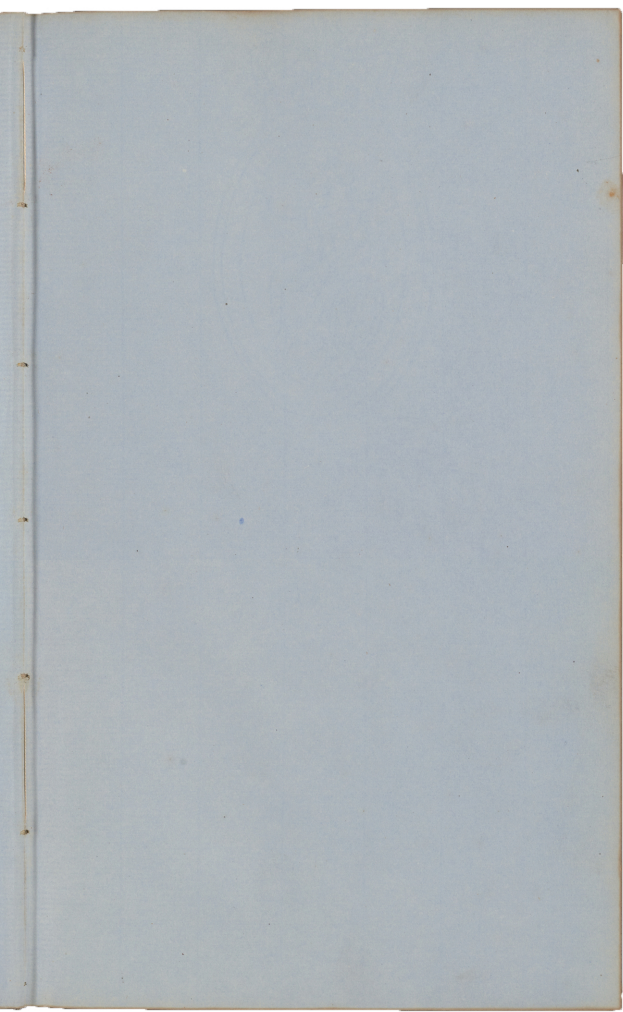
State of Maine.

THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE,

Commencing January 7th, and ending April 17th, 1857.

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State of Maine.

Augusta,
Wednesday January 7.th 1857.

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

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| First Senatorial District. | Seth Scamman. |
| | Nathan Dane. |
| | Samuel W. Jones. |
| Second Senatorial District. | John B. Brown. |
| | Eleazer Burbank. |
| | John P. Davis |
| | Clement Phinney |
| Third Senatorial District. | David C. Magoun. |
| | Aaron J. West. |
| | Hiram Chapman. |
| Fourth Senatorial District. | Joseph H. Williams. |
| | Thomas W. Herrick. |
| | Nathaniel Graves. |

1 Fifth Senatorial District Henry McGilvery,
Samuel S. Berry.
Isaac Cotte.

Sixth Senatorial District Myer G. Sargent
Samuel Wasson

Seventh Senatorial District Albion H. P. Wallace
Charles L. Ring.

Eighth Senatorial District George W. Smith.

Ninth Senatorial District William B. Hersey
Abner B. Hallowell
Lyndon Oak.

Tenth Senatorial District Charles P. Chandler.

Eleventh Senatorial District William Connor
Sullivan Lothrop

Twelfth Senatorial District Joseph G. Hoyt.

Thirteenth Senatorial District Enoch W. Woodbury.
Almon Twitshell

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The convention of Senators elect was called
to order by Mr. Leamman of York on whose mo-
tion Mr. Magoun of Lincoln, was chosen Chair-
man of the Convention.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Colby of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. Chapman.
That Senator was
charged with a message to the Governor, inform-

ing him that a quorum of Senators elect. is in 3.
attendance in the Senate Chamber ready to take
and subscribe the oaths required by the Con-
stitution to qualify them to enter upon the dis-
charge of their official duties.

Mr. Chapman subsequently report-
ed that he had delivered the message entrusted
to him; and that the Governor returned for an
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 Heads of Departments
came in, before whom the Senators elect took and
subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution
to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their
official duties.

The Governor and his attendants then
withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

Messrs Davis, Scamman
and Corsey, were appointed a committee to receive,
sort and count the votes for Secretary of the Senate.

Which committee, having attended to that duty
reported.

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| That the whole number of ballots, was | 30. |
| Necessary for a choice | 16. |
| <u>Joseph B. Hall</u> has | 29. |
| <u>Colby A. Jordan</u> has | 1 |

The report was accepted and Joseph B. Hall
was declared duly elected Secretary of the Sen-
ate.

Mr. Hall signified his acceptance, and
took and subscribed the oaths required by the
Constitution, to qualify him to enter upon the

4. discharge of his official duties, before Lewis D. Moore, Esquire, authorized by *dedimus, potestatem*.

On motion of Mr. Herrick.

Mrs. Herrick
Twitchell and Smith, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President of the Senate.

Which committee, having attended to the duty assigned them, reported, as follows, viz;

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| That the whole number of ballots was | 30. |
| Necessary for a choice | 16 |
| <u>Joseph H. Williams</u> has | 28. |
| <u>Seth Scamman</u> has | 1. |
| <u>George W. Smith</u> has | 1. |

The report was accepted, and Hon. Joseph H. Williams was declared duly elected President of the Senate.

Mr. Williams, being conducted to his seat by Mr. Smith of Brookstock, signified his acceptance in the following Address, viz;

Senators; -

I accept, with due sensibility, I trust, the somewhat conspicuous position which your friendliness has assigned to me. Conscious that it is an honorable post, I am also aware that it is not always easy to discharge its duties worthily. I pray that herein I may not disappoint your reasonable expectations.

Standing upon the threshold of our legislative labor, we may congratulate one another that we have been summoned to this sphere of duty by no incomplete or equivocal expression of the popular mind. On the contrary, so startling and emphatic was the tone in which the people of

this State pronounced their decisive judgment upon the political questions of the past year. that we may well regard their voice as the very voice of God.

Let us, then, acknowledge the ultimate source of our official responsibilities, and endeavor to execute our important trusts, in that conscientious spirit of fidelity to the Higher Power which will enhance the value of all the good we may be able to accomplish, and shield us from injurious imputations if, unhappily, we shall at any time fall into error.

The field of our action opens wide before us, embracing a revision of the entire body of our written law, both civil and criminal; a thorough consideration of the respective merits and demerits of all our banking corporations; and possibly, the adoption of some wise and efficient course of action in respect to our public domain which shall guard us from wasting our patrimony on the one hand, and relieve us from an aggravated burden of taxation on the other.

On these, and all other subjects that may come before us, let us cherish the spirit of harmony, under whose tranquil influence our session has now begun, solicitous above all things, so to act as to guard the interests, and promote the happiness of the people of our beloved State.

On motion of Mr Hersey.

Messrs Hersey, Connor and Phinney were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Secretary.

Which committee, having attended to their duty, reported;

That the whole number of votes was 29.

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| Necessary for a choice | 15 |
| Joseph H. Clark has | 29 |

The report was accepted and Joseph H. Clark was declared duly elected Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Graves.

Messrs Graves, Sargent and Berry were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Messenger.

Which committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows, viz.

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| That the whole number of ballots was | 25 |
| Necessary for a choice | 13 |
| George Humphrey has | 25 |

The report was accepted, and George Humphrey was declared duly elected Messenger of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Jones.

Messrs Jones, Vake and Hoyt were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Assistant Messenger.

Which committee, having attended to that duty, reported.

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| That the whole number of ballots was | 23 |
| Necessary for a choice | 12 |
| Orvin Courier has | 23 |

The report was accepted and Orvin Courier was declared duly elected Assistant Messenger of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Scamman that Senat. 7.
tor was charged with a message to the Governor
and Council, informing the Executive Depart-
ment, that the Senate is duly organized by the
choice of Con. Joseph H. Williams as President
and Joseph B. Hall Esq. as Secretary.

Mr. Scamman subsequently reported to
the Senate, that he had delivered the message
with which he had been charged.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

Mr. West was charged
with a message to the House of Representatives,
informing that body, that the Senate is duly or-
ganized by choice of Con. Joseph H. Williams
President and Joseph B. Hall Esq. Secretary.

Mr. West subsequently reported that he
had delivered the message entrusted to him.

On motion of Mr. Chapman

Ordered:— That the
rules and orders of the Senate for the year 1856,
be adopted as the rules and orders of this Senate un-
til otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Scamman

Ordered:— That the
Messenger of the Senate be directed to distribute
to each member of the Senate, one copy of the
rules and orders of 1856.

On motion of Mr. Hersey,

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 session of
the Legislature.

8 On motion of Mr. Magoun.

Ordered; - That the Secretary of the Senate make up the pay of the old Messenger and his Assistant, to and including tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Brown.

Ordered; - That the Senate invite the settled clergymen of Augusta and Hallowell, to officiate as chaplains to the Senate in rotation, according to seniority.

On motion of Mr. Graves.

Ordered; - That the Senate hold one session per day until otherwise ordered.

The Secretary of State, then came in and laid on the table of the Senate, the returns of votes given in for Senators at the last election, in the several Senatorial Districts.

On motion of Mr. Hersey.

Ordered; - That a committee of seven be appointed by the chair, to which shall be referred the returns of votes cast for Senators the current political year;

and Messrs. Hersey of Penobscot, Scamman of York, Woodbury of Oxford, McGilvery of Waldo, Lothrop of Somerset, Chandler of Piscataquis and Wallace of Washington were appointed said committee.

A message was received from the House of

Representatives by Mr. Garcelon of Lewiston, &c.
as follows, to wit;

Mr. President;— I am charged
with a message from the House of Represen-
tatives, informing the Senate, that that branch
is duly organized by the choice of Hon Charles
A. Spafford, Speaker, and George W. Milcox Esq.
Clerk.

The Secretary of State came in and laid
on the table of the Senate, the lists of the re-
turns of votes given in the several cities, towns
and plantations in this State, for Governor, for
the current political year, as have been return-
ed to the office of Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr Chapman:

Ordered;— That the
returns of votes for Governor, given in the several
cities, towns and plantations in this State, 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.—

And Messrs Chapman of Lin-
coln, Hallowell of Penobscot, Brown of Cum-
berland, Smith of Aroostock, Herrick of Ken-
nebec, Lane of York and Wasson of Hancock,
were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Said order subsequently came back with the
committee joined on the part of the House as
follows, viz;—

Messrs Vinton of Gray, Adams of New-
field, Day of Waldoboro, Webster of Castine,
Foster of East Machias, Drummond of Waton-
ville, Morse of Paris, Brown of Solon, Crosby

10 of Dexter, Marshall of Belfast. Morrison of Farmington, Lewis of Sangerville, Barron of Popsham. Dingley of Auburn, and Burling of Linneus.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt.

Messrs Hoyt, Hottel and Webb, were appointed a committee to wait upon the several clergymen of Augusta and Calcutt, and invite them to officiate as chaplains, in rotation, as provided by the order introduced by Mr. Brown.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

In Senate.

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Thursday, January 8, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr. Webb of Augusta.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication, to wit;

January 7, 1857.

Dear Sir,

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

Very Respectfully Yours,

H. Hamlin.

To the President of the Senate
of the State of Maine.

Mr. West announced the attendance of Robert C. Webb, Senator elect from the third Senatorial District, and that he was ready to be qualified. Mr. West was directed by the President to conduct Mr. Webb, Senator elect, to the Governor and Council, to take and subscribe the oaths required to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties; who subsequently reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that the said Senator had, before the Governor and Council, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution, to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties. And Mr. Webb appeared and took his seat at the Sen-

The following report of the Joint Select Committee on Gubernatorial Votes. came up from the House, to wit;

The Joint Select Committee, to which was referred the returns of votes in the several cities, towns and plantations in this State for Governor for the current political year, have examined the same and submit the following

Report.

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| That the whole number of votes is | 119,814 |
| Necessary for a choice | 59,908 |
| Hannibal Hamlin has | 69,574 |
| Samuel Wells has | 43,628 |
| George F. Patten has | 6,554 |
| George M. Patten has | 23 |
| Elzer Shepley has | 8 |
| Joseph Tilcomb has | 5 |
| George Patten has | 3 |
| Madison Stevens has | 2 |
| Ezekiel Holmes has | 2 |
| Philip Ober has | 2 |
| Mark Shepard has | 1 |
| Samuel Foveraf has | 1 |
| Stephen Rice has | 1 |
| C. Morse has | 1 |
| Samuel has | 1 |

The committee further report that the returns from Rockland, Yarmouth and Swanville, were not sealed.

And the report was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. Magoun, by leave, introduced a bill

entitled "An Act to amend an Act for the 13.
better security of moneys in the State Treas-
ury", which was read twice the rules being sus-
pended, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

The President announced the following
Standing Committee.

On Bills in the Second Reading.

Messrs Jones

Phinney

Woodbury

Graves

Webb

Berry

Oak

Lothrop

Hoyt

Chandler

Sargent

Wallace

On motion of Mr Hersey.

Ordered: That a commit-
tee of three, with such as the House may join,
be a committee to wait upon the Hon. Har-
nibal Hamlin, and inform him that he has
been elected by the people, Governor of the State
of Maine for the current political year;

And Messrs Hersey, Burbank and
Conner, were appointed on the part of the Sen-
ate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently said order came up from
the House, with the committee joined as follows,
viz; Messrs Vinton of Gray, Deering of Hamp-
den, Woodman of Bucksport, Danforth of Gardiner,
Talbot of Lubec, Buxton of Warren, and Marshall

14 of Belfast.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Garcelon of Loviston proposing a convention of both branches in the Hall of Representatives, this day at 12 o'clock M. for the purpose of administering to Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, Governor elect, the oaths of office necessary to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties, and asking the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate concurred, and

On motion of Mr. Magoun

Ordered:— That a message be sent to the House, informing that body of the concurrence of the Senate, with its proposition for a convention at the time and place and for the purpose named.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. Hersey, from the committee appointed to wait upon the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, to inform him of his election by the people Governor of the State, reported.

That they had attended to the duty assigned to them, and that the Governor elect was pleased to say, in reply, "That he was not insensible of the honor thus conferred upon him; that he did not seek or covet the office, but as the people had seen fit to call him to the responsible position, he accepted the trust at their hands, and would endeavor to discharge its duties to the best of his ability." He was farther pleased to say that he was ready to take and subscribe the oaths of office, whenever it should

Mr Hersey, from the committee on Senatorial votes, reported, in part that they have examined the returns and find no vacancies at the Senate Board, and ask farther time to perfect their report in detail.

Report accepted.

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

In Convention.

On motion of Mr Magoun of the Senate, that Senator was charged with a message to the Hon. Cannibal Hamlin, 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 to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr Magoun subsequently informed the Convention that he had delivered the message with which he was entrusted, 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 Governor and Council of last year, and the heads of the Departments, preceded by the Sheriff of the county of Kennebec, 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.

16 tion to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

Calist R. Ayer Esq. the Secretary of State then made the following

Proclamations.

The votes for Governor, which have been duly returned to the office of Secretary of State, having been examined and counted by the Legislature, who having declared that a majority thereof were given for Hon. Hannibal Hamlin and that he is duly elected, and he having, in the presence of the two branches of the Legislature in convention assembled, taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him to discharge the duties of that office. I therefore declare and make known to all persons in this State who are in the exercise of any public trust, as well as all the good citizens thereof, that

Hannibal Hamlin is Governor and Commander in Chief of the State of Maine, and that due obedience should be rendered to all his lawful acts and commands as such.

God save the State of Maine.

The president of the Convention then signified that the two branches of the Legislature in Convention assembled, were ready to hear any communication from the Governor that he might be disposed to make.

Whereupon the Governor addressed the Convention as follows;

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

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

Whatever relates to the whole country, interests and affects the people of Maine, as they constitute a part thereof. The country has just emerged from an important and exciting presidential election; more important, perhaps, than any which has preceded it. In the issues involved in that contest, Maine, as one of the states of the Union, had, in common with all the others, a deep and direct interest. The general result was different from what was hoped and desired by a large majority of the people of the State, and from what they believed to be for the welfare of the whole country, and what they earnestly sought to accomplish. Still, it furnishes the highest hope for the future, and foretells with unerring certainty, the ultimate triumph of that great principle for which we have struggled. Ten other States have concurred with Maine

18. in the effort to restore the government of the United States, to what its wise and patriotic founders designed and intended it should be. New England stood in the contest, substantially where she was in the struggle of the Revolution. That was an effort to establish a free Government, and she was pre-eminent in her sacrifices and devotion to accomplish that object, as she is now to preserve and perpetuate what was then accomplished. The true question involved in the late election was substantially, whether the advancement of human freedom should continue to be a fundamental principle, and a pre-eminent object of our national government, within the lines marked out by the Constitution, or whether its powers should be perverted to the extension of Slavery.

This it was that underlaid all other issues, however others may have mingled with it, or whatever may be the results that shall come out of it. It was an effort, on one side to make the government of the United States, either by its direct acts, or its acquiescence, or its complicity, aid in spreading the evils of slavery over territories where it did not exist, but from which it had been excluded by positive law.

The history of the government shows conclusively, that the wise and good men who instituted and laid its foundation, and those who framed our Constitution, designed and expected that it should be one of freedom, and not of slavery. It was upon this idea that the revolutionary war was successfully prosecuted, and the constitution adopted.

Slavery, it is true, existed in most of the States, as it had been forced upon the colonies by Great Britain, against their earnest and eloquent remonstrances. The fact was set forth in

the original draft of the Declaration of Independence, as one of the causes of the revolution, when it came from the hand and pen of Jefferson. After our independence had been finally achieved, the institution was regarded as one of temporary character and is not even named in the Constitution. The acts of the men of that day show the sincerity of their intentions. They did not desire to found a government upon moral, social and political wrong. The history of all the past warned them that it could not be done.

Their recorded acts prove indisputably what they did mean. Before the Constitution was framed or adopted, and in a Congress acting under the articles of confederation, Mr Jefferson reported, in a bill for the government of the territories the following clause, viz: "That after the year 1800 of the Christian era there shall be neither Slavery, nor involuntary servitude in any of said States, otherwise than in punishment of crimes whereof the parties shall have been convicted to have been personally guilty."

This provision applied to all the territory belonging to the United States at that time, and out of which the States referred to, were to be formed. That provision failed to become a law, for the want of a single vote, and by the absence of a single member. In 1787, an ordinance for the government of the territories was adopted, and in that was included an article forever excluding Slavery from all the territories of the United States, with the addition, that persons held to service in any state, under the laws thereof, and escaping into the territories should be delivered up - the same provision having been incorporated into the Constitution by the Convention then in session.

In 1789, after the adoption of the Constitution by the States, the question necessarily

20 arose whether that did not abrogate or annul the ordinance of 1787. To remove all doubt or to make all certain, Congress, at its first session under the Constitution, in 1789, affirmed and made valid that ordinance, and the law was approved by George Washington. Such, briefly, is the early history of this government; and it proves beyond all doubt, that the men of that day designed and expected that the extension of Slavery should be prevented by the government.

Such is just what is now proposed — to follow the lights of their counsel, and by excluding slavery from the territories of the United States, make them the homes of free men.

Such are the prominent acts of the men who laid the foundations of our government and who may be justly supposed to know what they intended. Could any doubt exist, as there can not, an examination of the debates and the history of the times render it more certain and clear as to what were their purposes. The opinions of that day were concurred in by the prominent men of the South. They were eloquent in depicting the wrongs and injuries which slavery inflicted upon both the colored and the white man. The sad evils connected with it in all their relations were portrayed by them in vivid colors. They saw, felt and acknowledged its withering effect. But now all this is changed. In the Southern States it has been boldly and fearlessly avowed that they must have the right to people the territories with their slaves, who are made such, (in the language of the Constitution, referring to the states where Slavery existed) "under the laws thereof" — thus seeking to control and regulate the territories by virtue of State laws.

It has also been asserted that Slavery is right — that it is the normal condition of the laboring man, and not confined to race or color.

Principles and objects like these, strike 21
at the very foundation of our government.
To preserve that government and to have it administered as designed by our fathers, should
ever remain the purpose of all who cherish our
free institutions.

In 1820, when Missouri, as part of
the Louisiana purchase, sought admission as a
state into the Union, and just preceding that
time, the question of restricting slavery in the
territories again arose, and agitated the country.

After much controversy, a proposition was submitted
and supported almost unanimously by the South
and approved by President Monroe, and his cabinet,
prohibiting slavery in all the territories
north of the parallel of $36^{\circ} 30'$ north latitude,
but south of that line leaving it unprohibited
by law. The proposition was at the time re-
sisted by the north, for the reason that it did
not exclude slavery from all the territory.

As a compromise, it was however adopted
and good faith required that it should not
be disturbed or violated.

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

From that repeal has arisen the angry discussions
in the country.

The object of the repeal, as frankly stated
and affirmed by some, and as could well
be seen by all, was solely to extend slavery.

The acts of men are matters of just criticisms,
and we have a right to suppose and believe that

22 men intend what is the fair and necessary result of their acts. If such were not the object, the repeal was useless. The facts that Slavery was prohibited — that it has since been forced into the territory — that disgraceful and odious laws, repugnant to humanity and the age in which we live, have been enacted in Kansas by a legislature elected by persons who invaded the territory from a neighboring state — and all the scenes of anarchy and bloodshed which have there transpired with the complicity, if not the direct aid of the general government, it would seem, can leave no room for doubt or controversy as to the object intended to be accomplished. Those who did that act are justly chargeable with all the discussion and excitement with which the public mind has been agitated — an agitation which cannot and will not cease until Slavery is confined to the states where it belongs. Despotism is always aggressive, but freemen cannot submit to the aggressions of Slavery and will not be excluded from our territories. Quietly to submit to its despotic aggressions, and its supremacy, would make slaves of our posterity, while we should deserve no better fate ourselves.

With Slavery in the States, we have nothing to do. For its extension or continuance there, we are not responsible. It there depends upon State laws. But outside of the States, and in the territories belonging to the United States, and subject to their jurisdiction, and of which States we constitute a part, we have both an interest and a responsibility. An interest to preserve them for the homes of free men, from the blight and mildew of Slavery, where men may be advanced socially, morally and intellectually in the scale of human existence.

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Responsible, because if such an evil is there allowed to spread and exist, it must be by the aid or acquiescence of the general government, of which we are a part. I can see no difference, morally, between doing a wrong directly, and in allowing it to be done, when we have the power, and it is our duty to prevent it. There can be no distinction. We are alike responsible in each. A cheerful acquiescence by all the States, in the exercise of all the rights that belong to each, is our constitutional duty. A prompt demand of the rights that belong to us, and a fearless assertion of them, is also equally our duty.

While Maine, as one of the States of the Union, should at all times remain loyal to the Constitution and the Union, and be ready to maintain all the rights secured by them to all the other States, and while her citizens should manifest a fraternal regard for the citizens of each of the States; she should also be true to that freedom, and those principles which the Constitution was formed to preserve and perpetuate.

This is the object which has so cordially united our people to an extent before unknown, but upon a principle on which they have always had a uniformity of opinions. To accomplish so great and desirable a good, and of such vital importance, prudence will dictate that our councils should not be disturbed by matters of less moment. The great question which underlies all others, should be kept steadily in view by all and success will be the sure and final reward. What we propose is neither sectional or fanatical; has the greatest good of the whole country for its basis; is in accordance with

24 the practice of the government for more than sixty years, and is worthy of the sincere and patriotic efforts of all. The time now is and will continue, when all who agree in the great importance of restoring the country to what it was under Washington and Jefferson, must cordially unite in undivided ranks for that purpose.

What will be the line of policy adopted by the incoming administration of the general government, and how far it will be affected, under all the circumstances which surround it, by the recent demonstration of public opinion in the free States, are questions to be solved in the future. To that future, also, must its own exigencies be left, and what those exigencies demand. You cannot, however, have failed to notice a somewhat ominous foreshadowing in the claim of constitutional doctrine recently put forth, viz; That as the institution of slavery is, by virtue of certain constitutional provisions, made an element of political power, it is therefore entitled to an expansion and increase, outside of the States where it exists.

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

The state of affairs which has existed in the territory of Kansas, growing out of the repeal of the Missouri Compromise line of 1820 furnishes only a true exhibition of what results from attempts to establish and

extend slavery. It presents a deplorable spectacle, 25
and one which makes what is called a free
government, a miserable mockery. The free
navigation of a great public river has been
impeded, or prevented. A legislature has been
elected by armed mobs from an adjoining state.

The rights guaranteed by the constitution
to the citizens of each state, have been dis-
regarded. Laws have been passed by a legis-
lature thus fraudulently elected which are
unequalled in their atrocity in any civilized
country in the world; which virtually deny the
right of trial by jury, abolish the freedom of
the press and of speech, and which do not al-
low a citizen to participate in the government
without first taking an oath repugnant to, and
in violation of the Constitution. All these
wrongs have been sustained by the government
and a judiciary in the territory which has ad-
ded to the oppression otherwise existing.

Honest citizens have been murdered, and
dwellings burned, and the laborer interrupt-
ed in or driven from his pursuits, instead of
receiving that protection in his rights and per-
son to which he was justly as well as con-
stitutionally entitled. From this sad state
of things produced, it would seem to be the
duty of our state to furnish the citizens of Maine
who have gone into that territory with such
aid and assistance as may be in its power.

When the government of the United States
shall become remiss in, or shall neglect its
plain duty, it becomes the State to act.
There can be no doubt that there is actual
and severe suffering in that territory by those
who have been prevented from pursuing their
ordinary industrial avocations. I would

I therefore suggest, should the existing state of things continue in that territory, by the remissness or neglect of the general government a liberal appropriation for the relief, in food and clothing, of the citizens of Maine, in the territory of Kansas, under such limitations as you may deem necessary. It is due as an act of humanity, and if the government of the United States shall fail in its duty to them and has neglected its plain constitutional obligations, they should know and feel that they are still cared for in the State from which they went to establish new homes, and extend liberty and civilization in the west.

I have been unable to examine the report of the treasurer of State. It will be submitted to the legislature, and will exhibit the finances of the State, as I learn from the treasurer, in a very prosperous condition.

The whole amount of the funded debt of the State, Dec. 31, 1856, was 699,000; of that sum thirty thousand dollars will become due, March 1, 1857, which will be paid at that time, and the current expenses of the year, will be discharged, without resorting to other means than the usual State tax imposed by the legislature.

No legislation will be required to provide for the payment of that sum.

The receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31 1856, have been as follows:

| <u>Receipts.</u> | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Balance from year 1855, | 39,130.37 |
| From all other sources | 59,3312.04 |
| Total | 632,442.41 |
| <u>Disbursements.</u> | |
| Balance in the treasury, | 146,277.41 |

A detailed account of the receipts and expenditures will be presented in the report of the treasurer. 27.

The amount of capital invested in the state under corporate charters, and especially for the construction of railroads, is of a magnitude to call for specific and certain laws, which shall protect not only the rights of the corporation, but the public and individuals. Bodies of this corporate character may become embarrassed, and may be seized on by an execution creditor, or be transferred by assignment, and thus become the property of a single individual, while the charter requires an organized administration, consisting of several officers. What may be the rights of the respective parties in such a case under existing laws, is at least very doubtful. While no evils are known to have resulted from such a state of things, they may be easily foreseen, and against which it is prudent the legislature should guard as far as practicable.

The evils of intemperance are seen and acknowledged by all, even by its unfortunate victims. The crimes, pauperism, and consequent misery produced by it, present a melancholy spectacle. Its prevention is earnestly desired by all right thinking men, but unfortunately, upon the best method of suppressing or preventing it, there is a difference of opinion in our community. Laws for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops, have been passed, designed to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks, except for mechanical and medicinal purposes. These laws have been repealed, and another enacted instead, licensing and permitting the sale of intoxicating liquors for

28 All purposes, under the limitations and pen-
alties therein contained. This law was passed
under the alleged belief that it would better
promote and secure the cause of temperance
than one of a prohibitory character. This is the
state of the question as it is now presented.

What should be done? What is wisest and best.
The public mind has been much and deeply
agitated upon the matter, and it would
seem to be most wise under existing circum-
stances, not to disturb the present law until
the whole subject can be more dispassionate-
ly discussed and determined. Such undoubt-
edly, is the desire and expectation of the
people of the State; such the implied, if not
the actual pledge given in our recent election.

Political bodies, like individuals,
should always maintain good faith — and
good faith requires that the question should not
be disturbed during the present session. It
is far better to wait patiently until all angry
feeling shall have subsided, and when the whole
subject can be more appropriately acted on.

Then let a well matured and carefully prepared
bill be submitted directly to the people for their
approval or rejection, at meetings held express-
ly for that purpose. The question would then
be wrested from the vortex of party politics, con-
nected with which, any such measure must al-
ways, inevitably, be exposed to a constantly re-
curring opposition, and fail to secure that gen-
eral acquiescence, which alone can give it per-
manence. Under a government like ours, no
law can stand the test of time, which does
not meet the support of a deliberate and en-
lightened public judgment. No judicious principle
of either a license or prohibitory system can de-

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

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

At the last session of the legislature one of the justices of the Supreme judicial Court was arbitrarily, if not unconstitutionally removed by address. In the opinion of many of the best legal minds of the state, the act was entirely unconstitutional. Whether so or not, it was, at least, confidently predicated upon an error of judgment, honestly exercised in the discharge of official duty, upon a matter of indisputable jurisdiction. Such error, if error it was, involved no want of adequate judicial ability or integrity of purpose. If, for such a cause a judicial officer may be removed, in the malice or madness of party organization, where is the independence of the judiciary, and what can

30 it becomes but the mere instrument of parties. Does our Constitution, in truth, contemplate a right of removal by address in such a case?

I would suggest the propriety of ascertaining definitely, how far the power of the Legislatures under Article nine, Section 5, of the constitution extends. If it shall be determined that a judicial officer can be removed, in the mode there pointed out, for any opinion which may seem to the Legislature, erroneous, without other cause, then I would recommend such an amendment of the Constitution as will meet the necessity of the case. Clearly, if such power does exist, it may prostrate the judicial at the feet of the legislature and executive branches of the government. The bad example set by one legislature may be followed by another. Such a power, in my judgment, cannot coexist with an independent judiciary. At least, let the matter, if necessary be submitted to the tribunal of the people, whose whole interests are so intimately and directly involved. It may also become the duty of the legislature to ascertain whether the public exigencies require the aid of additional justices to discharge the duties that devolve upon the supreme judicial court.

In a State like ours, where the industrial pursuits are so varied, with a large population upon the frontier still progressing into and subduing the forests, there is undoubtedly, a greater necessity for legislation, than in a community where its industry has become settled and systematized. But still, one of the evils under which we suffer, is excessive and useless legislation. Continual change in our laws are productive of evil. Legislation, as far as practicable should be general, and designed

to produce system and order. Our people soon ³¹
adapt themselves to laws so framed. Frequent
amendments soon leave us in doubt as to what
the law is. He who shall devote himself to pre-
vent unnecessary changes and useless laws, will
acquire the reputation of a conservative and wise
legislator. These frequent changes have led
to the necessity of a revision of our statutes, made
under the provisions of the Resolves of March 12
1855, and April 1. 1856. The code will be
submitted to you for your action. Such ordinary
legislation as shall be necessary at this session may
form a part of the revised code. It is, I think fairly
to be presumed, that the principal object of the legis-
lation referred to was to condense existing laws on
the same subject, into one, with such alterations
and amendments, as the commissioners shall recom-
mend, and be approved by the legislature. The enact-
ing of this code will be an important labor for
you to discharge. When a statute has received a
judicial construction it would seem most wise to
retain its language, so far as possible, so as not to
render it necessary again to submit it to the judi-
ciary for adjudication. The revision of the laws will
necessarily be a labor which will require a longer ses-
sion of the legislature than would otherwise be ne-
cessary. Still, with that degree of industry which
will be given to its consideration, and with a wise
effort to prevent useless amendments, it is sincerely
hoped our labor may not be as extended, and that
an example may be set of more limited sessions
of the legislature.

It has grown into a proverb, that he
who makes two blades of grass grow, where one grew
before, is a public benefactor. The agriculture of
every state, is one of the most important and necessary
branches of industry. No state can be prosperous

32 without it. It is as old as man, and we must depend upon it for most of the necessities of life.

That policy therefore, which shall, in the greatest degree, develop the resources and capabilities of the Soil, and which shall teach the best methods of producing the greatest crop at the least expense, is surely worthy of the attention of every State. There can be no doubt that we have a soil capable of producing not only all the substantial articles consumed by the people of the State, but of sustaining a population much greater than we now have. Sound economy demands that we should produce more and purchase less, as we may easily do. The art of husbandry ought, as it may, be reduced to a science. All may not be accomplished at once, but may we not make a commencement, in what shall produce in the end, that result? The State has done something for the purpose of increasing its productions, and developing its agricultural resources. It has given a direct bounty to stimulate the production of certain crops. As a system, however, this, though seeming partially to accomplish its purpose, was found objectionable, and was abandoned. Agricultural Societies have been formed for the same object, and it is confidently believed, with far greater success, even if they have failed to accomplish all that is desirable. Sums of money are granted to these Societies, which are awarded to those who produce the largest crops, raise the best stock, and manufacture the most finished articles. All this has its good effect, and, under that provision of the law of last year, which requires an account of the mode of culture, and to some extent the kind of soil on which the crop is produced, we may fairly suppose will be productive of much practical good. An improved state of agriculture may be seen in other countries

resulting from similar associations. Each 33.
learns from the experience and practice of the other,
and each is also stimulated to excel the other. A
State Board of Agriculture has also been created
by the legislature, to promote that science. It
is composed of one member from each county in
the state, and a Secretary chosen by the Board,
whose duties under the laws are prescribed
by the Board. The duties of the Secretary
are responsible and arduous, as will be seen
on examination. If his duties are faithfully and
efficiently discharged, they must result in much
good. His first annual report will be submit-
ted to you for your consideration. From an ex-
amination of it, I am led to believe it will
be most useful to the agricultural interest of
the State, for the valuable information it con-
tains. These are now existing institutions un-
der the care of the State; and it is hardly ne-
cessary to enlarge on their importance. While,
however, they remain, I would suggest the pro-
priety of having the board consist of one mem-
ber from each society, instead of one from each
county, as is now the case. I would also recom-
mend that the selectmen of towns, aldermen
of cities, and assessors of plantations be required
to make an annual return to the Board of
Agriculture of all agricultural products of each
city, town and plantation. Such statistics would
soon furnish us a correct account of our production
and as continued from year to year, would show
the progress made. The compensation of the Sec-
retary, seems entirely inadequate for his services af-
ter deducting his necessary expenses.

But does not the true and best pol-
icy of the State require that we should go one step
further? Knowledge is the only sound basis.

34 of all pursuits. Practice I know is indispensable, but a knowledge of that which lies at the foundation is necessary to guide and direct practice. Agricultural Chemistry is the foundation of enlightened agriculture. A knowledge of what composes the soil, of what it contains, of what it is deficient, what should be added or subtracted to make it productive, and what are the plants and roots best adapted to each, is most obviously necessary to an improved and enlightened cultivation. The relation between agriculture and Chemistry, is truly important, and when that relation shall be fully understood and applied, agriculture will really become a science, and production will, it is believed, be so much increased, that our present crops will be regarded almost insignificant. I have not time nor is this the occasion to go into details of experiments which test the truth of what I have said. We all understand the high necessity of the knowledge to which I have alluded.

The question for us is, shall we make an attempt to acquire information so necessary to advance the best interests of the State? To me it would seem most wise. Next to a knowledge of our own language, I would hold in importance a knowledge of the soil we cultivate. All are interested, and more are employed in that pursuit than in any other, if not more than in all others. How necessary then is a full knowledge and understanding of it, to advance the prosperity of the State. It is confidently believed, that a wise system which shall develop our agricultural resources, will tend to check the great emigration of our citizens to other sections. It is highly desirable that such an object should be accomplished, and I have full confidence that much can be done to effect it. I would therefore

recommend for the consideration of the legis- 35
lature, that some provision be made by law
for teaching agricultural chemistry in our
schools, and for analysing soils at some place
in each county; or to endow some of the exist-
ing literary institutions in the State, at which
agricultural chemistry, and the analysis of
soils shall be taught.

It can hardly be denied that
some of the past legislation of the State has tend-
ed to lessen the efficiency, if not to bring into dis-
repute, one of our institutions created by the Con-
stitution of the United States, and adopted by
our own State. Its importance has been conclu-
sively demonstrated in the history of the past.
The prevalence of any sentiment in the communi-
ty, which has a tendency to lessen our regard
and respect for an efficient military system, must
necessarily occasion the advancement of a policy
which will lead to an increase of the standing
army of the United States. Such a result
was feared by the fathers of the republic, and is
to be deprecated by all true friends of Constitu-
tional liberty. The Constitution of the United
States declares "that a well regulated militia is
necessary to the security of a free state" and requires
congress to provide for organizing, arming and dis-
ciplining the militia of the several states, reserving
to the states the appointment of the officers and
training the troops according to the discipline
prescribed by congress. The Constitution of
Maine provides "that no person of the age of eight-
een years and under the age of forty five years (ex-
cepting certain specified classes) shall be exempt
from military duty, unless he shall pay an equivalent
to be fixed by law." It will be within your prov-
ince to inquire whether our present militia laws

36 are in conformity with these constitutional requirements, and to provide, by legislative enactment, for any important defects that shall be found to exist. It cannot be doubted that sufficient numbers of our citizens can at all times be relied upon, whose zeal and patriotism will induce them to engage in voluntary military organizations suitable for present, and which shall form a sufficient nucleus for all prospective purposes. They should understand that they may confidently rely upon all proper aid, and be prohibited in the enjoyment of their rights. The small amount which would be found sufficient to light in the military labors of our citizens soldiers would bear no comparison to what we would be obliged to contribute for the support of a standing army. The entire abolition of the militia would tend to that result. It is presumed that such a system may be enacted as will impose upon the soldier only a contribution of his time, and the cost of the uniform of his corps. The whole subject is one of great importance, and is commended to your careful consideration.

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

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by account of the condition of the school, its
management and importance. These reports will
be submitted to you, for your examination, and
will furnish you with information of the school
in detail. It will be noticed that there is a
deficiency in the current expenses for the year
ending March 31. 1857, of five thousand dol-
lars. This deficiency, it will be seen, has mostly
arisen from an underestimate of the number of in-
mates for the preceding year. Unless that defi-
ciency shall be supplied at an early day, the
usefulness of the school will be impeded very
much by the embarrassment it must necessari-
ly occasion. It is believed that all the affairs
of the school have been managed with rigid eco-
nomy, perhaps with more economy than its best
interests and the interest of the State will jus-
tify. A rigid economy, in all the departments
of the school, is not only desirable, but is demand-
ed. But it may be a want of economy to with-
hold necessary appropriations when demanded for
public objects. The attention of the legislature
is invited to early action on this subject.

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

Intelligence is the sure basis of a

28 Free government. A well-informed people is the only security upon which we can rely for the perpetuity of our liberties. The common school is one of our most cherished institutions, and marks the wisdom of its founders. There is no duty more important than in providing, by just and wise laws, for the general advancement of education. In a revision of the laws, our school system should, as I am sure it will, receive your careful attention. Our schools have always received the fostering care of the legislature; and it cannot be doubted or justly questioned that our common schools have much improved within the few past years. Much more may, however be accomplished, and they may be more useful and efficient in educating the children of the State. Wise laws and such means as the legislature may impart will still advance their usefulness.

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

The report of the land agent will be submitted to you and you will learn from it the transactions of the past year, and the conditions of the public lands, and of all that relates to that department. I have not had an opportunity to examine the same.

The present system of managing our lands, on the whole, so far as I am able to judge

is wise and proper. The best interests of all³⁹ require that the timber lands should not be put into the market in quantities beyond the actual wants of the community. It is believed the laws now regulating the sale of the public lands answer all present necessities. If, however, any measure can be devised, which shall induce the settlement of the lands suitable for agricultural purposes, it will commend itself to and should receive your cordial action. We have vast tracts of land of unsurpassed fertility, and when made productive by the husbandman, will add much to the wealth and power of the state. If that can be effected by any reasonable system of legislation it is surely desirable.

It will be seen on examination of the laws that the charters of all the banks in the state will expire on the first day of October, 1837. The subject of their rechartering will invite your early attention. The system of banking in Maine has proved as a whole, a safe one for the public. No losses to the public have taken place, it is believed, which cannot be traced to a violation of the spirit or letter of the law. Such additional safeguards as time and experience shall have proved to be necessary for the safety of the community, should be added. It may be deemed expedient to designate some officer by law, who shall deliver to each bank blank bills, duly countersigned and registered, which shall constitute the circulation of the banks, and also to determine by law, the amount of bills to be thus delivered.

Having resigned the office of senator from this state in the United States Senate, to take effect on the seventh instant, it will become necessary for the legislature to make

40 an appointment to supply the vacancy thus created. The duty will also devolve upon you to make an appointment of senator for six years from and after the fourth of March next, when the present term will expire by constitutional limitation.

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

The Governor and his attendants then withdrew, and the Convention dissolved.

In Senate

On motion of Mr. Scamman

The Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock A.M. tomorrow

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary

Friday, January 9, 1857 41

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr. Armitage of Augusta.

Mr. Davis presented the following, viz:

Ordered: That the Secretary be directed to procure the printing of 2500 copies of the Governor's Message, for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Muggan, this order was laid on the table.

Mr. Welch presented the following, viz:

Ordered:— That all petitions for private legislation, which shall be presented to this Legislature, after the tenth day of February next, be referred to the next Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Scamman, this order was laid on the table.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Chickborn of Proquest, proposing a Convention of both branches in the Hall of Representatives, this day, at 11 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of electing seven Executive Councillors and a Secretary of State, for the current political year, and asking the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate concurred, and:

On motion of Mr. Muggan

Ordered:— That a message be transmitted to the House of Representatives informing that body of the concurrence of the Senate with their proposition

42 for a joint Convention, at the time and place
and for the purposes indicated.

The message was conveyed by the
Secretary.

A communication was received
from Caleb R. Ayer Esquire, Secretary of State
transmitting to the Legislature the return of the
Superintending School Committee of Oldtown
agreeable to the provisions of a Resolve entitled
"Resolve to promote the education of the Pen-
obscot Indians, approved March 14 1856".

Also a communication from the same
transmitting such returns of insurance companies
as have been received at the office of Secretary of
State, prior to this date.

The hour assigned for the Conven-
tion having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the
Hall of Representatives, where a Convention was
formed.

In Convention.

On motion of Mr Scamman, of the Senate
Ordered: That a
committee of five, be appointed to receive, sort and
count the votes for Secretary of State, and

Messrs. Scamman and Smith of the Sen-
ate, and Garcelon of Lewiston, Dunning of Hallow-
ell and Chadbourne of Perry, were appoint-
ed said committee.

Which committee, having attended
to the duty assigned them reported as follows
viz;

That the whole number of ballots thrown is 171

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| Necessary for a choice | 86.43. |
| Alden Jackson has | 144 |
| Caleb R. Ayer has | 26 |
| A. C. Pessenden has | 1 |

The report was accepted and Alden Jackson was declared duly elected Secretary of State for the current political year.

On motion of Mr Chapman, of the Senate,

Ordered;— That a committee of five, be raised to receive, sort and count the votes for seven Councilors, to advise with the Governor in the Executive department of the government for the current political year and Messrs Chapman and Woodbury of the Senate and Adams of Newfield, Brown of Solon, and Dunn of No. 11, were appointed said committee.

Having attended to their duty the committee reported that

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| The whole number of ballots was | 173. |
| Necessary for a choice | 87. |
| William M. Reed has | 146 |
| Isabed Frost has | 147 |
| Isaac Lincoln has | 147 |
| Nathaniel A. Soy has | 146 |
| Benjamin F. Eastman has | 147 |
| Joseph S. Monroe has | 146 |
| Abner Coburn has | 147 |
| Israel Chadbourne has | 26 |
| Samuel Jordan has | 26 |
| Henry Spaulding has | 26 |
| Arno Wiswell has | 26 |
| Daniel H. Brown has | 26 |
| William H. Kimball has | 26 |

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| Joseph W. Eaton has | 26 |
| Joseph Mourski has | 1 |
| Ezra B. French has | 1 |

The report was accepted and William M. Reid, Isabed Frost, Isaac Lincoln, Nathaniel A. Soy, Benjamin P. Eastman, Joseph I. Monroe and Abner Coburn, were declared duly elected Councilors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

And the Convention dissolved.

In Senate.

Mr Jones, by leave, introduced a bill entitled "An Act to repeal an Act entitled An Act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court, approved April 9, 1856" which.

On motion of Mr Chapman was amended by inserting the enacting clause, and laid on the table.

Order from the House

That a joint select committee consisting of seven on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to contract with person or persons to do the State printing and binding for the current political year. came up with Messrs Duren of Calais, Strickland of Bangor, Burr of Mercer, Morrison of Farmington, Drummmond of Waterville, Fox of Portland and Dunn of No. 11. appointed on the part of the House.

The order was read and passed in concure

rence, and Messrs Halliwell, Herricks and Chandler were joined on the part of the Senate.

The President laid before the Senate the report of James Walker Esquire, Land Agent, under resolve relating to a permanent school fund, which.

On motion of Mr Chapman, was laid on the table, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed.

The President also laid on the table a communication from Caleb C. Ayer Esquire Secretary of State, transmitting thirty one copies of the Fortieth Annual Report of the Directors of the American Asylum at Hartford, Conn.

The President announced the following Committee.

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs Dane

Davis

Twitcomb

Herricks

West

McGilvery

Halliwell

Connor

Hoyt

Wasson

Bing, and

Smith.

On motion of Mr Graves.

Ordered: — That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify

46 William M. Reed, Schabod Frost, Isaac Lincoln, Nathaniel A. Joy, Benjamin P. Eastman, Joseph S. Monroe, and Abner Co. burn, that they have been duly elected Coun-
cilsors to advise the Governor in the Executive de-
partment of the Government for the current po-
litical year, and request their immediate attend-
ance,

On motion of Mr. Magoun.

Ordered:— That the
Secretary of the Senate notify Alden Jackson,
Esquire, that he has been duly elected, by a joint
Convention of the two Houses, Secretary of State
for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. Leamman.

Ordered:— That the
sessions of the Senate on Mondays, be at two o'-
clock P. M., until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. West.

Ordered:— That the
Secretary of State be requested to place in the
hands of the Messenger of the Senate, for the use
of the same, five copies of the Revised Statutes,
and ten copies of the Laws, from 1842 to 1856
inclusive.

On motion of Mr. Chapman.

Ordered:— That a
committee of three be appointed to prepare and
report rules and orders for the government of the Sen-
ate, for the present session; and Messrs Chapman
of Lincoln, Brown of Cumberland, and Hoyle of

Franklin, were appointed said committee 47.

On motion of Mr. Scamman.

Ordered: That a committee of three, on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be raised to prepare joint rules and orders for the government of the two Houses, for 1857; and Messrs. Scamman of York, Magoun of Lincoln and Ring of Washington were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came up with Messrs. Johnson of Augusta, Talbot of Lubec, Woodman of Bucksport, Gilbert of Bath, and Hammett of Rockland, joined on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Saturday January 10, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dillingham of Augusta.

Communications were received from Abner Coburn, Joseph S. Monroe, Benjamin F. Eastman, Nathaniel A. Soy, Schabed Frosts and William M. Reed. Councilors elect signifying their acceptance and readiness to take and subscribe the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of the two branches in the House of Representatives, at 12 o'clock this day, for the purpose of electing a Treasurer of State and Land Agent for the current political year, and also for the purpose of qualifying such Councilors elect as have signified their acceptance of the office. The Senate concurred, and.

On motion of Mr. Coit.

Ordered: That a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that branch of the concurrence of the Senate with their proposition for a Convention at the time and place, and for the purposes indicated.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. Perry presented the following, viz:

Ordered: That the Secretary be directed to procure the printing of

fifty copies of the diagram of the Senate Chamber, on card paper, for the use of the members of the Senate; which.

On motion of Mr. Horricks, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. West, the vote of the Senate yesterday, passing an order requesting the Secretary of State to place in the hands of the Messenger of the Senate certain documents, was reconsidered, and the order was amended by striking out the word "ten", and inserting instead, the word "five", so that the order shall read as follows, viz.

Ordered;— That the Secretary of State be requested to place in the hands of the Messenger of the Senate, for the use of the same, five copies of the Revised Statutes, and five copies of the Public Laws, from 1842 to 1856, inclusive.

And as amended, the order was passed.

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

In Convention.

On motion of Mr. Horricks, of the Senate.

Ordered: That a committee of five, be appointed by the chair, to receive, sort and count the votes for Treasurer of State; and Messrs Horricks and Burbanks of the Senate, and Messrs. Vinton of Gray, Marshall of Belfast and Loeavitt of Pembroke of the House, were appointed said Committee.

50 Having attended to the duty assigned them the committee reported that

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| The whole number of ballots thrown in | 149 |
| Necessary for a choice | 75 |
| Benjamin D. Peck has | 117 |
| Isaac Reed has | 24 |
| Scattering | 6 |
| Blanks | 1 |

The report was accepted, and Benjamin D. Peck was declared duly elected Treasurer of State for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. Dane, of the Senate,

Ordered:- That a committee of seven be appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for Land Agent: and Messrs. Dane and Woodbury of the Senate, and Messrs. Brown of Solon, Richardson of Tremont, Paltot of Lebec, Milliken of Camden, and Chadbourne of Perry of the House were appointed.

The committee, having attended to the duty assigned to them reported that

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| The whole number of votes is | 155 |
| Necessary for a choice | 78 |
| Noah Barker has | 130 |
| James Walker has | 24 |
| B. D. Peck has | 1 |

The report was accepted and Noah Barker was declared duly elected Land Agent of Maine for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. Brown, of the Senate,

Ordered:- That the

Secretary of the Convention he directed to notify 51
in form, the Councilors elect, that the two Houses
are now in Convention, for the purpose of adminis-
tering to them the oaths required by the Consti-
tution to qualify them to enter upon the dis-
charge of their official duties.

The Secretary subsequently reported that
he had waited upon the Councilors elect, and had
delivered the message with which he had been charg-
ed; and that they were pleased to say that they
would attend forthwith upon the Convention for
the purpose of being qualified.

Thereupon William M. Reed, Ichabod
Frost, Nathaniel A. Soy, Benjamin F. East-
man, Joseph S. Monroe and Abner Coburn
Councilors elect came in, and before the President
of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths re-
quired by the Constitution to qualify them to
enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

The Councilors then withdrew and
the Convention dissolved.

In Senate.

On motion of Mr Woodbury.

Ordered:— That a
message be sent to the Governor by the Secretary
of the Senate, informing him of the election and
qualification of William M. Reed, Ichabod Frost,
Nathaniel A. Soy, Benjamin F. Eastman,
Joseph S. Monroe, and Abner Coburn as Exe-
cutive Councilors, for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr Graves.

Ordered:— That the

52 Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify the Hon. Benjamin D. Peck of his election as Treasurer of the State of Maine; also the Hon. Noah Barker of his election as Land Agent.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Monday, January 12 1857 53.

Met according to adjournment.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from Isaac Levee, declining the office of Executive Councilor, which was read and sent down.

A communication was received from Isaac Reed, the Treasurer of State, transmitting the annual report of the transactions of the treasury for the year ending December 31st 1856.

On motion of Mr. Hersey.

Ordered; That there be a committee of three, with such as the House may join, whose duty it shall be to examine the papers and files relating to the business referred by the last Legislature to the present, and report what disposition ought to be made of the same:

and Messrs Hersey, Davis and Smith, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Amended by Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came back with Messrs Brown of Soten, Banks of Biddeford, Pearson of Machias, Morrison of Farmington, Gros of New Gloucester, Holt of Turner, and Pickens of Augusta, joined on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Magoun,

Ordered; That the Report of the Treasurer of Maine, be referred to a joint Select Committee, consisting of three, on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may

54 join; and Messrs. Magoun, Brown, and Daniel
were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the order came up with Messrs.
Foster of East Machias, Strickland of Bangor, In-
galls of Bridgton, Adams of Newfield, Danforth
of Gardiner, Dingley of Auburn, and Day of Wat-
dorough, joined, on the part of the House.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Tuesday, January 13, 1857 55

Met according to adjournment.

Mr Hoyt, from the committee to extend invitations to the several settled clergymen of Augusta and Hallowell to officiate as chaplains to the Senate, reported, that the committee had attended to the duty assigned them, and had extended invitations as instructed.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr Lathrop.

Ordered; That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a Convention of the two Houses in the Hall of Representatives, this day at half past ten o'clock, for the purpose of electing an Attorney General, Adjutant General, and one Executive Councilor for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr King, the order for printing the diagram of the Senate Chamber, was taken from the table and amended by striking out "fifty" and inserting "sixty two".

And as amended the order was passed.

Mr Hensy, from the committee to which was referred the returns of Senatorial votes, made the following final report:

The committee of the Senate to which were referred the returns of votes cast for Senators for the current political year, copies of records and certificates relating to votes cast for Senators in

56 the several Towns and plantations, have had the same under consideration and report that

In the First District.

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| The whole number of ballots is | 12,356 |
| Necessary for a choice | 6,189 |
| Nathan Dane has | 6,748 |
| Seth Scamman has | 6,747 |
| Samuel W. Jones has | 6,736 |

And they are elected.

In the Second District.

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| The whole number of ballots is | 17,683 |
| Necessary for a choice | 8,842 |
| John B. Brown has | 9,779 |
| Eleazer Burbanks has | 9,779 |
| Clement Phinney has | 9,785 |
| John P. Davis has | 9,786 |

And they are elected.

In the Third District.

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| The whole number of ballots is | 15,884 |
| Necessary for a choice | 7,943 |
| David C. Magoun has | 9,289 |
| Aaron F. West has | 9,284 |
| Hiram Chapman has | 9,291 |
| Robert C. Webb has | 9,281 |

And they are elected.

In the Fourth District.

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| The whole number of ballots is | 11,767 |
| Necessary for a choice | 5,884 |
| Joseph H. Williams has | 7,767 |
| Thomas W. Herrick has | 7,758 |
| Nathaniel Graves has | 7,764 |

And they are elected.

In the Fifth District

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| The whole number of ballots is | 8,970 |
| Necessary for a choice | 4,486 |
| Henry McGilvery has | 5,235 |
| Samuel S. Berry has | 5,234 |
| Isaac Hobbs has | 5,235 |

And they are elected.

In the Sixth District.

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| The whole number of ballots is | 6,594 |
| Necessary for a choice | 3,298 |
| Samuel Wasson has | 3,981 |
| Nyer G. Sargent has | 3,984 |

And they are elected.

In the Seventh District.

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| The whole number of ballots is | 6,632 |
| Necessary for a choice | 3,327 |
| Albion H. P. Wallace has | 3,396 |
| Charles L. King has | 3,407 |

And they are elected.

In the Eighth District.

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| The whole number of ballots is | 2,639 |
| Necessary for a choice | 1,320 |
| George W. Smith has | 1,586 |

And he is elected.

Twenty nine votes returned for G. W. Smith and Twenty Seven votes for George Smith, were allowed and counted for George W. Smith.

In the Ninth District.

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| The whole number of ballots is | 13,689 |
| Necessary for a choice | 6,845 |
| William R. Hersey has | 8,278 |
| Abner R. Hallowell has | 8,227 |
| Sydney Oak has | 8,283 |

58 And they are elected.

Four hundred and thirty one votes returned for W. R. Hersey, and four hundred and thirty one votes returned for A. R. Hallowell, were allowed and counted for William R. Hersey and A. R. Hallowell, respectively.

In the Tenth District

The whole number of ballots is 3,141

Necessary for a choice 1,571

Charles P. Chandler has 1,838

And he is elected

In the Eleventh District.

The whole number of ballots is 8,005

Necessary for a choice 4,003

William Connor has 4,623

Sullivan Lothrop has 4,610

And they are elected.

In the Twelfth District.

The whole number of ballots is 4,378

Necessary for a choice 2,190

Joseph G. Hoyt has 2,678

And he is elected.

In the Thirteenth District.

The whole number of ballots is 9,153

Necessary for a choice 4,577

Enoch W. Woodbury has 5,053

Almon Twitchell has 5,055

And they are elected.

One thousand and ninety nine votes returned for E. W. Woodbury, were allowed and counted for Enoch W. Woodbury.

And the report was read and accepted.

Mr Lothrop, presented the following, viz:

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Ordered:— That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to prepare a list of the members of the Senate, arranged according to the number of their seats, designating their residences and boarding places; also containing the names of the members of the House, with their residences, boarding places and number of seats; also containing the names of the Standing Committees of the Legislature, and that three hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of the Senate, and that one copy be bound with each copy of the rules and orders hereafter to be adopted. — and

On motion of Mr. Magoun, the order was laid on the table.

The President announced the Dismissing Committee on the part of the Senate, which were sent down.

Mr Scamman, by leave introduced "Resolves providing for a State paper" which was read twice the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence. —

A message was received from the House by Benjamin Freeman Clerk, protesting, informing the Senate that the House does not concur with the proposition of the Senate for a joint Convention at half past ten o'clock this day, in the Hall of Representatives, for the purpose of electing an Attorney General, Adjutant General, and also an Executive Councilor for Cumberland district, and proposing a Convention at Eleven o'clock this day at the same place and for the purposes indicated.

The Senate receded from their former vote, concurred with the proposition of the House, and

On motion of Mr. Lothrop

Ordered:— That a message be sent to the House informing that branch that the Senate concurs with their proposition for a Convention at 11 o'clock, at the place and for the purposes indicated.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that in the absence of the Clerk Benjamin Freeman had been elected Clerk pro tempore.

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

In Conventions.

On motion of Mr. Scamman, of the Senate

Messrs. Scamman and Graves of the Senate, and Hathaway of Bloomfield, Dingley of Auburn, Leavitt of Pembroke, Ingalls of Bridgton and Wells of Clinton, of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for an Attorney General.

Having attended to that duty the Committee reported that

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| The whole number of ballots is | 169 |
| Necessary for a choice | 85 |
| Nathan D. Appleton has | 144 |
| George Evans has | 22 |
| Edward Fox has | 1 |
| Darius Alden has | 1 |

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

On motion of Mr. McGilvery, of the Senate.

Messrs. McGilvery and Berry of the Senate, Morrison of Farmington, Foster of E. Marshfield, Woodman of Buckport, Carr of Palamau, and Gilbert of Bath, were appointed a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes for an Adjutant General.

The committee having attended to that duty, reported that

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| The whole number of ballots is | 157 |
| Necessary for a choice | 79 |
| James W. Webster has | 132 |
| Darius Alden has | 23 |
| Scattering | 2 |

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

On motion of Mr. Davis, of the Senate.

Messrs. Davis and Hoyt of the Senate, and Parlin of Winthrop, Hunter of Clinton Gore, Rice of Monson, Chadbourne of Standish and Hamblin of Portland, of the House, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Counselor, in place of Isaac Sinsolus declined.

Having attended to that duty the committee reported that

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| The whole number of ballots is | 158 |
| Necessary for a choice | 80 |

The report was accepted, and Edward Fox was declared duly elected Councilor to advise with the Governor in the Executive department of the Government for the current political year.

The Convention then dissolved.

In Senate.

On motion of Mr Jones.

Ordered:— That the Secretary of the Senate notify Nathan D. Appleton of his election as Attorney General, and James W. Webster of his election as Adjutant General for the current political year. Also to notify Edward Fox that he has been elected Councilor to advise the Governor in the Executive department of the Government for the current political year.

The committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed a resolve entitled "Resolves providing for a State paper" which was finally passed in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary

Wednesday, January 14. 1857. 63.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr Dexter of Augusta.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from S. L. Goodale Esq. Secretary of the Board of Agriculture. transmitting his annual report.

Mr Callowell, from the Select Committee on public printing reported that the Committee had contracted with Messrs. Stevens and Blaine, of Augusta, to do the State printing, and submitted a copy of the contract for the faithful execution of the same.

The report was accepted, and the contract approved. Sent down for concurrence.

The following Joint Standing Committees appointed on the part of the Senate and sent down for concurrence, came up joined as follows, to wit:

On the Judiciary

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| Messrs Horricks | Messrs Deblois of Portland. |
| Chapman | Talbot of Lubec |
| Chandler | Vinton of Gray. |
| of the Senate | Woodman of Bucksport |
| | Dunforth of Gardiner |
| | Gilbert of Bath |
| | Crosby of Dexter |
| | of the House |

On Banks and Banking.

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| | | | Mrs Hensley of Bangor. |
| | | | Duren of Calais. |
| Mrs Dane | } Of the Senate. | | Drummond of Waterville. |
| Brown | | | Burton of Warren. |
| Connor | | | Marshall of Belfast. |
| | | | Brown of Solon. |
| | | | Hobson of Soc. |
| | | | Of the House |

On Education.

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| | | | Mrs Pearson of Mockias. |
| | | | Garcelon of Louiston |
| Mrs Hoyt | } Of the Senate. | | Morrison of Farmington |
| Wasson | | | Brown of Kennelunkport |
| Witchell | | | Hathaway of Bloomfield |
| | | | Moulton of Porter. |
| | | | Ingalls of Bridgton |
| | | | Of the House. |

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

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| | | | Mrs Fox of Portland |
| | | | Deering of Hampden. |
| | | | Hobson of Soc |
| Mrs Magoun | } Of the Senate. | | Lampson of Manchester. |
| King | | | Weeks of Alna. |
| Davis | | | Gammon of Phillips. |
| | | | Tabbut of Addison. |
| | | | Of the House |

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| | | Messrs Chadbourne of Perry. |
| | | Merrill of Lee. |
| Messrs Sargent. | } Of the Senate. | Wells of Clinton. |
| McGilvery | | Chandler of Chesterfield |
| Hallowell | | McKenney of Limington |
| | | Lane of Poland. |
| | | Weeks of Jefferson. |
| | | Of the House. |

On Division of Towns.

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| | | Messrs Pool of Bristol |
| | | Hobbs of Waterford |
| Messrs Chapman. | } Of the Senate | Tenny of Chelsea |
| Woodbury. | | Gowen of Elliot |
| Sargent. | | Pitcher of Belmont. |
| | | Lombard of Wales |
| | | Kinds of Dover |
| | | Of the House. |

On Division of Counties.

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| | | Messrs Blaisdell of Frankfort. |
| | | Guptill of Berwick |
| Messrs Webb | } Of the Senate. | Rowell of St. Thomaston |
| Wallace | | Lewis of Sangerville |
| Hobbs | | Huff of Alexander. |
| | | Fletcher of Lincolnville |
| | | Brown of Milford |
| | | Of the House. |

On State Lands and State Roads.

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| | | Messrs Strickland of Bangor. Foster of Co. Machias. Moore of Ellsworth. Williamson of Starks. Morse of Paris. Littlefield of Alfred. Walker of Harrison. Of the House. |
| Messrs Hovey Smith Scamman | } Of the Senate | |

On Indian Affairs.

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| | | Messrs Woodbury of Litchfield. Reed of Oldtown. Learitt of Pembroke. Marston of Windham. Murch of Dayton. Silsby of Aurora. Allen of York of Kennebec. Of the House. |
| Messrs Hallowell Hobbs Wallace | } Of the Senate. | |

On Agriculture.

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| | | Messrs Hammatt of Howland. Hall of Gorham. Learitt of Pembroke. Allen of Thomaston. Pottle of Salem. Parlin of Winthrop. Coffin of Waterville. Of the House. |
| Messrs Lothrop Scamman Smith | } Of the Senate. | |

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| Messrs Ring Sargent. McGilvery | } of the Senate | Messrs Dunning of Haverhill Stone of Brewer. Webber of Eastline Baker of Wiscasset Leachbetter of No Haven Dennett of Hillyory Pike of Eastport Of the House. |
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On Manufactures.

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| Messrs West Chandler Dane. | } of the Senate | Messrs. Banks of Biddeford Dingley of Auburn. Day of Waldoboro. Church of Levant. Brashett of Westbrook Given of Brunswick Dearing of Denmark Of the House |
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On Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

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| Messrs Brown Lothrop Hoyt | } of the Senate | Messrs. Drummond of Waterville Garcelon of Lewiston. Strickland of Bangor. Chadbourne of Perry. Bicknell of Augusta. Fletcher of China. Clarke of Wells. Of the House. |
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| | | Messrs Hickborn of Prospect. |
| | | Adams of Newfield. |
| Messrs Conner | | Dunning of Charleston. |
| Wallace | } Of the Senate. | Dunn of No. 11. |
| Woodbury | | Minkfield of Lincoln. |
| | | Hottel of Falmouth. |
| | | Houdlette of Dresden. |
| | | Of the House. |

On Accounts.

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| | | Messrs. Adams of Newfield. |
| | | Merrill of Harmony. |
| Messrs Wallace. | | Houghton of Greenwood. |
| West. | } Of the Senate. | Smith of Hudson. |
| Smith. | | Ford of Monroe. |
| | | Chadbourne of Standish. |
| | | Burlingame of Linnus. |
| | | Of the House. |

On Claims.

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| | | Messrs. Pierce of Montville. |
| | | Brackett of Acton. |
| Messrs Woodbury. | | Deveraux, of Penobscot. |
| Lothrop. | } Of the Senate. | Patten of Pittsfield. |
| Chandler. | | Bickford of Newburg. |
| | | Weeks of Roxbury. |
| | | Hunter of Clinton Gore. |
| | | Of the House. |

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| Messrs. Phinney. West. Berry. | } Of the Senate | Messrs. Milliken of Camden. Hamblin of Portland. Linseott of Say. Stewart of Newport. Lord of Detroit. Holt of Turner. Carr of Palermo. Of the House. |
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On Military Pensions.

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| Messrs. Tuttle. Burbanks. Webb. | } Of the Senate | Messrs. Davis of Burton. Pease of Durham. Gould of Casco. Whittaker of Trenton. Smith of Belgrade. Stone of Union. Copp of Liberty. Of the House. |
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On the Insane Hospital.

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| Messrs. Burbanks. Graves. Jones. | } Of the Senate | Messrs. Garcelon of Lewiston. Wells of Freeport. Moulton of Scarborough. Longfellow of Bridgton. Barron of Popsham. Robinson of Sumner. Bennett of Troy. Of the House. |
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On the Reform School.

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| | | Messrs. Vinton of Gray. |
| | | Deering of Hampden. |
| Messrs. Scamman. | | Lawyer of Mainot. |
| Oak | } Of the Senate. | Rice of Monson. |
| Wasson. | | Kimball of Bethel. |
| | | Dog of Surry. |
| | | Richardson of Tremont. |
| | | Of the House. |

On the State Prisons.

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| | | Messrs. Moore of Ellsworth. |
| | | Tolson of Rockland. |
| Messrs. Jones. | | Burr of Mercer. |
| Hersey. | } Of the Senate. | Andrews of Monmouth. |
| Mugger. | | Rollins of Livermore. |
| | | Campbell of Medford. |
| | | Burton of Warren. |
| | | Of the House. |

On Public Buildings.

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| | | Messrs. Gross of New Gloucester. |
| | | Little of Vienna. |
| Messrs. Graves. | | Came of York. |
| Berry. | } Of the Senate. | Lewis of Boothbay. |
| Phinney. | | Murrian of Garland. |
| | | Cotton of Bowdoin. |
| | | Cragin of Embden. |
| | | Of the House. |

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| Mrs. Davis. | | Mrs. Johnson of Augusta. |
| Herrick. | } Of the Senate. | Butler of Sanford. |
| Oak. | | Bryant of Webster. |
| | | Martin of Rome. |
| | | Hilton of Bremen. |
| | | Parsons of Glenburn. |
| | | Sewell of Phippsburg. |
| | | Of the House. |

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Thursday, January 15, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr Allen of Hallowell.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from B. D. Peck, Treasurer of the elect signifying his acceptance of that office.

Petition of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court for increase of salary;

" " Samuel Pratt and others; were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of William Singer, President of Thomaston Banks; was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of William Wakfield and others to be set off from Gardiner to West Gardiner;

" " George Bran to be set off from West Gardiner to Gardiner.— were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of John W. Hall and others, for incorporation of Burton Manufacturing Company, was referred, in concurrence to the Committee on Manufactures.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of altering sections fifty and seventy

seven of Chapter one, of acts of amendments of 1844. 73.
relating to banks and banking: was read and

On motion of Mr. Chapman amended
by striking out the words "the Judiciary" and in-
serting in lieu thereof, the words "banks and
banking": and as amended the order was pass-
ed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Concurred.

Bill "An Act to secure a uniform registration
of the births, marriages, deaths and cases
of deaths in the State of Maine".
was referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary, in concurrence.

Credentials of Socabason Swanson, delegate from
the Penobscot tribe of Indians, were
read, and referred to the Committee
on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Chapman.

Ordered:— That the
House concurring, the Committee on Banks and
Banking, be directed to inquire into the expecta-
tion and standing of any and all banks apply-
ing for a re-charter and report their conclusions
on each application separately, by bill, or other-
wise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury presented claims of the Treasurer
of Eastbrook for bounties:

Also claims of the Treasurer of Franklin, for
same — which were severally referred to the
Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

74 On motion of Mr. Magoun the order providing for the printing of the Governor's message was taken from the table. and.

On motion of Mr. Davis. was amended by striking out the word "message", and inserting instead, the word "address"

As amended, the order was passed.

Mr. Lathrop presented the petition of the Trustees of St. Albans Academy for aid; which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Coft presented the petition of Jesse Thayer for an appropriation to aid in the promotion of Peace which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve providing for the election of United States Senators. (introduced in the House by Mr. Vinton of Gray). as follows:

Resolved; - That on Friday, the sixteenth day of January, inst, at twelve o'clock M. both branches of the Legislature will proceed to ballot for a Senator, to fill the vacancy existing in the Senate of the United States from this State, occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

Also, to ballot for a Senator to be elected to the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, from and after the third day of March A.D. 1857; and if any person shall be elected in either House, the result shall be communicated to the other by message. And if the Senate

and House of Representatives shall elect the same/ 5.
persons. such persons shall be considered as elected
by the Legislature, to be Senators aforesaid, and
the fact shall be communicated to the Governor
by message from each House. And if either
House shall fail to make the election in the
first ballot, the balloting shall be continued
in such House, until the adjournment thereof
on that day, and afterwards, from day to day, from
12 o'clock, M. until its adjournment, until an elec-
tion shall be made, or until otherwise ordered.

And if the Senate and House of Representa-
tives shall elect different persons, each House
shall proceed to ballot as heretofore provided,
and until the same person shall be elected by
both, or until otherwise ordered; was read, and

On motion of Mr. Nagoun, laid on the
table.

On motion of Mr. Scamman.

Ordered:— That so
much of the Governor's message as relates to the
Reform School, be referred to the Committee on the
Reform School. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of Tho-
as A. Keating and others, for a charter for a boat
company, which was referred to the Committee
on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President, laid before the Senate a com-
munication from the Secretary of State, trans-
mitting a copy of the several titles of the Statutes

76 of this State, as revised by Hon. Ether Shapley
under resolve of April 1. 1856.

Order from the House.

That the report of the commissioner appointed by resolves to provide for the further revision of the public laws, approved April 1. 1856. be referred to a committee, consisting of sixteen members, to be selected from this House, together with such as the Senate may deem proper to join—came up with

Meprs Deblois of Portland, Talbot of Lubec, Danforth of Gardiner, Woodman of Bathport, Adams of Newfield, Fletcher of China, Drummond of Waterville, Holt of Turner, Hobb of Waterford, Brown of Solon, Crosby of Dexter, Dunn of No 11, Gilbert of Bath, Johnson of Augusta, Pearson of Machias, and Foster of Co. Machias, appointed on the part of the House

The order was read and passed in concurrence, and Meprs Scamman, Davis, Magoun, Oak, Chandler, Woodbury, Chapman and Mason, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall. Secretary

Friday. January 16. 1857. 77.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr. Fitch of Hallowell.

Mr. Seaman, from the Committee on Joint Rules and Orders, made their report, which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mayour, the "Resolve providing for the election of United States Senators," was taken from the table and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mayour.

Ordered:— That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body of the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of the "Resolve providing for the election of United States Senators;" and that at 12 o'clock the Senate will proceed to ballot, as is provided in said resolve.

And the message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Mr. Correy, from the committee to examine the files of the last Legislatures reported the following, viz:

Ordered:— That the unfinished business of the last Legislature, which was referred to the present Legislature, be referred to the appropriate committee, to which their subject matter relates.

The report was accepted. The order was read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the official bond of the Treasurer of State elect. and the same was referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Treasurers Report.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President also laid before the Senate a communication from Edward Fox declining to accept the office of Executive Councilor.

On motion of Mr Brown.

Ordered:— That a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a convention of the two Houses in the Hall of Representatives this day at 11 o'clock for the purpose of electing one Councilor, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the declination of Edward Fox, to advise the Governor the current political year.

And the message was conveyed by the Secretary.

Subsequently a message was received from the House, by Benjamin Fessenden, Clerk pro tempore, informing the Senate of the concurrence of that branch with the proposition of the Senate for a convention, at the time and place, and for the purpose indicated.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from James W. Webster, Adjutant General elect, signifying his acceptance of that office.

On motion of Mr. Lane,

Ordered:— That the Secretary of State be directed to notify the several Banks in this State, that all those who

wish to apply for a renewal of their charters are ⁷⁹ required to do so, on or before the tenth day of February next.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to make valid the doings of School district No 5. in the town of Otisfield" was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of the Androscoggin Railroad Company, for an act additional to their charter, authorizing the extension of their road to some point on the Lewiston and Topsham, or some other railroad;
" " David Hayes and others, of Westbrook;
" " E. M. Holland, and others, of Canton;
" " Sireno Gould and others, of Otisfield;
severally in aid of the petition of Ebenezer Cobb and others, for charter of the Portland and Oxford Railroad Company. — were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of the Judge of Probate of Penobscot County, for increase of salary. — was referred to the Penobscot delegation, in concurrence.

Petition of Edward Robinson and others, for repeal of the act incorporating the town of Bowdoin — was referred to the committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

80 Petition of the Bangor House Proprietors, for authority to sell real estate— was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

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

Petition of the Directors of the Bank of Commerce at Belfast, for renewal of Charter, was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of the Proprietors of Falmouth Academy for aid and a change of name— was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas J. Haynes and others, to be set off from Levant and annexed to Mendonshire— was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

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

In Convention,

On motion of Mr. Parcelson of Lewiston,

Messrs Parcelson of Lewiston, Thibodeau and Graves of the Senate, Dunning of Harpswell, Loo of Surry, and Pike of Eastport, were ap-

pointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for one Executive Councilor.

Having attended to their duty, the committee reported as follows, viz.

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| That the whole number of ballots is | 165 |
| Necessary for a choice | 83 |
| George Pierce has | 139 |
| Samuel Jordan has | 25 |

The report was accepted and George Pierce was declared to be duly elected Councilor, to advise the Governor in the Executive Department of the Government, for the current political year.

Thereupon the Convention Dissolved.

In Senate.

Orders from the House,

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to a change in the State Board of Agriculture, so that each Agricultural and Horticultural Society shall be represented, instead of each County, as is now provided by law, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also—That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the militia, be referred to the committee on the Militia.

Also, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to banks, be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking;

Also, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to the public lands, be referred

82. to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Also, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Reform School, be referred to the Committee on the Reform School;

Also, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to Education, be referred to the Committee on Education;

Also that all petitions for private legislation, presented after the twentieth day of February next, be referred to the next Legislature, and that notice of the passage of this order, be published in the Tri-weekly Journal, and Tri-weekly Age, three weeks, successively;

Also that the Committee on Education, be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Normal School, for the better education and qualification of teachers of common schools; also to inquire into and report what amount of appropriations would be required for that purpose;

Also that the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire if any further legislation is necessary in relation to capital punishment, and report by Bill or otherwise;

Also, that the fourteenth day of February next be assigned as the last day of this session for receiving new business, requiring order of notice — were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Davis

Ordered: That the

Secretary of the Senate be directed to inform 83.
George Pierce Esq. that he has been duly elected
a councillor to advise the Governor in the
Executive department of the Government for
the current political year.

The President read a communica-
tion from Hon. Nathan D. Appleton, signifying
his acceptance of the office of Attorney General.

Mr. West presented the petition of William
Bucknam for amendment of the Act to incor-
porate the East Portland Real Estate and
Marine Company, approved April 1, 1856. - and
the same was referred to the Committee on
Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Chandler presented the petition of
the Judge of Probate of Piscataquis County, for in-
crease of salary - which was referred to the Pis-
cataquis delegation.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Callowell presented the petition
of Traders Bank, Bangor, for renewal of Charter
- which was referred to the committee on Banks
and Banking.

Also, Petition of Silas S. Low, for compen-
sation for services and losses while performing
military duty, which was referred to the Commit-
tee on Military Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence

84 The hour of 12 o'clock, noon, having arrived being the hour assigned by the Senate to ballot for United States Senators,

On motion of Mr. Magoun.

Ordered:— That a committee be raised to receive, sort and count the votes for United States Senator, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin,— and

Messrs. Magoun of Lincoln, Brown of Cumberland, and Oak of Penobscot, were appointed.

Having attended to that duty (the return of the Senate being 29) the committee reported:

That the whole number of ballots was 29.

Necessary for a choice 15

Amos Nourse has 28.

N. G. Hickborn, has 1

The report was accepted and Amos Nourse was declared duly elected Senator, on the part of the Senate, to fill the vacancy now existing in the Senate of the United States, from this State occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

Of which election the Secretary informed the House of Representatives by message.

On motion of Mr. Hallowell,

Messrs. Hallowell of Penobscot, Graves of Kennebec and Smith of Aroostook, were appointed a committee to receive sort and count the votes for United States Senator, for six years, from and after the third day of March, A. D. 1857.

Having attended to the duty assigned

them the Committee reported that

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The whole number of ballots was 29.

Necessary for a choice 15

Hannibal Hamlin has 28

Nathan Clifford has 1

Which report was accepted, and Hannibal Hamlin was declared elected, on the part of the Senate, Senator to the United States Senate from this State, for the term of six years from and after the third day of March, A.D. 1857.

Of which election the Secretary informed the House of Representatives, by message.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Benjamin Purnau Clerk pro tempore, as follows, viz:

Mr. President:— I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate, that the House has on its part, elected Amos Nourse, Senator, to fill the vacancy now existing in the Senate of the United States, from this State, occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

On motion of Mr. Nagoun, that Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing them of the election of Amos Nourse as United States Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

On motion of Mr. Chapman, till. An Act in relation to the Supreme Judicial

86 Court", was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Woodbury,

Ordered:— That the messenger of the Senate, be empowered to employ a Page for the Senate, at an expense of not more than One dollar per day for services, for the days the said Page shall be in attendance.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop.

Ordered:— That so much of the Governor's address, as relates to Agriculture be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Benjamin Freeman, Clerk pro tempore, as follows, viz:

Mr President:— I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has, on its part elected Hamlin, United States Senator, for the term of six years from and after the third day of March next."

On motion of Mr. Sersey,

That Senator was charged with a message to the Governor and Council, informing them of the election of Samuel Hamlin as United States Senator, for the term of six years, from and after the third day of March, A.D. 1857.

Adjourned

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Joseph B. Hall. Secretary

Saturday. January 17. 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Squire of Hallowell.

Mr. Magoun. informed the Senate that he had delivered the message with which he was charged yesterday, and had informed the Governor and Council that both branches of the Legislature had, by concurrent vote, elected Amos Nourse, Senator to fill the vacancy occurring in the United States Senate, by the resignation of the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

Order from the House,

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Judiciary, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Also, that so much of the Governor's message, as relates to the encouragement of Agriculture, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

Also, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to the militia, be referred to the Committee on the Militia;

Also, that the Committee on Fisheries be directed to inquire into the expediency of requesting our Representatives and Senators in Congress to use their influence against the repeal of the law giving bounty to vessels engaged in the cod fisheries, and report by resolve or otherwise;

Also, that the Secretary of State

be directed to procure twenty-five copies of the Revised Statutes, and twenty-five copies of the laws of the State from 1842 to 1856, inclusive, for the use of the Legislature.

Also, that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire if any, and what alteration should be made in that part of the law regulating attachments of real estate and immovable personal property, which requires the attaching officer to state in the copy of his return, filed with the Town Clerk or Register of Deeds, the sums sued for in the writ, and report by bill or otherwise;

Also, that the Committee on Agriculture, be directed to inquire into the expediency of legislative action to encourage the art and practice of the underdraining of soils; and further ordering that the same committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of such an alteration of the law, as to withhold the aid of the State from such Agricultural Societies as shall introduce into their exhibitions, fairs, or cattle shows, horse races, or other trial of speed of horses, or horsemanship.

These severally read and passed in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That a committee of five, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the modification of Import duties of the United States, and especially, as respects such articles or raw materials as may be, or are used in manufactures, with instructions

90. to report, by resolution or otherwise, the sense of the Legislature on this subject; with

Messrs. Garcelon of Lewiston, Banks of Biddeford, Foster of East Machias. Danforth of Gardiner and Burton of Warren, appointed on the part of the House — was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Chandler, Smith and Lothrop joined on the part of the Senate.

Order from the House.

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to Slavery and Slaves. Affairs, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, to consist of seven, on the part of the House with such as the Senate may join. — with

Messrs. Hathaway of Bloomfield, Wells of Freeport, Parlin of Winthrop, Garcelon of Lewiston, Dennett of Hittory, Dickey of Fort Kent, and Merriam of Garland, appointed on the part of the House. — was read and passed in concurrence, and

Messrs. Oak, Mason, and Chandler, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Petition of Aaron B. Holden, Register of Probate, for the County of Cumberland was referred to the Cumberland delegation, in concurrence,

Petition of Toma Lockley and Attiean Orson in relation to the booming privileges belonging to the Penobscot Indians. — was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence,

Petition of Johnson Neal and others, of Webster Plantation, for power to impose a tax on all property in said plantation, for the benefit of schools, was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of Horace River and others, asking that the said River may be set off from Sedgewick and annexed to Penobscot — was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Directors of Sandy River Bank, for an increase of capital — was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Request of Arthur L. Grant for a pension — was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Credentials of John Gabriel, delegate from the Passamaquoddy Indians; and of Red Lukio, delegate from the Penobscot Indians, were severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Phineas Boynton and others, for repairing bridges in No. 11. Range 3; also petition of Ira Fish and others for an appropriation to erect a bridge in Crystal plantation — and they were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Set down for concurrence.

92 On motion of Mr. Jones

Ordered:— That when the Senate adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock AM. on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Chapman

Ordered:— That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure and distribute to each of the members of the Senate, and to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, and to each of the Messengers, one copy each of the House Weekly Journal and Ages during the present session of the Legislature. And

Mr. Gerrish gave notice that on Monday next he should move a reconsideration of the vote passing said order.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on the Treasurer's Report, to which was referred the bond of the Treasurer elect, reported; That they had examined said bond and found it sufficient in form, and that the sureties are sufficient.

The report was accepted, and the bond approved.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, made a final report on the Treasurer's report, which was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary

Monday. January 19. 1857. 93

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Coffey of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. Chapman,

Ordered:— That, in the absence of the Secretary, Joseph R. Clark be declared Secretary, pro tempore.

Mr. Clark 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 Lewis D. Moore Esq. authorized by decessimus protestatum.

On motion of Mr. Jones

Ordered:— That an order passed in the Senate, January 9. 1857. requiring the sessions of the Senate to be holden on Mondays at 2 o'clock, in the afternoon, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Magoun

Ordered:— That one additional member be added to the Joint Select Committee on Revision of the Public Laws.

And accordingly, Mr. Dane of York, was added to that committee. Sent down.

Mr. Herrick moved to reconsider the vote by which the order directing the Secretary of the Senate to cause to be furnished to each member and officer of the Senate a copy of the Thrice weekly

4. Journal and Aye. was passed: and that motion to reconsider was laid on the table

Mr. Magoun presented the following, viz;

Ordered: — That the committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of refusing all applications for the charter or re-charter of Banks when the capital stock is less than one hundred thousand dollars; — which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Corrick by leave, introduced a bill entitled "An Act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings;" — which was referred to the committee on Railroads and Bridges

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of J. H. Clarke and others, to be set off from township No. 9. and annexed to Franklin — was referred to the committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of A. H. Morrill and 16 others of Van Buren, for an appropriation for roads, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Crane Bank, for renewal of charter — was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of John Atlean and others, of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, in relation to their funds:

" " Same, in relation to their school;

Remonstrance of same, against change in treaty — were severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of Wesley, for bounty — was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act requiring the Indian Agent to sell land in Brewer — was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to provide for the security of repairers of vessels" — was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph E. Clark. Secretary pro tem

A true transcript

Attest:

Joseph B. Hall. Secretary.

Tuesday, January 21, 1857

Met according to adjournment

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Nett of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. Jones.

Ordered:— That a message be sent to the House, informing that body that Joseph H. Clark has, in the absence of the Secretary, been elected Secretary pro tempore of the Senate.

Mr. Jones was charged with the message, who subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he had been charged.

On motion of Mr. Chandler.

Ordered:— That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law relative to recording mortgages on personal property, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Arthur Pratt and others, praying that the Land Agent may be authorized to sell a certain strip of land lying between Penobscot and Aroostook counties, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones.

Ordered:— The House con- 97.
curring, that the Joint Standing Committee
be directed, in the consideration of business, which
shall be referred to them, to give precedence to
public acts and resolves and report such acts
and resolves, in the appropriate branch of the
Legislature, as early in the session as practi-
cable.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Herrick, that senator
was charged with a message to the Governor
and Council, informing the Executive depart-
ment, that, in the absence of the Secretary,
the Senate has elected Joseph H. Clark, Sec-
retary pro. tempore,

Mr. Herrick, subsequently reported
that he had delivered the message with which
he had been charged.

Adjourned.

Joseph H. Clark, Secretary ^{pro. temp.}

A true transcript

Attest;

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary

Wednesday. January 21. 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of F. M. Sabine and others, for an insolvent law — was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of the trustees of East Maine Conference Seminary, for aid — was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of Alexander, for Bounty — was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Corrick,

Ordered:— That the Committee on Banks and Banking, be directed to inquire into the expediency of taxing, in the towns where the banks are located, bank stocks of banks in this state, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill. "An Act in favor of the State Reform School" (introduced by Mr. Wasson) was read and referred to the Committee on the State Reform School.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of G. L. Boynton and others, that proceeds of stumpage on Township No 8

be endorsed on notes given therefor, also 99.
Petition of Patrick Darling and others, pray-
ing that moneys paid by said Dar-
ling for land in No. 6 Range 5—
were severally referred to the Commit-
tee on State Lands and State Roads.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee on Div-
ision of Towns, reported order of notice returna-
ble to the present Legislature, on petition of
George Brans.

Also, on petition of Horace Mixer, and others;

Also, on petition of Thomas J. Haynes, et al;

Also, on petition of William Wakefield and others;
and these reports were severally read and accept-
ed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Herrick, the Senate pro-
ceeded to the consideration of the motion to recon-
sider the vote whereby the Senate, on the 17th inst.
passed the following order, to wit:

Ordered;— That the Secretary
of the Senate be directed to procure and distribute
to each of the members of the Senate, and to the Se-
cretary and Assistant Secretary, and to each of the
Messengers, one copy of the Triweekly Journal and
Ages during the present session of the Legislature.

And on the question of reconsidera-
tion, the Yeas and Nays were ordered, and the Sen-
ate refused to reconsider, as follows:

Yeas.— Messrs. Chandler, Connor, Hallowell,
Herrick, Hotte, Hoyt, Lothrop, Williams, &

Nays.— Messrs. Burbank, Chapman, Dane, Davis,
Jones, Magoun, Oak, Ring, Sargent, Smith

On motion of Mr Lothrop, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the following, viz:

Ordered:— That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to prepare a list of the members of the Senate, arranged according to the number of their seats, designating their residences and boarding places; also containing the names of the members of the House, with their residences, boarding-places, and number of their seats; also, containing the names of the Standing Committees of the Legislature, and that three hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of the Senate, and that one copy be bound with each copy of the rules and orders hereafter to be adopted.

And the order was passed.

On motion of Mr Cobb.

Ordered; That the hour of meeting of the Senate be at 11 o'clock A.M. until otherwise ordered.

The report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Report came up from the House, that branch having now concurred with the Senate in its acceptance and recommitted the same.

The Senate receded from their former vote, and recommitted the same, with instructions to the committee "to report whether any, and what sums have been drawn out of the Treasurer the last year, on warrants, beyond appropriations; what sums, on warrants for which no appropriation had been made, and what sum has been paid out of the treasury since December 31, 1856, on warrants drawn be-

fore that time.

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Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

Joseph H. Clark. Secretary pro. temp.

A true transcript

Attest

Joseph B. Hall. Secretary.

Thursday, January 22, 1857

Met according to adjournment

Prayer by Rev Mr Dillingham of Augusta

Petition of William Fisher and others, praying for increase of salary of Judge of Municipal Court, and fees on Blank writs — was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Merchants Bank, Bangor;

" " Eastern Bank Bangor;

" " Grocers Bank Bangor, severally for recharter — were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Sargent ^{2^d} and others, for recharter of Bangor Boom;

" " C. H. Waterhouse and others, of Cape Elizabeth;

" " Joseph H. Porley and others, of Portland; severally that the charter of the Portland and Cape Elizabeth Ferry Company may be repealed, and another company be authorized by charter, to take its place. — were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Receipts for bounties &c of Treasurers of Lee, Carroll and Springfield; and

Claims of the Treasurer of Bingham — were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts in concurrence.

Petition of John Carlton 2nd of Frankfort. for 103.
increase of pension, was referred to the
Committee on Military Pensions, in
concurrence.

Petition of James Smith, Jr. and others, for the re-
peal of Chapter 168. of the Revised Stat-
utes, was referred to the Committee
on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac S. York and others, for aid to
make a road through the town of Crafton
— was referred to the Committee on
State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on Education
be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so-
altering or amending the school laws of this State
as to provide for the distribution of a certain per-
centage of the school money in each town among
the smaller districts; also.

That the Committee on the Judici-
ary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of
making valid the doings of officers in relation to the
attachments of real and personal property, and their
returns to the Register of Deeds office, and to the Town
Clerks, and to report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee on Education
be directed to inquire into the expediency of a
further increase of the tax now required of the sever-
al towns in this State for the support of common
schools, and report thereon;

That the Committee on the Judici-

104 ciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 2, of Chapter 123, of the Public Laws of 1844. so that lands owned by non-residents to be advertised in the counties where such lands are located; provided, there be a paper published in such counties;

That the committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pay of jurors and witnesses;

That the Secretary of State be directed to procure twenty five copies of the Revised Statutes for the use of the Legislature.

These severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Mr. Hallowell, presented the petition of Jacob Frye and others, for an appropriation to make a road from Patten to No 5, Range 6. — which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads

Sent down for concurrence,

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported order of notice returnable the present Legislature, on petition of Edward Robinson and others.

The report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop.

Ordered:— That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of defining by law the rights of any person who shall perform labor, or furnish ma-

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terials for erecting, altering or repairing any house
or other building or appurtenances, or furnish labor
or materials for the above purposes, by virtue of a con-
tract with any person, who may not be the owner
of the land, on which such house, building or appur-
tenances, is contracted to be erected, and the owner of
such land.

Sent down for concurrence.

The president laid before the Senate, a commu-
nication from George Pierce, Councilor elect, sig-
nifying his acceptance of that office, which was read
and sent down.

On motion of Mr Davis

Ordered: That a message be
sent to the House, proposing a Convention of the
two branches of the Legislature, in the Hall of Rep-
resentatives, this day at half past 11 o'clock, for the
purpose of administering the oaths required by the
Constitution, to George Pierce, to qualify him to
enter upon the discharge of his official duty as
Councilor to advise the Governor in the Executive
part of the Government for the current political
year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary pro. tem.

Subsequently a message was received from the House
of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House
concurs with the proposition for a Convention, at the
time, place, and for the purpose indicated above.

At the hour assigned, the Senate proceed-
ed to the Hall of Representatives, where a Conven-
tion was formed.

On motion of Mr. Davis

Ordered; — That the Secretary pro-tempore be directed to notify George Pierce, Councilor elect, that the two branches are now assembled in Convention, ready to administer to him the qualifying oaths of office.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary pro-tempore, — who subsequently reported, through the Chair, that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Pierce returned for answer, that he would forthwith attend upon the Convention, for the purpose of taking and subscribing the qualifying oaths.

Thereupon, George Pierce, Councilor elect, attended by the Executive Council, came in, and in presence of the two Houses, in Convention assembled, and before the President of the Senate, took and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Pierce and his attendants then withdrew, and the Convention dissolved.

In Senate.

On motion of Mr. Burbank

Ordered; — That a message be sent to the Governor, by the Secretary of the Senate, informing him of the election and qualification of George Pierce as an Executive Councilor for the current political year.

The message was conveyed by the Secretary pro-tempore

On motion of Mr. Magoun, the Senate proceed 107.
ed to the consideration of the following order, introduced by himself, on the 19th inst., and laid on the table, viz

Ordered:— That the Committee on Banks and Banking be, and they hereby are, directed to inquire into the expediency of refusing all applications for the charter or recharter of banks, when the capital stock is less than one hundred thousand dollars, — and the same was refused a passage.

On motion of Mr. Oak.

Ordered:— That the Committee on Education be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 4. of chapter 243 of the laws of 1852, as to authorize all school districts where graded schools exist, to raise money additional to their proportion of the School money raised by the towns in which such school districts are established.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Lothrop, by leave, introduced a bill entitled "An Act amending section 20, chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes" — and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hensley, charged with a message to the Governor and Council, on Friday the 16th inst. informing them of the election of Hannibal Hamlin, as Senator in the United States Senate, from this State for six years from and after the third day of March A. D. 1857. — reported that he had delivered the mes-

108 sage with which he had been charged.

On motion of Mr. Sargent.

Ordered— That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to make up the pay, at three dollars per day, of Thomas E. Church for two days service in the Senate Chamber, the 19th and 20th instant, during the absence of the Messenger and Assistant Messenger.

Adjourned.

Joseph H. Clark, Secretary pro tempore

A true transcript.

Attest

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Friday, January 23 1857.

109.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr Dillingham of Augusta.

Petition of the Directors of Medomak Bank, for a re-charter— was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of H. J. Libby, and others, praying that they may be made a body corporate, under the name of the Royal River Manufacturing Company— was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Lanes by leave introduced bill. "An Act providing for the collection of taxes in unincorporated places on lands of non-resident owners"— which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Lothrop from the Committee on Agriculture to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to a change in the State Board of Agriculture, reported bill

"An Act additional to an Act to establish a Board of Agriculture approved April 1. 1856."

The report was accepted, and the bill was read twice the rules being suspended for that purpose, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Ring, the vote of the Senate, *refus*

110 ing to pass the order instructing the Committee on Banks and Banking to inquire into the expediency of refusing to charter banks having a capital stock of less than one hundred thousand dollars, was reconsidered, and the order was passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of altering or amending chapter 26, of the public laws of 1847, entitled "An Act respecting the election of electors of President and Vice President," in such manner as will prevent the vote of any city, town or plantation being rejected, because of its not being returned before a certain day named in said act;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that, in case of the death of a married woman possessed of real or personal estate, not disposed of by Will, and leaving a husband, he shall be entitled to the same proportion of said estate, in the distribution thereof, that a widow now has in the estate of her deceased husband; and of further providing by law, that, in all respects, the survivor, whether husband or wife, shall be entitled to an equal interest or proportion in the estate, real or personal, left by the other;

That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish twenty copies of the public laws of the State from 1842, to 1852, inclusive, for the use of the Legislature; and if he has not a sufficient number of copies on hand, to procure enough to make up the deficiency — were severally read and passed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of John Gabriel"; also 111.
"Resolve in favor of Jacobson Swanson" — were severally twice read, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend chapter one hundred and forty nine of the Revised Statutes" — was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of the citizens of Pembroke, that Falls Island may be set off from Trescott to Pembroke, — also

Petition of citizens of Trescott, for the same, — also
" " Isaac N. Davis and others, to be set off from Greene and annexed to Webster, were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Edward O'Brien and others of Thomaston, for incorporation of the Thomaston Insurance Company — was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Account of the Treasurer of Linneus, for bounties on wolves — was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Tallman Lowell and others, to authorize County Commissioners, to lay out a road over tide waters in Bath and Shipshurg — was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to provide for transcribing conveyances recorded in Lincoln and Hancock, of lands lying in Penobscot County" — was referred

112 to the Penobscot delegation, in concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Jesse Thayer reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Ordered:— That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, be directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the law relative to railroad corporations, as to make an over-issue of certificates of the capital stock of such corporations, by any of the officers thereof, a criminal offense, to be punished by fine or imprisonment, or both; also to inquire whether the embezzlement of any of the funds of such corporations, by the president, directors, treasurer, superintendent or agents of such corporations; or the making knowingly and willfully, by any of said officers, of a false entry upon any of the books or accounts of such corporations or of knowingly or willfully making a false official report relative to the financial condition of said corporations, should be deemed an offense to be punished in the same way.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Chapman, from the Select Committee to prepare rules and orders for the Senate, reported the rules and orders of the last Senate, with sundry amendments.

The report was accepted, and the rules and orders were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop.

Ordered:— That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to procure the print.

ing of 450 copies of the rules and orders reported by 113.
the Committee, together with the usual documents and
statistical information accompanying the same.

Mr. Magoun, from the Joint Select Committee
to which was recommitteed their previous report on
the Treasurer's Accounts, with instructions, made a
second report, which,

On motion of Mr. Chapman, was laid on
the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for
the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. West.

Ordered:— That the
Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to in-
quire into the expediency of repealing the act entitled
"An Act to repeal the one hundred eighty third chapter
of the public laws of 1855, approved January 23, 1856."

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph W. Clark, Secretary pro tem.

A true transcript

Attest:

Joseph B. Chase Secretary.

Saturday, January 24, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Claim of the Treasurer of the town of Lagrange for bounty on wild animals— was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of citizens of Pembroke, Charlotte, Perry, and Robbinston, asking protection for the pickers in the Pennamiquet and Boyden Lakes, and tributary waters— was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of S. Stone and others, for lot No. 1 Range, to be set off from Columbia to Centerville, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of A. F. Chapman and others, of Thomaston, to surrender the charter of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company, — was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Orders from the House

That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the modification of the import duties of the United States, and especially as respects such articles or raw materials as may be, or are used in Manufactures, be referred to the Joint Select Committee who have that subject under consideration.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary and proper to render the collection of taxes assessed on lands of non-residents more speedy and certain.

That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire what further legislation is necessary, if any, to secure the instruction of the higher English Branches in our common schools, and report by bill, or otherwise:

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the Statutes, as to allow each town to provide one or more buildings or enclosures, for the reception of such beasts as may be, by law, liable to be impounded;

Respecting an alteration of the provision of the Homestead Act;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law in regard to Elections approved April 10. 1856, in such manner that Aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns and Assessors of plantations, may be authorized to strike off the names of persons from the check list, when the evidence is sufficient to satisfy said officers, that said persons are not voters, in the city, town or plantation, when their names appear upon the list, without giving notice to the party of the intention to strike off his name as required by said Act;

That the members of the Board of Agriculture, during their present session, be

116 admitted to the privileges of the State Library on the same conditions as members of the Legislature.

That the Committee on the Judiciary, be directed to inquire and report what amendment, if any, is necessary, in the Revised Codes, as reported by the Commissioner, to provide for the conveyance of the right of dower of an insane married woman, when the fee in real estate is conveyed by the husband of such insane person;

That the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes be authorized to employ a clerk;

Where severally read and passed in concurrence.

Bill. "An Act to make valid the doings of school district No. 1, in Madawaska Plantation,^{or} in the County of Aroostook" — was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the Report of the Secretary of State, on the Library — which,

On motion of Mr. West, was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of S. H. Clark and others; also

same report on petition of Isaac N. Davis, and others; also same report on petition of John Moran and others;

And these reports were severally read and

accepted.

Sent down for concurrence 117.

Mr. Connor from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Daniel Sargent ^{2^m} and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature;

Mr. Lothrop from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of E. M. Holland and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature; —

Mr. Connor, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petitions of Joseph H. Perley, and others, and of E. H. Waterhouse and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature.

And these reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

The Report of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor by A. Jackson Esquire, Secretary of State, transmitting the Report of A. T. Wheelock, Commissioner to the Industrial Exhibition at Paris, France, as per request of said Commissioner — and the Report

118 was, on motion of Mr. McGilvery, referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

4 Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Dane presented the petition of the Directors of South Berwick Bank, for renewal of charter and the same was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McGilvery.

Ordered:— That the Committee on Education, be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, that superintending School Committees of towns may furnish poor children with School books, without interfering with the right of suffrage.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Nett.

Ordered:— That the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Waldoboro and vicinity, which was sent to the House of Representatives in 1856, together with other papers accompanying the same, praying that the County of the County of Lincoln be removed from the town of Waldoboro, and located in the town of Waldoborough, be taken from the files and referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting of the delegation from the County of Lincoln.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lathrop.

The vote passing the order directing the printing of the Rules and Orders, of the

Senate was reconsidered - and the same was 119.
amended by striking out "450" and inserting in-
stead "250" - And as amended the order passed.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary

Monday, January 26, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dexter of Augusta.

Account of the Treasurer of Norway, for bounty on bears — was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of William G. Sawyer and others, for an appropriation for a road through Mattamiscottis and N. D. — was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Albert Moore and others, of Anson Embden, Livingston and New Portland for an amendment of the law in relation to insane persons; also

" " Joshua Hilton and others, for the same — were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the Constitution and laws of the State as to render elective by the people, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Land Agent, State Attorney, Adjutant General, Superintendent of Schools and Warden of State Prison, and report by bill and resolve or otherwise;

That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the

expediency of refusing all applications for char¹²¹
ter or re-charter of Banks with a capital stock
of over seventy five thousand dollars.—

Here severally read and passed, in
concurrence.

Bill, "An Act relating to the city of Calais" (in-
troduced in the House by Mr. Duren of Calais) —
was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,
in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways
and Bridges, ordering notice returnable to the pres-
ent Legislature; on petition of the East Portland
Real Estate and Marine Company; also same report
on petition of Tallman Bowell and others.—
were severally accepted in concurrence.

Also, same report on petition of the Androscoggin R.
Co. was accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Graves.

Ordered.— That the
Committee on Education be instructed to in-
quire into the expediency of so altering the school
laws of this State, as to change the time at which
school agents are to make return of the number
of scholars in their several school districts, to the
Assessors of towns, from the first day of May to the
first day of April, should they be so instructed by
their respective cities, towns and plantations.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, by
A. Jackson Esq. Secretary of State, transmitting
to the Legislature, resolutions adopted by the
Legislature of New Hampshire, on the 12th 13th and

122 14th days of July last, relating to the natural
ization laws— to Kansas Affairs— and to the
repeal of the Missouri Compromise— and,
On motion of Mr. West.

Five hundred copies
of the message and accompanying resolutions were
ordered to be printed for the use of the Legisla-
ture, and the Resolutions relating to the late
acts of violence and bloodshed in Kansas and the
National Capital; and also the Resolutions
relating to the Missouri Compromise— were
referred to the Joint Select Committee on Sla-
very and Kansas Affairs.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, re-
ported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves
entitled

Resolve in favor of Jacobson Swanson;

" in favor of John Gabriel;

And these resolves were severally finally passed
in concurrence, signed by the President and by
the Secretary presented to the Governor for his
approval and signature.

Adjourned,

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Tuesday, January 27, 1857. 123.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Allen of Hallowell.

Petition of S. N. Hatch and others of Rockland, for the renewal of the Charter of North Bank— was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Hiram Pearie, for charter to navigate Passadumkeag Stream, with Steam boats, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to incorporate the St Croix Insurance Company," — was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to examine into the expediency of so altering or amending the fiftieth chapter of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of Hops, — that the same shall be deemed merchantable without inspection;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section sixty third, of chapter one hundred nineteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to foreign attachments;

were severally read and passed in concurrence.

124 Petition of the Directors of York Bank, Inc.
for renewal of charter— was referred
to the Committee on Banks and Bank-
ing. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, by leave, introduced bill "An Act
to repeal section nine of An Act entitled An
Act to authorize the consolidation of certain Rail-
road corporations, approved April 1, 1856"— and
the same was referred to the Committee on
Railroads, Ways and Bridges.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Berry,
Ordered,— That the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary inquire into the expe-
diency of passing a law to prohibit the exhibition
of circuses within this state, and report by bill
or otherwise.
Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Wednesday, January 28, 1857. 125-

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dexter of Augusta

Petition of the Directors of the Bank of Somerset; also
" " the Directors of Oakland Bank— sever-
ally for a renewal of charter— were sever-
ally referred to the Committee on Banks
and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of H. N. West and Jonas Sudkins, ask-
ing that they may be remunerated for
building a bridge;— also,

" " Daniel W. and Alexander Campbell
asking to be released from the payment
of certain notes;— also

" " John L. Turner and others, in aid of
the petition of H. N. West and J. Sudkins;

" " David G. Cook and others for an ap-
propriation in favor of Sanford Noble—
were severally referred to the Commit-
tee on State Lands and State Roads,
in concurrence.

Petition of Inhabitants of Bangor, that railings may be
put upon the roofs of slated buildings
to provide against accidents from snow sliding

" " Seward Merrill and others, for an Act ad-
ditional to an act, approved February
24th 1855;

" " Moses Gould and others in aid of the same;

" " C. D. Pearce and 140 others in aid of same—
were severally referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

126 Petition of the Register of Probate of Kennebec, for increase of salary— was referred to the Kennebec Delegation, in concurrence,

Petition of Jonas Green and 400 others, in aid of the petition of Ebenzer Cobb and others; was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Memorandum of Ichabod Pinkham, and others, of Boothbay, against the petition of Benj. Read and others— was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of Monticello, for bounty— was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act in relation to the registry of deeds"
Bill, "An Act in relation to Wills"— were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act for the appointment of a Railroad Commissioner" (introduced in the House by Mr. DeBlois, of Portland) was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

"Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians"— was read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence,—

Orders from the House,

That our Senators and Representatives

tives in Congress be requested to use their influence 127.
in favor of the French Spoliation Claims; also

That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a law, directing the Assessors of the several cities, towns and plantations in the state, at the time of taking the valuation of personal and real estate to also procure the amount and estimated value of some of the principal Agricultural and mineral products and the manufactures resulting therefrom; agreeably to the suggestions contained in a circular of the United States Commissioner of patents, dated February 29, 1855, and published in the Agricultural Patent Office Report of 1855;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution, that the Governor and Senators may be chosen by a plurality instead of a majority as they now are;
were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

A communication was received from Noah Barker Esq. signifying his acceptance of the office of Land Agent of Maine for the current political year.
Read and sent down.

Petition of Robert Martin, as committee of the Executive Committee of the Maine State Agricultural Society, for services and travels was referred to the Committee on Claims.
Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of the Judge of Probate of the County of Sen

128. ^{insets} for increase of salary— was referred to the Somerset delegations.

Sent down for concurrence

Petition of William M. Rogers, and others, for an additional act in relation to the Sagadahoc Ferry.— was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.
Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Westbrooke Seminary, for aid.— was referred to the Committee on Education.
Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of City Bank, Bath;
" " the Directors of Ocean Bank;
" " the Directors of American Bank— severally for renewal of charter;
" " C. L. Owen and others, for a new bank at Bath.— were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.
Sent down for concurrence

Petition of the Directors of Peoples Bank, for renewal of charter— was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.
Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr Woodbury.

Ordered:— That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws in relation to plantations, as to require the laying of State and County taxes upon said plantations, and the raising of money by said plantations for the repair of highways, the support of schools, and the support of the poor,

and other purposes for which towns are more required to raise money, when the number of inhabitants exceeds seventy five.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Ordered;— That the Committee on the Reform School be requested to visit and examine said school at some time during the present session of the Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hersey,

Ordered:— That the Committee on the Militia be requested to visit the Arsenal at Portland, examine the property there deposited and report if any appropriation is necessary to put the arms and equipments in a suitable condition for re-issue to troops; and also if any further appropriations for fencing, repairs of building, are necessary, and report the full amount of all appropriations that should be made.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, by leave, introduced a resolve entitled "Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State for the year 1855." — and the same was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Magoun, the Senate reconsidered their vote accepting the report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of Tallman Lowell and others, and re-committed the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report, asking to be discharged from farther consideration of bill, "An Act to provide for the security of repairers of vessels" and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Browne, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, made a report asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relating to illegal issue of certificates of stock in Railroad Corporations.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Bartholomew R. Lunt and others, reported bill

An Act to incorporate the town of Islandport

The report was accepted, and the bill was once read and tomorrow at 11 o'clock assigned for its second reading.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary

Thursday, January 29, 1857. 131.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr. Squire of Hallowell.

Bill. "An Act to incorporate the town of Islandport" was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Farmers Bank, for a renewal of their Charter— also

" " the Directors same bank for increase of their Capital Stock— were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of William H. Stevens and others, for incorporation, with the right of building a bridge across the Kennebec river from Solon to Embden, also

" " Citizens of Raymond, in aid of the charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad— were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles T. Holland, for the adoption of the "State of Maine Log rule" as the Standard rule for scaling logs— was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Oliver and others, that Timber Island in Phippsburg, may be annexed to Bath.— was referred to the Commit

132 tee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of J. N. Winslow and others, for an appropriation — was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Judge of Probate of Waldo County, for increase of salary. — was referred to the Waldo delegation, in concurrence.

Claims of the city of Calais, for bounty — was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to extend the time for the Waldo Mills Company to build their dam across Goose River" — was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the State Lands in the town of Carroll" also

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell the interest of the State in any lands owned by the State in the towns of Burlington, Cowas and Passadumkeag, on such terms and conditions as he shall deem to be for the interest of the State" also

Petition of George S. Foster and 26 others for an appropriation in aid of a road — were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on State Lands, 133.
and State Roads be directed to inquire into the
expediency of repealing the Resolve authorizing the
Calais Academy, or their assigns to locate their grant
of land in Township No 18. Range 3.

That the Committee on Education be
directed to inquire into the expediency of report-
ing a bill authorizing school districts to take land
for the purpose of erecting school houses thereon, in
a similar manner as lands are taken for other pub-
lic uses;

That the chaplains of this Legislature be
granted the same privilege, in regard to the Libra-
ry, as members of the Legislature;

That the Committee on the Judiciary
be directed to inquire into the expediency of recom-
mending the law, that the Judge of Probate, or
any Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court
may have the power to relinquish the right of dow-
er of insane married women to real estate of
their husbands, on proof of permanent insanity of
such married women;

That the Committee on Education
be directed to inquire into the expediency of amend-
ing Chapter eighty nine (89) of the Statutes of eight-
een hundred and fifty four, by striking out of
the sixth section thereof, the words, "or which he
may deem necessary to be made by school officers
and teachers"; thereby limiting the powers of the
State Superintendent in preparing blank forms
for school registers, within the bounds prescribed
by the Statutes: —

were severally read and passed
in concurrence,

134 Petition of the Directors of the Manufacturers and traders bank, for renewal of charter, and increase of capital stock (with a bill).—

" " the Directors of Sagadahoc Bank for renewal of charter;— were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Burbank.

Ordered:— That the reports of the Trustees and Superintendent of the Insane Hospital, be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the Insane Hospital.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury.

Ordered:— That the petition of Henry Lipton for a pension, with the accompanying papers, be taken from the files of the last Legislature and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Cery, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of P. Darling and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. West from the Committee on Manufactures to which was referred the petition of John W. Hall and others, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature. Report accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Callowell from the Joint Select Committee on Public Printing and Binding, reported that they had contracted with Messrs. Hartford and Smith to do the public binding, and submitted a copy of the contract.

The report was accepted and the contract approved. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Nasson,

Ordered:— That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing Agricultural, Horticultural and Pomological Societies to take and hold property, real or personal, the income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Friday January 30, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Armitage of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of C. M. Holland and others, was recommitted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice, returnable to the present legislature, on petition of Tallman Sowell and others, was accepted, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Seaport Bank; also,
 " " the Directors of Bath Bank; also,
 " " the Directors of Manufacturers Bank of Saco, also,
 " " the Directors of Mechanics Bank; also,
 " " the Directors of Richmond Bank; also,
 " " the Directors of Bank of Winthrop; severally
 for a renewal of charter— were severally
 referred to the Committee on Banks and
 Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Gideon Mayo, and others, for the extension of the Penobscot Railroad, to the north line of Milford— was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of J. G. Swett and others, for an appropriation to repair gun house in Brewer,— was referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence. —

Petition of Selectmen of Manchester, for change of

line between Manchester and Augusta, - 137.
was referred to the Committee on Division
of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Snow and others of Five Islands
Plantations, to be incorporated into a town
called "Winno" - was referred to the Com-
mittee on Incorporation of Towns, in con-
currence.

Claim of Penobscot County, for supporting insane
and indigent Indians - was referred to
the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Account of L. H. Eaton against the Land Office,
for survey of state lot in Clifton, and sea-
ling logs cut thereon, - was referred to
the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to amend chapter one hundred
fifty nine of the public laws of 1845,
concerning the assessment of taxes" - was referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That so much of the Governors ad-
dress as relates to Intemperance and a prohibi-
tory liquor law, be referred to a joint select Com-
mittee, with leave to report by bill or otherwise
and that all bills, resolves, petitions and memori-
als relating to this subject presented, or which may
be presented during the session be referred to the
same committee: - with,

Messrs. Stone of Brewer, Morrison of Farming-
ton, Holt of Turner, Hammatt of Howland, Bit-
telfield of Alfred, Tolman of Rockland, and

138 Burr of Mercer, appointed on the part of the House, — was read, and on motion of Mr. Oake, — laid on the table.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on Banks and Banking, be directed to inquire into the expediency of so far amending the sixtieth section of the seventy seventh chapter of the Revised Statutes, as to add one more member to the Board of Bank Commissioners, and report upon the same, — was read and passed in concurrence.

"Resolves in favor of Sabathus Lewis" — also
Resolves in favor of Robt Lockie" — were severally read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, —

On motion of Mr. Holt.

Ordered: — That when the Senate adjourns, it adjourn to Monday the second day of February next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

A message was received from the Governor, by Alden Jackson Esq. Secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Bank Commissioners, — and

On motion of Mr. Magoun, the said Report was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Graves,

Ordered: — That the Committee on Education, be instructed to inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary relative to

a Resolve approved April 9. 1856, entitled 139.
"Resolve for carrying into effect a Resolve for a
permanent school funds approved August 24
1856. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Brown, from the Committee on Rail
roads, Ways, and Bridges, to which
was recommitted their report on petition of
C. M. Holland and others, again reported order
of notice on said petition returnable to the
present Legislature.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Brown, from the Committee on Banks
and Banking, to which was re-
ferred the order relating to the amendment of
chapter seventy seven of the Revised Statutes,
made a report recommending that the said
section be amended by striking out "five" in the
sixth line thereof, and inserting "six" in lieu thereof,
and also recommending the reference of the report
to the Joint Select Committee on Revision
of the Statutes:-

The report was accepted and refer-
red to the Committee on Revision of the Sta-
tutes,

Sent down for concurrence

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall Secretary

Monday, February 2, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr Ware of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. Calk, the order referring so much of the Governor's address as relates to Intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law to a Joint Select Committee - was taken from the table, passed in concurrence, and

Messrs Calk of Penobscot, Smith of Aroostook, and Graves of Kennebec were joined on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Woodbury, presented the claim of Daniel Blanchard, treasurer of Blanchard for bounty on bears, - which was referred to the Committee on Accounts. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Coit presented the following viz;

Ordered: - That the several cashiers of banks in this State, be requested to make return, under oath, to the Secretary of State, on or before the 15th day of February inst. of all sums of money loaned by said banks for the last three months with the amount of interest and exchange charged thereon, and that the Secretary of State furnish a copy of this order to said cashiers, forthwith; - which was read and, on motion of Mr. Woodbury, laid on the table.

Petition of the Selectmen of Strong, for an abatement of tax, - was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Dennis Sprague and others for an ap-

appropriation to build a Gun house. — was referred 41
to the Committee on the Militia.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Webb

Ordered: — That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that no person signing a note as surety, when the note is given on time, shall be holden on said notes after it shall have matured unless the holder of the same shall give the parties interested ten days notice in writing before said note is due. Provided, that if the surety should not be in a situation to receive such notice it may be left at his last and usual place of abode and this shall be made binding on the surety.

Sent down for concurrence.

The order passed in the Senate January 28th relative to the proposed amendment of the laws in relation to plantations, came up from the House, bearing the following endorsement, &c; The House does not concur in the vote of the Senate referring to the committee on the Judiciary and referred to a committee of one from each County, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join with.

Messrs Burling of Linneus, Hammett of Howland, Hamblin of Portland, Silsby of Aurora Woodbury of Litchfield, Holt of Turner, Barron of Topsham, Hinds of Dover, Pool of Bristol, Linscott of Gay, Bennett of Fry, Hobb of Waterford, Leavitt of Pembroke, Merrill of Harmony and Brown of Kennebunkport, appointed on the part of the House.

The Senate receded from their former vote, concurred with the House and joined Messrs. Woodbury, Davis, Jones, Hobb and Ring, on the part of the Senate.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall Secretary

Tuesday, February 3, 1857.

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Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Brass of Augusta.

Petition of the Directors of Atlantic Bank.

" " the Directors of Waterville Bank.

" " the Directors of Calais Bank—severally
for renewal of charter— were severally
referred to the Committee on Banks and
Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of C. S. Crosby and another, to refund taxes
illegally assessed— was referred to the
Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Brackett and others, to be
set off from Cornish and annexed to the
town of Limerick— was referred to the
Committee on Division of Towns, in con-
currence.

Petition of Samuel Appleton and others, for the in-
corporation of "The Mescoonskee Manu-
facturing Company."— was referred to
the Committee on Manufactures, in
concurrence.

Petition of Thomas Webb for a pension— was refer-
red to the Committee on Military Pen-
sions, in concurrence.

Claim of James H. Moocombe, Treasurer of Mills
for bounty paid on bear— was referred
to the Committee on Claims, in con-
currence.

144 Bill. "An Act concerning reviews in civil actions;

" "An Act concerning suits for false representations

" "An Act to make valid the doings of the County Commissioners in the several Counties in this State." — were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill. "An Act to amend An Act in relation to home, and agencies of foreign Insurance Companies" — was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the petition of Robert Patterson for a pension with the accompanying paper be taken from the files of the last Legislature, and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to consider the expediency of reducing the bounty on wild animals;

That the Twenty eighth chapter of the Second Revision of the Laws of Maine, be taken from the Committee on Revised Statutes, and be referred to the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred so much of the Governor's Address as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law;

That the Committee on Education be directed to lay before the Legislature, the number of Academies, and other institutions of learning endowed by the State, the date of their incorporation, their location, the sum of each endowment, the amount

of appropriation to each, and when made, whether such/45
appropriations were in money, or land, and the num-
ber of students attending each the last year;

That the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the management of the Cumberland County Agricultural Society, for the past year, with reference to the payment of the allowance provided by the State for Agricultural Societies, and report a statement of facts:

were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Fickey Bank;

" " the Directors of Granite Bank;

" " the Directors of Augusta Bank;

" " the Directors of North Bank. severally for renewal of charter — were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury called up the order, laid on the table yesterday, relating to requiring cashiers of Banks to make certain returns, and the same was amended by substituting "25th" for 15th of February, next, and

On motion of Mr. Brown it was again laid on the table.

Mr. Jones, by leave, introduced bill "An Act to amend chapter one hundred and eighty two of the public Laws approved March 1st 1855" — which was read and referred to the Joint Select Committee on Slavery and Kansas.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Chandler

Ordered:— That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire, if further legislation is necessary respecting the collection of taxes on real estate of resident owners, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Gerrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred the petition of Seward Merrill and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature. Report accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr West, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed resolves entitled
 Resolve in favor of Sabattis Levey;
 " in favor of Peol Lockie; -

and the same were severally finally passed in concurrence - signed by the President, and, by the Secretary, transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall. Secretary.

Wednesday, February 4, 1857. 147.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr Dexter of Augusta.

Petition of A. C. Kimball and others of Rockland, for
recharter of Rockland Bank; —

" " Enoch Crockett and others of Rockland
for recharter of the Linne rock Bank; —

" " the Directors of Belfast Bank;

" " the Directors of Bucksport Bank;

" " the Directors of Sandy River Bank. sever-
ally for renewal of charter;

" " Ezra Tobie and 12 others of Gray, for a bank.
were severally referred to the Committee
on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of the Wilton Manufacturing Company, for
repeal of their charter;

" " Lucy Crockett and nine others for in-
corporation of Achom Lime Rock Com-
pany — were severally referred to the
Committee on Manufactures, in con-
currence.

Petition of Wilson Hochborn and 95 others of Pros-
pect, for division of said Town;

" " Luther Luce and others, to be set off
from Industry and annexed to Farming-
ton — were severally referred to the
Committee on Division of Towns, in con-
currence.

Petition of E. C. Parks, relative to the Maine
Register; — was referred to the Commit-
tee on the Library, in concurrence.

148 Petition of R. L. Morse and others, of Dixfield for alteration of County and town lines — was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of the Assessors of plantation No. 2, Range 2, for change of name of plantation — was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of the Kenduskeag Log Driving Company, for an amendment of their charter — was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary, be directed to inquire into the expedience of making some alteration in, or addition to an act entitled "An Act in addition to the thirty second chapter of the Revised Statutes, touching the settlement of paupers in certain cases, approved August 10, 1846, and report by bill or otherwise;

That so much of the Governor's address, as relates to the State Prison, together with the reports of the Warden and Inspectors of the Maine State Prisons, be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the State Prisons;

That That Committee on State Library be directed to report to the House what public documents there are in the several departments of said Library, that may be had for distribution. — were severally read and passed in concurrence.

"Resolve for the payment of certain persons in attend^{ance} 49.
ance upon the Agricultural Board"
was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Town of Newburgh" — was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of Marine Bank;
" " the Directors of Newcastle Bank — severally for renewal of charter. — were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.
Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the Reports of the Adjutant General, Superintendent of the Insane Hospital, and of the Trustees of the State Reform School. — and.

On motion of Mr. Gerrick, the report of the Adjutant General was referred to the Committee on the Militia
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Sargent
Ordered; — That the Secretary of State be instructed to lay upon the table of the Secretary, five copies of the Acts and Resolves of 1856, for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Gerrick: from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported bill "An Act to make valid the doings of school district No. 1, in Madawaska plantation"; — also bill

"An Act additional to an Act to incorporate the Bangor House Proprietary" — And the

150 reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read, and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Woodbury from the Committee on Claims to which was referred the petition of C. S. Crosby and another, reported "Resolve in favor of Charles S. Crosby and Arida Hayford" — which was read twice under a suspension of the Rules and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Railroads, Hays and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of Gideon Hays and others, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature thereon, also same report on petition of William M. Rogers and others. — and these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Poing, from the Committee on Fisheries reported "Resolve in relation to bounties on cod fisheries" — and the same was read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the papers relating to the claim of S. G. Bowes for a pension, be taken from the files of in the Secretary of State's office, and placed before the Committee on Military Pensions, was read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones

Ordered; — That the

Committee on the Judiciary, be directed to inquire ^{into} 151,
into the expediency of repealing Chapter two hun-
dred and twelve of the public laws approved
March 13th 1856. and revising Chapter one hun-
dred and sixty of said laws approved March
16th 1855.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Lothrop. presented the following, viz;

Ordered:— That the
Committee on Banks and Banking, be instruct-
ed to report against recharter of any and all Banks
whose business has been the discounting of paper for
parties, whose residence and business is out of the
State, and who are in the practice of charging ille-
gal interest. — which,

On motion of Mr. Chapman, was laid on
the table.

Petition of Thomas Webb for a law authorizing an
appeal in certain cases:

" " Samuel Smiley and 81 others, for a law
prohibiting the exhibition of traveling cir-
cuses in this State — were severally re-
ferred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Josiah Brown Dⁿ and others, in behalf of
Goulds Academy, in Bethel.

" " Goulds Academy, for aid to enable them to
purchase apparatus to teach Agricultural
Chemistry — were severally referred to
the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ring;

Ordered:— That 350 copies of the abstract of the Report of the Inspectors of Fish, for the year 1856, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Adjourned

Joseph D. Hall Secretary.

Thursday, February 5 1857. 153.

Met according to adjournment.

No Chaplain present.

Petition of Northern Bank, Hallowell;

" " Farmers Bank Bangor - severally for renewal of Charter;

" " Edmund Smith and 112 others for a new bank at Lewiston - were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of George Thoms and 172 others of Bushfield;

" " A. G. Tinkham and 72 others, of Hartford

" " Shannon Robinson and 55 others of Sumner, severally in aid of the charter of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges - in concurrence.

Claim of L. N. Jones, Treasurer of Holden, for bounty on bears. - was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of G. H. Haskell and others, in aid of the petition of Joseph Snow and others; - was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of the Trustees of Corinna Union Academy for a donation of land or money; - was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

154. Petition of S. G. Bowes, of Washington for a pension, was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of D. Brastow, for deed of lot No 11, in Indian Township No 2. — was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Casco Bank, Portland:

" " Bank of Cumberland — severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Moses Gould and others, for authority to construct a railway around Munjoy Hill, in Portland — was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways, and Bridges, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity" was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making appropriations to finish making the road from Fort Kent to the Alleghash. Also to finish making the road from Puzque Isle to the St John River — also for making an appropriation to assist the settlers in making some deep cuts, and building bridges on the road from the boundary line to Fort Kent; was read and passed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act additional to the several acts, incorporating the city of Portland; —

Bill, An Act additional to the several acts. in c¹⁵.
incorporating the city of Portland;—

Memorial of the city of Portland, asking further legis-
lation— 1st in reference to opening streets—
2^d interest on taxes undue;— together with

Copy of the order of the City Government of Portland.
These severally referred to the Committee on
the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr Jones from the Committee on Bills in the
Second Reading reported without amendment. Bills
entitled

"An Act additional to an Act to incorporate
the Bangor House Proprietary;—
" " to make valid the doings of School
district No. 1. in Madawaska plan-
tation in the County of Aroostook"—
and the same were severally read a second time
and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Jones the vote passing to be
engrossed the "Resolve relating to bounties on Cock-
fisheries", was reconsidered, and the said Resolve
was recommitted, to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr Connor from the Committee on Interior Waters
reported bill "An Act to extend the time for the Wal-
do Mills Company to build their dam across Goose
River".— The report was accepted. The bill was read
and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

156 Petition of the Directors of Hancock Bank;

" " the Directors of Alfred Bank; severally

" " for renewal of charter.

" " the Directors of Alfred Bank, for increase of capital stock — were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Thayer and others, for extension of the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad;—

" " same, for further time to complete branch tracks

" " Hiram Ricker and others, in aid of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroads, were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Chapman, from the Committee on Division of Towns to which was referred the petition of George Bran and others, and also the petition of William Wakefield and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Reports accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Hoyt, from the Committee on Education, reported that "Resolve in favor of the town of Newburgh" ought to pass. — The report was accepted.

and the Resolve was once read and tomorrow as 157.
signed for its second reading.

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of Strong, made a report asking to be discharged from a further consideration of the same, and recommending its reference, to the Committee on Claims.
The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary

Friday. February 6. 1857.

Met according to adjournment

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ingraham of Augusta

Petition of City Bank, Biddeford;

" " Merchants Bank, Portland, severally for renewal of charter— were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of John S. Patten and others, that the Land Agent be authorized to sell State land in Lowell and Enfield;—

" " Thomas S. Roberts, for compensation for land sold by the State, — were severally referred to the Committee on State lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

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

" " Constant A. McLaughlin, for additional compensation for injuries received in aiding an officer, — were severally referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of D. E. Lomes and others of Biddeford for change in the powers of the Municipal Court of Biddeford.

" " D. Stewart and others, for law against circus exhibitions; — were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

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Petition of David Jenkins, to be set off from 159.
West Gardiner to Gardiner, — was referred
to the Committee on Division of Towns,
in concurrence.

Petition of John A. West and others, of Franklin
for increase of bounty on Wolves, — was refer-
red to the Committee on Agriculture
in concurrence.

Bill "An Act for the Education of Youth," — was re-
ferred to the Committee on Education, in
concurrence.

Bill. "An Act additional to the seventy seventh chap-
ter of the Revised Statutes, (introduced in the
House by Mr. Bicknell of Augusta) — was re-
ferred to the Committee on the Judici-
ary, in concurrence.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judi-
ciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of
increasing the fees of Justices of the Peace, and report
by bill, or otherwise;

That the Committee on the Judi-
ciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of
repealing Chapter 282 of the public laws of 1852
relating to publication of intention of marriages and
report by bill or otherwise;

That the committee on Indian
Affairs, be directed to ascertain and report to this
House, the amount paid in bounty, to the Penobscot
Indians the past year as appears by the Agents ac-
counts, the number of bushels of of the several op

160 Agricultural products upon which bounty has been paid, and (if practicable) whether bounties or dividends have been paid to persons not legally entitled thereto;

That the Land Agent be directed to procure for the use of the Legislature, a State plan on which shall be delineated the townships and parts of townships now belonging to the State;

That the papers in the office of the Secretary of State connected with the passage of the Act entitled "An Act further defining the jurisdiction and powers of the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford, approved April 1, 1856" be taken from the files, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of William H. Mills and others— was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Newburgh"— which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

The Same Senator, from the same Committee reported bill "An Act to extend the time for the Haddock Mills Company to build their dam across Goose River" with an amendment as per sheet annexed marked "A."— The amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.— Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Lathrop from the Committee on Agriculture 161.
reported a "Resolve for the payment of certain persons, in
attendance upon the Board of Agriculture".

The report was accepted, Resolves once read and
tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Magoun presented the petition of the Di-
rectors of Lincoln Banks; also of the Directors of
Village Banks— severally for renewal of charter
which were severally referred to the Committee
on Banks and Banking.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Hoyt presented the petition of D. Stevens
and others of Jackson Plantation, for aid in the con-
struction of a road — which was referred to the
Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun presented the remonstrance of
R. S. Hunt and 212 others, against the petition
of Tallman Lowell and others — which was refer-
red to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and
Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall Secretary

Saturday. February 7. 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on public Buildings be directed to inquire into the expediency of a new arrangement of seats in the Representatives Hall, with a view to the greater convenience of members of the House:—

was read and passed in concurrence,

Mr. Jones from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported.

"Resolve for the payment of certain persons in attendance upon the Agricultural Board" with amendment on sheet annexed, marked, "A".

The amendment was adopted and the bill read as second time, and, as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns to which was referred the petition of Joseph Snow and others, reported order of resolve thereon, returnable to the present legislature.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hoyt, from the Committee on Education, reported bill

"An Act additional to chapter one hundred and four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and fifty four, entitled an Act additional to An Act

to provide for the Education of Youth!" The 163.
report was accepted. The bill was read and Mon-
day next, assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Hoag, from the Committee on Educa-
tion, reported that legislation is inexpedient on
the order relating a Resolve approved April 9, 1856,
entitled "Resolve for carrying into effect a resolve for a
permanent school fund:—

Also same report on order relating to instruc-
tion of the higher English branches in common schools.

Also, same report on order relating to author-
izing school districts to take lands on which to erect
school-houses:—

Also, same report on order relating to increase
of tax for the support of Common Schools:—

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, order-
ing notice returnable to the present Legislature on the
petition of Luther Luce and others, — was accept-
ed, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Rep-
resentatives, by Mr. Johnson of Augusta, informing
the Senate that the House has, in the absence of the
Clerk, elected Benjamin Freeman Clerk. pro tem.

Mr. Hoogs presented the petition of William
and James Frye, of North Haven, for an act of
incorporation, with bill "An Act to incorporate the
Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company". — which were sev-
erally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and
Bridges

Sent down for concurrence.

164 Mr. Connor presented the petition of the Directors of Skowhegan Bank, for renewal of charter, which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Thimney presented the petition of C. R. Paul that the Land Agent be authorized to convey to him certain land — which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of S. J. Roberts for privilege to maintain a weir near Bobear Island, — which was referred to the Committee on Fisheries;

Mr. Davis presented the petition of E. G. Harlow and 41 others of Canton, in aid of the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad;

Mr. Dane presented the petition of the Canal Bank for renewal of Charter — which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

And these petitions, referred as above were sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Dane from the Committee on Banks and Banking, made a report asking to be discharged from farther consideration of the order directing them to inquire into the expediency of any and all banks applying for recharter and recommending the passage of an order authorizing them thus to inquire, instead of directing them.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Chapman,

Concluded:—The House

concurring, that the Committee on Banks and Banking, be authorized to inquire into the condition and standing of any and all Banks, applying for a recharter, and report their conclusions on each application separately by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Monday, February 9, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Allen, of Hallowell.

Petition of the Directors of Mousam River Bank;
 " " the Directors of Market Bank, Bangor;
 " " the Directors of Lumberman's Bank;
 " " the Directors of Lewiston Falls Bank;
 " " the Directors of Waldoboro Bank;
 " " the Directors of Union Bank, Brunswick;
 " " W. S. Dennett of the Bank of the State of Maine;
 " " Joseph Gilchrist and others of Georges Bank;
 severally for renewal of charters
 " " W. Coburn and others, for a Bank charter
 in Brunswick;— were severally referred
 to the Committee on Banks and Banking,
 in concurrence.

Petition of John Helsey and 22 others, in aid of the
 petition of Ebenezer Cott and others;
 " " William Frye and 55 others, for change of
 the law relating to roads in North Caron;
 were severally referred to the Committee
 on Railroads, Ways and Bridges in
 concurrence.

Petition of Gilbert Voter and others, for aid in the
 construction of a road to Dead River Set-
 tlement;
 " " William B. Miller, for an appropri-
 ation to build a road;
 " " Selectmen of Salem, for aid in con-
 structing a road to Dead River;— were
 severally referred to the Committee on
 State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Thomas G. Watson and 39 others, in aid 167.
of the petition of Thomas J. Haines and
others; also

Remonstrance of Greenleaf King and 172 others against
the petition of Thomas J. Haines and others;
were severally referred to the Committee
on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles F. Barker and others:—

- " " Charles F. Barker and others, for a charter
to build a marine railway in Jonesport;
- " " Robert Bowker and others, for a Fire
Insurance Company in Brunswick—
were severally referred to the Committee
on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance
in concurrence,

Petition of T. H. Fassett, for compensation for
design and patterns for the King monument.
Claim of James. Pothergill, for bounty for killing
a wolf— severally referred to the Committee
on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Abiel McAlister, for pay for Timber, lum-
ber and hay— was referred to the committee
on Claims, in concurrence

Petition of the Milltown Temperance Society;

- " " Lydia M. Smith and 140 other ladies of
Calais;
- " " Mrs. Anna Samt and 96 other ladies of
Milltown;
- " " John T. Pinker and 71 others— severally for
a prohibitory liquor law— was referred in
concurrence, to the Joint Select Committee,
having that subject under considera-
tion.

168. Petition of Stephen Purrintons and 21 others of Haverhill, for a law for the preservation of clams, was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin Clarke and others, for a repeal of the Act incorporating the town of Bowdoinham, was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of the Commissioners of Cumberland County, for leave to build a new jail in said County— was referred to the Committee consisting of the Cumberland Delegation, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, in the year 1855"— came back from the House, that Branch having nonconcurred with the Senate in passing the same to be engrossed, and referred it to the Committee on Claims.— The Senate receded from their former vote, and refined the resolve, to said Committee, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of C. T. Holland, and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. — was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of G. L. Boynton and another, with Resolve for the allowance of money paid to the State:— was accepted in concurrence, and the Resolve was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns on 169.
petition of Selectmen of Manchester, ordering notice
thereon, returnable to the present Legislature,

Also, same report on petition of Thomas Oliver and
others;

Also, same report on petition of Wilson Hoick
born and others;

Also, same report on petition of S. Stone and
others;

Also same report on petition of Nathaniel
Brackett and others- were severally accepted
in concurrence,

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on State
Lands and State Roads, be directed to inquire in
to the expediency of making an appropriation for
the purpose of aiding in the construction of a road
across Township Letter B, Range 1, in the County
of Aroostock;

That the Joint Standing Com-
mittee on the State Prison be authorized to visit
that institution for the purpose of examining into
its affairs, and make a report thereon at any
time during the present session of the Legislature,

That so much of the Governor's Mes-
sage as relates to Agricultural Chemistry be refer-
red to the Committee on Agriculture;

That the Committee on Education
inquire into the expediency of the State furnish-
ing the several towns and organized plantations,
for the use of their respective Superintending School
Committees, Supervisors and District Clerks, one copy
each for said officers, of the school laws of the State, as

170. contained in the Revision, printed in pamphlet form and containing such important decisions relative to public schools as said Committee shall deem requisite, together with the blank forms required by law in the management of school district affairs;

were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Cashiers of the several Banks in this state be directed to make returns to the Secretary of State under oath, on, or before, the first day of March next, of the amount loaned by their several Banks, and the amount of interest and exchange charged thereon. — was read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Mr. Jones from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment bill

"An Act additional to chapter one hundred and four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled an act additional to An Act to provide for the education of youth" — which was read a second time, amended, on motion of Mr. Jones as per sheet annexed, marked "A" and, as amended on motion of Mr. Magoun, was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Corrick, from the committee on the Judiciary to which was referred an order relating to amending Section 2, of chapter 123, of the public laws of 1844, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient. — The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Gerrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill "An Act to amend chapter one hundred and forty nine of the Revised Statutes", reported that the bill ought to pass. - The Report was accepted. The Bill was once read and tomorrow, at 11 o'clock, A.M. assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Ring from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was recommitted their report on an order relating to bounties on Cod fisheries reported.

"Resolve in relation to bounties on cod fisheries" The report was accepted. and the Resolve was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Scamman, by leave, introduced bill, "An Act to amend the one hundred nineteenth Chapter of the Revised Statutes relating to trustee process" - which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Davis, by leave, introduced Bill, "An Act repealing Chapter two hundred seventy nine, of the laws of Maine approved April 10. 1856" - which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Halliwell presented the petition of the Directors of Houduskeag Bank, for renewal of charter. which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.
Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Tuesday, February 10, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Colby of Augusta

Petition of the citizens of Medford and vicinity
for grant to aid in building a bridge
across the Piscataquis River in Medford;

" " Inhabitants of Sebec;

" " Eleazer Tenks, and others;

" " Russell Willtredge, and others;

" " Stephen Danforth, and others;

" " Inhabitants of Alton;

" " Inhabitants of Atkinson; severally in
aid of the same; -

" " Leonard Bradbury, and others, for an
appropriation on State road from Brighton
to Greenville;

" " Cyrus A. Packard and others for same;

" " Inhabitants of Bridgewater plantation
for an appropriation to repair road through
Letter B. Range 1;

" " Isaac Witham and others, for an appropri-
ation on the road from Greenville to the
head of Chesuncook lake; - were severally
referred to the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Gayford, for annexation, to Skowhegan;

" " Joshua E. Tenks and others, to be set off from
Bridgton Center Village Fire Corporation;

" " F. H. Hutchings and others, to be set off from
Rumford to Hanovers; - were severally
referred to the Committee on Division of
Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of the stock holders of Maritime Bank, for 173
increase of capital stock;

" " the Directors of Biddeford Bank;

" " William McGilvery of Maritime Bank, sev-
erally for renewal of charter— were sev-
erally referred to the Committee on Banks
and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Benjamin B. Benson, and others, for a charter
for a Marine Railway at Tremont— was re-
ferred to the Committee on Mercantile Af-
fairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of William B. Lapham and others, to prevent
the destruction of Trout in Bryant's pond—
was referred to the Committee on Fisheries,
in concurrence.

Petition of Campbell Bachelder and others, for an act of
incorporation for manufacturing lumber, and
running a grist mill— was referred to the
Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of Selectmen of South Thomaston, for expenses
incurred in supporting a pauper in the In-
sane Hospital— was referred to the Committee
on the Insane Hospital, in concurrence.

Petition of the Selectmen of Burlington in relation to
the collection of non-resident taxes— was re-
ferred to the Committee on the Judiciary
in concurrence.

Petition of Moses Rollins and others, and others, for aid
to Vassalboro Academy— was referred to the
Committee on Education, in concurrence.

174 Petition of Hannah Murphy, of Tremont, for a pension, — was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles R. Porter, Judge of Probate of Sagadahoc, for increase of salary, — was referred to the Sagadahoc delegation, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Benjamin Clifford and others, against the petition of Tallman Lowell and others — was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of Bethel, for bounty;

" " the Treasurer of Plantations No 1 and 2, Range 5, in Oxford County, for the same — were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company" — was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs, and Insurance, in concurrence.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on Railroads, Ways, and Bridges, be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending the twenty fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes, as to provide that the money raised in accordance with the seventy fifth section thereof, to repair ways and bridges, may be expended by highway surveyors, whose duty it shall be to give every person in their respective districts, an opportunity to furnish labor upon the roads, to the amount of his tax;

That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to consider whether any legislation

is necessary to secure to stockholders of bank stocks, 175
who may not consent to or petition for, a renewal of their
charters, the right to withdraw their stock from such
Banks, as may obtain such renewal, together with
their full proportions of profits, (if any) that may have
accrued thereon, and report by bill or otherwise;—

That the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads, be instructed to inquire into the ex-
pediency of making an appropriation for the repair
of the Baring and Houlton road across the Indian
Township, in the County of Washington;—

That the Committee on Mercantile
Affairs and Insurance, be instructed to inquire into
the expediency of so amending the law relating to In-
surance that all Foreign Companies shall be required to
establish an agency, in accordance with Chapter 270
of the Acts and Resolves of 1856, before making insur-
ance upon property in this State.

Were severally read and passed
in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, on
petition of the Selectmen of Manchester, came up from
the House, amended by striking out the word "seventh"
and inserting the word "eighth", in lieu thereof.

The Senate receded from its former vote accepting
the report, adopted the amendment of the House,
and as amended, the report was accepted, in con-
currence.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in the
Second reading, reported without amendment.

"Resolve for the allowance of money paid to the State"
which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

176 ed in concurrence.

Same Senator from the same Committee reported
"Resolue in relation to bounties on cod fisheries
amended as per sheet accompanying, marked "A".

The amendment was adopted, and the Resolue was
read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator from same Committee, reported
without amendment, bill.

"An Act to amend the one hundred, forty ninth
chapter of the revised Statutes, in relation to the duties
payable by public officers" — which was read a second
time and referred to the Committee on Revision
of Statutes.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Magoun

The report of the Joint Select
Committee on the Treasurers Report, was taken from
the table and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lathrop.

Ordered: — That the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the
expediency of altering the sixty seventh chapter of the
Revised Statutes, so as to include railroad sleepers, bams
and other descriptions of ship timber, and Cedars for shi-
ples and other purposes, that the unlawful taking and
conversion of which, may be subject to the forfeitures, pen-
alties, and damages therein provided, and report by bill
or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Smith.

Ordered: — That the Com-

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Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of making appropriations to finish making the road from Presque Isle to No. 11 Range S. - Also to aid the settlers in making a road from Presque Isle through Letter C. Range 1. to the Boundary line.
Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Jones the vote indefinitely postponing bill "An Act additional to chapter one hundred and four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty four, entitled an Act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth", was reconsidered, and the bill laid on the table.

Mr. Brown, by leave, introduced bill, "An Act additional to an Act to incorporate the Franklin Company" — and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Callowell presented the petition of Thomas A. White and others for a bank; — and

Mr. Seaman presented the petition of the Directors of the Bank of Callowell, for renewal of charter. — and the same were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.
Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Magoon, presented the petition of Johnson Ridecut and others for a Marine Insurance Company, — which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.
Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Paul Peary, asking to be reimbursed for losses in building a bridge in No. 6. Range 5— which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Chapman, presented the petition of William Bearce and others, for a law allowing owners of water power on one side of streams to build dams across the same.— which was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hallawell, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed bill, "An Act to incorporate the town of Islandport" and the same was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary, transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Wednesday, February 14, 1857. 179.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Webb of Augusta.

Petition of Charles J. Gilman and others;

" " David Bugbee and others— severally
for bank charters;

" " Directors of Cobbossee Contee Bank;

" " Directors of Auburn Bank;

" " Gardiner Bank;

" " City Bank, Bangor— severally for renewal
of charter— were severally referred to the
Committee on Banks and Banking, in
concurrence.

Petition of James Bryant and others;

" " Isaac S. Hall and others— severally for
school district No: 1 and 2, to be set off
from South Thomaston to Thomaston;

" " Milton Robbins and others, in aid of the
same were severally referred to the Commit-
tee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Larrabee and others, for extension of
time to cut timber on State Lands;

" " J. N. Cushing and others, for a road from
Nickatun to Patten— were severally referred
to the Committee on State Lands and State
Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of E. Holmes and 102 others, for a law to pre-
vent the poisoning of fowls;

" " Vespasian Wardwell and 38 others, asking
for an additional act for the preservation of
Moose and Deer— were severally referred to
the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

180 Petition of Peter S. Folsom, for compensation for damages sustained while in the service of the State — was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles St. Germaine and others, of Aurora Lodge No. 5th of Free Masons, for an Act of Incorporation, — was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Bill. "An Act respecting the redemption of land sold for the payment of taxes" — also
" " "An Act respecting judicial proceedings" — were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

"Resolve authorizing the payment of school money to Hancock plantation, in the County of Arrostok" was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relating to an alteration of the law regulating attachments of real and personal property, with bill.

"An Act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property" — was accepted in concurrence. — The bill was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Ju-

decisory be requested to inquire into the propriety of enacting 181
a law, specifying those articles embraced in the term "ap-
purtenances", as used in deeds conveying real estate;

That the papers relating to claims of Ar-
thur L. Grant, for a pension, be taken from the files in
the Secretary of State's office and placed before the Commit-
tee on Military Pensions;

That the Committee on Education be
instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the
common school fund of the State, and report by bill or other-
wise;

That the Judiciary Committee be instruct-
ed to inquire into the expediency of amending Chapter
125, section 35 of the Revised Statutes, so as more
clearly to define the extent of lien claims;

That the petitions for aid to Limerick
Academy, referred to the Legislature of 1855, be taken
from the files in the office of the Secretary of State, and
be referred to the Committee on Education; —
were
severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Mr. Kerrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
to which was referred so much of the Governor's address
as relates to the Judiciary, and also a bill entitled "An
Act to repeal an act in relation to the Supreme Ju-
dicial Court" — reported bill

"An Act in relation to the Supreme Judicial
Court" — The report was accepted. — The bill was read
twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engross-
ed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hoyt, from the Committee on Education, to

182 which was referred the order relating to furnishing poor children with school books, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient. The report was accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator, from the same committee to which was referred the petition of Johnson Neal and others-- reported that the same should be referred to the Joint Select Committee on Plantation laws. The report was accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred bill "An Act to incorporate the St Louis Insurance Company" reported that the bill, in a new draft, ought to pass. The report was accepted, and the bill was read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Woodbury, by leave, introduced bill "An Act imposing a duty of twenty dollars upon Inspectors for coal before receiving their commissions"-- and the same was read twice the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred an order relating to the French Spoliation claims, reported that the said order ought not to pass. The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of William Frye and others, was accepted in concurrence.

That the petition of the County Commissioners of Piscataquis County, be taken from the files of 1856. and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads. — was read and passed, in concurrence.

Petition of Theophilus Cushing and others, for leave to purchase the East half of No 2. Range 5 — was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Barnabas Webb and others, of Thomaston, against the petition of James Bryant and others. — was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Joint Standing Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent, to open and make passable, the road leading from Portage Lake to Fort Kent, in the County of Arrowtoke, and to make such alterations in the location of said road as he may deem necessary. was read and passed, in concurrence,

Mr. Ring presented the petition of William M Brooks and others, for renewal of charter of the Frontier Bank, Eastport; and.

Mr. Chapman, presented the petition of the Directors of Mariners Bank, for the same. — which were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking;

Mr. Lewis, presented the petition of the Trustees of Lebanon Academy, for aid. — also the pe-

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tion of Noah Lord and others in aid of the same, which were severally referred to the Committee on Education;

Mr. Webb presented petition of Isaac Reed and 92 others of Lincoln County, praying that the County buildings may be removed to Waldoboro. — which was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties;

Mr. Magoun presented the petition of William Howe and others, in aid of the petition of Tallman Lowell and others — which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges;

Mr. Graves presented the petition of the Trustees of the Insane Hospital — which was referred to the Committee on Insane Hospitals;

Mr. Twitchell presented the petition of the Judge of Probate of Oxford County, for increase of salary — which was referred to the Oxford delegation; and these petitions referred as above, were sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall Secretary

Thursday, February 12, 1857. 185

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Armitage of Augusta.

Petition of the First School District of Bucksport, for leave to raise money in aid of the bequest of J. R. Folsons.

" " John M. Noyes and 13 others, in regard to the publication of unpaid non-resident taxes;

" " A. Billington and others;

" " J. S. Osgood, and others— severally for the same— were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of H. A. Wood and others, for extension of the charter of the Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company;

" " the inhabitants of Nobleton and adjoining towns for an alteration of in the law in regard to Mill Dams, where there are different owners on each side of the stream— were severally referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence,

Petition of William Sackman and 41 others for an appropriation for a road from Nickerson to Patten— was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.

Petition of L. W. Cowes, that Rockland be made a half shire town of Lincoln County— was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence,

Petition of Charles E. Ranlett and others of the

town of Thomaston, praying for the privilege of extending a wharf into tide waters in Georges River, — was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and Insurance.

Petition of Charles O. Record, for an appropriation to repair the State Arsenal at Bangor — was referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

"Resolve for promulgating the annual general laws of the State" — was referred to the Committee on public Printing, in concurrence.

Order from the House.

That all petitions for increases of salary of State or County officers, whose salaries are paid by the State, be referred to a joint select Committee consisting of one from each county with such as the Senate may join — with Messrs. Duran of Calais, Richardson of Tremont, Burleigh of Linneus, Springfield of Lincoln, Hinds of Dover, Chandler of Chertville, Morse of Paris, Marshall of Belfast, Baker of Wiscasset, Bicknell of Augusta, Sewell of Phippsburg, Holt of Turner, Adams of Newfield, Hamblin of Portland and Burr of Mener, — appointed on the part of the House — was read and passed in concurrence and Messrs. Magoun of Lincoln, Woodbury of Oxford, Graves of Kennebec, Berry of Waldo and Wallace of Washington, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the resolve entitled "Resolve in relation to the collection of debts due the State in the Land Office, approved, March 22^d 1856." so that

the mortgager or any part owner may be better protected, in case said part owner fails to comply with the provisions of said, ~~resolve~~ ¹⁸⁷ ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~take~~ ^{take} his land from forfeiture;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to protect bona-fide creditors and stock-holders of corporations, and report by bill or otherwise. — were severally read and passed in concurrence,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred the petition of Lemuel Trott and others with bill "An Act to amend the thirty first section of the twenty fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes, relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways" — was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was read once and tomorrow at 11 o'clock, assigned for its second reading.

Petition of the Inhabitants of Industry for re-annexation of part of New Sharon — was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in Second reading, reported without amendment Bill.

"An Act to incorporate the St Croix Insurance Company" — which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the report of the Committee on Bills in Second reading, was accepted. Bill. "An Act additional to Chapter One hundred and four of the public Laws of eighteen hundred and fifty four, entitled An Act

188. additional to an Act to provide for the Education of youth" — was taken from the table and recommended to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Railroads, Highways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of Moses Gould and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature.

Also same report on petition of William and James Frye — The reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Wallace from the Committee on Accounts, to which was referred the petition of T. H. Fassett, made a report asking to be discharged from any farther consideration of said petition, and recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims. The report was accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Connor from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Isaac Peavy and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. — The report was accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Silas Cobern, for allowance of labor on the road in payment for a lot of land: —
Also, petition of Daniel Cummings, and 24 others, for an appropriation to build a bridge over the Mattawamkeag River in Bancroft plantations.
Also, petition of George W. Smith, and another,

asking for a release— which were sever- 189.
ally referred to the Committee on State
Lands and State Roads.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Brown, presented the remonstrance of Willard
Lewis and others, against a bridge from
Southport to Boothbay;

Also, Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of Boothbay
against the same. — which were severally
referred to the Committee on Rail-
roads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Scamman, presented the petition of Eben-
ezer C. Staples and J. others, to be incorpora-
ted into a company to construct a canal
from Little River to Goggins Point in La-
co— which was referred to the Commit-
tee on Interior Waters.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Magoun, the vote of the Sen-
ate accepting the report of the Committee on Rail-
roads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of William M.
Rogers and others, was reconsidered, and the report
was recommitted to said Committee.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. West, from the Committee on Manufactures, to
which was referred the petition of H. J. Libby and
others, reported bill.

"An Act to incorporate the Royal River Man-
ufacturing Company." — The report was accepted,
and the bill was read and tomorrow assigned for
its second reading.

190 Mr. Chapman, from the Committee on Division of Towns, - to which was referred the petition of James Bryant and others, and of Isaac S. Hall and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, - and

On motion of Mr. Woodbury, the report was recommended with instructions to report order of notice.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop,

Ordered; - That the Committee on Agriculture, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appointing a Commissioner to represent the industrial products, resources and occupations of Maine, at the exhibition of Agriculture to be held at Paris, France, during the present year, -

Sent down for concurrence,

Mr. West, from the Committee on engrossed bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill,

"An Act to extend the time for the Waldo Mills
Company to build their dam across Pose
River" - also

"Resolve for the allowance of money paid to the State, - which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Friday, February 13, 1857.

191.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ware of Augusta.

Petition of William T. Thomas and 12 others;

" " Mark Shepard and others;

" " Abel Covey and others;

" " P. W. Perry, and others, severally referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary in
concurrence.

Petition of Josiah A. Sudkins, to have his build-
ings set off from Roxbury to Mexico;

" " Andrew J. Donnell and 33 others, to be
set off from Seaboard and annexed to
Belmont;

" " T. and B. Brastow, to be set off from
Warrington and annexed to Brewer, —
were severally referred to the Committee
on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of the York and Cumberland Railroad
Company, for an amendment of their
charter and other purposes, — was referred
to the Committee on Railroads, Ways
and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of D. L. Milliken and others, for a Man-
ufacturing Corporation — was referred
to the Committee on Manufactures
in concurrence. —

Petition of George E. Burr and 25 others, for a law
for the preservation of Pickens in North
pond and tributaries — was referred to

the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Irish, of Union, for an alteration of the law regulating the sale of Liquor— was referred to the Joint Select Committee having that subject under consideration, in concurrence.

Petition of Inhabitants of incorporated towns in the County of Aroostook, for a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements.— was referred to the Joint Select Committee on plantation affairs, in concurrence.

Petition of Freeman Kingsley and others, for a law authorizing the destruction of dogs.— was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of Smith Cram, for a military pension— was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Petition of John G. Hayes and others, for an Insolvency Law.— was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Asa Davis, in aid of the petition of citizens of Medford— was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to provide for proof of deeds, in certain cases"— was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law relating to manufacturing Corporations, so that the stockholders therein, shall not be personally liable for any contracts of such corporations entered into after the adoption of such amendment; and also that the stock and fixtures shall be exempt from taxation, for a limited time,

That the Committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the Constitution, relating to the right of suffrage, that any legal voter, changing his residence from one city or town in this State, to any other city or town under the same jurisdiction, and not otherwise disqualified excepting three months residence, shall have a right to vote for all national and State officers;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of making valid the doings of County Commissioners in the assessments of money upon unincorporated townships and tracts of land, for the repair of roads therein; and to make valid the sales, by County Treasurers, of such townships and tracts sold to pay the assessments made thereon, if the purchase money is not refunded to the purchaser, within four years from the date of the sale by the Treasurer, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether further legislation is necessary in relation to mortgages, coupled with a power to sell on breach of the same;

Also In relation to the sale of time

194 doer on lands reserved for public uses:

That when any public act is approved by the Governor, the Secretary of State shall forthwith furnish a copy thereof to the Chairman of the Committee on the Revision of Statutes and said Committee are directed to incorporate the same into the Revision in their appropriate place. —

were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways, and Bridges, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature on petition of Samuel Teague and others; — also

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, ordering notice returnable to the present Legislature on petition of the inhabitants of Industry, — were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the committee on Claims to which was referred "Resolve in favor of the temporary clerk in the office of the Secretary of State for the year 1850" — reported that said Resolve ought to pass:

Same Senator from the same Committee to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of Strong, reported "Resolve to abate a portion of the State tax of the town of Strong, and to add the same to the State tax of the town of New Vineyard";

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of J. H. Killea — reported "Resolve in favor of J. H. Killea"; — These reports were severally accepted and the Resolves were severally read and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on bills in Second 195
Reading reported bill

"An Act to incorporate the Royal River Manufacturing Company," - with an amendment on sheet annexed marked "A." The amendment was adopted. - The bill was read a second time, and, as amended, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator from the same committee, reported without amendment, bill

"An Act to amend the thirty-first section of the twenty fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways," - which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the vote of yesterday, recommending the report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of James Bryant and others with instructions to report order of notice thereon, was reconsidered and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Gerrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred, bill "An Act to make valid the doings of the County Commissioners in the several counties in this State," reported that the bill ought not to pass; -

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was recommitted their report on petition of William M. Rogers and others again reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature; -

196 Mr. Gerrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the order relating to the alteration of the thirtieth chapter of the Revised Statutes, reported that legislation thereon, is inexpedient;—

Mr. Dane, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred an order relating to the expediency of refusing to charter banks with a capital of more than Seventyfive thousand dollars, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;—

Also same report in order relating to refusing to charter all banks with a capital of less than one hundred thousand dollars;—

Mr. Twitshell, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of John Carleton D^r, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;—

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee on Divisions of Towns, to which was referred the petition of F. H. Hutchings, and others, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, thereon;—

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Twitshell, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of S. S. Low, reported "Resolve in favor of S. S. Low";—

Mr. Gerrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred the papers taken from the files relating to the city of Biddeford, reported bill. An Act relating to the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford;.

These reports were severally accepted. The Resolve and bill were severally read and tomorrow assigned for for their second reading.

Mr. Chapman, by leave, introduced Bill "An Act concerning passenger carriers," — which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Mayoun, presented the petition of the First Baptist Church in Bath, for change of name, — which was referred to the Committee on Education,
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hoyt, presented the petition of Josiah Emery, for pay for personal services — which was referred to the Committee on Claims.
Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

Joseph R. Hall, Secretary.

Saturday, February 14, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr Ware of Augusta.

Petition of J. N. Winslow and 26 others;

" " Abner Lowell and 76 others - severally
for an Insolvent Law. - were severally re-
ferred to the Committee on Mercantile
Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Reuel Washburn, Judge of Probate for Androscoggin County; for increase of salary;

" " Register of Probate of the same County, for in-
crease of salary. - were severally referred to
the Androscoggin delegation, in concurrence.

Petition of Franklin Adams, for extension of time to
cut timber - was referred to the Commit-
tee on State Lands and State Roads, in
concurrence.

Petition of William B. Hayford and others, for a char-
ter to build a boom across the East
Branch of the Penobscot River. - was refer-
red to the Committee on Interior Waters,
in concurrence.

Petition of John S. Baker, County Attorney of Sagadahoc, for increase of salary. - was referred
to the Joint Select Committee on Issues
of Salaries, in concurrence.

Petition of the Directors of the Lumbermans Bank, for
increase of Capital Stock - was referred to the
Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of William F. Pennington and others, for an Act additional to an Act to prevent obstructions in Machias River— was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of Joshua Dunn and 175 others of Portland for the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad:

Bill "An Act to secure the safety of the public travel at Suwall's crossing in the city of Bath"— were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Claim of J. G. Hunt, Treasurer of Albany for bounty paid on a bear.— was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Tristram Hill and 225 others, legal voters in Greene, against the petition of Isaac N. Davis and others.— was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to amend Chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes"— was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Agricultural Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes, so that a standard weight may be established for Corn, Rye and Wheat;—

That the petition for aid to Parsonsfield Seminary, referred to the last legislature, be taken from the files and that the same be referred to the

200 Committee on Education—

That all remonstrances against the incorporation of plantations in the County of Arross-look be taken from the files of last years legislation and be referred to the Joint Special Committee having the subject of incorporation of plantations, under consideration;

That the claims of the County of Penobscot for the support of Insane and indigent Indians, be taken from the Committee on Accounts, and referred to the Committee on Claims— were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which were referred several petitions and papers from the Legislature, relating to the appointment of an Inspector, asking leave to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending that they be referred to the Committee on Manufactures:—

Report of the Committee on Education, to which was referred the order relating to amending Chapter 89, Section 6, of the laws of 1854, - that legislation thereon, is inexpedient.

Also, same report, on order relating to increasing the school fund of the State.

Also, same report, on bill, "An Act for the Education of youth;—

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred an order in relation to the meaning of the word "appurtenances;" that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

were severally accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Nett, from the Committee on Division of 201 Counties, to which was referred the petition of Robt. Mose and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature.

Also same report on petition of Isaac Reed and others.

Mr. Graves, from the Committee on Public Buildings, to which was referred the order relating to a new arrangement of seats in the Hall of Representatives, reported Legislation thereon inexpedient.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in Second reading, reported without amendment.

"Resolve, in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State for the year 1855;

" in favor of J. S. Low;

" to abate a portion of the State tax of the town of Strong, and to add the same to the State tax of the town of New Vineyards— which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also, "Resolve in favor of J. H. Willis"— which was read a second time, and.

An motion of Mr. Oak, was laid on the table.

Also, Bill "An Act relating to the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford"— with an amendment on sheet annexed, marked "A". The amendment was adopted, and the Bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

209. Mr. Twitchell, from the committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of S. G. Bowes, reported, "Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes". The report was accepted. The Resolve was read once and Monday, next, assigned for its Second reading.

Mr. Davis from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

"An Act to make valid the doings of School district number one in Madawaska plantation in the County of Aroostook;"
" " in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property
" " additional to an Act to incorporate the Bangor House Proprietary" - and the same were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence,

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed

Resolve in favor of the town of Newburgh;
" in favor of Charles S. Crosby, and Arida Hayford. - which were severally finally passed in concurrence, -

And these bills and resolves, having been signed by the President, were, by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary,

Monday, February 16, 1857. 203.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bean, of Augusta.

Petition of Benjamin Stinchfield and others of Rockland, that the costs incurred in securing themselves against loss on account of the Shipbuilders Bank, bills be made preferred claims, by law;

" " the Directors of Ellsworth Bank, for an abatement of tax, — were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of R. Woodhouse and others, for an alteration of the law in relation to Probate Courts, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Paul S. Merrill and others for an appropriation on the road from Greenville to the head of Chesunook Lake, — was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence,

Petition of Ebenezer Brown and others of Orland, for the preservation of Fish in Eastern River — was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence,

Remonstrance of Jeremiah Merrill and others of Westbrook and Falmouth, against the petition of William Buckmore and others — was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways, and Bridges, in concurrence.

204 Petition of Treasurer of Gilead. for bounty — was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Indigent Ministers Association" (introduced in the House by Mr Gammon) referred to the Committee on Non-Conte Affair and Insurance;

Bill "An Act to incorporate the West Androscoggin Agricultural and Horticultural Society" referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

Bill "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the A. Luce and Madawaska High School" (introduced in the House by Mr Talbot) referred to the Committee on Education;

Bill "An Act in relation to Directors of Corporations" — referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill "An Act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes" referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; — were severally referred as above in concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the communication of the Governor in relation to the claims under the Treaty of Washington, be referred to a Joint Select Committee, and that said Committee be directed to inquire, and report what further legislation may be needful to obtain the early adjustment of all the treaty claims and to receive the legal and equitable rights and

promote the prosperity of the French settlers on the 205
St. John River. — with

Messrs Hammett of Cowland, Littlefield of Alfred, Burston of Warren, Fox of Portland Foster of Co. Mackias, Danforth of Gardiner, and Kitchbourn of Presport. — appointed on the part of the House was read and passed, in concurrence, and,

Messrs. Chapman, Hersey and Connor, joined on the part of the Senate.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to consider whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to deposits made at the Suffolk Bank by the banks in this State, and the redemption of their bills at Boston and report by bill or otherwise: —

That the Committee on the Militia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law making it the duty of the Selectmen of towns where military companies exist, to collect and secure for the State the arms and equipments of such companies when they shall be disbanded; —

That the papers in relation to the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Railroads Ways and Bridges: —

That the Joint Standing Committee on the Militia be directed to ascertain what repairs are necessary to be made on the State Arsenal building at Bangor, in order to preserve the public property deposited therein;

That the petitions of the inhabitants

206. of Waite and Tallmadge plantations, in the County of Washington, asking for an Act of incorporation, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns:— were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred bill "An Act to make valid the doings of school district No 5 in the town of Otisfield"— that said bill ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill was read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr Jones from the Committee on Bills in second reading, reported without amendments "Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes"— and the same was read a second time and passed to be engrossed Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Oake, from the Committee on the State Reform School, reported.
"Resolve in favor of the State Reform School"— The report was accepted. The Resolve was once read and Tomorrow assigned for its second reading

Mr Callowell, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the petition of John Attean and others, and also an order requiring that Committee to report the amount paid in bounties to the Penobscot Indians the past year, together with the number of bushels of the several agricultural products; and whether bounties have been paid to persons not legally entitled to

them, made a report thereon and submitted bill 207,
"An Act to regulate the duties of the Agent of
the Penobscot Indians:- and

On motion of Mr. Scammon, the report and bill
was laid on the table and 350 copies thereof or-
dered to be printed.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Tuesday February 7. 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dexter of Augusta.

Petition of Oliver, and J. H. Lovell, for a grant of the lower Canaanogue Falls, with eight hundred acres of land, for the purpose of aiding them in building Saw and grist Mills on said Falls;

" " Ansel Smith and others, in aid of the same,

" " Enock Ford and others, for an appropriation for building and repairing the road from Greenville to the head of Chesuncook Lake;

" " Henry T. Hildreth and others, for same,

" " William Barneson, for extension of time to cut timber from State Land — were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of William P. Doughty and 20 others, in aid of the petition of Ezra Tobie and others — was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Petition of T. L. Stanton and 22 others, No. Monmouth for the prevention of the destruction fires by poison, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of Charles W. and Rebecca Curtis, for divorce was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Claim of James Nichols, for services rendered; 209

" " Treasurer of Alton for bounty on bears—
were severally referred to the Committee
on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill An Act giving towns liens on vessels for taxes
came from the House, referred to the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary. The Senate non-con-
curred, and, on motion of motion of Mr
Chapman, referred the bill to the Com-
mittee on Mercantile Affairs and Insur-
ance. — Sent down for concurrence.

Bill An Act in relation to connection of Railroads
was referred to the Committee on Railroads,
Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary,
be directed to inquire into the expediency of
amending the Revised Statutes, Chap. 18, Sec. 10, that
after the words "incidental charges", in the tenth line
it may read "and if any owners of such pews or seats
shall refuse to accept such monies, or consent to such sale,
such owner shall not commence any action within
thirty days after the time of said sale, or after the
expiration of one year; — was read and passed, in concurrence.

Also — That the Committee on ~~and~~ Education
be requested to inquire what further Legislation, if a-
ny is necessary to prevent mis-applications of monies
raised by towns for the support of schools, and report
as they think expedient. — The Senate nonconcurred
with the House in the passage of this order, and re-
ferred the same to the Committee on Education, on
motion of Mr. Herrick.

Sent down for concurrence

210. Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation is necessary in relation to the sale of unwholesome meats;

That the Committee on the State Library be directed to inquire into the expediency of republishing the Geological reports of the State, and report as soon as practicable;

That the Committee on the Militia be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 196, of the public laws of 1856;

That a bill entitled "An Act for the incorporation of the town of Waite, in the county of Washington", with the accompanying papers, if there are any, be taken from the files, and laid before the Committee on Incorporation of Towns — were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with a bill "An Act enlarging the powers of Constables in the city of Calais" — was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr Jones, from the Committee on bills in the Second reading reported without amendment bill, "An Act to make valid the doings of school district No 5, in the town of Otisfield" and "Resolve in favor of the State Reform School" which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed

Mr Twitchell presented the petition of Henry Lepton for a pension which was referred to the

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Chapman

Ordered:— That 500 copies of the report of the Bank Commissioners made to the Legislature Jan. 17/1852, upon the subject of free banking, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. Lathrop from the Somerset delegation, to which was referred the petition of David Whites reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hoag, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed bills "An Act to amend the thirty first section of the twenty fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes, relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways" — which was passed to be enacted in concurrence;

Same Senator from the same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed.

"Resolve in relation to bounty on cod fisheries", which was finally passed, in concurrence.

And this bill and resolve having been signed by the President, were, by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Wednesday. February 18. 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr. Ingraham of Augusta.

Petition of Joseph Knapp and others;

" " Levi Hayes and others;

" " Henry Abbott jr. and others;

" " John C. Stockbridge and others, - severally
for a change in the Law relative to the
inspection of hops;

" " Elisha Chick and others, for the exchange
and sale of Corn, grain and meal, by
weight - were severally referred to the
Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of William C. Evans and others, for legislation
in regard to justice of the Peace;

" " Francis Purinton and others, for change of law
relating to the settlement of paupers;

" " George L. Cox and others, for amendment of Sec.
2 of chapter 123 of the public laws of 1844;

" " Lewis Sibley and others that unpaid taxes of
nonresidents may be published in the local papers;

" " Selectmen of Oldtown, for the enactment

" " of a law making the collection of nonres-
ident taxes more sure and certain;

" " Ammi R. Mitchell and others for altera-
tion of the law relating to mortgages: -
were severally referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Arthur M. Arthur, Committee of the Trustees
of Limington Academy, for endowment;

" " Waterville College, for endowment of a
Professorship of Chemistry; -

Remonstrance of Hosea Hildreth and others against the

petition of B. Rockliff, and others; — were 213.
severally referred to the Committee on Edu-
cation, in concurrence.

Petition of George Bridgman and others for the Portland
and Oxford Central Railroad.

Remonstrance of the city of Bath, against the petition of
Tallman Lowell and others; — were sever-
ally referred to the Committee on Railroads,
Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of William Mitchell and others of Nockiasport
for charter for a marine railway; — was refer-
red to the Committee on Mercantile Af-
fairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Petition of Paul S. Merrill and others for an appropri-
ation for a road in Shirley, — was referred
to the Committee on State Lands and
State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of H. Green and others, for compensation to mem-
bers of Volunteer Companies; — was referred
to the Committee on the Militia; in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Hopkins, to be indemnified for loss
and damage, — was referred to the Com-
mittee on Claims, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Thomas Moon and others against selling
off Falls Island from Prescott to Pembroke —
was referred to the Committee on Division of
Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Mousam River Bank for increase of capital
was referred to the Committee on Banks
and Land Banking, in concurrence.

214 Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering and amending the Law granting bounty on bears and wolves that the bounty of two dollars on Bears, be repealed, and the bounty on wolves be reduced to five dollars, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for a uniformity of school books throughout the State, and also of contracting with the publishers of such books as may be selected, to furnish them for a given number of years, at a specific price, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the Committee the State Prison, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the number of officers of the prison for the better security of the prisoners in said prison - were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of City Council of Rockland, that Rockland be made a half shire town of Lincoln County - was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of Jonathan Spear and others, for lien law to secure the rights of those furnishing rock for the manufacture of lime - was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of S. L. Hill and others, against the petition of Isaac N. Davis and others, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Message from the Governor transmitting the com. D 15. munisation of G. M. Weston, with the accompanying papers, — were referred to the Committee on Claims under the Treaty of Washington, in concurrence.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in the Second reading, reported without amendment bill "An Act enlarging the powers of constables in the city of Calais" — which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Chandler, from the Piscataquis delegation, to which was referred the petition of James Bell, Judge of Probate, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw; —

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Charles W. and Rebecca Curtis, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; —

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred the petition of F. M. Sabine and others, — also papers from the last legislature, relating to the same — made a report asking to be discharged from farther consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance; —

And these reports were severally accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred, bill, "An Act respecting judicial proceedings", reported that the bill ought to pass. — The report was accepted, and

216. the bill was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Graves

Ordered;— That the committee on the Library, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of furnishing the surviving members of the Constitutional Convention, who framed the constitution of this State, one copy each of the Journal of that Convention.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. West presented the petition of J. G. McClintock Sheriff of Waldo, — which was referred to the Committee on Accounts;— also petition of the Trustees of Lisbon Academy, for aid — which was referred to the Committee on Education;—

Mr. Harey presented the petition of the Selectmen of Chester, and others, that the lands reserved for schools in said town may be made equal to other lands therein — which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;—

Mr. Hallowell presented the petition of Phillis Russell, for the conveyance to her as living Phillis Rhode Island, of a lot of land in Township No 4, Indian Purchase. — which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads;— and these petitions severally referred as above, were.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Magoun

The vote, accepting the report of the Committee on Division of Towns on petition of Thomas Oliver and others, was reconsidered, and the same was recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Magoun.

217.

Ordered;— That when the Senate next adjourn, it be to three o'clock this afternoon.

Adjourned to afternoon.

Afternoon

Mr. Ring, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill.

"An Act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court"— On motion of Mr. Smith, the yeas and nays were ordered on its final passage, and the bill was passed to be enacted, as follows.

Yeas,— Messrs. Berry, Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hallows, Herrick, Hersey, Hottel, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, Magoun, Oak, Ring, Scamman, Twitchell, Webb West, Williams and Woodbury 25.

Nay. Mr. Smith 1.

And the bill, having received the signature of the President, was, by the Secretary, transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Mr. Chapman, presented the petition of Antoine L. Brown Blackwell and others, for laws to secure "Woman's Rights"— which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Thursday February 19. 1857.

Met according to adjournment

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Squire of Hallowell.

Mr. Jones from the Committee on Bills in Second reading, reported without amendment, bill

"An Act, respecting Judicial Proceedings"— which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed,

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs, and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of Charles F. Barker and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present legislature,— also

Same report on the petition of William Mitchell and others. The reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred bill "An Act to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company" reported that the bill, in a new draft ought to pass;—

Same Senator from the Same Committee to which was referred bill "An Act to incorporate the indigent Ministers Association"— reported that the bill ought to pass;—

These reports were severally accepted, and the bills were severally read and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Division

of Towns to which was referred the petition of Josiah 219.
A. Suckins and others, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature; — also same report on petition of Joshua Denks and others — which reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence,

Mr. Connor from the Committee on Interior Waters to which was referred the petition of Ebenezer C. Staples and others, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature,

The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Oak, the "Resolve in favor of J. H. Billea" was taken from the table and recommended to the Committee on Claims: —

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Ring presented the petition of John P. Carter of Bluehill, for the protection of sheep and deer — which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Brown presented the petition of Isaac Sturdivant, agent of the Cumberland Marine Railway, Portland — which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Hallowell presented the petition of Samuel A. Gilman, for extension of time to cut timber on South half of Township No 2 R. S. —

220 which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Laid down for concurrence.

Mr. Phinney asked leave to have his name recorded as voting in the affirmative on the bill passed to be enacted yesterday, entitled, "An Act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court".

Mr. Wallace, made a similar request, and on motion of Mr. Scamman, their requests were unanimously granted.

Mr. West from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of the Witten Manufacturing Company— reported bill, "An Act to repeal An Act to incorporate the Witten Manufacturing Company" The report was accepted and the bill once read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Petition of James Bryant and others of So. Thomaston for an act of incorporation— was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Jere. Howe and others in aid of the petition of Henry Upton, — was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence.

Mr. West, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed bill.

"An Act enlarging the powers of constables in the city of Calais"— which was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, — signed by the President, and by

the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval and signature. 221.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Friday, February 20, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Peck of Hallowell.

Petition of Ira Keys and others, officers of the Washington Guards, - Portland: -

- " " James B. Beedle and others;
- " " Ezra F. Beal, and others;
- " " John A. Elder and others;
- " " James Mann and others;
- " " G. V. Farnham and others;
- " " John L. Hodsdon and others;
- " " John Carroll and others;
- " " G. J. Burns and others;
- " " Samuel L. Morris and others;
- " " William H. Garney, and others;
- " " A. H. Kelsey, and others;
- " " J. H. Weston and others;
- " " Samuel T. Beal and others;
- " " Maj Gen Wendell P. Smith, and others;
- " " M. D. Lane, and others;
- " " the Commissioned officers of the Portland Regiment, severally praying for a change in the Militia Law;
- " " J. M. Mansfield, for compensation for injuries - were severally referred to the Committee on the Militia in concurrence.

Petition of N. A. Fawell and others;

- " " Knott Crockett, and others;
- " " John Bird, and others;
- " " Jonathan Spear and others;
- " " Asa Crockett, and others;
- " " William Wilson, and others;
- " " Ephraim Perry and others;

Petition of C. R. Mallard, and others;

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" " Charles McLoon, and others;

" " Joseph Farwell, and others;

" " Samuel Rankin, and others;

" " H. G. Perry, and others; severally praying
that Rockland be made a half shire town
of Lincoln County;-

Remonstrance of William Singer, and others, against
the same;

Petitions of John Tobin and others, for a new County -
were severally referred to the Committee
on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of F. W. Bean and others;

" " Joseph Springer, and others;

" " C. E. Hayward, and others;

" " Thomas Little and others; - severally, that
the municipal court in Augusta, may
be abolished;-

" " D. Alden, and others, of Augusta, praying
for an alteration of their city charter;

" " E. A. Fenderson and others; to amend the
city charter of Pittsford;

" " Samuel G. Pike and others, for a reduction
of the salary of the Judge of the Police
Court of Calais;

" " James W. Davis and 23 others, of Lundy,
for an amendment of the law in relation
to advertising on non-resident towns;-

" " E. G. Bonner and others, for the removal of
the April term of the Supreme Judicial
Court from Alfred to Saco; - were sev-
erally referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary, in concurrence.

Account of Daniel C. Emery against the State;
Petition of the City of Portland, with account

of supplies for troops:— were severally referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of G. A. Hudson, for protection against the depredations of the Passamaquoddy Indians,
 " " Joseph Nicola and Tomas Sabbatis, in relation to taking the census of the Penobscot Indians— were severally referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence,

Petition of the Directors of Ellsworth Banks, for leave to surrender their charter:—

" " American Bank, for extension of time of paying capital stock— were severally referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Inhabitants of Kingsbury, for an appropriation on a road;

" " Inhabitants of Brighton, for an appropriation on a road;

" " Greenleaf Mc Pogg and others, for aid from the State to build a road from Greenbush to Lowell;

" " William Mc Drury, and others, for aid in constructing a road from Kennebec River to Moosehead Lake, were severally referred to the Committee on State Land and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Blanchard and others, proprietors of Custom House Wharf in Portland for an act of incorporation;

" " David Talbot and others, for an Act prohibiting vessels from mooring, during

the winter in the main passage of Rock 225
port Harbor. — were severally referred
to the Committee on Mercantile Af-
fairs, and Insurance, in concurrence,

Petition of Josiah P. Bean, for compensation for
injuries received in the service of the State

" " Selectmen of Kingfield, for abatement
of State tax — were severally referred
to the Committee on Claims, in concu-
rence,

Petition of Thomas Nickerson, and others for the pas-
sage of a law to promote the incorpora-
tion of Towns in new settlements — was
referred to the Committee on Planta-
tion Affairs, in concurrence,

Petition of Charles R. Porter for an appropriation
to grade the ground and erect a fence
around King Monument. — was re-
ferred to the Committee on Public
Buildings, in concurrence,

Petition of R. G. Dennis and others, for incorpora-
tion of Somerset and Franklin Ag-
ricultural Society — was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence,

Petition of Rufus Virgin and others, for charter of
the Portland and Oxford Central Rail-
road — was referred to the committee
on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in con-
currence,

Remonstrance of Daniel Jones and others, against
the petition of citizens of Nottletown — was

referred to the committee on Interior
Matters, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of E. J. Fay, and others against the pe-
tition of Joseph Snow and others — was
referred to the Committee on Incorpora-
tion of Towns, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Mary Rockwood against the petition
of Selectmen of Manchester — was referred
to the Committee on Divisions of Towns,
in concurrence.

Petition of Elijah Upton, Register of Probate of Sag-
adahoc, for increase of Salary. — was re-
ferred to the Sagadahoc Delegation, and the
member from Webster, in concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on Agriculture
be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so al-
tering and amending the law granting bounty on
wolves, that the bounty of eight dollars be raised to
ten dollars, and report by bill or otherwise, — was
read and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mer-
cantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred
the petition of Charles E. Rantlett and others, reported
order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legis-
lature: —

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee on Divisions
of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Thomas
Brastow and others, reported order of notice, thereon
returnable to the present legislature: —

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred an order relating to requiring the assessors of the several cities, towns and plantations in the State to procure the amount and estimated value of some of the principal Agricultural and Mineral products, and the manufactures resulting therefrom, - reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient: -

Also same report on so much of the Governor's message as relates to Agricultural Chemistry: -

Mr. Graves, from the Hennessee Delegation, to which was referred the petition of the Register of Probate of Hennessee, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: -

Mr. Twitchell, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Robert Patterson, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: -

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of William E. Evans and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: -

Same Senator from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Robert Woodhouse, and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: -

And these reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of William Wyman and others, for a law for the protection of Cranberries - came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. - The Senate nonconcurred and referred the same to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of Johnson Rice and others, reported thereon a bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the City Insurance Company"—

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred an order in relation to the appointment of a Commissioner, to the exhibition of Agriculture at Paris, France.— reported a "Resolve for the representation of Maine in the Paris Exhibition of Agriculture, in eighteen hundred and fifty seven"—

And these reports were severally accepted. The bill and resolve were severally read once and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Magoun from the Sagadahoc Delegation, to which was referred the petition of Charles R. Porter, Judge of Probate of Sagadahoc, reported the following, viz:

Ordered;— That the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes be, and they are hereby directed to amend said revision in the tenth title, one hundred and fifteenth chapter, Third section, and eighth line, by inserting after the word Sagadahoc, the words, "three hundred dollars," instead of "two hundred dollars", so that it shall read "Sagadahoc three hundred dollars."

Report accepted, and the order was read and deposited.
Sent down for enunciation.

Mr. Chandler from the Committee on Bills in second reading, reported without amendment, bills entitled,

An Act to incorporate the Indigent Ministers Association:— 229.

" " to repeal An Act to incorporate the Milton Manufacturing Company;

" " to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company;— which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Sedgwick

Ordered;— That the Committee on Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting from taxation for a limited time certain property of any manufacturing corporations which shall actually invest a sum, not less than thirty thousand dollars, in any town within the State.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Chapman, the rules were suspended and the vote, referring the communication of G. M. Weston and accompanying papers, to the Committee on the Judiciary, was reconsidered, and reconsidered and the same was laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed:

Mr Smith presented the petition of Edward Stevens praying that the Land Agent be authorized to convey to him a lot of land in No. 11. Range 5.— which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads.—

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary

Saturday February 21, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.
No chaplain present.

Petition of Hollis Bowman and others, for additional term or terms of the Supreme Judicial Court in Penobscot County:—

" " Hatch and Thompson, that guards may be placed on slated roofs, to prevent damage from snow slides:— were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of John Goldthwaite and others for restoration of town line between Manchester and Augusta:—

" " V. G. Stevens, and others, to be set off from Glenburn to Levant— were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Daniel W. Bradley, for extension of time to cut timber on township No. 7, R. 16;—

Remonstrance of William Lunt and others against establishing Hollands Log rule; were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Petition of Eliphalet Clark and others, asking to be incorporated into a manufacturing Company:— was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of Citizens of Gray, for an Academy— was

referred to the Committee on Education 231.
in concurrence.

Petition of Charles H. Hall, that expenses incurred by him in removing a prisoner from the Reform School to Penobscot Jail, be refunded was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Edward M. Baker, for allowance of account, — was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Cyrus Penderson and others, in aid of the petition of R. S. Morse and others — was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of ~~Wm~~ Wirt Virgin and others, for compensation to uniformed Volunteer Companies — was referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of J. P. Boyd and others against the repeal of the 9th sect, of chap. 651 of the laws of 1856 — came from the House, referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, — and

On motions of Mr. Chapman, the Senate non-concurred and the same was laid on the table.

Bill. "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy" — was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Orders from the House.

That the Secretary of State cause

232. to be printed as soon as may be 500 copies of the law entitled An Act in relation to the attachment of Real Estate and immovable personal property approved February 16. 1857: and that the Secretary be requested to send twenty five copies of the same to the High Sheriff of each County with instructions to place one copy in the hands of each Deputy Sheriff:

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the permanent school fund of this State, by appropriating thereto a percentum of the annual proceeds which shall hereafter accrue from the sales of the public lands:

That the petition of J. V. Putnam and others, citizens of the incorporated towns in the County of Worcester praying that all plantations organized for election purposes, that contain a sufficient number of inhabitants may be incorporated into towns, and for retrenchment of county expenses together with the draft of a Bill to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements, and accompanying papers relating thereto, be taken from the files of last year and referred to the Joint Select Committee to whom was referred an order directing an inquiry into the expediency of amending the laws, in relation to plantations:-

Where severally read and
passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of G. W. Smith and others, - with "Resolves in favor of G. W. Smith's case" up from the House recommended. - The same was read and recommended in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures 233.
to which was referred the report of the commissioner
to the Paris Exhibition that the same be placed on
file. — was read and accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Divisions of
Towns, to which was referred the petition of Thomas
Oliver, and others, came up from the House, amend-
ed by striking out the word "eighth" and inserting
instead thereof, the word "tenth" The Senate receded
from their former vote recommitting said report, a-
dopted the amendment of the House, and as amend-
ed, accepted the same in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the Municipal
Court of the city of Biddeford" came
back from the House amended as per sheet an-
nexed, marked "B." The Senate receded from their
former vote passing this bill to be engrossed, adopted
the amendment of the House, and as amended passed
the same to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr Webb from the Committee on Division of
Counties, reported order of notice return-
able to the present legislature, on the petition of the
city council of Rockland;

Mr Davis, from the Committee on the
Library, to which was referred the
petition of Edward C. Parks, reported that the
petitioner have leave to withdraw,

And these reports were severally
accepted,

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Twitchell, from the Committee on Military Pensions reported a resolve entitled, "Resolve in favor of Henry Upton" - which report was accepted. The Resolve was read once and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Bills in second reading, reported without a amendment bill.

"An Act to incorporate the City Insurance Company" - also

Resolve, for the Representation of Maine in the Paris Exhibition of Agriculture" - and the same were

severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Chapman presented the petition of Thomas D. Boyd and others for an insolvency law - which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Graves, by leave, introduced, Bill, "An Act in addition to chapter two hundred and forty five of the Public Laws of 1852", - which was referred to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary

Monday, February 23 1857 235

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Coffey of Augusta.

Petition of Benjamin Chadbourn for military pensions.

" " William A. Harvey and others in aid of the same. — came from the House & were referred to the Committee on Military Pensions; and, on motion of Mr. Chapman, the Senate concurred and referred the same to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of David S. Plumly and others for an insolvent law;

Bill, "An Act additional to the sixty ninth chapter of the Revised Statutes" — were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

A communication was received from Alden Jackson Esq. Secretary of State, transmitting papers relating to the claim of Abel McAlister — which were referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Judiciary Committee be directed to prepare and report to this House a bill, fixing the necessary number of Bank Commissioners, their compensations, and authorizing the Governor and Council to draw warrants for the same, — was read, and, on motion of Mr. Herrick amended, by striking out of the first line, the word

236. "Judiciary", and inserting instead the words "Banks and Banking". As thus amended the order was passed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what further legislation may be necessary to compel the repayment of taxes when real estate is redeemed from the levy on execution by those who may redeem the same:

That the Committee on the Militia be directed to designate one member of said Committee to visit Bangor and ascertain what repairs, if any, are necessary to be made on the State Arsenal, buildings, located in that place, in order to preserve the public property deposited therein — were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Petition of John P. Carter and others, came back from the House, that branch having nonconcurred with the Senate in its reference to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred the same to the Committee on Agriculture. The Senate receded and concurred with the House in their reference of the petition to the committee on Agriculture.

Petition of Antoinette L. Brown Blackwell, Lucy Stone and Ernestine L. Rose, came back from the House, that branch having nonconcurred with the Senate in referring it to the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred the same to a Joint Select Committee consisting of Messrs Talbot of Suber, Pearson of Machias, Parlin of Winthrop Allen of Thomaston, Buston of Warren, Brown of Leno, Brown of Milford, Milliken of Camden Pierce of Montville

and Murch of Dayton. on the part of the House, 237.

The Senate receded from their former vote, and refused the petition as above, in concurrence, and

Messrs. Davis, Chapman, Herrick, Chandler and Hotts were joined on the part of the Senate.

Bill. An Act to incorporate the St Croix Insurance Company" was recommended to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence,

Bill. An Act relating to the property of deceased married women" — was recommended to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Finance with bill An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government," was accepted in concurrence, and the bill was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Moore and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, —

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petition of Benjamin Litchfield and others, ordering notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature: —

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges to which was referred the petition of the York and Cumberland Railroad Company, ordering notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature: —

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, to

238 which was referred the petition of Andrew J. Donnell and others, ordering notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature:-

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred an order relating to the increase of the fees of Justices of the Peace, that legislation thereon is inexpedient:-

were severally accepted, in concurrence

Mr. Lothrop from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment.

"Resolve in favor of Henry Upton" - which was read a second time and

On motion of Mr. Chapman, laid on the table.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Tuesday, February 24, 1857. 239.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hall of Augusta.

Bill "An Act to secure the safety of passengers at Railroad crossings" came up from the House amended, as per sheet annexed marked "A" and as amended, re-committed to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. - The Senate adopted the amendment of the House, and re-committed the bill in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to authorize the business of Banking" came up from the House, referred to a Joint Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Copp of Liberty, Stone of Brewer, Woodman of Bucksport, Morrison of Farmington, Strickland of Bangor, Tolman of Rockland, and Merrill of Harmony.

The Senate concurred and joined Messrs. Hallowell, Smith and McGilvery.

Orders from the House,

That the committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of either increasing or discontinuing the appropriation now made for Teachers Conventions:-

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for a survey of a Railroad route from Lincoln to some point on the Aroostook River, best calculated to promote the

240 interests of the State;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending Chapter 33. of the public law of 1847. and Chapter 79. of the laws of 1848. that any person or corporation, aggrieved by the decision of the board of examiners, or by the neglect or refusal of such board to examine and decide any case of insanity in their towns, may have a hearing before three justices of the peace and quorum, to be selected as set forth in Section 9. Chapter 33. of the laws of 1847. and the third to be appointed by the two justices chosen as aforesaid, or to be selected in such other manner, as shall preserve the rights of all parties;

That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of farther legislation to provide for the appointment of guardians to insane married women, who are possessed of property in their own right, in cases where the husband is not able to support the wife, and is not fit to be, or will not be appointed her guardian;

That the Committee on the Insane Hospital be directed to consider the expediency of repealing Chapter 268. of the statutes of 1856, providing for the partial support of insane paupers, by the State, otherwise, of so amending the act, that the entire support of such paupers may be charged to the State;

were severally read and passed in concurrence,

Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Phippsburg, against the petition of Thomas Oliver and others, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which 241.
was referred the petition of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the M. E. Church, with Bill.

"An Act to change the name of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church":—

Report of the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of the inhabitants of 1st school district in Bucksport, with bill.

"An Act in addition to an act to enable the First school district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R. Folsom":—

Report of the same Committee, with bill.

"An act in relation to Directors of corporations

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, with bill

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Hindskeag Log driving Company";

Report of the Committee on Finance to which was referred: "Resolve abating the tax of the town of Litchfield, and assessing the same upon the town of West Gardiner" that the same ought to pass;—

were severally accepted, in concurrence, — and the bills and resolves were severally read and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Library, that bill

"An Act providing for a State Librarian and defining his duties"— ought not to pass,— was accepted in concurrence,

Report of the same Committee, to which was referred

242 an order respecting the disposition of certain public documents, with the following order, viz.

Ordered.— That, the Senate concurring, the copies in the Library, of the second annual report of the Superintendent of Common schools, and of the report and resolves of the Legislature of 1847, respecting Inter-national exchanges, be distributed among the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, in the proportion indicated by the 11th joint rule of the two Houses.

was accepted, and the order was read and passed, in concurrence,

Mr. Smith, by leave, introduced a
"Resolve for the encouragement of
building mills in township letter C, Range 1"
which was referred to the Committee on State
Lands and State Roads,

Sent down for concurrence,

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee on the
Revision of the Statutes, reported
Title Seven.— titles to property, — and Title ten — Sal-
aries and compensations, — and recommending
that the said titles be passed to be engrossed, and
further recommending that the other titles be passed in
the same manner, as the Committee are able to report,
and, that, after engrossment, all the titles be consoli-
dated into one act,

The report was accepted, and said titles
seven and ten were severally once read and tomorrow
assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Hersey, from the committee on State Lands

and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of D. G. Cook and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted, Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McGilvery, asked leave to have his vote recorded, as voting in the affirmative on the final passage of Bill "An Act in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court,"-

And leave was granted.

On motion of Mr. Chapman, the "Resolve in favor of Henry Upton, was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Tuttle

Ordered; - That the Committee on the Judiciary, be directed to inquire into the expediency of giving additional jurisdiction to justices of the peace: also of increasing the duty of the commissions of same, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Simon Collins and others:-

" of O. L. Currier and others, severally against being set off from New Sharon to Industry, - were referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Mr. Lathrop, from the Committee on Bills in second reading, reported without

244 amendment bill entitled

"An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government;" - which was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Ragoun, laid on the table.

Mr. King, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled.

"An Act to make valid the doings of school district No. 5 in the town of Otisfield"
" " relating to the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford?"
" " to incorporate the Royal River Manufacturing Company"; - and these bills were severally passed to be enacted, signed by the President, and, by the Secretary, transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Wednesday, February 25th 1857. 245.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ware of Augusta.

Petition of Josiah Penly and others, for a law to prohibit the exhibition of circuses — was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence,

Petition of Willard Clapp and others, for an insolvent law, — was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence,

Remonstrance of the inhabitants of Phippsburg, against the petition of Tallman Lowell and others, — was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence,

Petition of Nathaniel Hanscom, for a pension, — was referred to the Committee on Military Pensions, in concurrence, — the joint order being suspended for that purpose. —

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing Chapter 250, of the laws of 1856, entitled "An Act regulating conveyances by married women"; —

That the Committee on Education, be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the school laws of this State, that all money for the support of schools may be divided among

24 C. the school districts, not in proportion to the number of scholars, but in proportion to the average attendance for the previous year:—

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to report an amendment to section 2 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, by substituting the words "every three years" instead of "annually" in the second section, thereby making county treasurers elected for three years, instead of one as now provided;—

were severally read and passed in concurrence,—

The order reported by the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, viz

That the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes be and they are hereby directed to amend said revision in the 10th title, 115th Chapter, 3^d section and eighth line, by inserting after the word Sagadahoc, the words "three hundred dollars," instead of "two hundred dollars," so that it shall read, "Sagadahoc three hundred dollars," came back from the House recommitted,

The Senate receded from its former vote passing the order, and recommitted the same, in concurrence,

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on order relating to increasing the pay of witnesses and jurors, was recommitted, in concurrence,

"Resolve for the abatement of the State tax on the town of Cutler," reported in the House from

the Committee on Finance, was read once and 247.
tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was
referred the petition of C. H. Waterhouse and
others, with bill "An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company" — were severally accepted
in concurrence. The bill was read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

A message was received from the Governor, by
Alden Jackson Esq. Secretary of State, as follows:—

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives;

As it will become necessary, on the 4th
proximo, to enter upon the duties of Senator in Congress, conferred on me in your kindness and confidence and for which I desire to express my grateful acknowledgements, I hereby resign the office of Governor, to take effect on the 16th inst.

W. Hamlin.

Council Chamber
February 25th 1857.

Which was read and sent down.

Petition of inhabitants of North Range 5, in aid
of the petition of Edward Stevens — was
referred to the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was
referred petition of C. A. Ponderson and others,
with bill, "An act to amend the city charter of the city
of Biddeford." — was accepted in concurrence. — The bill

248. was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence,

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill "An Act in relation to Wills" - reported the same in a new draft. Report was accepted, bill was once read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported order of notice, returnable to the present Legislature on petition of Nathaniel Blanchard and others; -

Same Senator from the same Committee to which was referred Bill "An act giving towns liens on vessels for taxes" - reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient, -

And these reports were severally accepted,

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Chapman,

Ordered, - That the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, be instructed to inquire if further legislation is necessary for the protection of the citizens of this State against any fraudulent or insolvent insurance companies out of this State.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Bills in second reading, reported without

amendment, bills and resolve, entitled

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"An act to change the name of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church";

"An act in addition to an act to enable the First School district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R. Tolson";

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kenduskeag Logg Driving Company passed Aug. 14, 1849"

"An act in relation to Directors of Corporations"

"Resolve abating the state tax of the town of Citchfield, and assessing the same upon the town of West Gardiner" — which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence,

Same Senators from the same Committee reported without amendment "Title Seven" — Tithes to property, — and Title Ten — Salaries and compensations — of the Revision of the Statutes, — and these titles were severally read a second time, Title ten, was amended as per sheet annexed marked "A", and, with this amendment, both titles were passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Twitchell, presented the petition of W^m

Wirt Virgin and others for an insolvent law — which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance,

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported bill entitled

"An act repealing all acts relating to the inspection of Hops." — The report was accepted and the bill was read twice, the rules being sus-

257. pending for that purpose, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Twitckell, by leave introduced "Resolves respecting French Spoliations,"—which were read and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr. Webb

Ordered:— That the Joint Standing Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, be required to consider so much of the Governor's address as relates to the expediency of providing by law, for the better security of the public against any emergency that may arise, in consequence of the transfer of Railroad Shares to private individuals, thereby exonerating the shareholders from any board of officers, and leaving the public without protection from losses or damages which may be sustained in consequence of gross neglect, or want of suitable means of conveyance, thereby hazarding the lives and property of the public; and report by bill or otherwise. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Seammans

Ordered:— That the Committee on the State Reform School, be directed to inquire into the expediency of furnishing four copies of Coltons General Atlas for the use of the State Reform School.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall. Secretary

Thursday, February 26, 1857. 251.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ingraham of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. Jones

Ordered:— That a message be sent to the Honorable Executive Council informing that body that the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin has officially transmitted to the Senate, by the Secretary of State, his resignation of the office of Governor, that a vacancy now exists in that office and that, by the provisions of the Constitution, the exercise of the office of Governor now devolves upon the Hon. Joseph H. Williams, President of the Senate, and that, in obedience to the requisitions of the Constitution, he will forthwith enter upon the discharge of the duties of Governor.—

Mr. Jones was charged with the message and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he had been charged and that the Honorable Executive Council were pleased to say that they were now in session ready to receive the Hon. Joseph H. Williams as acting Governor of the State of Maine.

On motion of Mr. Magoun,

Ordered:— That ———

— be a committee to accompany the Hon. Joseph H. Williams, President of the Senate, to the Chamber of the Executive Council that he may there enter upon the exercise of the duties pertaining to the office of Governor.

On motion of Mr Woodbury, - the blank in the foregoing order, was filled with the name of the Hon David C. Magoun Senator from Lincoln.

The President, previous to vacating the Chair addressed the Senate as follows: -

Senators: - The office of Governor, having become vacant by the resignation of him whom the people honored by an election to that Station, the Constitution of the State requires me as President of the Senate, to occupy the executive Chair until an other Governor shall be duly qualified. My duties, as your presiding officer, therefore, are henceforth suspended.

I cannot, however, break off my official connection with you, and withdraw from the Senate Chamber, without publicly acknowledging the decorum which has characterized all your deliberations at this Board, and also expressing my grateful sense of the courtesy which you have constantly manifested towards me. The period of our co-operation in this branch of the Legislature has been comparatively brief, but it has sufficed to establish between us relations of mutual confidence and personal regard, which, I hope may outlive the fleeting hours of our public intercourse, and which I am sure, will always be to me, as source of pleasing retrospection.

Whatever may be the responsibilities which invest the station to which, by the organic law of our State, I am now transferred, I shall bear with me the conviction that I may confidently look to my associates here for a candid consideration, and an indulgent judgment, of all my executive acts. - With this comfortable ac-

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surance which I presume to feel and which already abates somewhat of my self-distrust. I proceed to undertake the exercise of "the supreme executive power of the State" for the remainder of my Senatorial term; - and in so doing henceforth for that purpose. I leave with every member and officer of this Board a sincere and affectionate farewell.

After which, accompanied by Con. David C. Magoun, the President repaired to the Chamber of the Executive Council.

Subsequently Mr. Magoun reported that the Hon. Joseph C. Williams had formally entered upon the discharge of his duties as acting Governor of the State.

Mr. Smith, rose and said.

Mr. Secretary:-

I hold in my hand a resolution which I desire to submit, not as a matter of form, but as an act of justice to our late presiding officer - as a tribute eminently due to him for the faithful and dignified manner in which he has discharged the duties of his official station;

Resolved:- That the thanks of the Senate be presented to the Hon. Joseph C. Williams for the able, impartial and courteous manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body during his occupancy of the Chair;

On motion of Mr. Magoun, the vote on the adoption of this resolution was taken by Senators rising, and the Resolve was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Currier.

Messrs. Herrick, West and Smith, were appointed by the Secretary, a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for President of the Senate pro tempore.

Having attended to the duty assigned them, the Committee reported as follows. (The return of the Senate by Mr. Henry, being 28.)

That the whole number of ballots is 28.

Necessary for a choice 15

Hiram Chapman has 16.

Leth Scamman has 10.

David C. Magoun, has 1

George W. Smith, has 1.

The report was accepted, and the Hon. Hiram Chapman was declared duly elected President pro tempore of the Senate.

Mr. Chapman, being conducted to his seat by Mr. Smith of Frostport, addressed the Senate as follows:

Senators:— I sincerely thank you for this expression of your partiality. I accept the honorable position to which you have chosen me and shall labor earnestly to deserve the confidence reposed in me by an impartial discharge, to the best of my ability, of the duties devolving upon me.

On motion of Mr. Magoun that Senator was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that body that Hon. Hiram Chapman has been elected President pro tempore of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Davis, that Senator was charged with a similar message to the Governor and Council.

Both Senators subsequently reported

to the Senate that they had respectively attended 255
ed to the duties assigned to them.

Petition of W. G. Davis and others;

" " D. Elliott, and others;

" " Officers of the Brunswick L. I. Com-
pany. Severally for a change of the
Militia Law— were severally re-
ferred to the Committee on the
Militia, in concurrence—

Petition of William Kilburn, and others for a
change of law in relation to the res-
idence of paupers: — also

Bill "An Act in relation to Justices of the Peace"—
were severally referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary, in concurrence.—

Petition of Tyler Rice and sons;

" " S. R. Porter and others;— severally
for an Insolvent law;

Remonstrances of Gullifer and Gilman, and others
against the same, & were severally
referred to the Committee on Mercan-
tile Affairs and Insurance, in concur-
rence.

Petition of J. J. Royal and others; for a law to
promote the incorporation of towns, in new
settlements,— was referred to the Com-
mittee on Plantation Affairs, in concur-
rence.

Petition of Hancock Bank, for increase of capital
was referred to the Committee on
Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

256 Remonstrance of Shepard Bean, and others,
against petition of John Tobin and
others — was referred to the Com-
mittee on Division of Towns in
concurrence.

Orders from the House.

That the Secretary of State be request-
ed to furnish, for the information of the Legislature,
a detailed account of the expenditures under
the three following items, in the appropriation
act of 1856, viz: Clerks hire, contingent fund of
the Governor and Council, and the contingent
fund of the treasurer, showing to whom and when
paid, for what services, the amount claimed and
the amount allowed:

That the Joint Select Commit-
tee, to which was referred an order respecting planta-
tions, be directed to inquire into the expediency of
repealing the law, requiring towns to relieve persons fall-
ing into distress in adjoining unincorporated places;

That the Committee on Military
Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency
of discontinuing the pension now paid to Peter S. Sol-
son — were severally read and passed in con-
currence.

"Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the
Office of the Secretary of State for the year 1855;" also

Resolve in favor of "Spencer G. Bowes" — were sev-
erally recommitted, in concurrence, to the
Committee on Claims, for a statement of facts.

Report of the Committee on County Esti.

mation, with "Resolve providing for laying a 25% tax on the several Counties in this State;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, with "Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot Indians;"

Report of the same Committee with "Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians." — were severally accepted in concurrence. The resolves were severally read once and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relative to amending Chapter 18. section 10. of the Revised Statutes, that legislation thereon, is inexpedient — was accepted, in concurrence. —

"Resolve to abate a portion of the State tax of the town of Strong, and to add the same to the town of New Vineyard — was recommitted to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Mr. Carrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Isaac Sturdivant, and others, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature.

Report accepted, Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Corey, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Silas Coburn jr. and another, — reported "Resolve in favor of Silas Coburn jr. and Bela H. Chesley." The report was accepted

258. The Resolve was read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Magowan from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported bill, "An act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company"—

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Horace Mixer, — reported bill,

"An act to set off a part of the homestead of Horace Mixer from Sedgwick and annex the same to Penobscot

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported bill "An act granting further powers and privileges to Agricultural and Horticultural Societies."

And these reports were severally accepted, and the bills were severally read once and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported bill, "An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture"— which report was accepted. The bill was once read, and on motion of Mr. Lothrop laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of Tallman Lowell and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to

withdrawn.

The report was accepted.

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Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Connor from the Committee on Interior
Matters, to which was referred the petition
of William B. Gayford and others, reported order of
notice thereon returnable to the present Legislature.
The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Bills in
second reading, reported without
amendment, bills entitled,

An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth
Steam Ferry Company?—

Also: Resolves for abatement of State tax on
the town of Cutler: — which were se-
verally read a second time, and passed to be engross-
ed, in concurrence.

Also "Resolves respecting French Spoliations"
which was read a second time and passed to be
engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also bill "An act in relation to Wills"
which was read a second time, and recom-
mended to the Committee on Bills in second
reading.

Mr. Twitchell, from the Committee on Mil-
itary Pensions, reported a state-
ment of facts relative to the Resolve in favor of
Spencer G. Bowd.— which report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

260 Mr Sargent, from the Committee on Division
of Towns, reported order of notice
returnable to the present Legislature, on petition
of S. G. Stevens and others; —

Also same report on petition of Charles
Bayford and others. — Which reports were severally
accepted, Sent down for concurrence.

Mr West, from the Committee on Engrossed
Bills, reported as truly and strictly
engrossed, bills entitled;

"An act to amend the city charter of the
city of Biddeford";

"An act respecting judicial proceedings." —
which were severally passed to be enacted, signed
by the President pro tempore, and, by the Secre-
tary transmitted to the Governor for his approval
and signature

The same Senator, from the same Committee, report-
ed as truly and strictly engrossed,

Resolves for the payment of certain persons in at-
tendance upon the Board of Agriculture
which was finally passed in concurrence, signed by
the President, pro tem. and by the Secretary trans-
mitted to the Governor for his approval and sig-
nature.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Friday, February 27, 1857.

261.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ware, of Augusta.

Petition of Thomas B. Moore, to be set off from Littleton to Houlton; —

Remonstrance of Edward Staples and 95 others, of Farmington, against the petition of Luther Luce and others — were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of Samuel N. Tracy and others inhabitants of incorporated towns in Aroostook County, for an act to promote the incorporation of Towns in new settlements — was referred to the Committee on Plantation Affairs, in concurrence.

Petition of Smith Barber and others, for an amendment of the law regulating the settlement of paupers — was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Remonstrance from the town of Thomaston against the removal of the county buildings of Lincoln County — was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Claims of Eben Trafton, for Counties on bears — was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

262. Claim of the town of Moscow, for the conveyance of insane paupers to the Insane Hospital;

Petition of Columbus Crockett, for remuneration for money paid and services rendered in the Brocton War - were severally referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Orders from the House, that the Committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the laws relating to the inspecting of butter and lard, flax seed, pressed hay and other agricultural products, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the same Committee be required to look into the expediency of passing an act providing for bounty on crows, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the petition A. C. Buffam and others, and all the accompanying papers, providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Interior Waters - were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education

That legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to an uniformity of school books throughout the State - was accepted, in concurrence;

Title ten. of the revision, came back. 263.
from the House, that branch having refused
to adopt the amendment of the Senate, as per
sheet annexed, marked "A." The Senate reced-
ed from their former vote, passing the title,
as amended, to be engrossed - concurred with
the House in rejecting the amendment, and
passed the title to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Cl-
aims, reported "Resolve auth-
orizing the payment of school money to Hano-
ck plantation, in the County of Worcester."

Same Senator, from same Commi-
tee, reported "Resolve in favor of the town of
Cherryfield, for the support and commitment
of a foreign insane pauper" - and these reports
were severally accepted.

The resolves were severally once read, and
tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Same Senator from same Committee,
to which was referred the petition of Daniel
Hopkins, reported that the petitioner have been
to withdraw;

Also, same report on claim of Robert
Martin - and these reports were severally ac-
cepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Rail-
roads, Ways and Bridges, to
which was referred the petition of Moses
Gould and others, reported bill "An act to author-
ize the construction of a railroad around the north

264. side of the city of Portland."

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

Mr. Hoyt, from the Committee on Education, to which was recommitted Bill "An act additional to chapter 104 of the public laws of 1852, entitled An act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. Webb, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Arthur L. Grant, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw;

Also, same report on petition of Hannah Murphy;

Mr. Phinney, from the Committee on the Militia, to which was committed an order relating to the repeal of chapter 196 of the public laws of 1866, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. Burbank, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, to which was referred the petition of the Overseers of the Poor of Blanchard, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

And these reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Lewis D. Moore, Deputy Secretary of State

transmitting for distribution the second annual report of the Superintendent of Common Schools and the report and resolves of the Legislature of 1847, respecting international exchanges, in compliance with an order of the 21st. inst. P 65.

Mr. Ring presented the remonstrance of John Saunders, of Prescott, against setting off Mahara Island from Prescott to Tombrook - which was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of Henry C. Lovell and 110 others, that interest on contracts secured by mortgage on real estate, not exceeding 7 per cent, may be legal - which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of Andover, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of A. H. Clarke and others, reported bill - "An act to set off a portion plantation No. 10, and annex the same to the town of Franklin,

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

266. Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill entitled - "An act in relation to wills" - which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones.

Ordered: - That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the 22^d. section of chapter 106 of the revised statutes, as to permit administrators, executors and guardians, when they shall reside more than ten miles from the place where a court of probate shall be holden in any county, to make oath to their inventories before some justice of the peace.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Leamman.

Ordered: - That the sessions of the Senate be at 10 o'clock, A. M., until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Magoun, bill - "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government" withdrawn from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill - "An act in relation to Directors of Corporations," - having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President pro tempore, and transmitted to the Governor for

his approval and signature.

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Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Saturday February 28, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bean of Augusta.

Petition of John C. Cummings and others, of
Settler C, Range 1, Arrostock County,
in aid of the petition of Isaac Wort-
man, was referred to the Committee
on State Lands and State Roads, in
concurrence.

Bill - "An act additional relating to the Maine
Charitable Association" - was refer-
ed to the Committee on the Judiciary, in con-
currence.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on
Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the ex-
pediency of abolishing jury fees, and report by
bill or otherwise - was read, and passed in
concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways
and Bridges, that legislation is in

268. - expedient on an order relative to altering chapter 25 of the revised statutes, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommended an order in relation to increasing the pay of witnesses and jurors - that legislation thereon, is inexpedient, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Woodbury.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred a bill - "An act, respecting the redemption of lands sold for taxes," - that the said bill ought to pass. The report was accepted in concurrence; the bill was read once, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of Committee on Division of towns, to which was referred the petition of Thomas S. Haines and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Ellsworth Bank;

Report of the Oxford Delegation, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Thomas Brown, Judge of Probate of Oxford county - were severally accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Brown, by leave, introduced bill - "An 269.

act to extend the time allowed the Atlantic Bank to close its concerns," which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, ordering notice on petition of York and Cumberland Railroad Company, was reconsidered and amended by striking out the word "ten" and inserting instead the word "eight" - also, by striking out the word "tenth" and inserting instead, the word "thirteenth" - as amended, the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed an order relating to prohibition of Circus Exhibitions - reported that legislation thereon, is inexpedient.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was committed an order relating to the protection of bona fide creditors and stockholders of corporations, made a report, recommending that the said order be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of D. Stewart and others; of Samuel Smiley and others; and of Joseph Perley and others - reported that the pe-

276. - titioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. Burbank, from the Cumberland Delage-
-tion, reported leave to withdraw,
on the petition of N. B. Holden; - and these reports
were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills
in Second Reading, reported,
without amendment, bills entitled -

"An act granting further powers and privi-
-leges to Agricultural and Horticultural
Societies;"

"An act to set off part of the homestead of Hor-
-ace Miser from Sedgwick, and an-
-nex the same to Penobscot;"

"An act to authorize the construction of a Rail-
-road around the north side of the city
of Portland;"

"An act for the further extension of the Ban-
-gor Boom Company" - with an am-
-endment as per sheet annexed, marked
"A" - which amendment was adopted.

"Resolve in favor of Silas Coburn Jr. and R.
H. Chesley;"

"Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield
for the support and commitment of
a foreign insane pauper;"

"Resolve authorizing the payment of School
money to Hancock plantation in the
County of Acadia;" - which were
severally read a second time, and
passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee 271.
reported without amendments;—

"Resolve to promote the Education of the Penobscot Indians;"

"Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians;"

"Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;"
— and the same severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A communication was received from Alden Jackson, Esq., Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution, an Abstract of the Semi-Annual Returns of Banks.

Mr. Leasonman, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported—"Title twelve of the Revisions, entitled Public Institutions for the punishment and reform of Criminals, and the care and cure of the Insane"—The report was accepted. The title was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Ordered:—

That the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary, be directed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the law, in relation to the choice of Selectmen and Assessors, as to require such officers to be chosen and to hold their offices in the same manner as Superintending School Committees are now chosen and hold their offices.

Sent down for concurrence.

272. Mr. Ring, from the Committee on Mercan-
-tile Affairs and Insurance, re-
-ported order of notice, returnable to the present
Legislature, on petition of Benjamin B. Benson
and others. Report accepted, sent down for concurrence.

Mr. West, from the Committee on Engross-
-ed Bills, reported as truly and
strictly engrossed, bills entitled—

"An act to provide in part for the expenditures
of government;"

"An act additional to an act to incorporate
the Kenduskeag Bog Driving Company,
passed August 14, 1844;"

"An act to incorporate the City Insurance
Company;"

"An act to incorporate the Newport Mutual
Fire Insurance Company;"

"An act to extend the time allowed the At-
lantic Bank to close its concerns;"

"An act to change the name of the Board
of Education of the Maine Confer-
-ence of the Methodist Episcopal Chu-
-rch;"—and these bills were several-
-ly passed to be enacted in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Commit-
-tee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, Reso-
-lves entitled—

"Resolve for the representation of Maine in
the Paris Exhibition of Agriculture
in 1857;"

"Resolve abating tax of the town of Dutchfield,
and assessing the same upon the
town of West Gardiner;"

"Resolve in favor of L. S. Shaw;"

which were finally passed in concurrence. And 273.
these bills and resolves having been severally
signed by the President pro tempore, were, by the
Secretary, transmitted to the Governor for his
approval and signature.

Adjourned.

Joseph D. Hall. Secretary.

Monday, March 2, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dexter of Augusta.

Petition of Selectmen of Mount Desert and Tremont, to amend act of incorporation of the town of Tremont— was referred in concurrence, to the Committee on Incorporations of Towns.

Remonstrance of P. E. Eaton and others, against the division of the town of Prospect, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Hannah Murphy, came up from the House recommitted. The Senate receded from their former vote, and recommitted the same, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, with a Resolve in favor of Ellsworth Bank.

Report of the Committee on Finance, with bill— "An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1857"— were severally accepted in concurrence, and the resolve and bill were severally read once, and tomorrow

assigned for their second reading.

275.

Order from the House

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire what legislation is necessary to make married women, doing business in their own name, or on their own account, liable for their accounts, notes and contracts, and report by bill or otherwise - was read, and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Chapman presented the petition of Eben Hilton and others, for additional enactments relative to liens on ships - which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hason, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred an order relating to a normal school, reported bill - "An act for the establishment of a State Normal School."

The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. Sargent, the bill was laid on the table, and 500 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Webb

Ordered:- That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, that all creditors shall be entitled to interest on

276. accounts of more than six months standing.
Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Tuesday, March 3, 1857. 277.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of Lucie A. Hunt and others;

Petition of Isabel Butterfield and others,
for a law to prohibit the sale of in-
-toxicating drinks—were severally
referred to the Committee on Prohibi-
-tory Liquor Laws, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Ezekiel Brown and others, of Car-
roll:

" of James Butterfield and others, of Springfield:

" of James Cooper and others, of No. 7, Range
5—severally against the petition of John
Robinson and others—were referred to the
Committee on Division of Counties
in concurrence.

Bill—"An act to incorporate the Newport Ho-
-tel Company"—was referred to the Com-
-mittee on Mercantile affairs and In-
-surance, in concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on the Revision
of the Laws be required to strike out of the title first,
chapter six, section 115, line 7, the words—"and seal"
—was read, and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Burbank, from the Committee on Insane

278. Hospital, to which was committed an order relating to the repeal of chapter 268 of the statutes of 1856, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient. The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Connor presented the petition of George Hathorn, for repeal of an act approved April 9, 1856— which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Vacancies having occurred in several committees by the election of Mr. Chapman, President pro tempore, the following gentlemen were announced by the President pro tempore, to fill said vacancies, viz:

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| On the Judiciary, | Mr. Jones. |
| On Division of Towns, | Mr. Hobbs. |
| On Revision of the Statutes, | Mr. West. |
| On Claims vs. the United States | Mr. Davis. |
| On the Joint Select Committee on petition of Antoinette L. B. Blackwell and others, | Mr. Webb. |

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill entitled—"An act respecting the redemption of land sold for taxes"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from same Committee, reported without amendment, "Resolve in favor of Ellsworth Bank"—which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed,

Bill - "An act to set off a portion of plantation No. 10, and annex the same to the town of Franklin," - was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Meagoun, by leave, introduced a bill entitled - "An act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons, issued by railroad corporations" - which was laid on the table, and 500 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported title twelve of the revision, entitled "Public institutions for the punishment and reform of criminals, and the care and cure of the insane," - with amendment, as per sheet annexed marked "A." The amendment was adopted, and the title was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Chandler, from the same Committee, reported without amendment, bill - "An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1857" - which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Petition of Charles Gay and 45 others, for alteration of law relating to ways - was

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

Mr. Woodbury, by leave, introduced a bill
- "An act additional to chapter
159 of the public laws, passed A.D. 1845² - which
was once read, and tomorrow assigned for
its second reading.

Mr. Magoun presented the petition
of William Reed and 121
others, to be incorporated to build a bridge across
the Kennebec river at Bath - which was referred
to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and
Bridges. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun, from the Sagadahoc
delegation, to which was
re-committed their report on petition of Char-
les R. Porter, Judge of Probate of Sagadahoc,
reported bill - "An act establishing the salary
of the Judge of Probate for Sagadahoc Coun-
ty. The report was accepted, and the bill was
twice read, the rules being suspended for that
purpose, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hoyt, from the Committee on En-
grossed Bills, reported as truly
and strictly engrossed, bills entitled -
"An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam
Terry Company's -
"An act to repeal an act to incorporate the Milton

"An act to incorporate the Indigent Ministers Relief Association;"

"An act in addition to an act to enable the first school district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph B. Folsom" - and these bills were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, Resolves entitled -

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians;

" in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians;

" for abatement of the State tax on the town of Catten

" in favor of the State Reform School - which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President pro tempore, were by the Secretary, transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary

Wednesday, March 4, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ingraham of Augusta.

Petition of John Baker, for remuneration for services and losses in the Antioch troubles, was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Bill—"An act relating to certain officers of town and other corporations"—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Bill—"An act to amend an act for the security of the monies in the State treasury"—referred to the Committee on Increase of Salaries;

Bill—"An act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company"—referred to the Committee on Manufactures—were severally referred as above, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Chandler

Ordered:—That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what, if any, further legislation is necessary relating to the law of evidence, and report by bill or otherwise. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Lathrop, from the Committee on Railroads,

Mays and Bridges, to which, was referred the petition of Charles Fay and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; 283.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed an order relating to conveyances, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Same Senator from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Henry C. Pierce and others, and of Joshua Hilton and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of David Talbot and others, reported order of notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature. And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment. — "Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in the State" — which was read a second time, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A," and as amended, on motion of Mr. Magoun was laid on the table.

Mr. Woodbury, from the same Committee, reported without amendment, Bill "An act additional to chapter 109 of the public laws, passed A.D. 1845" — which was read a second time, and

284. passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Madison presented the petition of Sotham L. Dyer and others, for increase of bounty on wolves, which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed an order in relation to mortgages, and also in relation to the sale of timber on lands reserved for public use, reported bill - "An act relating to attachments." The report was accepted. The bill was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Railroads, Taps and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of Cyrus M. Town and others, reported bill - "An act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company." The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. Webb the bill was laid on the table, and 550 copies of the same ordered to be printed.

Mr. Scammon, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported "Title three, regulations connected with trade" - which was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Scammon, bill - "An act to regulate the duties of the agent of the Penobscot Indians," - was taken from the table, read a second time, and was again ordered to lie on the table, on motion of Mr.

Hallowell.

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Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall. Secretary.

Thursday, March 5, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Allen of Hallowell.

Petition of S. B. Cahoon and others of Portland,
for amendment of city charter;

Petition of Lewis Williams and another, for a law
to close up copartnerships when one of the
partners lives out of the State;

Petition of S. D. Perley and others, in aid of the peti-
tion relating to Meteorological Observations;

Remonstrance of Daniel Wooster and others, against
petition of William Frye and others; were
severally referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of James Babb and others;
" of S. Shelden and others— severally re-
against the petition of inhabitants of Noble
Borough; were severally referred to the Com-
mittee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of C. Ham and others, in aid of the petition
of S. Lowell and others; referred to the Com-
mittee on Banks and Banking, in con-
currence.

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, the assize of bread offered, or intended to be offered for sale in the market;— and that they be directed to report by bill or otherwise;

That the same Committee be directed to inquire whether any, and what alterations in chapter 277 of the public laws of the year 1856, relating to elections and elections, be expedient, and report by bill or otherwise;

That the same Committee be instructed to consider the expediency of amending chapter 28 of the second revision of the laws, respecting tippling shops, by inserting after the word "plantations" in the fifth line of the sixth section, the following, to wit: "under such restrictions and regulations as they may deem necessary;" and report as they may deem expedient;

That the Committee on the Militia be required to report to the Legislature the total cost to the treasury of the State, of the Military Department of the Government for the last year, including the expense of the Adjutant General's office;

That the petition of Arthur M. Arthur and others, for an endowment for Lumington Academy, with the accompanying papers, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Education.
Here severally read and passed, in concurrence

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, to which was committed an order relating to the management of the Cumberland Agricultural Society for the year 1856—accompanied by—Resolve in favor of the

288. Cumberland County Agricultural Society;

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitting a "Resolve to promote the education of the Passamaquoddy Indians"—were severally adopted in concurrence. The resolves were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield, for the support and commitment of a foreign insane pauper,"—came up from the House, recommended for a Statement of Facts.

The Senate concurred.

Remonstrance of Darius Forbes and others;

" of Benjamin Richards others; severally against the petition of Jason Wilborn and others; were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Wilson, its Clerk, informing the Senate, that the House has received and entered upon its journals, a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature that he has approved and signed public acts, as follows:

- " An act in relation to the attachments of real estate and immovable personal property.
Approved February 16, 1857.
- " " to amend the 31st. Section of Chapter 25 of the revised Statutes. Approved February 17, 1857.
- " " in relation to the Supreme Judicial Court.
Approved February 18, 1857.

"An act relating to the Municipal Court of the 289.
city of Biddeford. Approved February 25,
1857.

" " in relation to Directors of Corporations;

" " respecting judicial proceedings; severally
approved February 27, 1857.

Mr. Callouet presented the remonstrance of
John S. Ayer and others, busi-
ness men of Bangor, against granting new bank
charters, and against renewal of bank charters with
capital stock of less than one hundred thousand
dollars, which was referred to the Committee on
Banks and Banking. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Wray from the Committee on Edu-
-cation, to which was referred pe-
tition of Trustees of Corinna Academy, reported
that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Also, same report, on petition of Moses
T. Rollins and others; and these reports were sever-
ally accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Bills
in Second Reading, reported with-
out amendment, bill - "An act relating to Attachments?"

Also, Title Three, of the revision, entitled
- "Regulations connected with trade." And the same
severally read a second time, and passed to be en-
grossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hamman, from the Committee on the
Revision of Statutes, reported
Title Eight, of the revision, Judicial Courts, Coun

290. by Commissioners, and officers connected with them;
The report was accepted, the bill was read, and to-mor-
row assigned for its second reading.

Petition of Samuel S. Lambert and others, for a
prohibitory liquor law, was referred to
Committee having that subject under
consideration, in concurrence.

Petition of Carius Forbes, Thomas Maby, and C.
P. Burston, for pay for services rendered
the State in 1845, was referred to the Com-
mittee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of Nathaniel Bryant and others, for al-
teration of the law in relation to mill
dams, was referred to the Committee on
Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Bill - "An act authorizing the County Commis-
sioners of the county of Somerset to re-
assess certain taxes," - was referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Di-
vision of Towns, to which was re-
ferred the petition of Thomas B. Moore, reported that
the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Same Senator, from the same Com-
mittee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of
Lease N. Davis and others;

Also, same report, on petition of Na-
thaniel Brackett and others;

Also same report, on petition of Ec-
clesiastical of Manchester.

Mr. Hoyt, from the Committee on Education, 291.
to which was referred the
petition of St. Albans Academy, reported that the
petitioners have leave to withdraw. And these re-
ports were severally accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on
Mercantile Affairs and In-
surance, to which was referred the petition of
S. B. Chapman and others, reported bill, - "An
act accepting the surrender of the charter of
the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Com-
pany." The report was accepted, the bill was read
twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to
be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Loomis, from the Committee on
State Lands and State Roads,
reported. - "Resolve to repeal a part of a resolve,
approved March 16, 1855." - The report was accepted,
and the resolve was read, and tomorrow assigned for
its second reading.

Mr. West, from the Committee on Engrossed
Bills, reported as truly and strictly
engrossed, resolves, entitled -

"Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowser;
" in favor of Ellsworth Banks;
" respecting French Spoliations;
" to promote the education of the Penob-
scot Indians;" - which were severally
finally passed in concurrence, and
having been signed by the President
protempore, were, by the Secretary

292. transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Friday, March 6, 1857. 293.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Colby of Augusta.

Petition of Aaron Adams and others, for an act to enable the town of Harpswell to build a road across tide waters, was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Petition of Zetham A. Berry and others, in aid of the petition of Wilson Richman and others, referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill - "An act to provide for the trial of capital cases," - was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. Ballouell, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of A. C. Buffam and others, reported - "Resolve providing for the appointment of Commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater Stream".

Mr. Burbank, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of South Thomaston, reported - "Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston".

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on

294. Claims, to which was referred the claim of George A. Fairfield, reported - "Resolve in favor of George A. Fairfield;"

Same Senator from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of E. F. Burston and others, reported - "Resolve in favor of E. F. Burston and others;"

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Harriet N. Doe, reported - "Resolve in favor of Harriet N. Doe;" -

And these reports were severally accepted. The resolves were severally read, and then now assigned for their second reading.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Charles W. Hall, reported - "Resolve in favor of Charles W. Hall." - The reports were accepted, the resolve was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee to which was referred the petition of Columbus Crockett, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Also, same made report on petition of Abiel M. Allister. These reports were severally accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Joseph Snow and others, reported bill, - "An act to incorporate the town of Kinn;"

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on 293.
the Judiciary, to which was
committed an order relating to the sale of un-
wholesome meats, reported bill, - "An act addit-
ional to chapter 163 of the Revised Statutes";

Same Senator, from same Committee,
to which were referred petition of Crosby and
others, reported bill, - "An act to prevent injury
from snow and ice sliding from roofs in cit-
ies and villages"; And these reports were sever-
ally accepted. The bills were severally read, and
to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on
Bills in Second Reading,
reported without amendment, resolves, entitled
- "Resolve to repeal a part of a resolve, approved
March 16, 1855;" which was read a second time,
and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Also, "Resolve in favor of Cumberland County
Agricultural Society's

"Resolve to promote the Education of the Passama-
quoddy Indians;" which were severally read
a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in
concurrence.

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on
the Judiciary, to which was
committed an order relating to hounties on
wild animals, made a report, asking to be dis-
charged from its further consideration, and
recommending that the same be referred
to the Committee on Agriculture;

296. Mr. Herrick, from same Committee, to which was committed an order relating to amendment of the pauper law of 1846, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Also, same report, on order relating to the amendment of the Constitution, so as to make certain officers elective by the people;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Webb, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw; And these reports were severally accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Jones presented remonstrance of John N. Goodwin and others, against the repeal of the 9th section of Chapter 65, of Laws of 1856, which was read and laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, and Ways, and Bridges, to which was referred bill, - "An act to repeal 9th section of an act authorizing the consolidation of certain Railroad Corporations;" - that the bill ought to pass - was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was read, and Wednesday, the 11th. instant, at 11 o'clock, A.M., was assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was re-committed - "Resolve in favor of G. W. Smith," - reported the same in a new draft, entitled - "Resolve in relation to township D. range 2." -

The report was accepted, the resolve was read, and 297.
tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill, - "An act additional to an act to provide in part for the expenditures of Government," - was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Samson, Bill, - "An act to amend an act, entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture," was taken from the table - the blank in section 4 was filled, by inserting the word - "eight" - and the blanks in section 6 were filled by inserting the word - "two" - after the word - "exceeding" - and the word - "five" - after the word - "thousand" - and as thus amended was passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Lewis D. Moore, Esq., Deputy Secretary of State, transmitting for distribution an Abstract of Returns of Corporations.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported, without amendment, Title Eight, of the revision entitled - "Judicial Courts, County Commissioners, and officers connected with them," - which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Nasson, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of S. L. Holmes and others, reported that the

298. petitioners have leave to withdraw. The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

Ordered;— That there be taken from the files, and placed in the hands of the Committee on Division of Counties, the petition of C. P. Marsh and others to be set off from Dixfield to Canton, presented to the last Legislature;— also, petition of three of the inhabitants of Dixfield to be set off from said town, and be annexed to the town of Fay, presented to the Legislature of 1855.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. West, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled,—"An act additional to an act to provide in part for the expenditures of Government;"— which was passed to be enacted, signed by the President pro tempore, and was, by the Secretary, transmitted to the Governor, for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall Secretary

Saturday, March 7, 1857. 299.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of Daniel Wheeler and others, for legal-izing doings of Milldam School district - was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of Joseph Miller, jr. and others, that "Waldoboro" may be made the shire town of Lincoln County - was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Elliot Smith and others, of Norway, against incorporation of a new agricultural society, to be called "West Androscoggin" - was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Account of Sol. P. Beavitt, for collecting rifles - was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill - "An act to incorporate a company styled 'Whitey, Hamilton and Company' - was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

"Resolve for the distribution of certain books in the Library;" - was referred to the Committee on the Library, in concurrence.

"Resolve directing the Secretary of State to purchase 600 copies of the Maine State Register;" - came up from

300. the House referred to the Committee on the Library.

The Senate refused so to refer in concurrence, and indefinitely postponed the same
Sent down for concurrence.

Orders from the House

That a committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Legislature relative to the decease of our distinguished countryman, the late Dr. Kane - with Messrs. Milliken of Camden, Richborn of Prospect, Drummond of Waterville, Morrison of Farmington, and Foster of East Machias, appointed on the part of the House - was read, and passed in concurrence, and Messrs. Chandler, Dane and Twitshell, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of making the provisions of Section 16 of Chapter 6 of the revision, apply to the kinds of property mentioned in the first paragraph of Section 11 of the same chapter, whether the property is owned by residents or non-residents;

That the Committee on Banks and Banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the Bank Commissioners to ascertain whether any of the banks of this State are in the practice of receiving more than the legal rate of interest on their loans, and if so, they be directed to state the fact in their annual report;

That the same Committee be direct-

ed to inquire into the expediency of refusing a 301.
charter to any banks in this State, who have been
in the habit of taking more than the legal rate of
interest on their loans, on receiving satisfactory
evidence thereof—were severally read, and passed
in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, to which
was referred the petition of the Trustees
of Salmon Falls Academy, that the petitioners have leave
to withdraw;

Also, same report on petition of Trust-
ees of Simerick Academy;

Same report on petition of Trustees
of Gould Academy;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking,
to which was committed an order re-
lating to Savings Institutions—that legislation
thereon is inexpedient;

Report of the Committee on Judiciary, to which
was referred the petition of George S. Cox
and others, that the petitioners have leave to
withdraw;

Report of same Committee, that bill—An act
to provide for the collection of taxes in
unincorporated places, on lands of Non-resident
proprietors," ought not to pass—were severally accept-
ed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Rail Roads, Ways
and Bridges, to which was referred peti-
tion of the Gardiner and Pittston Bridge Com-
pany, that the petitioners have leave to with-
draw; was accepted in concurrence.

302. Report of the Committee on the Judiciary,
that legislation is inexpedient on an order
relating to the expediency of repealing - "An act
to repeal the 133d chapter of the public laws of
1855, approved January 23, 1856" - was laid on the
table, on motion of Mr. Jones.

Report of Committee on Change of Names,
with bill - "An act to change the names
of certain persons" - was accepted in concurrence,
bill was read, and Monday assigned for sec-
ond reading.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on
Bills in Second Reading,
reported without amendment, "Resolve in relation
to township L. R. 2," and the same was read a
second time and passed to be engrossed, in
concurrence.

A message was received from the
House, by Mr. Foster, of East Machias, inform-
ing the Senate that, in the absence of the Speak-
er, the House had elected Warren H. Vinton, of
Gray, Speaker pro tempore.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on
Bills in Second Reading, re-
ported, without amendment, bills entitled -
"An act to prevent injury from snow and ice
sliding from roofs in cities and villages; - An
act to incorporate the town of Hinu;"
"An act entitled an act additional to chap-
ter 163 of the revised statutes;"

Also, "Resolve in favor of Harriet Poe
- which were severally read a second time, and

passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence. 303.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred petition of selectmen of Mt. Desert and Tremont, reported bill—"An act to amend the act incorporating the town of Tremont." The report was accepted. The bill was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt, the Senate reconsidered their vote accepting the report of the Committee on Education, on petition of S. L. Holmes, and the same was recommitted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Scamman, by leave, introduced bill,—"An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company"—which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Scamman presented the remonstrance of Abraham Collins and others, against repeal of the 7th section of chapter 657 of the laws of 1856, entitled—"An act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations"—which was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Halliwell, bill "An act to regulate the duties of the agent of the Penobscot Indians,"—was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

304. Mr. Jones from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported with-
out amendment, resolves entitled—
"Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston
" in favor of George A. Fairfield;
" in favor of E. C. Burston and others;
" providing for the appointment of commis-
sioners to examine obstructions at the mouth
of Stillwater stream—which were severally
read a second time, and passed to be en-
grossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Chandler, by leave, introduced "Resolve
in favor of Foxcroft Academy,"
— which was referred to the Committee on Educa-
tion. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. West, the New Hampshire
resolutions, relating to the introduction or im-
portation of foreign paupers and criminals into
this country, were taken from the table, and re-
ferred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting
of Messrs. West, Hersey, and Wasson, on the
part of the Senate. Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, they came up, the House
having joined Messrs Merrill of Harmony, Pike
of Eastport, Gould of Casco, Houghton of Green-
wood, Lombard of Wales, Cyr of Madawaska, and
Fletcher of China, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,
Ordered:—That
when the Senate adjourns it be until eleven o'clock,

Mr. M. Gilver, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of James Bryant and others. The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred bill - "An act authorizing the Commissioners of Somerset County, to reassess certain taxes," - reported that the bill ought to pass. The report was accepted. The bill was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. West, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled -
"An act for the further extension of the Bangor Boom Company";
" " respecting the redemption of land sold, for the payment of taxes - and the same severally, passed to be enacted, in concurrence;
"Resolve in favor of Henry Upton" - which was finally passed, in concurrence. And these bills and resolve, having been signed by the President pro tempore, were, by the Secretary, transmitted to the Governor, for his approval and signature.

Adjourned. Joseph B. Hall. Secretary

Monday, March, 2, 1857.

Met according to adjournment

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Amisteg of Augusta.

Petition of S. T. Wicks and others, of Lincoln County, for removal of county buildings—was referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of E. L. Pike and 62 others, of Seingo, for an alteration of the Constitution so that the Legislature may meet once in two years—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasurer of Whitneyville for bounty on a bear, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill—"An act fixing the liability of railroad corporations in certain cases"—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was re-committed bill—"An act relating to the property of deceased married women"—that the same, in a new draft ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee, to which was referred bill—"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company"—that the same, in a new draft, ought to pass;

Report same Committee, to which, was

committed an order relating to abolishing 307.
jury fees - with bill - "An act to abolish jury
fees, and to amend chapter 157. of the revised
statutes;

Report of the Committee on Education,
with bill - "An act to incorporate
the Literary Fraternity;"

Report of the same Committee, to which
was referred an order relating to
furnishing school officers with a copy of the
school laws, with - "Resolve authorizing the
publication and distribution of the School
Laws;"

Report of the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads, to which was refer-
red the petition of David W. Campbell and
others, with - "Resolve in favor of A. Campbell
& Co.;"

Report of the Committee on Manufactures
to which was referred the petition
of John W. Hall and others, with bill - "An
act to incorporate Buxton Manufacturing
Company;"

Report of the Committee on Indian Af-
fairs, with - "Resolve to protect the
rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians;"

Report of the Committee on Mercantile
Affairs and Insurance, to which
was referred the petition of Robert Bowker
and others, with bill - "An act to incorporate
the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Com-

308. - Yeas:- were severally accepted in concurrence. The bills and resolves were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to giving additional jurisdiction to Justices of the Peace - was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Division of Towns, to which was referred the petition of Wilson, Wickborn and others, reported bill - "An act to divide the town of Prospect, and incorporate the southerly part into a town, by the name of Stockton." The report was accepted, and the bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the repeal of - "An act to repeal the 133d chapter of the public laws of 1855 approved January 23, 1856," was taken from the table and accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill - "An act to change the name of certain persons" - which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of B. W. 309.

Mallett, for pay for support of an alien pauper - which was referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones

Ordered: - That the hour for holding the sessions of the Senate shall hereafter be at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, excepting Mondays, when it shall be at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. West presented the petition of William Baker and 44 others, for additional statute provisions for the lins of mechanics and others upon vessels - which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred the remonstrance of David Hooster and others, against petition of William Dye and others, made a report, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges - which was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. West, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported, as truly and strictly engrossed - "Resolve in relation to township S. ranges.

310. - which was finally passed, signed by
the President pro tempore, and was, by the Sec-
retary, transmitted to the Governor for his
approval and signature.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Tuesday, March 10, 1857. 311.

Met according to adjournment.

Account of the treasurer of Lagrange for bounty paid on wild animals, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the town of Castine", came up from the House, passed to be engrossed, and the same was once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred the petition of Freeman Kingsley and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Same report, on petition of E. Holmes and others, and of J. L. Stanton and others;

Also, that legislation is inexpedient, on an order relating to the expediency of passing an act providing for bounty on crows;

Also, that bill, - "An act to incorporate the West Androscooggin Agricultural and Horticultural Society," - ought not to pass;

And these reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported, without amendment, bill entitled - "An act to incorporate the Literary Traders

312. -nity," - which was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Herrick, was laid on the table.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill, - "An act to incorporate the Buxton Manufacturing Company," - which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from same Committee, reported, without amendment, resolves, entitled -
"Resolve authorizing the publication and distribution of the School News;" -
"in favor of A. Campbell & Co.;" -
"to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians;" which were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Hershey, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Edward Stevens, reported order of notice thereon returnable to the next Legislature. The report was accepted, sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun presented petition of E. B. French, and 153 others, for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Brown, by leave, introduced bill - 313.

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company"; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges. Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Stephen Bartlett and others;
" of Lyman Pearson and others;

" of Selectmen of Rumford
severally against the division
of the Town of Rumford - were
severally referred to the Committee
on Division of Towns in con-
-currence.

Remonstrance of George F. Patten and 100
others, against the repeal of the
ninth section of an act to
authorize the consolidation of
certain Railroad Corporations, came
from the House, was read, and
on motion of Mr. Magoun, was
laid on the table.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on
the State Prison, to which
was referred an order relating to increasing
the number of officers in the State Prison,
reported that legislation thereon is inex-
pedient. The report was accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Leaman, from the Committee
on the Revision of the

314. Statutes, reported title six of the revision, entitled - "The powers and duties of Courts of Probate." The report was accepted. The title was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported, bill, - "An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company," with an amendment as per sheet annexed marked - "A." The amendment was adopted, the bill was read a second time, and as amended passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill - "An act to abolish jury fees and to amend Chapter 151 of the Revised Statutes," - which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Woodbury, was laid on the table.

Same Senator from same Committee, reported without amendment, bills, entitled - "An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company;"
"An act relating to the property of deceased married women" - which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported

and truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled 315.
"An act for the assessment of a State Tax for the
year 1857";— which was passed to be enacted
in concurrence, signed by the President pro
tempore, and was, by the Secretary, transmitted to
the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. Oak,

The Senate proceeded to the
consideration of—"Resolve providing for laying
a tax on the several counties of the State";
— which was further amended, as per sheet
annexed marked B; and on motion of,
Mr. Seaman, was again laid on the table.

"Resolve for paying Roll of Accounts No. 3,
for 1857" came up from the House,
passed to be engrossed. The resolve was read
once, and tomorrow assigned for its second
reading.

On motion of Mr. Nasson,

The Senate proceeded,
to the consideration of bill—"An act for the
establishment of a State Normal School";—
which was read a second time, and on
motion of Mr. Magoun, was again
laid on the table.

Mr. West, from the Committee,
on Engrossed Bills, report-
ed as truly and strictly engrossed, bill
entitled—"An act accepting the surrender
of the charter of the Thomaston Marine and
Fire Insurance Company"— which was
passed to be enacted in concurrence,
signed by the President pro tempore,

316. and was, by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval and signature

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Wednesday, March 11 1857. 317.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hathaway of the House.

Orders from the House,

That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or amending the 19th section of chapter 41, of the public laws of this State, approved March 30, 1853, entitled -
"An act concerning Railroads:-"

That the Judiciary Committee, be instructed to consider the propriety of providing by law, that the towns and plantations in this State may grant and vote such sums of money, as may be necessary for the building, purchasing, and repairing of a Poorhouse, and a Poorhouse, for the use of their citizens; and also, to make valid the doings of towns that may have voted sums the present month for said purposes, and report by bill or otherwise:

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the support of paupers in plantations and unincorporated places, at the expense of the State, and also, of paupers having no legal settlement in any town in the State - were severally read, and passed in concurrence.

Petition of George H. Gardiner and 176 others,

318. of Bath, in aid of the petition of William M. Reed and others - was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Robert Williamson and others, for an act of incorporation for manufacturing purposes - was referred to the Committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Petition of the mayor and overseers of the poor of Bath, for payment for support of Jane Sutherland, at the Insane Hospital - was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Petition of G. P. Wentworth and others, inhabitants of incorporated towns in the County of Newstock, for a law to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements - was referred to the Committee on Plantation Affairs, in concurrence.

Petition of G. W. Nutt and another, for leave to build a fish weir and smoke-house on State land at Pleasant Point, in Perry - was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Cyrus Fasset and others, against a half-shire town for the County of Lincoln, and petition to make Waldoboro

Petition of Horace Fassett and others, in aid of the same—were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

"Resolve to encourage schools in Madawaska" was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to secure the rights of stockholders of banks;

Same report on an order in relation to interest and exchange taken by banks;

Also, same report on an order relating to the expediency of taxing stocks of banks in this State, owned out of the State;

Report of same Committee granting leave to withdraw on petition of the directors of Hallowell Bank;

Also, same report on petition of directors of Kennebec Bank, for reduction of capital;

Report of same Committee, that so much of the Governor's message as relates to banks and banking be referred to the Bank Commissioners, with instruc-

320. - tions to report thereon in their next annual report;

Report of same Committee, to which, was referred an order relating to the number of Bank Commissioners;

Also, an order relating to fixing the number of Bank Commissioners and their compensation, and authorizing the Governor to draw warrants therefor;

An order relating to deposits in Suffolk Bank, that the provisions contemplated in said orders are embraced in the bill to be reported on petition of sundry banks for renewal of charter - were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Cumberland delegation to which was referred the petition of Cumberland County Commissioners with bill - "An act concerning the jail in the County of Cumberland," - was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred petition of William M. Reed and others, ordering notice thereon, returnable to the present Legislature;

Also, same report on bill - "An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Rail Road

"Company" - were severally accepted in 321.
concurrence.

Petition of the town of Warren, for alteration of law of 1844, relating to the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Georges river - was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

"Resolve in relation to the Commissioner at Washington" - came back from the House, amended as per sheet annexed marked "H". The Senate receded from their former vote passing the same to be engrossed, amended the House amendment as per sheet annexed marked "R", and as thus amended adopted the amendment, and the resolve as amended was passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve providing for the appointment of Commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater Stream" - was re-committed to the Committee on Interior Waters, in concurrence.

Mr. Scamman, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Jacob Daye and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

322. Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred petition of William and James Dye, reported bill — "An act to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company."

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of Henry C. Boocell, with bill — "An act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes, relating to usury." — And these reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Brown, by leave, introduced bill "An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company" — which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hensley,

Ordered: — That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Land Agent to sell the interest of the State in any lands owned by the State in the town of Chester, and in township No. 11, Range 1. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the

"Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in the State," was taken from the table, and the same Senator moved to reconsider the vote adopting the amendment, as per sheet marked "B," and that motion so to reconsider was laid on the table. 323.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Stickland of Bangor announcing the decease of Samuel B. Stone, Esq., late Representative from Brewer, and that the House has passed appropriate resolutions, and proposing to the Senate, as a mark of respect to the deceased, an immediate adjournment.

Whereupon, Mr. Halliwell, of Penobscot, rose and addressed the Senate as follows:

Mr. President;—

The announcement which has just been made to us of the death of Samuel B. Stone, a member of the House of Representatives, from Brewer, cannot be received without painful emotions in every breast.

So sudden was he called from earth, that his absence from his usual seat had scarcely been noticed, when the intelligence of his death reached us.

On Saturday morning he was attending to his usual duties in full health; in the afternoon of that day he returned to his home in Brewer; the following day

324. he attended meeting, and while assisting the choir of which he was a member, in the services of the day, he was taken suddenly ill, and died on the evening of the same day, at half past eleven, in the midst of his family and friends. His disease was apoplexy. Mr. Stone's legislative experience was brief, but sufficiently long to prove that he possessed intelligence, independence, firmness and honesty of purpose, such as to make him a valuable member of the Legislative body, in which he represented his constituents, and to endear him to all his associates. This summons should remind us all of our frailty, and of the solemn truth, that "in the midst of life we are in death."

In conclusion Mr. Ho. offered the following:—

Whereas, the announcement of the death of Samuel B. Stone, Esq., lately a member of the House of Representatives from Brewer, has been made, therefore—

Resolved:— That as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, this body do now adjourn.

The resolve was unanimously adopted, and the Senate accordingly adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Thursday, March 12, 1857. 325.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bean of Augusta.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, Title Six of the revision, entitled — "The powers and duties of Courts of Probate" — which, on motion of Mr. Graves, was laid on the table.

Mr. Woodbury, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill —

"An act to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company" — which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill — "An act concerning the jail in Cumberland County" — which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill — "An act additional to chapter 69 of the revised Statutes, relating to usury," — which a second time, and on motion of Mr. Brown, was laid on the table.

Mr. Lothrop, from same Committee,

326. reported without amendment, resolves entitled—

Resolve for paying Roll of Accounts No. 37 for 1857;

" in favor of the town of Castine — which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. West from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Eliphalet Clark and others, reported bill—

"An act to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company";

Mr. Conner from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred petition of inhabitants of Harpswell, reported bill—

"An act to authorize the town of Harpswell to extend a highway over tide waters";

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred petition of Ebenezer C. Staples and others, reported bill—"An act to incorporate the Little River Canal Company"; And these reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Hersey, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred petition

of Thomas S. Roberts, reported. -

"Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts."

The report was accepted. Resolve was read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Wells of Freeport, informing the Senate, that in the absence of the Speaker, the House has elected William D. Johnson of Augusta Speaker pro tempore.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Thomas Oliver and others; Made same report on petition of Luther Bruce and others; Also, made same report on petition of G. W. Hutchins and others;

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, made same report on petition of Charles J. Holland.

Mr. Scamman, from same Committee, made alike report on petition of Arthur Pratt and others.

Mr. Hersey, from same Committee, made same report on petition of A. B. Campbell and

328. others:

Also, same report on petition of Isaac Witham and others; of Paul S. Merrill and others; of T. Hildreth and others; and of Enoch Ford and others.

Mr. Connor, from the Committee on Interior Waters, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to an alteration of the law, so that County Treasurers may be elected once in three years - reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator from same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to amendment of chapter 28 of title two of the revision, in regard to rippling shops, made a report, asking to be discharged from further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Joint Select Committee having that subject under consideration.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred, bill - "An act in relation to connection of

railroads,"— reported that the bill ought 329.
not to pass;

Same Senator, from same
Committee, to which was referred so
much of the Governor's message, as
relates to providing for the better secu-
rity of the public in relation to the trans-
fer of railroad shares to private individ-
uals, made a report asking to be dis-
charged from its further considera-
tion and recommending that same be
referred to the Committee on the Ju-
diciary; And these reports were sever-
ally accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones.

Ordered: That
the Joint Standing Committee on the
Insane Hospital, be directed to inquire
into the expediency of permitting the
Trustees of said Hospital, to pay into the
treasury of the State the sum of fif-
teen hundred dollars, being one half
of the legacy made to said Trustees by
the late Col. Black; and of authorizing
the Treasurer of State to issue to said Trus-
tees, an equal amount of State Script
therefor. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee
on Bills in Second Read-
ing, reported without amendment, bill
"An act additional to an act to authorize
the consolidation of certain railroad cor-

330. - porations" - which was read a second time, and the amendments of the House as per sheets annexed marked "A." and "B." respectively were adopted. Mr. West moved further to amend the Bill as per sheet submitted marked "C." pending the consideration of which amendment, the bill was laid on the table, and the Senate

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Call, Secretary.

Friday, March 13. 1857. 331.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Densler
of Augusta.

Petition of C. E. Howard and 62 others;

" " George W. Wright and 92 others;

" " Luther Sear and 49 others; sever-
ally that Waldoborough be made
the shire town of Lincoln County;

Petition of Ebenezer Otis and 47 others; that
Thomaston or Rockland be made
a half shire town of Lincoln County.

Remonstrance of John McLean and 104 oth-
ers, against the proposed change
of the shire town of Lincoln Coun-
ty, were severally referred to the
Committee on Division of Coun-
ties, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Nathan Parsons and
112 others of Glenburn, against the
petition of S. E. Stevens and others,
was referred to the Committee on
Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of W. H. Pitcomb and 20 others,
for an act to make valid the
acts of the assessors of the first
Universalist meeting house in
Rockland;

Bill - "An act additional to chapter
53 of the public laws of 1848;"

332. Resolution of the city of Portland against alteration of city charter, were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of D. B. Hinckley for further legislation in relation to a resolve in his favor;

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to adjust stumpage claims with William Dickey," were severally referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of the Directors of the American Bank;

Also, report of Committee on Agriculture, on petition of E. Holmes and others, were severally re-committed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to choice and tenure of office of Selectmen and assessors;

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the protection of bona fide creditors and stockholders of corporations, were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary 333.
ny, to which was referred an order
relating to compulsory repayment of taxes,
when real estate is redeemed from levy, with bill
- "An act additional to chapter 94 of the revised
statutes, relating to the levy of executions on
real estate," was accepted in concurrence, the
bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned
for its second reading.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on the
Judiciary be directed to report to this House,
what alterations in the laws, or amendments
to the constitution of this State, if any, ought
to be made in order that the recent decision
of the Supreme Court of the United States
may not deprive the colored residents of this
State, of any rights, privileges, or immunities
they have heretofore enjoyed as citizens of
this State;

That the same Committee be
directed to inquire what further legislation
is necessary, if any, in relation to the assess-
ment and collection of taxes on stock,
corporations;

That the same Committee be di-
rected to inquire into the expediency of the
passage of an act exempting from attach-
ment, Libraries, in the same manner, and
to the same extent; that the tools of mechan-
ics and implements of husbandry are at pres-
ent exempted;

That the Committee on Slavery

334. and Kansas Affairs, be directed to inquire into the expediency of reporting resolutions expressive of the sense of this body, on the late decision of the Supreme Judicial Court of the United States, in the "Dred Scott" case, - were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Mr. Magoun, presented the petition of Lincoln Webb and 101 others, of Woolwich:

Also, petition of John Baker and others of Miscasset; severally for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath, - which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Scamman presented the petition of S. H. Deering and others, for "An act to incorporate the Peco Kansas Association" - which was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Josiah Emery, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Same Senator, from the same Committee, made a like report on the petition of B. M. Mallett;

Mr. Hoyt, from the Committee on Ed

uation, to which was referred the petition ^{335.}
of the First Baptist Church in Bath, reported
ed that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Same Senator, from the same Com-
mittee, to which was referred an order di-
recting that papers relating to the Parsons
field Seminary, be taken from the files,
reported that the Rules and Orders debar any
action thereon;

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee
on Military Pensions, to
which was referred the petition of Peter
S. Folsom, reported that the petitioner
have leave to withdraw - and these re-
ports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hoodbury, from the Committee on
Claims, reported -
"Resolve abating the State tax of the town
of Strong, and assessing the same upon
the town of New Vineyard." The report was
accepted, and the resolve was twice read,
the rules being suspended, and passed
to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Halsey, from the Committee on
State Lands and State
Roads, to which was referred the petition
of Isaac Wortman, reported - "Resolve
for encouraging the building of mills
in Letter C. Range 1.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on

336. the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the repeal of chapter 212 of the public laws, approved March 13, 1856, reported bill -

"An act in relation to the liability of magistrates for issuing precepts, and officers executing them";

Mr. West, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Campbell Batchelder and others, reported bill -

"An act to incorporate the Coxsinna Steam and Water Power Company"; and these reports were severally accepted. the bills and resolve were severally read, and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Hallowell, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of the Commissioners of 1853, for revising the public laws of the State"; - which was read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Scamman,

Ordered:-

That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or altering the sixth specification of section 63, chapter 119, of the revised statutes.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Webb,

337.

Bill - "An act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Halliwell.

Ordered: - That the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs, be directed to prepare and submit to the Legislature, resolutions, or a report, expressive of the views of the Legislature, on the late decision of the United States Supreme Court in the "Dred Scott" case, and such further legislation as may be proper, in reference to that decision.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Magoun

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the amendment to bill - "An act additional to an act, entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations" - proposed by Mr. West and marked "C." After discussion the bill and amendment were laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Magoun, and Tuesday, March 17, assigned for its further consideration.

Remonstrance of T. W. Chase and others;

" of John Smith and others; - severally against any change of the shire town of Lincoln county - were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Counties, in concurrence.

338. Mr. Hoyt, from the Committee on En-
grossed Bills, reported as tra-
ly and strictly engrossed, bills, entitled
- "An act to authorize the construction of
a railroad around the north
side of the city of Portland":
- "An act to divide the town of Prospect, and
incorporate the southeasterly part there-
of into a town by the name of Stock-
ton" - which were severally pass-
ed to be enacted, signed by the President
protempore, and by the Secretary presented
to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Saturday, March 14, 1857. 339.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ingraham of Augusta.

On motion of Mr. Oak,

Ordered:—That during the temporary absence of the Secretary, Joseph H. Clark act as Secretary pro tempore.

The oaths of office were administered to Mr. Clark by Lewis D. Moore, Esq., authorized by *deedimus potestatem*, and he entered upon the discharge of his official duties.

Report of the Joint Select Committee, on so much of the Governor's message as relates to claims under the treaty of Washington, accompanied by—"Resolves for the purchase of lands for French settlers in Acworth County"—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill—"An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings,"—(introduced in the House by Mr. Morrison)—was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report at the earliest period practicable, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of Waterville College, that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

340. Report of same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to the expediency of altering school laws, that legislation thereon is inexpedient—were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred bill—“An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company,” with bill—“An act to incorporate The Biddeford Steam Mill Company,”—was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was once read, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition and memorial of the city council of Portland, with two bills accompanying the same, that legislation is inexpedient, so far as the same provides additional powers in relation to streets and highways; and as to the rest and residue of said petition and memorial, they report a bill in a new draft accompanying, entitled—“An act additional to the several acts incorporating the city of Portland.” The report was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was once read, and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was recommended bill—“An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings,” that the bill in a new draft, ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill was 341.
once read, and Monday assigned for
its second reading.

Orders from the House

That the Committee
on the Judiciary be directed to inquire
into the expediency of so amending the
laws, as to make the compensation of
County Commissioners fixed by a sal-
ary;

That the same Committee
be instructed to inquire into the expedi-
ency of abolishing or altering the law
in relation to the individual liabil-
ity of stockholders in corporations - were
severally read, and passed in concu-
-rence.

Mr. Twitchell, from the Commit-
tee on Military Pensions, reported that the further consid-
eration of the petition of Thomas Webb,
be referred to the next Legislature. The
report was accepted, Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Wasson, from the Committee on
State Reform School, re-
ported legislation is inexpedient on an
order relating to the purchase of Colton's
Atlas for the Reform School. The report
was accepted, Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Twitchell, from the Committee on
Military Pensions, report

342. -ed leave to withdraw on petition of Jesse Higgins. The report was accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Bustark, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, to which was referred the petition of the trustees of the Insane Hospital, reported - "Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital." The report was accepted. The resolve was once read, and Monday at 11 o'clock, A.M., assigned for its second reading.

The Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported the following, without amendment, bills entitled -

"An act to incorporate the Little River Canal Company;

" " to authorize the town of Wells well to extend a highway over tide waters;

" " to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company.

These bills were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts" - was read a second time and on motion of Mr. Jones, recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House,
That the Committee on Banks

and Banking be requested to consider 343.
whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to bank receivers, and report thereon to this Legislature - was read, and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Nasson, from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of the Trustees of the East Maine Conference Seminary reported - "Resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary, ~~in relation to~~ ^{the} ~~report~~ ^{report} was accepted. The resolve was read once, and Thursday next assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve for encouraging the building of mills in Shelter C. Range 1" - was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Jones, laid on the table.

Bill - "An act to incorporate the Corinna Steam and Water Power Company" - was read a second, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill - "An act additional to chapter 911 of the revised statutes, relating to the levy of executions on real estate" - was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill - "An act in relation to the liability of magistrates for issuing precepts, and of officers executing them" - was read a second time, and passed to be

344, engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Bills of the revised statutes was reported by the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment - and the same was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herriek, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill - "An act repealing Chapter 276 of the laws of 1856," - ought not to pass - which report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Phinney, from the Committee on the Militia, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Dennis Sprague and others. The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herriek, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Ammi R. Mitchell and others;

Same Senator from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relative to the expediency of amending Chapter 125, Section 25, of the revised statutes. And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Phinney, from the Committee 344.
on the Militia, reported
legislation inexpedient on an order re-
lating to passage of a law, making it
the duty of the selectmen of towns where
military companies exist, to collect
and secure for the State, the arms and
equipments of such companies where they
may be disbanded. The report was accept-
ed. Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Com-
mittee, reported leave to withdraw on peti-
tion of S. W. Mansfield and others. The re-
port was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolution authorizing the publication and
distribution of the school laws"; re-
ported from the Committee on Engrossed
Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was
laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Was-
son.

The following bills were reported
by the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as
truly and strictly engrossed, viz:

- An act to change the names of certain persons;
- " " repealing all acts relating to the inspec-
tion of shops;
- " " authorizing the County Commission-
ers of the County of Somerset to reass-
sess certain taxes;
- " " in addition to an act to incorporate
the Franklin Company;
- " " to set off a portion of plantation No.
10, and annex the same to the town
of Franklin;
- " " to set off a part of the homestead of

345. Horace Miner from Sedgewick, and annex
the same to Penobscot;

An act to regulate the duties of the agent
of the Penobscot Indians;

" " to amend the act incorporating the
town of Tremont;

" " to incorporate the Burston Manu-
facturing Company;

" " granting further powers and priv-
ileges to agricultural and hos-
ticultural societies

" " relating to the property of deceased
married women - and the same
were severally passed to be enacted, in
concurrence.

The following resolves were re-
ported from the Committee on Engrossed
Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, viz:

Resolve to repeal part of a resolve approv-
ed March 16, 1853;

" in favor of Cumberland County
Agricultural Society;

" in favor of the town of South Thom-
aston;

" in favor of Silas Coburn Jr and
B. H. Chesley;

" to promote the education of the
Passamaquoddy Indians;

" in favor of the town of Cherry-
field for the support and com-
-mitment of a foreign insane
pauper;

" to protect the rights of the Pas-
-samaquoddy Indians;

" in favor of A. Campbell and

Company - which were severally finally 346.
passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and
resolves were signed by the President
pro tempore, and by the Secretary pro
tempore, presented to the Governor for
approval and signature.

Mr Oak, from the Joint Select
Committee, to which,
was referred so much of the Gover-
nor's message as relates to Slavery
and Kansas affairs, made a report,
accompanied by resolves, which on
motion of Mr. Nasson, were laid on
the table, and 1000 copies thereof order-
ed to be printed for the use of the Leg-
islature.

Adjourned.

Joseph H. Clark, Secretary pro tempore

A true Transcript

Attest

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary

Monday, March 16, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Fitch of Hallowell.

Petition of the Directors of Lewiston Bridge Company, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Petition of Greenleaf Gray and others;
 " of Jeremiah Lindsey and others;
 " of Benjamin Shute and others: - all severally, that if the town of Prospect be divided, they may be left north of the proposed dividing line; were severally referred to the Committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, to which was referred an order relating to amending school laws - that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Report of the Androscoggin Delegation, to which was referred the petition of William R. Frye, that the petitioner has cause to withdraw:

Same report on petition of Paul Washburn: And these reports were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroad, Ways and Bridges, that legislation is inexpedient on a bill referred to them, entitled "An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewalls crossing in the city of

Bath,"—came from the House recommitted 348.
ted, with instructions to report a bill. The Sen-
ate concurred.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary,
with bill—"An act to amend chapter
125 of the revised statutes, and for the further
protection of mechanics' liens";

Report of the same Committee, that bill
"An act additional relating to the
Maine Charitable Mechanics' Association"
ought to pass:—were severally accepted, in
concurrence. The bills were severally once
read and tomorrow assigned for a second
reading.

Bill—"An act to incorporate the Portland,
Ocean Steamship Company"—was
referred to the Committee on Mercantile
Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

Order from the House
That the delegation from
the County of Kennebec, be directed to
inquire into the expediency of so amend-
ing the laws in regard to the several Mun-
icipal Courts of the cities of Augusta,
Hallowell and Gardiner, as that the sev-
eral judges of the same may be paid,
and their salaries fixed, by the said
cities, instead of being paid by the Coun-
ty of Kennebec as they now are, or that their
salaries may be abolished; and that they
receive their fees, instead of salaries,
and report by bill or otherwise,—was read

349. and passed, in concurrence.

Bill - "An act relating to attachments," came back from the House, amended, as per sheet annexed marked "A." The Senate receded from their former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment; and as amended, the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in relation to commissioners at "Washington," - came back from the House, further amended, as per sheet annexed, marked - "C." The Senate receded from its former vote, passing the resolve to be engrossed; refused to adopt the amendment "C." and on motion of Mr. Jones, was recommitted.
Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate, that the House had, in the absence of its Clerk, elected Benjamin Freeman, Clerk pro tempore.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment - "Resolve making an appropriation for improving the buildings at the State Prison";

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported - "Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital," with an amendment, as per sheet

marked - "A," which amendment was a 350.
adopted; and these resolves were sever-
ally read a second time, and passed
to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hersey, from the Committee
on State Lands and
State Roads, reported leave to withdraw
on petition of William Cooperthwaite;

Also, same report on petition of
Daniel Cummings and others; And
the reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on
Agriculture, reported
that legislation is inexpedient on an
order relating to bounty on wild animals;

Same Senator, from same Com-
mittee, reported leave to withdraw on
petition of John W. West and others;
and of Gotham S. Dyer and others;

Also, same report on petition
of Joseph Smith and others;

Also, same report, on petition
of E. B. Lothrop and others;

Same Senator, from the same
Committee, to which was referred the
petition of William Wyman and oth-
ers, made a report, asking to be dis-
charged from a further consideration
of the same, and recommending that
it be referred to the Committee on

357. Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Scamman, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of S. A. Cushing and others, also, petition of William Tackman and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Mr. Hersey, from same Committee made same report on petition of C. R. Paul;

Mr. Smith, from the same Committee, made same report on petition of Jesse Wheelock; And these reports were severally accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bill - "An act to provide for the trial of capital cases," reported that the same ought to pass. The report was accepted. Bill was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hersey, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Phineas Boynton and others, reported

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Rail-roads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of W. H. Stevens and others, reported bill - "An act to incorporate the Solon and Embden Bridge Company";

Mr. Connor, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of inhabitants of Nobleborough, reported bill - "An act to encourage the use of water power"; And these reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Boothrop, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading reported without amendment, bills entitled -

"An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company;

" " additional to the several acts incorporating the city of Portland; - which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from same Committee, reported without amendment, "Resolve in favor of the commissioners of 1855 for revising the statutes"; which, on motion of the same

353. Senator, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Jones

Resolve entitled "Resolve for encouraging the building of mills in Letter C. range 1," was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill - "An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings" which was read a second time, amended as per sheet annexed marked - "A," and as amended passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bill entitled - "An act concerning the jail in the county of Cumberland" which was passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, "Resolve in favor of the town of Castine." The resolve was finally passed, in concurrence. And this bill and resolve having been signed by the President pro tempore, were by the Secretary, transmitted

ted to the Governor for his approval and signature. 354.

On motion of Mr. Smithell

Ordered:- That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be directed to inquire into the expediency of providing on the part of Maine, for a joint survey of the line between this State and New Hampshire, for the purpose of more effectually marking and establishing the same. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

Ordered:- That the Secretary of State be requested to inform the Legislature, what sums have been paid the Commissioners, appointed in 1855, for revising the public laws of the State, the time they were employed; also, the sum paid the commissioners, appointed in 1856, and the time he was employed upon said revision, for services and expenses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hersey presented remonstrance of John W. Caldwell and others of Golden Ridge plantation, against being incorporated into a town, or being taxed as a plantation, - which was referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

355. Adjourned.

Joseph H. Clarke, Secretary, pro tem.

A true transcript

Attest

Joseph B. Call, Secretary.

Tuesday, March 17, 1857. 356.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Allen of Hallowell.

Remonstrance of Joseph Mahoney and others,
" of Benj. R. Field and others;
" of Town of Searsmont - severally
against petition of A. S. Donnell and
others - were severally referred to the Com-
mittee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Claim of the Treasures of Machias, for
Counties - was referred to the Com-
mittee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Bill - An act in relation to the Supreme
Judicial Court, (introduced in
the House by Mr. Debleis) - was refer-
red to the Committee on the Judiciary,
in concurrence.

Order from the House

That the Judiciary Com-
mittee be directed to inquire into the
propriety of providing by law, that the
expenses of the Police Court of the ci-
ty of Bangor be paid by said city in-
stead of the County of Penobscot, as pro-
vided by an act approved February
25, 1856. Was read, and passed in con-
currence.

Report of the Committee on State
Lands and State Roads, to which
was referred petition of Selectmen of Salem,
that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

357. Same report on petition of Oliver Everett and others;

Also same report on petition of H. M. West - were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bill - "An act relating to obstructions in navigable Streams," - reported from the Committee on Revision of Statutes, came from the House indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Cannon the bill was laid on the table.

Bill - "An act additional in relation to banks and banking," - reported by the Committee on Banks and Banking, came from the House indefinitely postponed. The bill was once read, and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to law respecting electors, with bill - "An act additional to an act entitled an act respecting the election of electors of President and Vice President" was accepted in concurrence - and on motion of Herrick, the bill was laid on the table.

Resolves, reported by the Committee appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Legislature, relative to the death of Dr. Kane, were read, and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks 358.

and Banking, to which was referred bill - "An act additional to the 77th chapter of the revised statutes," that the same ought to pass, came from the House recommended.

The Senate concurred.

Bill - "An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings in cities and villages," (passed to be engrossed in the Senate,) came back from the House amended, as on sheet annexed, marked "A."

The Senate recessed, adopted the amendment of the House as amended, passed the same to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Benjamin Litchfield and others, and recommending its reference to the Committee on the Judiciary. The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Wasson presented the petition of Stephen Soy and others, of Hancock, for increase of bounty on wolves, which was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Wasson, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of

359. "Resolve authorizing the publication and distribution of the school laws" and the same was finally passed, in concurrence, and presented by the Secretary postempore, to the Governor for his approval.

The following bills, reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment viz:—

"An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanics' Association;

" " to amend chapter 125 of the revised statutes, and for the further protection of mechanics' liens— were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill— "An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Solon and Embury Bridge"; and—

Bill— "An act to encourage the use of water power"— were severally reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, and were severally read, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill— "An act additional to an act, entitled an act to authorize the consolidation of certain railroad corporations", the question being on concurring with the

"House in the House amendment as fol 361.
-low, viz:-

Amend by adding to the first section,
as follows:

"And provided, also, that the corporation which may be so formed, shall be subject and liable to the provision of an act entitled 'An act to provide for certain railroad connections of the European and North American Railway Company,' approved March 29, 1853, and no acceptance of the act of consolidation aforesaid shall be deemed and taken to be an acceptance of the provisions of that act."

Mr. Hoyt moved to amend the House amendment, by adding "and provided, also, that the Androscoggin Railroad Company, and such companies as consolidate under the act to which this is additional, shall be severally entitled to, and bound by an act, entitled - 'An act to provide a tribunal for regulating the joint business of railroad companies,' approved April 18, 1854."

And the question on the adoption of this amendment to that of the House, having been ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the negative, as follows, viz:

Yeas - Messrs. Dane, Davis, Hoyt, Jones, Magoun, Ring, Scamman, Twitchell, Wallace, West - 10.

361. *Nays*— Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hersey, Hobbs, Lothrop, Oak, Phinney, Sargent, Smith, Wasson, Webb, Woodbury.— 18.

Mr. Magoun moved to amend the House amendment, by adding after—"March 29, 1853," the words "and of such other general laws concerning railroad corporations as are, or may be hereafter enacted."

And the question on the adoption of this amendment, having been ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the negative, as follows:—

Yeas— Messrs. Dane, Davis, Jones, Magoun, Ring, Scamman, Switcheell, Wallace, West.— 7.

Nays— Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hersey, Hobbs, Hoyt, Lothrop, Oak, Phinney, Sargent, Smith, Wasson, Webb, Woodbury.— 17.

The House amendment was then concurred in, and the question on ordering the bill as amended to be engrossed, having been ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative as follows:

Cons - Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Chan 362.
-dler, Chapman, Connor, Da-
vis, Graves, Hallouell, Herrick, Her-
sey, Hobbs, Hoyt, Lothrop, Oak,
Phinney, Sargent, Smith, Smithell,
Webb, Woodbury - 20.

Nays - Messrs. Dane, Jones, Maguire.
Ring, Seaman, Wallace,
Masson, West - 8.

Engrossed - "Resolve to protect the rights
of the Passamaquoddy
Indians." - came from the House
recommended to the Committee on
Indian Affairs.

The Senate receded from
its former vote, passing the resolve to be
engrossed, and recommended the same
in concurrence.

Adjourned.

Joseph R. Clark, Secretary pro tem.

A true transcript

Attest.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary

Wednesday, March 18. 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of Edmund B. Bowman, jr. and 94 others of Wisconsin:

" Francis Tibbatts and 32 others of Wisconsin, severally for charter to build a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath - were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of E. H. Nickerson and 189 others, against the petition of T. & B. Brastow, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Bill - "An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodic waters," (introduced in the House by Mr. Chadbourne of Perry);

Bill - "An act additional to chapter 148 of the revised statutes, and to repeal chapter 256 of the laws of 1856";

Bill - "An act to amend chapter 32 of the revised statutes, relative to the support of paupers in unincorporated places" - were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Orders from the House.

That the Committee on Indian Affairs, be requested to inquire into the propriety of repealing

a resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians, approved February 26, 1856, to amend a resolve, approved March 16, 1853; 364.

That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to the assessment of taxes upon neat stock and other personal property, in cases in which a town line divides the farm of any person in such a manner as that his dwelling house is in one town, and his barns and out-buildings in an other;

That the same Committee, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 30 of the revised statutes, so that pound keepers shall have the right to take into their custody any beasts, and return the same to the pound from which they may have escaped, or may have been illegally taken;

That the same Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 13 of the revised statutes, so that small towns having no commercial or mercantile business, shall be obliged to purchase weights and measures, - were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

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

365- leave to withdraw on petition of Greenleaf M. Fogg and others;

Also, same report on petition of William M. Drury and others;

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on petition of directors of Hancock Bank.

Also, same report on petition of directors of Maratime Bank for re-charter, - were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee - granting leave to withdraw on petition of the stockholders of the Maratime Bank, for increase of capital, came up from the House, and on motion of Mr. Herrick, was laid on the table

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred petition of D. B. Hinckley, with "Resolve in favor of D. B. Hinckley";

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on petition of George A. Hudson, with "Resolve authorizing the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry", - were severally accepted in concurrence, and the bills were severally once read, and to-morrow assigned for its second

reading.

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Resolve, entitled a "Resolve for the promulgation of certain laws," came from the House, passed to be engrossed, - which was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill - "An act establishing the salary of judge of probate for Sagadahoc county," - came back from the House, indefinitely postponed. On motion of Mr. Magoun, the bill was laid on the table.

Petition of William Singer and others of Thomaston, that a charter may be granted for a toll bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath - was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, on petition of the president and directors of the York and Cumberland Railroad Company, reported bill - "An act additional to an act to establish the York and Cumberland Railroad Company." The report was accepted. The bill was read twice under the suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee

367. on the Judiciary, reported leave to withdraw, on petition of E. E. Bourne and others. The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred bill - "An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred bill - "An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company," reported that the same ought to pass;

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of William Mitchell and others, reported bill - "An act to incorporate the Machaieport Marine Railway Company";

And these reports were severally accepted; And the bills were severally read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Hersey, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred petitions of Leonard Bradbury, and others; of inhabitants of Brighton; of inhabitants of Hingsbury; of Cyrus A. Packard and others; of County Commissioners of Piscata-

- a quire, reported that the petitioners have 368.
leave to withdraw. The report was accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Thomas S. Roberts, reported - "Resolve in favor of Thomas S. Roberts"; The report was accepted, and the resolve was read once, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported that bill - "An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath," - ought to pass. The report was accepted, the bill was once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Magoun, presented the petition of H. G. Berry and 55 others for a bridge across the Kennebec river at Bath, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Same Senator presented the petition of James S. Patten and others, for a law creating a lien on vessels for premium of insurance, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Sent down for concurrence.

369. Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of S. H. Kellsa, reported - "Resolve in favor of S. H. Kellsa", accompanied by a written statement of facts. The report was accepted. The resolve and statement of facts were read, upon which Mr. Scamman moved, that the further consideration of the resolve be indefinitely postponed; and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the resolve was indefinitely postponed, as follows, viz: -

Yeas - Messrs. Berry, Brown, Burbank, Chapman, Lane, Davis, Hall, Howell, Hersey, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, McGown, Scamman, Twitchell, Webb, West - 16.

Nays - Messrs. Chandler, Connor, Graves, Herrick, Lothrop, Oak, Phinney, Ring, Sargent, Wallace, Wasson, Woodbury - 12.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Scamman, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported Title Eleven of the revision. The report was accepted. The title was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve in favor of Phineas Boynton," reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and

passed to be engrossed.

370.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Oak.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill - "An act to abolish jury fees and to amend chapter 157 of the revised statutes," passed to be engrossed in the House and passage refused in the Senate, the question being on a motion to reconsider this vote; the yeas and nays were ordered, and the Senate refused to reconsider as follows, viz: -

Yeas - Messrs. Chandler, Herrick, Phoenix, Hoodbury - 4.

Nays - Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Connor, Davis, Graves, Hershey, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, Magoun, Oak, Sargent, Scamman, Smith, Wallace, Wasson, Webb, West - 19.

On motion of Mr. Brown.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill - "An act additional to chapter 69 of the revised statutes," and the same was refused a passage to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hoyt, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported leave to withdraw on petition of William Buckman and others.

371. The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the petition of Constant A. McLaughlin, reported - "Resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin." The report was accepted, and the same read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

The following bills were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, viz:—

Bill— "An act additional to chapter 94 of the revised statutes, relating to levy of executions on real estate";

Bill— "An act in relation to wills";

" " " to provide for the trial of capital cases."— And these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Charles H. Hall," reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, was finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolve were presented by the Secretary pro tempore, to the Governor, for his approval.

Petition in aid of the petition of Charles Bayford; 372.
" of inhabitants of Cornville in aid
of petition of Charles Bayford;

Remonstrance of John Woodman and
100 others, against the petition
of Charles Bayford;

Remonstrance of the town of Roxbury, a-
gainst the petition of Josiah
A. Jenkins; were severally
referred to the Committee on
Division of Towns.

Petition of H. C. O. Cass and others of Rox-
-terbank, for abatement of the
State valuation of said town.
Referred to the next Legislature
Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from
the House, by Mr. Wilson its Clerk an-
nouncing that the House has received
and entered upon its journals, a message
from the Governor, informing the Legisla-
ture that he has approved and signed
public acts, as follows, viz:-

" An act respecting the redemption of
lands sold for the payment of
taxes; approved March 7. 1857.

" " relating to the property of deceased
married women;

" " repealing all acts relating to the

373. inspection of hops; severally approved,
March 16, 1857.

Adjourned.

Joseph K. Clark
Secretary, pro tem.

A true transcript

Attest

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Thursday, March 12, 1887. 374.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Colby of Augusta.

Bill - An act to amend chapter 32 of the revised Statutes;

" An act additional in relation to witnesses;

" An act to amend an act additional in relation to witnesses;

" to prevent fraudulent conveyances, and to protect heirs therefrom - were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That, the Senate concurring Messrs. Foster of East Machias, and Sumner of Waterville, be added to the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary, with such as the Senate may join. Was read and passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of such an amendment of the 15th Section of chapter 107 of the revised Statutes, or such other alteration of the law, as to authorize special administrators to control and manage real estate and collect rents, pending the probate of wills. Was read and passed, in concurrence.

375. Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Eideon Mayo and others. Was accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred - "Resolve relating to meteorological observations," - was referred by the last Legislature to the present one, with resolve in a new draft, entitled - "Resolve relative to Meteorological observations in the State of Maine." Was accepted, in concurrence. The resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Burbank, from the Committee on Insane Hospital, to which was referred an order relating to the bequest of the late Col. Black, reported - "Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital"; The report was accepted, and the resolve was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Hallowell, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of A. C. Buffam and others, reported - "Resolve providing for the appointment of commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater Stream". The report was accepted, and the resolve was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. West, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported that bill - "An act to incorporate the Cobossac Manufacturing Company," - ought to pass. The report was accepted, and the bill read once, and to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M., assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Hitchell, from the Committee on Education, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to increasing or discontinuing the appropriation for Teachers Conventions; Same report on an order relating to increasing the permanent school fund of the State:

Also, same report on an order in relation to the misapplication of money raised for the support of town schools. And these reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Ring, from the Committee on Fisheries, reported order of notice returnable to the present Legislature, on petition of Selectmen of Warren;

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on papers of the last Legislature in relation to the petition of James M. Bangs of Lubec, to build a fish weir in tide waters in front of his land in Lubec. And these reports were severally ac

377. -cepted. Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve for the promulgation of certain laws," - reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Charles Gayford and others. The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Josiah A. Sudkins, reported bill - "An act to set off Josiah A. Sudkins, together with certain real estate, from the town of Roxbury to the town of Mexico";

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of Charles E. Ranlett and others, reported bill - "An act authorizing the extending of a wharf into tide waters at Thomaston";

Same Senator, from same Committee, to which was referred petition of Benj. B. Benson and others, reported bill - "An act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company". And these reports were severally accepted. The bills were severally read once, and to

- tomorrow assigned for a second reading. 378.

Mr. Hersey, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred petitions and orders relating to the subject, reported - "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell land in the towns of Lowell, Burlington, Enfield, Passadumkeag, Carroll, and Chester." The report was accepted. The resolve was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Hoyt, from the Committee on Education, reported that bill - "An act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy," ought to pass. The report was accepted. The bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on petition of A. B. Donnell and others. The report was accepted, sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of D. B. Winckley," (reported without amendment from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading) was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Scamman, from the Committee on the State Reform School, made a report, detailing the exam

379. - motion made by said Committee of the State Reform School at Portland.

On motion of Mr. Oak, the report was laid on the table, and 1000 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The following bills and resolves, reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, were severally passed to be engrossed, viz: -

"Resolve in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin;

" in favor of Thomas S. Roberts;

Bill - "An act to incorporate the Machias Port Marine Railway Company;

" An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company;

" An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry," (reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill - "An act to amend Section 74, of Chapter 74 of the revised Statutes, in relation to banks and banking," reported from the Committee on Bills in Sec

and Reading, without amendment, was 380.
read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred an order relating to the subject, reported - "Resolve providing for the repair of the Houlton and Paring road."

Mr. Fane, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the subject, reported bill - "An act to amend the 22d section of chapter 106 of the revised statutes";

Mr. Herrick, from the same Committee, reported that bill - "An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodic waters," ought to pass;

Mr. Oak, from the Committee on Slavery and Kansas Affairs, reported in a new draft, bill - "An act to amend chapter 182 of the public laws," approved March, 17, 1863. And these reports were severally accepted, Bills and resolves therein named were severally read once, and to-morrow as signed for their second reading.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relating to interest on accounts after six months; Same report on order relative to repeal

381. or alteration of the sixth specification, of the 63d section, of chapter 119 of the revised statutes;

Also, same report on order in relation to foreign attachments;

Mr. Jones, from same Committee, reported legislation inexpedient on an order relative to the examination of insane persons;

Mr. Dothrop, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported that the petition of Rodney G. Dennis and others, be referred to the next Legislature;

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported that bill - "An act to amend chapter 119 of the revised statutes, relating to trustee process," ought not to pass;

Same Senator, from same Committee, made a report, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of an order in relation to amending the law concerning manufactures, and recommending its reference to the Committee on Manufactures. And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Title Eleven of the revision of the Statutes, reported without amendment from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill - "An act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company," - reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Magoun,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill - "An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing, in the city of Bath"; and on motion of same Senator, the bill was amended as on sheet annexed marked "A," and as amended, passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Cursey, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred an order relating to the subject, reported - "Resolve in favor of Irish river road." Accepted. Resolve once read, and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported that bill - "An act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Company," - ought to pass. The report was accepted, and the bill was once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill - "An act relating to the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court in the city of Calais";

383 Bill - "An act relating to the powers of Justices of the Peace in the city of Calais" - were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Magoun,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill - "An act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages, given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations" - and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee on Public Printing and Binding, be authorized to contract with some person or persons, for the printing and binding of the new revision of the laws - said contract to have no binding force till approved by the Legislature. Was read, and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Ordered: - That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed, to inquire into the expediency of repealing a resolve authorizing the appointment of the commissioner to prosecute the claim of the State of Maine against the Government of the United States, approved March 17, 1855.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following bills were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills,

as truly and strictly engrossed:—

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- Bill— "An act to incorporate the town of Minn;
" "An act relating to attachments;
" "An act to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor
Bridge Company;
" "An act additional to the several acts
incorporating the city of Portland;
" "An act to prevent injury from snow
and ice sliding from roofs of build-
ings, in cities and villages:

And these bills were
severally passed to be enacted, in concu-
rence.

The following resolves were re-
ported from the Committee on Engross-
ed Bills, as truly and strictly engross-
ed, viz:—

Resolve relating to the death of Dr Eli-
sha Kent Kane;

" "abating the State tax of the town
of Strong, and assessing the same on
the town of New Tracyard— which were
severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And the foregoing bills and re-
solves were presented by the Secretary
pro tempore, to the Governor for his appro-
al, (except an act to incorporate the
town of Minn:).

Adjourned.

Joseph H. Clark
Secretary pro tem.

385.

A true transcript

Attest

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Friday, March 21, 1857. 386.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Nett of Augusta.

Petition of R. P. Dunlap and 35 others, for
a law for the protection of insur-
-ance companies;

Bill - An act to amend the law of forcible
- entry and detainer;

" An act to amend an act respecting
judicial proceedings, approved February
25, 1857; were severally referred to the Com-
- mittee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill - An act to incorporate S. Ingalls
and others into a company for the
purpose of making and vending a perpet-
- ual daily almanac or calendar; was
referred to the Committee on Manufact-
- ures, in concurrence.

Order from the House

That the Committee
on State Lands and State Roads, be request-
- ed to inquire into the expediency of au-
- thorizing the Secretary of State to supply
the State library, the Land office, the
Clerk's office in each of the several coun-
- ties, and such other offices as the com-
- mittee shall deem proper, with a copy
of a map of such counties in this State,
as have recently been, and are now being
surveyed, as soon as such maps shall
have been completed, and ready for
market, was read and passed, in concurrence.

387. Report of Committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw, on petitions of Noah Lord and others, and the Trustees of Lebanon Academy, came from the House, and on motion of Mr. Jones, was laid on the table.

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw, on petition of Trustees of Lisbon Academy:

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw, on petition of P. S. Merrill; Also, same report on petition of John Baker;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women:

Also, same report on an order relating to an amendment of the constitution in regard to the right of suffrage;

Report of same Committee, that bill — "An act additional to the 6th chapter of the revised statutes," ought not to pass:

Also, that bill — "An act in relation to justices of the peace," — ought not to pass; were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Education, on petition of S. S. Holmes and

others, with resolve in favor of Troscott Academy, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Oak.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that the petition of the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, be referred to the next Legislature, was accepted in concurrence.

Title Eleven of the revision of the statutes, entitled - "Crimes and offenses, proceedings in criminal cases, punishments and incidental provisions," - came from the House amended as per sheet marked "A." The Senate non-concurred with the House, in the adoption of the amendment, and insisted on their former vote, passing the same to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Claims, to which was re-committed the report of said Committee, with a resolve in relation to the Commissioners at Washington, reported - Resolve in favor of the commissioners at Washington. The report was accepted. The resolve was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the liability of married women, doing business on their own account, report

389. ed that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator from the same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to the repeal of chapter 250 of the laws of 1856, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same Senator from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of S. L. Pike and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to exemption of libraries from attachment, reported bill - "An act to exempt libraries from attachment and execution," reported that the bill ought to pass;

Mr. Connor, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of Thomas A. Keating and others, reported bill - "An act to incorporate the Sebec Boat Company";

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Joshua E. Jenks, and others, reported bill - "An act to set off

Joshua E. Jenks, Augustus Peckey and 390.
Lyman Bradstreet from Bridgton Cen-
tre Village Fire Corporation";

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee
on Claims, to which was
referred the petition of T. H. Bassett, re-
ported - "Resolve in favor of T. H. Bassett,
accompanied with a statement of facts;

Same Senator, from same
Committee, to which was referred the
petition of the city of Bath, reported -
"Resolve in favor of the city of Bath" -
with statement of facts; These reports
were severally accepted; and the bills
and resolves were severally read, and
to morrow assigned for their second
reading.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on
Division of Towns, to which
was referred the petition of S. G. Stevens
and others, reported that the petitioners
have leave to withdraw. The report was
accepted, Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on
Bills in second Reading,
reported, without amendment, bills en-
titled -

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray
Academy;

" " to set off Josiah A. Audkins, togeth

391. with certain real estate, from the town of
Roxbury to the town of Mexico;

An act authorizing the extending of a
wharf into tide waters at Thomas-
ton;

" " to incorporate the Cottonseed Manu-
facturing Company;

" " to incorporate the Dunn Edge-
Tool Company;

" " to incorporate the Cape Harbor Marine Railway Company;

Resolve in favor of the Irish River Road;

" authorizing the Land Agent
to sell land in the towns of Lowell,
Burlington, Enfield, Passadenunkag,
Canoll and Chester;

And these bills and
resolves were severally read a second
time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Jones moved to reconsider the vote
of the Senate passing, in con-
currence, an order to increase the number
of the Committee on the Judiciary; and
motion, on motion of Mr. Woodbury, was
laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Chessey,

The vote passing to be
enacted,—"An act to incorporate the town
of Winn," was reconsidered, and the bill
laid on the table.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on

Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly 392.
ly engrossed, — "Resolve in favor of D. B. Winck-
ley's" — and the same was finally passed in
concurrence, signed by the President protempore
and by the Secretary transmitted to the Gover-
nor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. Hersey:

Ordered: That
the Committee on State Lands and State
Roads be directed to inquire and report
by resolve or otherwise, what further legis-
lation is necessary to secure the payment
of notes due the State as provided for, in
part, by a resolve approved March 22,
1856. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. West, from the Committee on En-
grossed Bills, reported as truly
ly and strictly engrossed, — "Resolve for
the promulgation of certain laws": — which
was finally passed, signed by the Pres-
ident protempore, and by the Secretary
transmitted to the Governor for his ap-
proval and signature.

Adjourned.

Joseph H. Clark
Secretary, protem.

A true transcript.

Attest

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Saturday, March, 21, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Amistag of Augusta.

Petition of Godfrey Lydick to be set off from Alexander to Crawford, was referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Moses Anderson and others, against the protection of clams, or shell fish, - was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Bill - "An act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for the County of Penobscot," - came from the House indefinitely postponed, and, on motion of Mr. Cobb, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill - "An act for the better protection of orchards, nurseries, and gardens,"

"Resolve providing for amendment of the Constitution, relating to impeachment and address"; were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Resolve authorizing the Land agent to execute deeds under the resolves, approved March 22, 1856 (introduced in the House by Mr. Bersey of Bangor) was once read, and tomorrow

assigned for a second reading.

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Order from the House,

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 277 of the public laws of 1856, approved April 10, 1856, was read and passed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petitions of A. L. Degood and others; A. Willington and others; and S. M. Howe and others, - that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Same report of same Committee, on petition of E. Pennington and others;

Same report of same Committee, on petition of E. L. Pike and others;

Also, same report of same Committee, to which was referred, bill - "An act concerning passenger carriers", - that the same ought not to pass, were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of William Hyman and others, with bill - "An act to protect the culture of cranberries";

Report of the same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to further legislation in relation to attachments, with bill - "An act in relation

395. to attachments of real estate and personal property,"— were severally accepted, in concurrence. The bills were severally once read, and Monday next assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported Title Four of the revision. The report was accepted, and the title was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee, reported Title Five of the revision. The report was accepted; the title was once read, and Monday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., assigned for second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, declaring, that bill "An act to amend an act additional in relation to witnesses,"— ought not to pass, came from the House accepted. On motion Mr. Jones, the report was laid on the table.

Bill— "An act to incorporate the Lebec Pond Boat Company,"— reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hersey,

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Bill-

"An act to incorporate the town of Winn", —
was taken from the table, and passed to
be enacted, in concurrence.

The following bills, report-
ed from the Committee on Engrossed
Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed,
were also severally passed to be enacted,
in concurrence, viz:—

- "An act to authorize the town of Harpswell
to extend a highway over tide wa-
ters";
- " " to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual
Fire Insurance Company";
- " " to amend Chapter 125 of the revised
statutes, and for the further protection
of mechanics' liens";
- " " to secure the safety of passengers at
railroad crossings";
- " " to incorporate the Biddeford Steam
Mill Company";
- " " to incorporate the Southport Bridge
Company";

And these bills,
were presented by the Secretary pro tempore
to the Governor for his approval.

The following resolve and
bill were reported from the Committee on
Bills in Second Reading, without amend-
ment, and were severally passed to be en-
grossed, viz:—

"Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane,

Bill - "An act to amend the 22nd. section of chapter 106 of the revised statutes."
Sent down for concurrence.

Also, "Resolve relative to Meteorological Observations in the State of Maine," - which was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Hersey, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred various petitions and orders relating to the subject, reported "Resolves in aid of roads and bridges in the county of Brookstock." The report was accepted, and the resolve was read once, and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Ping, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of Sylvester S. Roberts, reported bill "An act to authorize Sylvester S. Roberts to build and maintain a weir in tide waters, in Nanauquagus bay. The report was accepted. The bill was read, and Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Bill - "An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodic waters," reported from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment, was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill - "An act additional to an act entitled 398.
an act for the preservation of moose
and deer, approved March 29, 1853, (report
ed in the House, from the Committee on
Agriculture,) was once read, and Monday
next, assigned for a second reading.

Adjourned.

Joseph H. Clark,
Secretary pro tem.

A true transcript

Attest

Joseph D. Hall, Secretary

Monday, March 23, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dillingham of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Wm. Lewis and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw - was accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred, an order in relation to a change of location of Calais Academy grant, with - "Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais Academy" - was accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve once read, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Report of the Committee on Finance, on petition of George D. Bacon, that the same be referred to the next Legislature - was accepted, in concurrence.

A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting abstract of moneys paid to the commissioners to revise the statutes, was received, and on motion of Mr. Hoodbury, was laid on the table and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, —

Bill - "An act to protect the culture of cranberries.";

Title Five of the revision of the statutes 400.
which were severally read a
second time, and passed to be engross-
ed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on
the Revision of the Statutes,
reported Title Two of the revision. The re-
port was accepted. The title was read twice,
the rules being suspended, and passed to
be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Berry, from the Committee on
Bills in Second Reading,
reported without amendment, — Bill
"An act additional to an act further to
protect personal liberty"; also —
"Resolve for the repair of the Houlton and
Baring road";

Mr. Woodbury, from same Committee,
reported without amend-
ment, —
Bill entitled — "An act in relation to at-
tachment of real estate and personal
property";

Mr. Jones, from same Committee,
reported without amend-
ment. Bill — "An act to authorize Sylvester
S. Roberts to build and maintain a weir
in tide waters in Narragansett bay";
also, "Resolves in favor of J. H. Russell";

401. Mr. Oak, from same Committee made a like report on bill - "An act to exempt libraries from attachment and execution"; also -

Bill - "An act to set off Joshua E. Sinks, Augustus Parley, and Lyman Bradstreet, from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation"; also, -

"Resolve in favor of the city of Bath."

And these bills and resolves were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Jones, from same Committee, reported without amendment, "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to execute deeds under the resolve approved March 22, 1856" - which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Also, Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in the County of Ansonia - which, on motion of the same Senator, was laid on the table.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported that bill - "An act additional to an act for the preservation of moose and deer", be recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture. The report was accepted,

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Switckill called up the bill - 412.

"An act for the establishment of a State Normal School" and the same was recommended to the Committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Ring, from the Committee on Fisheries, on petition of William B. Sapham and others, reported bill - "An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryants Pond in Woodstock"; Also, on petition of inhabitants of Pembroke, Perry, Charlotte and Robbinston bill - "An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Pennamagon and Borden's Lake, and tributary waters." The reports were severally accepted. Bills were severally read once, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Same Senator, from same Committee, on petition of Stephen Purinton, that legislation thereon is inexpedient. The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Jones, by leave, introduced bill - "An act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company" which was referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following bills and resolves

403. were reported from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, as truly and strictly engrossed, viz:—

Bill—"An act to incorporate the Corinna Steam and Water Power Company;

" An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanics Association;

" An act to incorporate the Little River Canal Company;

" An act additional to an act respecting the electors of President and Vice Presidents;

" An act to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company;— and the same were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence.

Resolve for paying roll of accounts No. 37, for 1857;

" authorizing the payment of school money to Hancock plantation, in the County of Aroostook;

Resolve authorizing the agent for the Passamaquoddy Indians to lease a point of land in Perry;— and these resolves were severally passed in concurrence.

The foregoing bills and resolves were presented by the Secretary pro tempore, to the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

404.

Joseph H. Clark
Secretary, pro tem.

A true transcript

Attest

Joseph D. Hall Secretary.

Tuesday, March 24, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ware of Augusta.

Petition of Oliver Harrington and others, to make valid the doings of a school district in Brewer - was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of William Holloway and others, for the passage of a bill to protect deer on Cross Island - was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Bill - "An act to amend chapter 263 of the Laws of 1856." - was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill - "An act additional in relation to witnesses," ought to pass;

Report of the same Committee that bill - "An act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Calais, ought to pass;

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was referred the petition of O. E. Barker and others, with bill - "An act to incorporate the Jonesport Marine Railway Company."

Report of the Committee on State Lands 486,
and State Roads, to which was
referred the petitions of William G.
Lawyer and others, and of William
R. Miller and others, with "Resolve in
aid of repairing road in the town
of Mattamiscontis" - were severally
accepted, in concurrence.

The bills and
resolves were severally read, and to-
morrow assigned for their second
reading.

"Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital,
was recommitted to the Com-
mittee on the Insane Hospital, in con-
currence, for a statement of facts.

"Resolve making an appropriation for
improving the buildings at the
State Prison," - was recommitted, in con-
currence, to the Committee on the State
Prison.

Report of the Committee, on an or-
-der relating to increasing the
permanent school fund of the State,
was recommitted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones.

The report of the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary, that bill
-"An act to amend an act additional
in relation to witnesses," - was taken
from the table and accepted, in
concurrence.

407. Bill - "An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank of Oxford" - was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking, in concurrence.

Petition of Allen Lewis and others, for an act of incorporation for a Marine Railway at Rockaway Harbor - was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

The motion of Mr. Jones to reconsider the vote passing an order to increase the number of the Committee on the Judiciary, was taken from the table, and leave being granted, the motion was withdrawn by Mr. Jones, when Mr. Wasson was joined to the said Committee, on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bills entitled -

"An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's Pond, in Woodstock, County of Oxford;
" " to prevent the destruction of pickerel in Pennamagon and Borden's Lake and tributary waters.

And the same were severally read a 468.
second time, and passed to be engross-
ed, Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same
Committee, made same report on
"Resolve to change the location of the
grant to Calais Academy"; And the
same was read a second time, and
on motion of Mr. Twitchell, was
laid on the table.

Petition of Charles K. Miller and oth-
ers, for a charter to build a rail-
road from Greenbush to the east
line of the State - was referred
to the Committee on Railroads,
Ways and Bridges, in concu-
rence.

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerk
in the office of the Secretary of
State, for the year 1853, came up from
the House indefinitely postponed.
The Senate refused to concur with the
House, and finally passed the resolve.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. West, from the Committee on
Manufactures, to which was
referred bill - "An act to incorporate the
Frontier Iron Company", - reported that
the bill ought to pass. The report was
accepted, and the bill was once read,
and tomorrow assigned for its se-
cond reading.

409. Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall. Secretary.

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Wednesday, March 25, 1857. 410.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bean of Augusta.

Petition of Samuel R. Jackson of Brunswick, for reimbursement of money paid by him to secure the ends of justice;

Petition of John Parr of Portland, that the State would relinquish to him the right of certain property in Portland; were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of William Higgins and 16 others, to be re-annexed to the town of Levant;

Petition of Greenleaf King and 150 others, that Menduskeag may be re-annexed to Levant; were severally referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Bill. "An act to amend chapter 28 of the laws of 1847, relating to appeals from the decision of County Commissioners";

Bill. "An act to make valid the doings of the selectmen and superintending school committee of the town of Winthrop, for the year 1856,"— were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

411. iary, in concurrence.

Bill - "An act to change the name of Oak Grove School," - came up from the House, passed, to be engrossed. The bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill - "An act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company," came up from the House, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A." The Senate receded from their former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed, adopted the amendment of the House, and as amended the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, with - "Resolve providing for the building of a stone wall at Pleasant Point";

Report of same Committee, with "Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians";

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill - "An act authorizing towns to purchase a hearse, and erect a hearse house for the same";

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, with bill - "An act to repeal chapters 53, 56, and 57 of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions, tobacco, and the exportation of

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, with "Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of Crafton"; were severally accepted in concurrence. The bills and resolves were severally read once, and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, be directed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation for the repair of the Maine military road, was read, and passed, in concurrence.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, reported order of notice, returnable to the next Legislature, on petition of Charles H. Miller and others. The report was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Ballouell presented the petition of Harrison Knowles, for extension of time to cut timber on State land, which was referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hoyt, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, re

413. Reported without amendment, bills entitled
"An act to limit the jurisdiction of the
municipal court of the city of
Calais";

" " to incorporate the Jonesport
Marine Railway Company";

" " additional in relation to witnesses;

"Resolve in aid of repairing roads in the
town of Mattamiscontis"; which
were severally read a second time, and
passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Also, bill-

"An act to incorporate the Frontier Iron
Company"; which was read a sec-
ond time, and passed to be engross-
ed. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill-"An act to incorporate the Augusta
Three Bridge Company," (reported
in the House from the Committee on
Railroads, Ways and Bridges) was re-
committed, in concurrence.

Bill-"An act to amend an act respecting
judicial proceedings,"- was referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary, in con-
currence.

Petition of Charles Carlisle and others
against changing the shire
town of Lincoln county, was referred to the
Committee on Division of Counties, in
concurrence.

Bill-"An act additional to an act to au-
thorize the consolidation of certain

railroad corporations." - came from the House, 4 1/4
refused a passage in that branch. The Sen-
ate nonconcurrent with the House in refusing
the bill a passage by yeas and nays being
ordered, it was passed to be enacted as follows:

Yeas - Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Chandler, &
Chapman, Connor, Evans, Halliwell,
Berrick, Hersey, Hobbs, Oak, Thinner, Mas-
son, Webb, Woodbury - 15.

Nays - Messrs. Berry, Dane, Jones, Magoun,
Ring, Wallace, West - 7.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Berrick, from the Committee on
the Judiciary, reported leg-
islation inexpedient on an order relating
to chapter 16 of the revision; Also, that leg-
islation is unnecessary on petition of Oliver
Harrington and others. The reports were gen-
erally accepted, Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads,
Ways and Bridges, with bill -
"An act additional to an act granting
certain privileges to the islands composing
the town of North Haven, in the county of
Waldo" - was accepted, in concurrence.
The bill was once read, and tomorrow as-
signed for a second reading.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee
on Mercantile Affairs, and
Insurance, reported legislation inexpedient
on an order in relation to amending the law

415. relating to insurance';

Same report on an order relating to fraudulent or insolvent insurance companies, out of the State;

Also, that bill - "An act to amend an act entitled an act in relation to home agencies of foreign insurance companies," - ought not to pass;

Also, that bill - "An act to provide for the security of repairers of vessels," - ought not to pass. And these reports were severally accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported that bill - "An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company," - ought to pass. The report was accepted. The bill once read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Ring, from the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of George E. Burr and others, reported bill - "An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North Pond, in the town of Mercur." The report was accepted. The bill was read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Chandler.

Ordered: - That the Committee on Claims, be instructed to inquire if the State valuation of the town of Bowerbank is not too high, and if so to report a reduction of the same by bill or otherwise. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun offered the following Order, viz: -

Ordered:—That (the House of Representatives 416, concerning) the two houses of the Legislature finally adjourn, on Monday, the thirteenth day of April next,—which was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Woodbury.

Mr. Oak proposed the following, viz:—

Ordered:—That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be, and they are hereby required, to give their opinions upon the following question:—

Are free colored persons of African descent, having a residence established in this State, for the term of three months next preceding any election, authorized, under the provisions of the constitution of this State, to be electors for governor, senators, and representatives?"?

And, it is further Ordered—That a copy hereof, signed by the President-pro-tempore, and attested by the Secretary of the Senate, be communicated forthwith, by the most expeditious mode, to each one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and an answer to the foregoing question be requested at the earliest possible moment. But if the Legislature shall have adjourned before the answer can be prepared, the same shall be returned to the Secretary of State, to be by him published in the State paper.

On motion of Mr. Magoun, this order was laid on the table.

Mr. West, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed, bill entitled—
An act entitled an act additional to chapter

417. 163 of the revised statutes,"— which was passed to be enacted, signed by the President-pro-tempore, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Thursday, March 26 1857. 418.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dexter of Augusta.

Account of E. W. Clark, Sheriff of Oxford County, was referred, in concurrence, to the Committee on Accounts.

Bill - "An act to repeal an act, entitled an act in relation to directors of corporations" - was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred the petition of Hollis Bousman and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Was accepted in concurrence.

"Resolue in favor of the Insane Hospital," - (reported in the House from the Committee on the Insane Hospital) was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill - "An act additional to an act to establish the York and Cumberland Railroad Company," - came up from the House amended, as per sheets annexed marked "A." and "B." The Senate receded from its former vote, passing this bill to be engrossed; the House amendments were severally adopted, and as amended the same was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill - "An act to prevent the destruction of trout

419. and pickerel in Bear and Little Bear ponds in the towns of Turner and Hartford" - was referred to the Committee on Fisheries, in concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill - "An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in North pond in the town of Mercer" - which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator from same Committee, reported without amendment, bill - "An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company". The bill was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Jones, laid on the table.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on petition of John Moran and others; Same report on petition of Thomas Brastow and others; Also, same report on petition of Benjamin Skute and others; Also, reported that the petition of Godfrey Lydick be referred to the next Legislature; Also, reported leave to withdraw on petition of David Jenkins; Also, same report on divers petitions referred from the last Legislature to the present;

Mr. Hersey, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of J. W. Winslow and

others, reported that the petitioners have leave 420.
to withdraw; Also, same report on petition
of G. S. Foster and others. And these reports
were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Di-
-vision of Towns, reported that
said Committee had completed the exam-
ination of all petitions, remonstrances, and
other papers before them, and asked to be dis-
-charged from further service. The report was
accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received
from Alden Jackson, Esq., Secretary of State,
transmitting for distribution the third
annual report of the Superintendent of
Common Schools, for 1856.

A message was received from
the House, by Mr. Wilcox, its Clerk, trans-
mitting - "Resolve in favor of the tempora-
-ry clerks in the office of the Secretary of
State, for the year 1855," - and informing
the Senate that the House does not concur
with the Senate in giving said resolve a
final passage, but insists on its former
vote indefinitely postponing the same.

And on motion of Mr.
Woodbury, the resolve was laid on the table.

A message was received from the
House, by Mr. Wilcox, its Clerk, transmit-
ting bill - "An act additional to an act to
authorize the consolidation of certain
railroad corporations," - and informing the

421. Senate that the House refuses to recede from its former vote, refusing this bill a passage to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Senate insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be enacted, and voted to appoint conferees.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported Title Two, Chapter 11 excepted, of the revision. The report was accepted. The title was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolves relating to the publication of the revised Statutes,"— came from the House passed to be engrossed. The resolves were read once, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Oak, from the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law; also, to which was referred Chapter 28 of the revision of the public laws of Maine, reported that said Chapter 28 should not be embodied in the revision of the public laws, but should remain as one of the unrevoked laws of 1856;

Mr. Hersey, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads,

to which was referred a - "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to settle with William Dickey," - reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Benjamin Stinchfield and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw:

Also, made same report on petition of J. B. Cahoon and others;

Also, made same report on petition of Daniel Wheeler and others;

Also, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to liability of stockholders in corporations;

Mr. Jones, from the same Committee, reported that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to compensation of county commissioners;

Mr. Chandler, from the same Committee to which was referred bill - "An act to amend an act respecting judicial proceedings," - reported that the bill ought not to pass;

Mr. Graves, from the Committee on Public Buildings, to which was referred the petition of Charles R. Porter and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. And these reports

423. were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hersey, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Militia." And the same was read once, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported bill - "An act, additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Goose River Harbor", approved January 31, 1854. The report was accepted. The bill was read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt,

Ordered: - That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire if any and what alterations are needed to the seventh and eighth sections of an act additional to an act to provide for the education of youth, approved April 20, 1854, and report by bill or otherwise.

Sent down for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Constant Rankin and others, against the petition of the trustees of the First Universalist Meeting House in Rockland - was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. Lathrop, from the Committee on 424.

Bills in Second Reading,
reported without amendment, bills en-
titled —

- "An act authorizing towns to purchase a
hearse, and erect a hearse house;
- " " to change the name of Oak Grove
School;
- " " to repeal chapters 50, 56, and 57 of
the revised statutes, relating to the in-
spection of butter and lard, onions
and tobacco and the exportation of flax
seed; — Also

Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy
Indians;

" to providing for the building of a stone
wall at Pleasant Point;

" in aid of repairing road in the town
of Crafton — And these bills and re-
solves were severally read a second time,
and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Com-
mittee, reported without amendment, Bill
"An act additional granting certain privileges
to the islands composing the town of North Ha-
ven, in the County of Waldo" — which was read
a second time, and amended as per sheets
annexed, marked "A" and "B." As amend-
ed, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Oak, called up the order introduced by
him in the Senate yesterday, re-
lating to requiring the Justices of the Supreme
Judicial Court to answer a certain question, and
leave was granted him to withdraw the order,

4.25. for the purpose of amending it.

Subsequently Mr. Oak submitted the order, amended as follows, viz:—

In Senate,
March 26, 1857.—

Ordered:— That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be, and they are, required to give their opinions upon the following question:—

Are free colored persons of African descent, having a residence established in some town in this State, for the term of three months next preceeding any election, authorized under the provisions of the Constitution of this State to be electors for Governor, Senators and Representatives?

And it is further Ordered:— That a copy hereof, signed by the President pro tempore, and attested by the Secretary of the Senate, be communicated forthwith, by the most expeditious mode, to each one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and an answer to the foregoing question be requested at the earliest possible moment. But if the Legislature shall have adjourned before the answer can be prepared, the same shall be returned to the Secretary of State, to be by him published in the State paper.

Which was read and passed.

Mr. Lothrop moved to reconsider the vote passing to be engrossed—Resol in aid of repairing roads in the town of Matta

-muscontis" and the motion was laid on the 426.
table, on motion of Mr. Woodbury.

Adjourned.

Joseph B. Hall. Secretary.

Friday, March 27 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Spier of Hallowell.

Petition of Columbus Foster and others, for an alteration of the law in relation to the location of school houses—was referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Account of the treasurer of Charleston, for county on bears,—was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Increase of Salaries, that bill—“An act to amend an act for the better security of moneys in the State treasury,”—ought not to pass;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill—“An act to amend chapter 32 of the revised statutes, and providing for a change in the pauper laws,”—ought not to pass.

Report of same Committee, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to amending chapter 75 of the revised statutes relating to weights and measures;

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, on petition of the inhabitants of Bridgewater plantation, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw;

Report of the Committee on Increase of Salaries, granting leave to withdraw on

petition of John S. Baker, - were severally accepted, in concurrence. 428.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Isaac M. Davis and others, came back from the House re-committed. On motion of Mr. Woodbury, the report was laid on the table.

Bill - "An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Ryants pond in Woodstock," came up from the House amended, as per sheet annexed marked "A." The Senate receded from their former vote, adopted the amendment, and passed the bill to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill - "An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer," - in a new draft ought to pass, was accepted, in concurrence, - and the bill was once read, and to-morrow assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison, came from the House, passed to be engrossed. The resolve was read, and to-morrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, -

Bill - "An act additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Goose river harbor," - passed January 31, 1854.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on the Militia, and said bill and resolve were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

429. Mr. Tapp from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported reference to the Legislature, on petition of city council of Rockland;

Also, same report, on petition of John Tobin and others;

Also, same report, on petition of Isaac Reid and others;

Also, same report, on petition of R. L. Morse and others;

And these reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve relating to the publication of the revised statutes," (reported by Mr. Chandler from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, without amendment,) was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Woodbury, laid on the table.

"Resolve in favor of the Insane Hospital," - was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred petition of William W. Pitcomb and others, reported - "Resolve making valid the doings of the proprietors of the First Universalist Meeting House in Rockland";

Mr. Mason, from same Committee, to which was referred order to amend chapter 157 of the public laws

of 1845, reported bill - "An act to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845"; 430.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the claim of the town of Moscow, reported -

"Resolve in favor of the town of Moscow";
And these reports were severally accepted: bill and resolves were severally read, and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Wasson, laid on the table, petition of Warren Lamson to have unpaid non-resident taxes advertised in the county papers.

On motion of Mr. West

The Senate reconsidered the vote passing to be engrossed bill -

"An act additional granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven, in the County of Waldo"; - and on motion of Mr. Magoun, the votes adopting the amendments marked 'A' and 'B', were also reconsidered, and the said amendments were repeated; and the bill, as it came from the House, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

431. "Resolve in favor of Westbrook Semina-
-ry;" - (Reported in the House
from the Committee on Education)
- was recommitted in concurrence.

Order from the House,

That the Committee
on the Judiciary be directed to inquire
whether any further legislation is ne-
cessary, regulating proceedings before
before juries to appraise damages for
lands taken for highways, on appeal
from county commissioners, - was read
and passed, in concurrence.

The President pro tempore announ-
ced Messrs. Woodbury, Webb and Bur-
bank, as conferees, on the part of the
Senate, on the bill - "In act addition-
al to an act to authorize the consol-
idation of certain railroad corpora-
tions," which was transmitted to the
House by the Secretary, with a mes-
sage informing that branch, that the
Senate insists on its former vote passing
the bill to be enacted, and proposes
a conference; and also informing the
House, that the Senate has appoint-
ed for conferees, the Senators above
named.

Mr. Wasson, from the Committee on 432
the Judiciary, reported
legislation inexpedient on an or-
der relative to amending chapter 30
of the revised statutes.

Mr. Merrick, from the same
Committee, report-
ed legislation inexpedient on
an order in relation to capital
punishment.

Also,
leave to withdraw on petition of
R. E. Dunlap and others;

Mr. Woodbury, from the Commit-
tee on Claims, re-
ported leave to withdraw on peti-
tion of selectmen of Kingfield;

Mr. Heisey, from the Commit-
tee on State Lands and
State Roads, reported legislation in-
expedient on an order relating to
the re-survey of boundary line be-
tween Maine and New Hampshire;

433. Also, legislation in expedient on an order relating to aid for a road in letter B. range 1.

Also, leave to withdraw, on petition of Phillis Russell;

And these reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Ballouell, presented claims of the city of Bangor, for bounties paid, and for support of a foreign insane pauper which were referred to the Committee on Accounts.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled —

An act to amend section 70 of chapter 77, of the revised statutes, in relation to banks and banking.

An act in relation to attachments of 434.
real estate and personal
property;

An act to set off Josiah A. Dickinson, together with certain
real estate from the town
of Roxbury to the town of
Mexico;

And these bills were
severally passed to be enacted, in
concurrence.

Same Senator, from same
Committee, reported as truly and
strictly engrossed - "Resolve au-
thorizing the Land agent to execute
deeds under the resolves, approved
March 22, 1856," - which was fin-
ally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and
resolves, having received the signa-
ture of the President - pro tempore, were
by the Secretary transmitted to the
Governor, for his approval and signature.

435. Adjourned.

Joseph D. Hall, Secretary.

Saturday March 28th 1857.

436.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev Mr. Ingraham of Augusta

Claim of the town of Machias, for the support of an insane pauper; — was referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Claim of the town of Greenwood, for bounty on bears, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, in concurrence.

Petition of Solomon Coy, for alteration of city charter of Calais — was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to amend the 26th Section of the 32^d Chapter of the Revised Statutes in relation to paupers" — was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Order from the House.

That the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, be requested to inquire into the expediency of altering, or amending the law, that all tickets sold by any agent or ticket master of any railroad or steamboat corporation in this State or their agents out of this State, or by any individual, or his agent, owning such railroad or steamboat property, shall entitle the holder to be carried by said railroad or steamboat corporation, on any train or boat that may be run, belonging to the parties aforesaid, as the said ticket may show, for the term of six days, provided said ticket shall not be for an

437. excursion only. — was read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill, "An act, ^{Repealing, and} further defining the powers of Justices of the peace, in certain cases, approved April 9, 1856" — ought not to pass; —

Report of the same Committee that bill, "An act to prevent fraudulent conveyances, and to protect heirs therefrom;" — ought not to pass; —

Report of the same Committee that bill, "An act fixing the liability of Railroad corporations in certain cases;" — ought not to pass; —

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Ira Fish, and others; —

Report of the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, granting leave to withdraw on petition of James Bryant and others. — were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, with "Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians" — was accepted in concurrence, — and the Resolve was read and Monday assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewalls crossing in the city of Bath" — came back from the House, re-committed to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, with instructions to report the bill in a new draft, engrafting

therein the amendments which have been adopted, 438.
to the bill, as shown by sheets annexed marked "A"
and "B."— The Senate recommended the same, in
concurrence.

Bill, "An act to amend an act entitled an act
to establish a Board of Agriculture"— came back from the House, amended as
per sheet annexed marked "C." The Senate adopted
the amendment of the House, in concurrence, and
on motion of Mr. Twitchell, the bill was laid on
the table.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with
bill "An act to regulate the sale and redemption
of lands taxed to nonresident owners, and of
other lands sold for taxes"— was recommended in
concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,
"Resolves relating to the
publication of the revised Statutes"— was taken
from the table and passed to be engrossed, in concu-
rence.

On motion of Mr. Twitchell,
The Senate proceeded
to the consideration of the "Resolves to change the lo-
cation of the grant to Calais Academy,"— and
the same was amended, as per sheet annexed mark-
ed "A", and again laid on the table, on motion
of Mr. Wasson.

Mr. Lathrop, from the Committee on Agri-

439. culture, reported bill "An act additional to chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes;—

Mr. Corrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred an order in relation to altering chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, reported bill

"An act additional to chapter sixty seven of the Revised Statutes;—

Mr. Hersey from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey lot numbered 11, in township No. 2, Indian purchase to Deodat Brastow;—

And these reports were severally accepted, and the bills and resolve were severally read and Monday next assigned for their second reading. —

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Niles, its clerk, announcing that the House has received and entered upon its journals, a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature, that he has approved and signed public acts entitled

"An act in relation to Mills;—

"An act additional to chapter ninety four of the Revised Statutes, relating to the levy of executions on real estate;—

"An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding from roofs of buildings, in cities and villages;—

An act relating to attachments;—

Severally Approved March 20, 1857.

An act to amend chapter one hundred and

twenty five of the Revised Statutes, and 440
for the further protection of mechanics
liens:—

"An act to secure the safety of passengers at rail-
road crossings:—

Severally approved. March 21, 1857.

"An act additional to an act respecting the elect-
ion of President and Vice President:—

Approved March 24, 1857.

Mr. Coyt, from the Committee on Bills in
second reading, reported without a
amendment bill and resolve entitled

"An act to amend the law of forcible entry and
detainer:—

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State
prison":— which were severally read
a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concu-
rence.

Same Senator from same committee made a like
report on.

Resolve to make valid the doings of the first U-
niversalist society in Rockland:—

Resolve in favor of the Town of Moscow:— also
bill An act to amend chapter one hundred, fifty
nine of the public laws of 1845:—

And these resolves and bill were severally read
a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on the Judi-
ciary, to which was referred the peti-
tion of D. Alden and others reported that the

441. petitioners have leave to withdraw—

Mr. Kernick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed an order respecting the collection of taxes on real estate of resident owners, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.—

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Webb from the Committee on Military pensions, to which was referred the petition of Hannah Murphy, made a report, asking to be discharged from further consideration thereof— which report, on motion of Mr. Wasson, was laid on the table.

Mr. Woodbury, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia"— which was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. Poing;

Order from the House,

That a committee of five, with such as the Senate may join, be raised to ascertain and report, when the Legislature may finally adjourns— with

Messrs. Vinton of Gray, Woodbury of Litchfield, Buxton of Warren, Brown of Solons and Holt of Turner, appointed on the part of the House,— was read and passed in concurrence and Messrs. Magoun, Wallace and Dane were joined on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Davis from the Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled,

"An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company"

"An act to incorporate the Machiasport Maine railway Company"— which were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence, signed by the President pro tempore, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. Wasson.

The petition of Warrent Lamson and others, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads in

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Webb by leave introduced bill. An act to change the time of holding the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Lincoln— which was referred to the Lincoln delegation

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun called from the table the order introduced by him in relation to the final adjournment,— and the same was referred to the Committee on Final Adjournment.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Davis from the Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly Engrossed, bills entitled

"An act to incorporate the Sebeka Pond Boat Company;—

An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Com-

pany;—

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy;—

"An act in relation to depositions"

(additional relating to witnesses)

"An act to incorporate the Catoosque Manufacturing Company;—

"An act to incorporate the Lakesport Marine Railway Company;—

"An act to repeal an act entitled an act to limit the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Calais, approved April 4, 1856;—

"An act to amend the twenty second section of chapter one hundred and six of the Revised Statutes;—

"An act to incorporate the proprietors of Solon and Embden Bridge;— And the same were passed to be enacted in concurrence;

Same Senator from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled "Resolve relative to Meteorological observations in the State of Maine;—

" in favor of Constant A. McLaughlin;—

" in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital;—

" in favor of Phineas Boynton;—

" in favor of Thomas S. Roberts;—

" authorizing the Treasurer of State to send a note to the Trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital;—

" providing for the appointment of a commissioners to examine obstructions at the mouth of Stillwater stream;— and these resolves were severally finally passed in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves, having been signed by the President protem, were by the Sec.

retary. Transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature. H H H

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall. Secretary

Monday, March 30 1857

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Felch of Hallowell.

Petition of the Selectmen of South Thomaston, for payment of expenses incurred on account of an insane pauper, — was referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital, in concurrence.

Orders from the House

That the Committee on Education be required to consider so much of the report of the Superintendent of common schools, as relates to central districts. Likewise so much as relates to the duty of committees in effecting a uniformity of text books, and report thereon —

That the statement of facts in relation to James Leonard, an inmate in the insane Hospital, be taken from the files and referred to the Committee on the Insane Hospital — were severally read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bills

An act to amend chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Of parishes and ministerial lands"; —

Report of the same Committee, with bill "An act additional respecting judicial proceedings"; —

Report of the same Committee with bill "An act to amend Chapter one hundred and seven of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the appointment of administrators, in certain cases"; —

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs—446
with "Resolve authorizing the sale of Indian lands in Brewer;"—

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, with bill "An act to incorporate the proprietors of Custom House Wharf in Portland;"— Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bills and resolve were severally read and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions, on an order relating to the pension of Peter S. Polson, that his pension ought to be discontinued after the present quarter, — was recommitted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Smith Coram— was accepted in concurrence.

Bills entitled

"An act in relation to the powers of married women.

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the city of Portland;" — were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Jones.

The report of the Committee on Education, granting leave to withdraw on petition of the Trustees of Lebanon Academy— was taken from the table and recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Wasson from the Committee on Education

447. to which was referred the petition of the Trustees of Limington Academy, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.
The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Twitchell, from the Committee on Education to which was referred a "Resolve in aid of schools in Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren,"— reported "Resolve in favor of the plantation of Madawaska, Hancock and Van Buren,"— which report was accepted, — The Resolve was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill An act to amend the second section of chapter two hundred, sixty five of the laws of 1856, relating to the Militia!— had its two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence,

Mr. Dane presented the petition of Samuel M. Jones for repayment of taxes, — which was referred to the Committee on Claims,

Sent down for concurrence,

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported Title one of the revision, — which was read twice the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed—
Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr. King,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of "Resolve in favor of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia"— On motion of

Mr. Woodbury the title of this Resolve was changed so as to read "Resolve for the further distribution of the Revised Statutes,"— and as thus amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cwick,

The rules were suspended and the vote accepting the Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Directors of Marquette Bank, for a re-charter, was reconsidered; and on motion of the same senator, the report of the same Committee on petition of the stockholders of the Marquette Bank, for increase of capital was taken from the table, and both reports were then recommitted.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Twitcheell, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was re-committed their report on the petition of Peter S. Folson, reported "Resolve in relation to Peter S. Folson."— The report was accepted and the Resolve was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading;—

On motion of Mr. Twitcheell,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture".

On motion of Mr. Davis the vote adopting the amendment of the House on sheet marked "C" was reconsidered and said amendment "C" was amended as per sheet annexed marked "D." and as amended, amendment "C" was adopted, and on motion of Mr. Woodbury, the bill was laid on the table.

449 On motion of Mr. Woodbury.

"Resolve in favor of the temporary clerk in the office of the Secretary of State for the year 1855."— was taken from the table:— The Senate insisted on their former vote, finally passing the Resolve, and voted to appoint a committee of conference. Messrs Woodbury, Wasson and West were appointed on the part of the Senate.

The resolve was then transmitted to the House by the Secretary, with a message informing that branch that the Senate insists on its former vote, proposes a conference, and have appointed for conferees the Senators above named;

Mr. Coyt, from the Committee on bills in Second reading reported without amendment.

Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Same Senator from same Committee reported without amendment, bills entitled

"An act additional to Chapter eighty two of the Revised Statutes;"—

"An act additional to Chapter sixty seven of the Revised Statutes: also

"Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to convey lot number eleven in Township number two Indian purchase to Doodat Bras-tow;"— which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Engrossed

bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed 450.
Resolves entitled

Resolve for encouraging the building of mills in
Letter C. Range Am.—

Resolve relating to the publication of the Revi-
sed Statutes:— which were severally
finally finally passed in concurrence. Signed
by the President pro tempore, and by the Secretary.
Presented to the Governor for his approval and sig-
nature.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Tuesday, March 31, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

The petition of Warren Lamson, came back from the House, that branch having not concurred with the Senate in referring the same to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and referred it to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate receded, and referred as above, in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional concerning the powers of Judges of Probate"— was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw, on petition of Samuel Veazie and others;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary that bill "An act for the better protection of Orchards, gardens, nurseries and cranberry meadows"— ought not to pass;— were severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of E. S. Little and others with bill "An act additional relating to tolls on Lewiston Bridge;—

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on petition of Elisha Chick and others, with bill "An act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots;— were accepted, in concurrence, and the bills were severally read and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on p. 452.

tion of E. Holmes and others;— with bill
"An act to restrain the sale of strychnine, and
and other deadly poisons?"— came from the
House referred to a Joint Select Committee with
instructions to report a bill embracing the provisions
and substance of said bill.— with

Messrs Brown,
of Solon, Parlin of Winthrop, Foster of E. Machias,
Fletcher of China, Andrews of Monmouth, Allen,
of Thomaston, and Burton of Warren appointed
on the part of the House.

The Senate concurred, and

Messrs Oak, Twitchell
and Berry, were joined on the part of the
Senate,

Mr. Webb from the Lincoln delegation to which
was referred bill "An act to change the
time of holding the Supreme Judicial Court in
the County of Lincoln"— reported that the bill
ought not to pass;—

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on the Libra-
ry, reported that legislation is inexpedi-
ent on an order relating to furnishing the surviving
members of the Constitutional Convention, with a
copy of its journals;—

Also, made a like report on an order relating to re-
publishing the Geological Reports of the State.

And these reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Kerriek, by leave introduced bill "An act in
regard to the examination of witnesses,"
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary
Sent down for concurrence.

453. Mr. Jones, by leave, introduced, "Resolve directing the Land Agent to ascertain the quantity of land in the gore between the conventional line of 1842, and the line run by Lieut Graham;" — which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Maguire
Ordered:— That no papers, on any subject, shall be referred to any of the joint Standing committees of the Legislature, after Thursday next, — and after that day, all matters, requiring examination by a committee, shall be passed over to the next Legislature.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Webb bill "An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture;" — was taken from the table and as previously amended, passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill. "An act to amend Chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes, entitled of Parishes and ministerial lands" — was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Bills in Second reading reported without amendment resolves entitled

"Resolve in relation to Peter S. Polson;" —
" in favor of the plantations of Madawaska, Canoeck, and Van Buren;" — which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee made 452.
a like report, on bills entitled

"An act to incorporate the Proprietors of Custom
House wharf in Portland;"—

"An act to amend chapter one hundred and
seven of the Revised Statutes, in rela-
tion to the appointment of special
administrators in certain cases;"—

An act additional respecting judicial proceedings
Also, Resolves authorizing the sale of Indian land in
Brewer— which were severally read
a second time and passed to be engrossed, in con-
currence,

Mr. Cogt. from the committee on Education, to
which was referred the petition of
Columbus Foster and others, reported that the
petitioners have leave to withdraw. — The reports
accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Nasson,

The Senate proceeded
to the consideration of "Resolve to change the location
of the grant to Colais Academy;"

Mr. Nasson moved that the resolve as amend-
ed, be indefinitely postponed.

On this question, the Yeas and Nays were
ordered, and the Resolve was indefinitely postponed
as follows:—

Yeas Messrs Burbank, Chapman, Connor, Da-
vis, Graves, Halliwell, Hobbs, Hoyle, Jones,
Lothrop, Magoun, McGilvery, Oak, King,
Sargent, Twitchell, Nasson, Webb, West,
Woodbury.

Nays Messrs Berry, Chandler, Hovey, Smith. 4
Sent down for concurrence.

455. Petition of Richard Hogan and others, in aid of the petition of William M. Reed and others was referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, in concurrence.

Order from the Houses.

That a committee consisting of one from each county, on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of removing the seat of Government of this State to Portland or Bangor, and report on, or before the sixth day of April next, — with

Messrs. Moore of Ellsworth, Vinton of Gray, Littlefield of Alfred, Burton of Warren, Burr of Mercer, Weed of Orléans, Burling of Lincoln, Copp of Liberty, Hottes of Waterford, Campbell of Medford, Morrison of Farmington, Garcelon of Lewiston, Gilbert of Bath, Chadbourn of Perry, and Picknell of Augusta appointed on the part of the House, — was read and passed in concurrence, and.

Messrs. Magoun of Lincoln, Nasson of Hanover, Graves of Kennebec, Chandler of Piscataquis, and Dane of York, were joined on the part of the Senate,

On motion of Mr Woodbury.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the increase of witnesses and jurors fees, was taken from the table and recommitted with instructions to bring in a bill, increasing the travel of witnesses to six cents per mile each way, and their attendance at the Supreme judicial court to one dollar and twenty five cents.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Ring, from the Committee on Fisheries, 456

to which was referred bill, "An act to prevent the destruction of Trout and Pickeral in Bear and Little Bear ponds, in the towns of Turner and Hartford;"— reported that the bill in a new draft ought to pass.—

The report was accepted. The bill was read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury.

"Resolve in favor of the Commissioners of 1856, for revising the public laws of the State";— was taken from the table and refused a passage to be engrossed.

Mr. West from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

"An act to amend the second section of chapter two hundred, sixty five of the laws of the year 1856, relating to the Militia;"—

"An act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Pool Company;"—

"An act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company;"—

"An act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company;"— which were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence;

Same Senator from the same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

"Resolve to protect the rights of the Passamaquoddy Indians;"—

"in aid of repairing road in the town of

Grafton's—

Resolve providing for building a stone wall at
Pleasant Point;— which were sever-
ally finally passed, in concurrence, signed
by the President pro tempore, and presented to the
Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned.

Joseph D. Call, Secretary

Wednesday April 1. 1857. 458.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Colby of Augusta.

Bills entitled

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy, in Salmouth;—

"An act additional to provide for the distribution of school money"— were orally referred to the Committee on Education, in concurrence.

Bill "An act concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this State," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on County Estimates granting leave to withdraw, on petition of the County commissioners of Sagadahoc, — was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Graves, from the Kennebec delegation, to which was referred the order relating to the municipal courts of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner, — reported that legislation thereon is expedient:—

Mr. Chesey, from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported legislation in expedient, on an order relating to the purchase of County maps:—

Also, same report on an order relating to the collection of debts due the State— and three

459. reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Joint Select Committee on Plantations, reported bill "An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements"— The report was accepted. The bill was laid on the table and 500 copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Graves
Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in this state was taken from the table and as amended, passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Coe, from the committee on Education to which was referred an order relation to the increase of the common school fund of the state, reported "Resolve for increasing the permanent school fund of the State;" — which report was accepted, and the resolve was read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, to which was recommended bill

"An act to incorporate the St. Croix Insurance Company;" — made a report asking to be discharged from a further consideration of the bill. — On motion of the same senator, the report was laid on the table;

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported

chapters 81. to 90. inclusive, of Title Nine of H 60.
the revision. The report was accepted, and
the chapters aforesaid, had two several readings, under
a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed
Sent down for concurrence.

Bills entitled

"An act to authorize the formation of corporations
for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or
chemical purposes;"—

"An act to encourage manufacturing establishments
in this state;"— were severally referred
to the committee on Manufactures, in concurrence.

Mr. Corsey, from the Committee on State
Lands and State Roads, reported
leave to withdraw on petition of the Selectmen of
Chester;—

Also, that legislation is inexpedient on so much
of the Governor's message as relates to public lands;
These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Corrick moved to reconsider the vote refus-
ing a passage to "Resolve in favor of
the Commissioners of 1855, for revising the public
laws of the State";— and the motion to reconsider
was laid on the table, on motion of the same Sena-
tor

Mr. Callowell presented the petition of Newell
Blake and others;— of John But-
terfield and others;— of Edward Ellison and oth-
ers;— of Jonathan Powers and others, severally in aid
of the petition of Samuel Veazie and others;— which

461. were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.
Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Chandler from the Committee on Bills in Second reading reported with out amendment bills

An act additional relating to tolls on Lewiston Bridge which was read a second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Also An act to establish a standard weight for the sale of grain and carrots— which was read a second time. The Senate rejected the House amendment marked "A" adopted the amendment marked "B" in concurrence and as thus amended, passed the bill to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, to which was referred the petitions of various Banks for renewal of charter with bill. An act additional in relation to Banks and Banking?— was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Davis from the Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed bills entitled

An act additional to an act granting certain privileges to the islands composing the town of North Haven in the County of Waldo;

An act for the preservation of trout in the

An act to repeal chapters fifty three, fifty six and fifty seven of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco and the exportation of flaxseed;

Mr. Wasson from same committee, reported,

An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bryant's pond in Woodstock;

An act to prevent the destruction of pickeral in North pond in Mercer;

An act authorizing Sylvester J. Roberts to build and maintain a weir in tide waters in Narraguagus bay;—

An act authorizing towns to purchase a hearse and erect a house for the same;—

An act to change the name of Oak Grove School;

An act additional to an act to establish the York and Cumberland Railroad Company;— which were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed.

"Resolve in favor of the Committee on the State Prison"— which was finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolve having been signed by the President pro tempore were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary,

Thursday April 2 1857.

Met according to adjournment

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Lappan of AugustaOrders from the House

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing by law the salary of the Deputy Secretary of State: and report by bill or otherwise—

That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing the collection of birds now in the cabinet of the State House, belonging to Dr. Cushman of Massachusetts, and report by bill or otherwise—

These severally read and passed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill, "An act ^{to regulate and} relating to certain officers of towns and other corporations"—ought not to pass, was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee that bill "An act in relation to directors of corporations"—ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill was read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve to change the location of the grant to Calais Academy"—came back from the House that branch having refused to concur with the Senate in its indefinite postponement and re-committed the same to the Committee on State Lands and State Roads. The Senate adhered

to its former vote indefinitely postponing the re- 464
solve. Sent down for concurrence.

Bills entitled

"An act to increase the capital stock of the Man-
ufacturers and Traders Bank;—

"An act additional to an act entitled an act to
incorporate the Thomaston Bank;—

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the Bank
of the State of Maine;—

"An act to change the name of the Mousam River
Bank;—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the San-
ford Bank;—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the San-
dy River Bank;—

"An act to incorporate the Lowell Bank;—

"An act to incorporate the Long Reach
Bank;—

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the
City Bank of Bangor;—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the
Freemans Bank;—

"An act extending the time for the American
Bank, to increase its capital stock;—

"An act to extend the charter of the Atlantic
Bank, Portland;—

"An act to increase the capital stock of
the Lumberman's Bank;—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the
Alfred Bank;— severally reported in
the House from the Committee on Banks and
Banking— were severally read and tomorrow
assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking

465, to which was referred the petition of Ezra Tobie and others, with bill. An act to incorporate the Central Bank was accepted, in concurrence. The Senate adopted the House amendment, striking out the fourth section and recommitted the bill, in concurrence.

The President pro tempore, laid before the Senate a communication from the Hon. Daniel Goodenow, one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, answering the question propounded to them, by the Senate on the 26th ultimo as follows, to wit;—

To the Honorable Senate of Maine,

I have had the honor to receive from your body, this day, an order requiring the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, to give their opinions upon the following question;—

"Are free colored persons of African descent, having a residence established in some town in this State for the term of three months next preceding any elections, authorized, under the provisions of the Constitution of this State, to be electors for Governor, Senators and Representatives?"

By "free colored persons". I understand that you intend males, twenty one years of age and upwards, born within the United States, or naturalized according to law, if of foreign birth, and thereby owing allegiance to any foreign State or power—not paupers, or under guardianship.

It is my opinion, that such "free colored persons" are authorized, under the provisions of the Constitution of this State, to be electors as aforesaid, in the towns or plantations where their residence is so established; that they are citizens of this State and entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citi-

gens of the several States" of the Union. In the 466. Convention which framed the Constitution of this State, while the article upon "Electors" was under consideration, Mr. Vance of Calais moved to insert in the list of exceptions, "negro" after the words "Indians not taxed". This proposition was rejected by the Convention. Mr. Holmes who was chairman of the Committee who reported the Constitution said the "Indians not taxed", were excluded, not on account of their color, but of their political conditions. They are under the protection of the State but they can make and execute their own laws. They have never been considered members of the body politics. But I know of no difference between the rights of the negro and the white man — God Almighty, has made none — our declaration of Rights has made none. That declares that "all men" (without regard to color) "are born equally free and independent."

I refer to this, in order to show that this subject did not escape the observation of the Convention and also to show its construction of the language used in the Constitution.

Daniel Goodenow

Alfred March 30, 1857.

Mr. Jones from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred bill An act to amend section 20, of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes — reported that the bill ought not to pass: —

Mr. Cerrick, from the same Committee to which was referred the petition of Solomon Coy and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: —

467. Same Senator from the same Committee, to which was referred bill "An act to provide for the proof of deeds in certain cases"—reported that the bill ought not to pass:—

Same Senator from the same Committee, to which was committed an order relating to the ^{Thom}stead act,—reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient:—

Mr. Hersey from the Committee on State Lands and State roads, to which was referred the petition of Daniel W. Bradley, reported that the same be referred to the next legislature;—

Same Senator from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Paul Peavey, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature:—

Same Senator from same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Theophilus Cushing and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw:—

And these reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Brown presented the remonstrance of G. H. Jewett and 26 others, against any amendment of a bill to extend the Bangor Oldtown and Milford Railroad:—

Also remonstrance of Arad Dudley and 65 others, against the further extension of the Bangor Oldtown and Milford Railroad:— which were severally referred to the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Helen 468.
Jackson Esq. Secretary of State, transmitting
for distribution the list of stockholders of the sev-
eral banks in this State, for the year 1857.

Mr. Magoun, from the Joint Select Committee
on Final adjournment, reported that
all the committees of the Legislature, may report on
all subjects committed to them, on or before Monday
next. That on and after Monday the Legislature
may hold two sessions each day, commencing at ten o-
clock in the forenoon, and half past two in the af-
ternoon, and may finally adjourn on, or before Wed-
nesday, the fifteenth instant.

The report was amended by striking out the
words "Wednesday the fifteenth", and inserting instead
the words "Monday, the thirteenth", and as amended
was accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Hoyt, from the Committee on Education
to which was directed an order relating to
amending the seventh and eighth sections of an act
additional to an act to provide for the education of
youth, - reported that legislation thereon is inex-
pedient. This report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Same Senator from the same Committee to which
was referred bill "An act to incorporate the Trus-
tees of Oak Grove Academy, in Falmouth" - report-
ed that the bill ought to pass: -

Mr. West, from the Committee on Manufactures
to which was referred the petition of
Charles M. Germaine and others, - reported bill "An

469 act to incorporate the Master Wardens and Members of Aurora Lodges—

These reports were severally accepted—the bills were severally read and Tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr Woodbury,

Ordered:—That the committee on the Militia be directed to inquire into the expediency of limiting the whole number of the volunteer militia under the laws of the State, to three thousand, instead of ten thousand, as now limited by section 7. of chapter 10. of the new revision.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Hoyt, from the Committee on Education reported a statement of facts, on petition of the Trustees of Lebanon Academy, which report, on motion of Mr Jones, was laid on the table.

Mr West from the Committee on Manufactures to which was referred Bill An act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company reported that the bill ought to pass.— which report was accepted, and the bill had its two several readings under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Woodbury, from the Committee on Bills in Second reading, having reported without amendment

"Resolve for increasing the permanent school fund of the State"— it was read a second time and on motion of Mr Jones, was laid on the table.

The same Senator, from the same committee reported without amendment bill entitled

"An act additional in relation to Banks and H 70.

Banking: — which was read a second time — the amendments of the House, as per sheets annexed marked A. "B" and D. were adopted — and the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Brown.

Mr. Berry, by leave, introduced bill "An act to prohibit the exhibition of circuses" — which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Halliwell, from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of William B. Hayford and others, reported bill "An act to incorporate the East Branch Room Company" —

Mr. Magowan, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported bill "An act relating to liens on vessels: —

These reports were severally accepted. — The bills were severally read and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred bill "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical and chemical purposes" — made a report asking to be discharged from further consideration thereof and recommending that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Wilson its Clerk, transmitting bill "An act to provide for the trial of capital cases" - and informing the Senate, that the bill, having passed to be enacted in both branches of the Legislature, had been returned to the House, having originated there, with the objections of the Governor thereto: - and that on the question, "Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" - the House had refused so to pass it, by a vote of 100 nays to four yeas. -

The message of the Governor, containing his objections to the bill in question, was read as follows:

To the House of Representatives:

I have attentively considered the provisions of the bill entitled "An act to provide for the trial of capital cases." It is a departure from the rule which has hitherto prevailed in this State, for conducting the trial of indictments for capital offenses, and in my opinion discards a sound and important principle generally recognised in the administration of justice.

Therefore, whenever provision has been made by law for the hearing of such cases, by a number of judges less than a majority of the full law courts, it has always been accompanied by a provision allowing the accused to take exceptions to their rulings and instructions. This safeguard is accorded to every person whose rights of property only, are involved, before our courts, as well as to all those who may be put on trial for offenses which are not capital; and I cannot perceive that it is right or just to take it away from him alone who is on trial for a capital offense.

It is of the utmost importance in securing the confidence of a community in its judicial tri-

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bunals. that the law of the land, as promulgated by them should be uniform and harmonious; and this is eminently true in respect to the adjudication of criminal cases; but to allow four judges out of the eight who now constitute the Supreme Judicial Court, to be the final arbiters of the law in capital cases, makes it at least possible for discordant opinions, on similar questions, to prevail at different times, thus producing a conflict of authoritative law, within the same sovereignty and jurisdiction, which may conduct different juries to opposite conclusions, under a similar state of facts.

Moreover, if four judges, only, are to sit in the trial of capital cases, should they, at any time, happen to differ in opinion among themselves, the negative opinion of any two of them, by producing an equipoise, would be controlling and decisive of the point in difference; nevertheless, under the provisions of this bill the accused would be remediless in such a case, however numerous those negative opinions might be in the judgment of a majority of the whole court, if it could be appealed to.

That some two of our judges would not unfrequently be found at variance with their associates in the unpremeditated opinions they are sometimes called upon to form, in conducting capital trials, may readily be presumed, when we consider the different constitution of independent minds, and the frequent introduction of new members upon the benches, under the operation of the present limitations of the judicial tenure.

Inasmuch, then, as this bill does not require the concurrence of opinion of a majority of the Supreme Judicial Court - which, under the Constitution, is clothed with the judicial power of the State, as the court of final resort, nor even unanimity among the four judges, whom it proposes to authorize to try capital cases, and as it provides no alternative protection to the accused by allowing him the privilege of taking exceptions to

473. their rulings and decision, I am constrained to withhold from it my approval and herewith return it to that branch of the Legislature in which it originated

Joseph C. Williams

Council Chamber

March 23 1857.

And on the question, "Shall this bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" the Senate concurred with the House in refusing so to pass the bill, as follows:

Yeas

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Nays. Messrs. Berry, Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hensy, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Lathrop, Magoun, McGilvery, Oak, Phinney, Sargent, Scamman, Smith, Twitchell, Mason, Webb, West, Woodbury

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On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company" — was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence

A message was received from the House by Mr. Wiley, its clerk, announcing to the Senate, that the House has received and entered upon its journals a message from the Governor, informing the Legislature, that he has approved and signed public acts as follows, to wit;

An act additional to chapter one hundred and sixty three of the revised Statutes; — Mar 26/57

An act to amend section seventy of chapter seventy seven of the Revised Statutes, in relation

to Banks and Banking;"— Mar 28, 1857. 474.

"An act in relation to attachments of real estate and personal property;"— Mar 28, 1857.

"An act to amend the twenty second section of chapter one hundred and six of the Revised Statutes;"—

Approved March 30, 1857.

"An act in relation to depositions;"—

(additional in relation to witnesses)

Approved March 30, 1857.

"An act to amend the second section of chapter two hundred, sixty five, of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and fifty six relating to the militia;"

Approved March 31, 1857.

"An act to repeal chapters fifty three, fifty six, and fifty seven, of the Revised Statutes relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco, and exportation of flax seed;"— Approved April 1, 1857.

"The act

Bills entitled.

"An act in addition to chapter 25th of the public laws of 1856;"—

"An act relative to the appointment of guardians of insane married women;"— were severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall. Secretary.

Friday, April 3, 1857.

Met according to adjournment

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dillingham of
Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking,
granting leave to withdraw on petition of
the directors of the Maritime Bank, for extension of
their charter;—

Report of the same committee granting leave to
withdraw on petition of Maritime Bank
for increase of capital stock;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, grant-
ing leave to withdraw on petition of C. C.
Hayward and others;—

Report of the Waldo delegation, that, on petition
of the Judge of Probate of Waldo County, the
petitioner have leave to withdraw;—

Report of the Committee on Education, that, on
an order relating to central school districts,
legislation is inexpedient;— were severally accepted
in concurrence,

Report of the Committee on State Lands and
State Roads, that the petition of Harrison
Knowles be referred to the next Legislature, was
laid on the table on motion of Mr. Halliwell.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking
with bill "An act to incorporate the Free
State Bank";— was accepted in concurrence. The
title of the bill was amended, in concurrence, by striking
out the words "Free State", and inserting the word

"Norombega". The bill was then read and L 76.
tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill. "An act to reduce the capital stock of the Ken-
duskeag Bank;"— passed to be engrossed
in the House, — was read and tomorrow
assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Bills in
Second reading, reported without a
amendment, bills entitled

"An act to increase the capital stock of the Manu-
facturers and Traders Bank;"—

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the
Thornaston Bank;"—

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the
Bank of the State of Maine;"—

"An act to change the name of the Mousam River
Bank;"—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the San-
ford Bank;"—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the
Sandy River Bank;"—

"An act to incorporate the Lowell Bank;"—

"An act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank;"—

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the city
Bank, Bangor;"—

"An act extending the time for the American
Bank to increase its capital stock;"—

"An act to extend the charter of the Atlantic
Bank;"—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the
Lumberman's Bank;"—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the
Alfred Bank;"—

"An act to repeal an act entitled an act in

477. relation to Directors of Corporations;— which were severally read a second time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Also An act to increase the capital stock of Freeman's Bank;— which was read a second time— amended as per sheet annexed, marked A; and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Chandler from the same committee, reported without amendment bills entitled

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Oak Grove Academy, in Palmouth;—

"An act to prevent the destruction of Trout and Pickeral in Bear and Little Bear ponds in the towns of Turner and Hartford;—

"An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the Aurora Lodge;—

"An act to incorporate the East Branch Boom Company;—

"An act relating to liens on vessels;— which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed;—

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Burbank, from the Committee on the Insane Hospital, to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of South Thomaston, reported, "Resolve in favor of the towns of South Thomaston";

Mr. West, from the Committee on Manufactures,

to which was referred the petition of Samuel L 78
Appleton and others, reported bill "An act to in-
corporate the Messalonskee Manufacturing Compa-
ny";—

Mr. Cerrick, from the Committee on the Ju-
diciary, to which was referred
bill "An act entitled an act to amend chap-
ter thirty two of the Revised Statutes";— also an-
other bill upon the same subject; and also an
order relating to the support of paupers in un-
incorporated places, reported bill "An act provid-
ing for the expenses incurred for the relief of per-
sons falling into distress in unincorporated places
in certain cases";—

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Claims
to which was referred the claim
of Penobscot County, reported a
"Resolve in favor of Penobscot County";—

Mr. Phinney, from the Committee on the Militia
to which was referred an order relating
to amending chapter 10, section 7, of the new revis-
ion, reported bill "An act amending an act, ap-
proved April 9, 1856";—

Mr. Woodbury, from the committee on Claims
to which was referred the petition
of Samuel W. Jones, reported, a
"Resolve in favor of Samuel W. Jones";—

Mr. Ceresy, from the Committee on State Lands
and State Roads, to which was re-
ferred the petition of Samuel Larabee and
others, reported a

Resolve in favor of Elihu Gulliver and Oran-
do W. Gilman;— These reports were severally

477. accepted, and the said bills and resolves were severally read and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Joseph W. Porter and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Also same report on petition of W. C. Bowman and others;—

Mr. Magoun, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance to which was referred several petitions for an Insolvent Law made a report, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance to which was referred the petition of A. R. Deering and others reported bill.

An act to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association. The report was accepted, and the bill was twice read the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

The motion to reconsider the vote passing to be engrossed

"Resolve in aid of repairing roads in the town of Mattamiscoutis"— was taken from the table as the Senate refused to reconsider. The Resolve being then on its final passage, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Hoyt.

Mr. Carriek, from the Committee on the Judiciary 480.

any, to which was referred bill "An act to make valid the doings of the Selectmen and Superintending School Committee of the town of Wintthrop's reported bill

"An act to make valid the doings of the Selectmen and Superintending School Committees in certain cases";—

The report was accepted, The bill was read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Same Senator from the same committee to which was referred an order relating to the abolishment of the office of Commissioner at Washington reported a

"Resolve repealing resolve approved March 17, 1855". The report was accepted. The Resolve was read and on motion of Mr. Hallowell, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Brewer,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act additional relating to Banks and Bankings"— The amendment of the Recuse on sheet marked "C" was adopted, and the bill, as amended was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on the

State Prison, to which was referred the report of the inspectors and warden of the State Prison;— also "Resolve making an appropriation for improving the buildings at the State Prison;— made a report with a statement of facts thereon; and also reported bill "An act in relation to the clerk of the State Prison;— and "Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison;—

This report, together with the bill and resolve

481. were laid on the table, and 350 copies thereof, ordered to be printed

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes, reported chapters 91. to 112 inclusive of the Revision which were read twice the rules being suspended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Herrick, from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was directed an order relating to the assessment and collection of taxes on stock corporations, reported that legislation thereon, is inexpedient;

Also same report on an order relating to making valid the doings of County Commissioners in certain cases;—

Also same report on an order relative to the dower of insane married women;—

Also, same report on an order relating to the transfer of railroad shares;—

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred bill. "An act to provide for the foreclosure of mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations";— reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature;

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, to which was referred the remonstrance of J. W. Caldwell and others; reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature;—

Same Senator, from same Committee reported 482.
legislation inexpedient on petition of Joseph R.
Hawes and J. W. Lowell; and also on remon-
strance of Elijah Webster and others;—

Same Senator from same committee reported
leave to withdraw on petition of L. L. Boulter and
others;—

Mr. Carsey, from the committee on State Lands
and State roads, to which was directed
an order relating to the repair of the military
road, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient;
And these reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Seasmann by leave introduced
"Resolve in favor of the Committee on
the State Reform School;— also
"Resolve providing for an appropriation
for the State Reform School;— which were sev-
erally read and tomorrow assigned for a second
reading.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury
The report of the Committee
on the State Reform School, was taken from
the table, and accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Mercan-
tile Affairs and Insurance to which
was referred the petition of Ebenezer Kilton
and others reported bill

An act additional relating to liens on ves-
sels;— The report was accepted, and, on motion

483. of Mr. Woodbury, the bill was laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed.

Mr. West, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed bill entitled

An act to incorporate the proprietors of Custom House Wharf, in Portland—
and the same was passed to be enacted, in consequence, signed by the President pro tempore, and by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval and signature;

Adjourned

Joseph B. Call Secretary

Saturday April 4 1857.

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Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dillingham of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways, and Bridges, with bill

"An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company;"— was accepted in concurrence. The bill was laid on the table and Tuesday next assigned for its further consideration.

Bill "An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company;"— passed to be engrossed in the House, was read once and Tuesday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Phinney, from the Committee on the Militia, to which was directed an order, requiring them to visit the Arsenal at Portland, reported that they had attended to that duty and submitted a

"Resolve for the repair of the Arsenal building at Portland;"— The report was accepted. The Resolve was read and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Webb, from the Committee on Division of Counties, reported that the Committee had disposed of all business referred to them, and asked to be discharged from further service. The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence

485. Mr. Chandler from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading reported with out amendment bill

"An act to incorporate the Norumbega Bank" which was read a second time and on motion of Mr. Woodbury, laid on the table.

Also Bill "An act to reduce the capital stock of the Menduskeag Bank" - which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence; -

Mr. Connor by leave introduced bill "An act to change the location of Skowhegan bank" which was read once, and Monday next assigned for a second reading.

Mr. Cook, from the Committee to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to intemperance and a prohibitory liquor law also - an order relating to the amendment of the 18th chapter of the Revised Statutes, reported that legislation thereon, at the present time is inexpedient. The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading reported without amendment bills entitled

"An act to incorporate the Mussalonskee Manufacturing Company" -

An act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees in certain cases;

An act providing for the expenses incurred for the

relief of persons falling into distress in 186.
unincorporated places in certain cases:—

"An act amending an act April 9, 1856:—

Also a Resolve providing for an appropriation for
the State Reform Schools:—

"Resolve in favor of the committee on the State Re-
form Schools:—

" in favor of Penobscot County:—

" in favor of the town of South Thomaston;

" in favor of Elisha Gulliver and Orlando
W. Gilman:—

" in favor of Samuel W. Jones:— And
these bills and resolves were severally read a sec-
ond time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Incorpora-
tion of Towns, to which was referred pa-
pers from the last Legislature, relating to Waite
and Tallmudge plantations, reported that leg-
islation thereon is inexpedient;— and further
reported that the Committee had no further bu-
siness before them and asked to be discharged from
further service. The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Lathrop from the Committee on Agriculture
reported. Resolve for the printing and
distribution of the Report of the Secretary of the Maine
Board of Agriculture for 1856:— The report was
accepted and the resolve was once read, and
Monday next assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Vasson, by leave, introduced Resolve in favor
of S. L. Mellicken and S. B. Holt:—

487. which was read twice, the rules being suspended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Sargent, by leave, introduced "Resolue in favor of Benjamin Cole jr" which had its two several readings, under a suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed,

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. West, proposed a call of the Senate, and eighteen senators were found to be in attendance.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt,

The "Resolue in aid of repairing roads in the town of Mattamiscottis" — was taken from the table and finally passed in concurrence signed by the President Pro-tempore and by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval and signature

Mr. Hornick, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred an order relating to the salary of the Deputy Secretary of State — reported that legislative thereon is inexpedient! —

Same Senator, from same committee, to which was referred the petition of Isaac Sturdivant, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Lathrop, from the committee on Agriculture reported, that having attended to the business referred to them by this legislature, the committee asked to be discharged from further service.

These reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The "Resolves relating to Kansas Affairs and Slavery" were taken from the table and amended as per sheet annexed marked "A." and again laid on the table.

Mr. Twitchell, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed bills entitled

"An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer";—

"An act additional to an act to prevent obstructions in Goose river harbor, passed January 31, 1844";—

"An act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters at Thomaston";—

"An act to amend chapter one hundred, seven of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the appointment of administrators, in certain cases";—

"An act to set off Joshua E. Lenks, Augustus Perley and Lyman Bradstreet, from Bridgton Centre Village Fire Corporation";

"An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish a Board of Agriculture";—

"An act to prevent the destruction of pickeral in the Pennamiquon and Borden's lakes and tributary waters";— which were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed; Resolves entitled "Resolve in favor of the city of Bath";—

"Resolve authorizing the sale of Indian Land in Brewer";—

489. "Resolve relating to the Passamaquoddy Indians;

" in favor of the Insane Hospital;"—
which were severally finally passed in concurrence.

And these Bills and Resolves, having been signed by the President pro tem, were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Monday April 6. 1857. 490.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ware of Augusta

Resolve in favor of Warren H. Vinton's — passed to be engrossed in the House, was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act relating to the property of deceased married women;" —

Report of the Committee on Military Pensions to which was referred the petition of Nathaniel "Hanscom;" — with Resolve in favor of Nathaniel "Hanscom;" —

Report of the Committee on Fisheries, to which was referred the petition of the Selectmen of Warren, — with bill — "An act to amend the fourth section of an act entitled an act for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Georges river and tributary streams;" —

were severally accepted in concurrence. The Bills and resolve were severally read and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Resolve in aid of Westbrook Seminary; — came off from the House amended as per sheet annexed — marked "A;" and as amended, refused a passage. This resolve was read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Jones from the committee on the State Prison, reported that they had exam-

491. ined and reported on all matters referred to them and asked to be discharged from farther services.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on the Library, to which was referred a "Resolve for the distribution of certain books in the library," reported that said resolve ought ~~not~~ to pass;—

Mr. Phinney, from the committee on the Militia, reported that they, having attended to, and disposed of all matters referred to them, asked to be discharged from further services—

Mr. Cressy, from the committee on State Lands and State Roads, to which was referred the petition of Samuel A. Gilman, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature;—

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred an order relating to the survey of a Railroad Route from Lincoln to the Aronistic River, reported that the order be referred to the next Legislature;—

Same Senator, from the same Committee, to which was referred bill

"An act to provide for the sale of certain interests in the public lands, and for the taxation of certain interests in real estate, the fee of which is not now liable to be taxed to the owners of such interests" from the last legislature, reported that the bill ought not to pass;—

And these reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Webb

The vote passing to be engrossed. Resolve providing for an appropriation

for the State Reform School;"— was reconsidered 492,
and the same was, on motion of the same senator
laid on the table.

Mr Woodbury, from the Committee on the Re-
-vision of the Statutes, reported
Chapter 113 of Title Nine, which is the whole
of that title, and completes the Revisions.

The report was accepted. The Chapter was read
twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to
be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wason,

The report of the Com-
mittee on Military Pensions, asking to be dis-
charged from further consideration of the petition
of Hannah Murphy, was taken from the table
and the same Senator proposed to amend the re-
port so as to allow the petitioner leave to bring in
a resolve entitled "Resolve in favor of Hannah Mur-
phy."— Pending the adoption of this amendment
the report was laid on the table, on motion
of Mr. Woodbury.

Order from the House,

That the Committee
on the Judiciary inquire and report, if any
further legislation is necessary in relation to
the revision of the Special laws of the State,— was
read and passed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lathrop,

The Senate proceeded to

493. the consideration of

"Resolves relating to Kansas, Affairs and Slavery;" - which, as amended, were passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Tuesday April 7 1857.

494.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bean of Augusta, -

Order from the House.

That the Committee on Education be directed to inquire into the expediency of passing a Resolve instructing the Superintendent of common schools, to recommend, at the institutes, the adoption of a uniform system of penmanship - was refused a passage, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was directed an order relating to taxation of personal property, with bill -

"An act further to provide for the assessment of taxes on personal property." -

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking with bill

"An act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Banks -

Report of the Committee on Claims, in petition of Josiah P. Bean, with a
"Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean's - (indefinitely postponed in the House.)

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary that bill "An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes" - ought to pass.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Bank-

495. ing, on petition of D. Bugbee and others, with bill "An act to incorporate the Penobscot River Bank;"— were severally accepted, in concurrence. The bills and resolves were severally read and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, on petition of Lucy Crockett and others, with bill "An act to incorporate the Achem Limerock Company;"— was accepted, in concurrence. The bill was read twice, under a suspension of the rules,— amended, in concurrence by striking out the fourth and fifth sections; and as amended passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the Joint Select Committee, to which was referred an order in relation to the removal of the Seat of Government,— that the same be referred to the next Legislature;—

Report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that legislation is inexpedient on an order relating to the securing of the payment of the notes due the State;—

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Samuel E. Jackson;—

Also on petition of Warren Garrison;—

Report of the Committee on the Militia, submitting a statement of the amount of money expended for military purposes during the past year.— More severally accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands and 196.

State Roads, that the petition of William Jameson, be referred to the next Legislature, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Halliwell.

Mr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves, without amendment, which were severally disposed of as follows, viz: — bills

An act to amend an act for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Georges River and tributary streams, — was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"An act relating to the property of deceased married women"; — was read a second time and, on motion of Mr. West, laid on the table.

"Resolve in favor of Warren H. Vinton" was read a second time and recommitted for a statement of facts; —

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary"; — was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Thoyt, laid on the table; —

"Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hancock" was read a second time. Mr. Lothrop moved that the resolve be indefinitely postponed, pending which question, on motion of Mr. Cheney, the resolve and motion were laid on the table.

497. On motion of Mr. Davis.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bill

"An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company";— reported from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, — and the same was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Magoun.

The rules were suspended, and the Senate reconsidered their vote referring bill

"An act to provide for foreclosure of mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons, issued by railroad corporations," to the next Legislature. The same Senator, by leave introduced a substitute bill bearing the same title and, on his motion the whole subject was laid on the table and 360 copies of the substitute bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Halliwell, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported that the committee had disposed of all business referred to them, and asked to be discharged from further service;

Mr. Cessy from the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, reported that the Committee had disposed of all business before them, and asked to be discharged from further service

And these reports were severally accepted
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

498.

Ordered:— That when the Senate next adjourns, it adjourns to meet at two o'clock and thirty minutes this afternoon. And be it further Ordered:— That the Senate, hereafter, hold two sessions a day, commencing at nine o'clock and thirty minutes, in the forenoon, and at two o'clock and thirty minutes, in the afternoon, until otherwise ordered:—

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment bill

"An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company"— which was read a second time, amended as per sheet annexed, marked "A", and pending the consideration of the bill the Senate adjourned to afternoon.

Afternoon.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company"— which, as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity"— was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

499. On motion of Mr. Hickey,

The Senate proceeded to the further consideration of "Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanson"— The question of its indefinite postponement was decided in the negative, and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence,

Mr. Woodbury from the Committee on Claims to which was referred the claim of the town of Solon, reported

"Resolve in favor of the town of Solon"— The report was accepted, The resolve had its two several readings, under a suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Webb

The Senate reconsidered their vote, recommitting, "Resolve in favor of Warren Ho. Vinton," and passed the same to be engrossed, in concurrence,

Report of the Committee on Education, with bill "An act additional to provide for the distribution of school money" came up from the House recommitted. The Senate refused to concur, and accepted the report.

Sent down for concurrence

Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment the following bill and resolves, which were disposed of as follows, viz
Bill An act to change the location of the

"Kewsegun Banks" — which was read a sec. 500.
ond time and laid on the table on motion of
Mr. Lothrop: — also

Resolve for the printing and distribution
of the report of the Secretary of the Board
of Agriculture; —

" for the repair of the Arsenal buildings
at Portland; — which were severally
read a second time and passed to be engrossed.
— Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Maynard

The Senate reconsidered their
vote, passing to be engrossed, bill "An act addition
al respecting judicial proceedings," and on mo-
tion of the same Senator, the bill was amended
by striking out of the first line of Section one, the
word "let", and inserting in its stead the word "or-
der". As thus amended the bill passed to be
engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Fish-
eries to which was referred the
petition of Ebenezer Brown and others, reported
that the same be referred to the next Legis-
lature, —

The report was accepted.
Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary,

Wednesday April 8. 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr Dexter of Augusta

Bill 'An act to amend chapter one hundred forty of the Revised Statutes, relating to the price of board of officers of the State Prison:— came from the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Senate non-concurred.

Sent down.

Reports as follows, —

Of the Committee on Judiciary submitting bill 'An act additional concerning the powers of Judges of Probate:—

Of the Committee on Education, submitting bill 'An act for the establishment of a State Normal School:—

Were severally accepted in concurrence. The bills were severally read and to morrow assigned for their second reading.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on petition of Allen Lewis and others, with bill 'An act to incorporate the Boothbay Marine Railway Company'— was accepted in concurrence. The bill was twice read the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, with bill 'An act to provide for the equitable distribution of the estates

of insolvent debtor"— was accepted in concurrence, 502.
and the bill referred to the next legislature, in concurrence.

Bill. "An act to encourage the use of water power"— came back from the House indefinitely postponed. The Senate receded from their former vote passing this bill to be engrossed, and indefinitely postponed the same, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to make valid the deeds of select men and superintending school committees in certain cases"— came back from the House amended as purchased amended, marked "H." The Senate receded from their former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed; the amendment of the House was adopted, and the bill was then laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Davis.

On motion of Mr. Hollowell,

The Senate reconsidered their vote refusing to pass in concurrence with the House, an order in relation to an uniform system of penmanship. ~~and~~ the question being on a suspension of the rules to allow the order a passage, the Senate refused so to suspend, and thus the order was refused a passage.

Mr. Lathrop from the Committee on Bills in Second reading, reported without amendment, bills entitled

"An act to incorporate the Penobscot River Bank."
"An act further to provide for the assessment of

taxes on personal property;—

An act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank;— which were severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence,

Also "Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Beant,— which was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence,

Mr. Twitchell from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

"Resolve providing for laying a tax on the several counties in the State;—

" authorizing the Land Agent to sell lands in the towns of Lowell, Burlington, Enfield, Passadumkeag, Carroll and Chester;—

" in favor of the Committee on the State Reform School;— which were severally finally passed, in concurrence, signed by the President pro-tempore, and by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature

Mr. Jones, from the Committee on Bills in Second reading, reported without amendment bill entitled

An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners and of other lands sold for taxes;— which was read a second time. The amendment of the House as per sheet annexed marked "A" was adopted.

Mr. Jones proposed an amendment on sheet marked "B".— when, on motion of Mr. Corrick the bill was laid on the table, and 350 copies

of the proposed amendment ordered to be 5th.
printed;

Mr. Magoun, from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, reported that that committee had attended to all matters before them, and asked to be discharged from further service. - The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to afternoon

Afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Jones

The report of the Committee on the State Prisons, together with bill "An act in relation to the Clerk of the State Prisons" and a Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison were taken from the table. The report was accepted, and the bill and resolve, having been read a second time, were passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Nett

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of Resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School. - Mr. Nett proposed to amend the resolve by striking out "twenty two thousand" and inserting instead, ^{ten} "fifteen thousand"; and, pending the adoption of this amendment, on motion of Mr. Sargent, the resolve was laid on the table.

575. On motion of Mr. Wasson.

The "Resolve in favor of the East Maine Conference Seminary" was taken from the table, and, being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was passed to be engrossed, as follows:

Yeas. Messrs. Berry, Brown, Burbank, Chapman,
Dane, Davis, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick,
Kottb. Hoyt, Jones, Phinney, Sargent, Twitchell,
Wasson Webb, West. 18.

Nays. Messrs. Connor, Lothrop, Magoun,
Oak Scamman, Smith, Wallace. 7.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Twitchell.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of "Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary" — Mr. Twitchell moved that the Senate non-concur with the House in refusing to pass the resolve to be engrossed, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and the Senate refused to concur as follows: —

Yeas. Messrs. Berry, Brown, Burbank, Chapman,
Connor, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hallowell, Herrick, Hoyt, Jones, Sargent, Twitchell,
Wasson, Webb, West. 17

Nays. Messrs. Lothrop, Magoun, Oak Scamman,
Smith, Wallace. 6.

The resolve was then passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt.

The "Resolve for increasing the

permanent school fund of the State. — was 506.
taken from the table, and being on its pas-
sage to be engrossed. the yeas and nays were or-
dered, and it was so passed, as follows, viz: —

Yeas. Messrs. Berry, Brown, Chandler, Chap-
man, Dane, Davis, Graves, Halliwell,
Herrick, Hoyt, Magoun, Oak, Phinney, Sargent,
Seamman, Smith, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson,
Webb, West; 21.

Nays. Messrs. Connor, Jones, Lothrop 3.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones

The report of the Commit-
tee on Education, with a statement of facts, in
relation to the petition of the Trustees of Lebanon
Academy, was taken from the table and amended so
as to grant the petitioners leave to bring in a "Re-
solve in favor of Lebanon Academy" — and as thus
amended, the report together with the resolve, was
referred to the next Legislature

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Magoun

Bill "An act additional
relating to liens on vessels" — was taken from the
table, read a second time and again laid on
the table, on motion of Mr. Herrick. —

Mr. Oak, from the Committee on Slavery and
Kansas Affairs, reported, "Resolves in re-
lative to the decision of the Supreme Judi-
cial Court of the United States in the case of
"Dred Scott." — The report was accepted. The

507. resolves were read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop.

The vote indefinitely postponing "Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bean" was reconsidered and the resolve was then laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Wason.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Military Pensions on the petition of Hannah Murphy, which was amended so as to allow the petitioner to bring in a "Resolve entitled

"Resolve in favor of Hannah Murphy";— As amended the report was accepted. — The resolve had its two several readings, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury.

Bill "An act to incorporate the Norumbega Bank";— was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

"An act additional relating to Banks and Banking";—

An act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to Directors of Corporations;—

"An act additional relating to tolls on Lewiston bridges";—

An act to establish a standard weight for the 508
Sale of grain and carrots;—
And these bills were severally passed to be enacted
in concurrence;—

Mr. West, from the same committee reported
without amendment.

Resolve in favor of S. L. Milliken and S. B.
Holt— which was finally passed
in concurrence.

And these bills and resolve, having been signed
by the President pro-tempore were by the Secretary
transmitted to the Governor for his approval and
signature.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Call, Secretary

Thursday, April 9, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ingraham, of Augusta.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with bill "An act additional to prevent disturbances of religious worship;"— was accepted, and the bill was read twice under a suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the same Committee, that bill, "An act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women"— ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, and the bill having had two several readings, the rules being suspended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Reports as follows, viz:

Of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, submitting "Resolve in favor of Franklin Adams;"—

Of the Committee on the Judiciary, that bill "An act in addition to Chapter 256, of the public laws of 1856, relating to the disclosure of poor debtors;"— ought to pass;—

Of the Committee on Banks and Banking that bill "An act to incorporate the Central Bank;"— in a new draft ought to pass;—

Of the same Committee on petition of the Directors of the City Bank, Biddeford, submitting bill "An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Biddeford;"— were severally accept-

ed in concurrence. The bills and resolve were severally read, and tomorrow assigned for their second reading. 570.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, that bill "An act additional to an act for the preservation of Moose and Deer approved March 29th 1857."— in a new draft ought to pass,— was accepted, in concurrence— The bill was read, and this afternoon assigned for its second reading;—

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, that bill, "An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewalls crossing, in the city of Bath?"— in a new draft ought to pass— was accepted, and the bill was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Reports as follows, viz:—

Of the committee on the Judiciary, that bill "An act in regard to the examination of witnesses;"— ought not to pass;—

Of the same committee that bill "An act regulating suits for false representations;"— ought not to pass;—

Of the Penobscot delegation that bill "An act to provide for transcribing conveyances recorded in Lincoln and Hancock, of lands lying in Penobscot county;"— be referred to the next legislature;—

Of the same, that the petition of the Judge of Probate of Penobscot county, be referred to the next legislature;—

of the Committee on the Judiciary that "Resolⁿ providing for an amendment of the Constitution relating to impeachment and address, be referred to the next legislatures. — were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bill An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company; — passed to be engrossed, in the House, — was read once and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Mr West from the committee on Manufactures, reported bills entitled "An act to encourage manufactures;" — "An act to incorporate the Ingalls Perpetual Daily Almanac and Calendar Company;" — The reports were severally accepted. The bills were once read and this afternoon assigned for their second reading.

On motion of Mr West,
The senate proceeded to the consideration of bill. "An act relating to the property of deceased married women;" — Mr West proposed an amendment as per sheet marked "A" and pending the adoption of the amendment, the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr Jones.

On motion of Mr Woodbury,
Bill. "An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements;" — was taken from the table and amended as per sheets annexed marked "A." "B." and "C." A. a-

mended. Mr. Corriack moved its indefinite postponement, and on this question, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the Senate refused to indefinitely postpone, by a tie vote as follows; —

Yeas. Messrs Brown, Chandler, Chapman, Connor, Halliwell, Corriack, Hersey, Hoyt, Lathrop, Sargent, Smith, Wasson. 12.

Nays. Messrs. Berry, Burbank, Davis, Hottel & Jones, Magoun, McGilvery, Oate, Scammon, Webb, West, Woodbury. 12.

The question being now upon its passage to be engrossed, the bill was laid on the table.

The following bills, reported by Mr. Woodbury from the Committee on bills in Second Reading without amendment, were disposed of as follows: — viz.

Bill. "An act for the establishment of a State normal school." — was read a second time and laid on the table.

Bill. "An act additional concerning the powers of Judges of Probate was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones

"Resolve in favor of Josiah P. Bear" — was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred the claim of the city of Bath, reported "Resolve in favor of the ci

573. ty of Bath;"— The report was accepted. The resolve was read twice, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Seamans, from the Committee on the State Reform School, reported that they had passed upon all business before them, and asked to be discharged from further service. — which report was accepted sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled
"An act to increase the capital stock of the
Sandy River Bank;"—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the
Freemans Bank;"

"An act to increase the capital stock of the
Alfred Bank;"—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the Sam-
bermans Bank;"—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the
Manufacturers and Traders Bank;"—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the San-
ford Bank;"—

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the
Kenduskeag Bank;"—

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the
Bank of the State of Maine;"—

"An act to reduce the capital stock of the
City Bank, Bangor, and to extend the
charter thereof;"—

"An act to extend the charter of the Atlan-
tic Bank, Portland;"—

An act extending the time for the Americans 544.

Bank to increase its capital stock"—

"An act to change the name of the Mousam River Bank;"—

"An act to incorporate the Long Beach Bank;"

"An act to incorporate the Lowell Bank;"—

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Thomaston Bank;"— which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolve entitled "Resolve in favor of Penobscot County:"— which was finally passed in concurrence.

The foregoing bills and resolve, having been signed by the President, *pro tempore*, were, by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The senate proceeded to the consideration of bill "An act regulating the sale and redemption of Lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes;"— The amendment proposed by that senator was further proposed to be amended by Mr. Corrick as per sheet marked "B"; and pending the question of the adoption of the amendment to the amendment, the Senate adjourned to afternoon,—

Afternoon.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the question before them at the moment of adjourn.

575. ment this forenoon, and the amendment proposed by Mr. Herrick, as per sheet marked "B" was rejected. The bill was then amended as per sheet annexed marked "A," and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill. "An act to amend chapter 159 of the public laws of 1845;"— came back from the House indefinitely postponed. — The Senate receded from their former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed, and indefinitely postponed the same in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary with bill "An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings;"— was accepted, in concurrence. — The bill was read, and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act additional to an act to establish the State Reform School;"— was referred to the next legislature in concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bills entitled,

"An act to encourage manufactures;"—

An act to incorporate the Ingalls perpetual Daily Almanac and Calendar Company;— which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also bill. "An act additional to an act for the 516.
preservation of Moose and Deer approved
March 29, 1857;" which was read a
second time and passed to be engrossed, in
concurrence.

Mr. Oak by leave introduced bill "An act
declaring all slaves brought by their
masters into this state, free and to punish any
attempt to exercise authority over them;" which
was read and tomorrow assigned for its second read-
ing;—

Mr. Chandler from the Committee on Man-
ufactures, to which was referred
the petition of Jonathan Spear and others, re-
ported bill

"An act creating a lien, in favor of persons fur-
nishing rock for the manufacture of
lime;"— The report was accepted. The bill was
read and tomorrow assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury.

The Senate proceeded to the con-
sideration of Bill. "An act to promote the incorpora-
tion of towns in new settlements;"— The yeas and
nays were ordered and the bill was passed to
be engrossed, as amended, as follows.

Yeas. Messrs. Berry, Burbank, Davis, Hotta Jones,
Magoon, McGilvery, Phinney, Scamman,
Wallace, Wasson, West, Woodbury, 13.

Nays. Messrs. Brown, Chandler, Connor, Graves, Hall,
owell, Herrick, Hoyt, Lothrop, Oak Smith. 10.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

The Senate proceeded to the further consideration of bill "An act relating to the property of deceased married women,"—

The amendment proposed by Mr. West, was rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence,

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on the Library, reported that that Committee had attended to all the duties assigned them, and asked to be discharged from further services.

The report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act additional relating to liens on vessels"—came back from the House indefinitely postponed: On motion of Mr. McGilvery the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

The vote passing to be enacted bill "An act additional in relation to Banks and Banking"—was reconsidered. The vote passing the bill to be engrossed was then reconsidered. The bill was then amended as per sheet annexed marked "E," and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Harbors and Bridges, on petition of William M. Reed and others, - submitting bill,

"An act to incorporate the Bath and Wood-

Report of same Committee on petition of J.

N. Pettingill and others. Submitting bill
"An act to incorporate the Augusta Free Bridge
Company;"— were severally accepted in concurren-
ce. The bills were severally read and to-mor-
row assigned for their second reading.

Bill "An act to exempt stockholders in corporations
from personal liability"— passed to be
engrossed in the House, — was read and to-
morrow assigned for its second reading.

Bill "An act to make valid the doings of planta-
tion No. 11, range 5 in the County of Aroos-
took"— came from the House referred to the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary. The Senate non-concurred.
Sent down.

Resolve in favor of Sarah W. Stone"— had two seve-
ral readings under a suspension of the rules
and passed to be engrossed. in concurrence.

Adjourned.

Joseph D. Hall, Secretary

Friday April 10th 1857.

Met according to adjournment

Report of the Committee on Manufactures, that the petition of Ezra Clark and others, be referred to the next legislature— was accepted in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary with bill "An act to secure an uniform registration of the births marriages, deaths and causes of deaths in the State of Maine";— was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Bills entitled

"An act to repeal Chapter 256, of the public laws of 1856, in relation to the disclosures of poor debtors";—

An act in addition to an act additional in relation to witnesses, approved April 9, 1856."— (severally reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary) were severally read and indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional to Chapter 82, of the revised Statutes relating to agricultural Societies"— came back from the House indefinitely postponed. The Senate insisted on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Jones.

The vote passing to be

engrossed, Bill "An act regulating the sale 526.
and redemption of lands taxed to non-res-
ident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes"
— was reconsidered. The vote adopting amend-
ment "A" was reconsidered, and leave was granted
to Mr. Jones to withdraw said amendment
for the purpose of perfecting the same. Subsequently,
Mr. Jones again submitted his amend-
ment marked "A", pending the adoption of which
on motion of Mr. Lothrop, the bill was laid on
the table.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on
Claims, to which was referred the claim of the town
of Whitefield, reported "Resolve in favor of the inhab-
itants of the town of Whitefield"— Accepted.

The resolve was read and tomorrow assigned
for its second reading:—

The same Senator, from same committee, to
which was referred the claims of the town of
Machias, reported that the claimants have leave
to withdraw:—

Also, same report on the claims of the town of Bow-
erbank. And these reports were severally ac-
cepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act additional, relating to Banks and
Banking"— came up from the House fur-
ther amended as per sheet annexed marked "F".
The Senate receded from its former vote, passing
the bill to be engrossed, — adopted the House
amendment marked "F" — and as thus a-
mended, passed the same to be engrossed, in
concurrence.

521. Mr. Connor from the Committee on Interior Waters, to which was referred the petition of William F. Penniman and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, reported that the Committee, having attended to all business referred to them asked to be discharged from further service;—

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Claims reported that they had attended to all business referred to them, and asked to be discharged from further service.

These reports were severally accepted
Laid down for concurrence.

Mr. Coyt, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bills entitled

"An act to incorporate the Bath and Woolwich Bridge Company;"—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank Biddford;"—

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company;"—

"An act to incorporate the Central Bank;"—
which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from the same Committee reported without amendment bill

"An act, to incorporate the Augusta Free Bridge Company;"— which was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Scamman, laid on the table.

Mr. Oak. from the same Committee, 522,
ported without amendment, bill

An act creating a lien in favor of persons
furnishing rock for the manufacture
of lime,"— which was read a sec-
ond time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to afternoon

Afternoon

Mr. Hoyt. from the Committee on bills
in second reading, reported without
amendment bill

An act to exempt stockholders of corporation
from personal liability,"— which was
read a second time and, on motion of Mr.
Scamman, laid on the table.

"Resolve in favor of John Pams!"— (reported in
the House from the Committee on the
Judiciary) was read and tomorrow assigned
for its second reading.

Mr. Oak. from the Committee on bills
in Second Reading, reported with-
out amendment bill

An act additional concerning the Supreme Ju-
dicial Court and Judicial proceed-
ings,"— which was read a second
time, the amendment of the House marked
"A," was adopted; and the bill was further
amended, as per sheet annexed marked "B," and

523, as thus amended, passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Seaman.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of— "Resolve providing for an appropriation for the State Reform School!"— On the question of striking out "22,000," the yeas and nays were ordered, and it was stricken out, by the following vote, viz:—

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| Yeas. Messrs. Berry, Burbank, Chapman, Davis, Graves, Hobbs, Hoyt, Jones, Lothrop, Mc Gilvery, Twitchell, Webb, West | 13. |
| Nays. Messrs. Brown, Chandler, Callowell, Magoun, Oak, Phinney, Seaman, Smith, Wallace, Wasson, Woodbury | 11. |

On the question of filling the blank thus created, with the words "twenty thousand," the yeas and nays were ordered, and the blank was so filled, by the following vote viz:—

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| Yeas Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Jones, Callowell, Hoyt, Jones, Magoun, Mc Gilvery, Oak, Phinney, Seaman, Smith, Wallace, Wasson, West, Woodbury | 17. |
| Nays Messrs. Berry, Chapman, Davis, Hobbs, Lo throp, Twitchell, Webb, | 7. |

And as thus amended, the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop

The Senate proceeded to the further consideration of bill "An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes."

The question being on the adoption of the a. 524.
amendment proposed by Mr. Jones, the yeas and
nays were ordered, and the amendment was re-
jected, as follows, viz: -

Yeas. Messrs. Burbank, Davis, Graves & Cotts
Jones, Magoun, Phinney, Seaman &
Nays Messrs. Bury, Brown, Chandler Chapman
Callowell, Hoyt, Lothrop McGilvery, Oak-
Smith Twitshell, Wallace, Wasson Webb, West Wood-
bury, 16.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed in con-
currence.

Mr. McGilvery, by leave, introduced "Resolve
in favor of the town of Stockton" -
which was read and tomorrow assigned for its sec-
ond reading.

Mr. Lothrop, by leave, introduced "Resolve in aid
of building a bridge and repairing
road to Dead River" - which was read, and to mor-
row assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Magoun

Bill "An act to provide for the fac-
closure of mortgages, given to secure the payment of
bonds and coupons, issued by railroad corpora-
tions," - was taken from the table - amended as
per sheet annexed marked "A." - and, as amend-
ed, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lothrop

Bill. "An act to make valid the do-
ings of selectmen and superintending School Com-

325, mittes, in certain cases!"— was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Halliwell,

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, that the petition of William Samson, be referred to the next legislature was taken from the table, and accepted, in concurrence. —

Bill entitled "An act in addition to Chapter two hundred fifty six of the public laws of 1856, relating to the disclosure of poor debtors;"

Also, "Resolve in favor of Franklin Adams;"— having been reported without amendment, by Mr. Oak from the Committee on Bills in second reading, — were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Jones

The "Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in Arrostook County"— was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed
Laid down for concurrence.

Mr. Hoyt, from the Committee on Bills in second reading, reported without amendment bill.

"An act declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this State free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them" — which was read a second time and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Hoyt.

Mr. Graves, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported that that committee had attended to all business before them, and asked to be discharged from further service, 526,

Mr. Twitchell, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported that the committee had disposed of all business referred to them, and asked to be discharged from further service;—

And these reports were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, bills entitled

"An act to amend the fourth section of an act entitled an act for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives, in Georges River and tributary streams;"—

"An act additional to chapter one hundred nine of the public laws, passed A.D. 1845, concerning the assessment of taxes;"—

"An act further to provide for the assessment of taxes on personal property;"—

"An act to extend the charter of the Sandy River Bank;"—

"An act to incorporate the Norumbega Bank;"—

"An act to incorporate the Penobscot River Bank;"—

"An act to incorporate the Achem Lime Rock Company;"—

"An act to incorporate the Boothbay Marine Railway Company;"—

"An act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity;"—
And these bills were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence;

527. The same Senator, from the same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed Resolves entitled

"Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Hanson";—

" in favor of Warren H. Vinton;—

" For the further distribution of the Revised Statutes;— which were severally finally passed in concurrence;—

And these bills and resolves, having been signed by the President pro tempore, were by the Secretary, transmitted to the Governor, for his approval and signature.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Saturday April 11. 1857.

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Met according to adjournment

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Fitch of Ballavell.

Mr. Lathrop, from the Committee on Pensions Second Reading, reported the following resolves and bill, without amendment, which were severally disposed of as follows, viz:—

"Resolve in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Whitefield:—

" in favor of the town of Stockton:— were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence

"Resolve in aid of building a bridge and repairing road to dead River:— which was read a second time and referred to the next legislature Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of John Parry:— which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill In act to secure an uniform registration of the births, marriages, deaths and causes of deaths in the State of Maine:— which was read a second time— the amendments of the House on sheets marked "A," "B," "C," and "D," were severally adopted: and being on its passage to be engrossed the yeas and nays were ordered, and the bill, as amended, was refused a passage to be engrossed, by the following vote, viz:—

Yeas. Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Chandler, Graves, Herrick, Jones, Magoun, Oak, Twitchell, Wasson, Woodbury.

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529. Nays—Nesbit, Berry, Chapman, Dane, Davis,
Hallowell, Hobbs, Hoyt, Lathrop, Mc
Gilvery, Phinney, Webb, West. 12
Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr.
Coffey, of Liberty, informing the Senate, that
in the absence of the Speaker, the House has elect-
ed Josiah H. Drummond, of Waterville Speaker
pro-tempore.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

Ordered:— That on, and
after Monday next, the Senate hold three sessions
a day, commencing at nine o'clock, thirty minutes
A.M. and two and a half, and seven and a
half o'clock P.M. — And be it further ordered,
the House of Representatives, concurring, that both
branches of the Legislature, adjourn, on Wednes-
day, the fifteenth instant, sine die.

Sent down for concurrence

Bill An act to incorporate the East Branch Paper
Company:— came back from the House, a-
mended, as per sheet annexed marked "A". The Sen-
ate receded, from its former vote, — adopted the amend-
ment of the House — and as amended, the bill was
passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act providing for the expenses incurred
for the relief of persons falling into distress in
unincorporated places, in certain cases:— came back
from the House amended as per sheet "A" and
indefinitely postponed. The Senate receded from

its former vote - adopted the House amendment, and 530,
as thus amended, the bill was indefinitely postponed,
in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Railroads, Ways and
Bridges, with bill "An act additional to
an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Portland
Railroad Company" -

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary,
on petition of George H. Hathorn, submitting
bill "An act to amend an act relating to the lia-
bility of Stockholders of corporations" - were
severally accepted, in concurrence. The bills
were severally read and afternoon assigned for
their second reading.

Report of the Committee on the Militia, to which
was referred the petition of C. A. Record, with
"Resolve making an appropriation for repairs on the
State Arsenal at Bangor" - was accepted in concur-
rence. The resolve was read twice the rules being sus-
pended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to change the name of Joseph
Morang" - was read twice, the rules
being suspended and passed to be engrossed
in concurrence.

Bill "An act to change the time of holding
the first meeting of the Maine Medical
Association" - passed to be engrossed, in the House,
- was read and Monday next assigned for its
second reading.

Order from the House.

That, the Senate, concurring the Secretary of State be requested to furnish to Waterville College, the two volumes of the collections of the Maine Historical Society, necessary to complete the set in the college library—was read and passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Henick.

The motion to reconsider the vote refusing a passage to "Resolves in favor of the commissioners of 1855, for revising the public laws of the State"—was taken from the table and the Senate refused to reconsider.

Bill. "An act concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this State"—(reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary) was read once and afternoon assigned for its second reading.

On motion of Mr. McIlvray.

Bill "An act additional relating to liens on vessels"—was taken from the table, and the Senate insisted on its former vote, passing the bill to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Davis from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed bills entitled

"An act additional to chapter sixty seven of the revised Statutes, relating to timber upon rivers and streams:—

"An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, Biddeford:—

"An act to incorporate the Central Bank:—

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"An act to incorporate the Missalonskee Manufacturing Company?—

"An act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women?—

"An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewalls crossing in the city of Bath:—

"An act amending Chapter two hundred, sixty five of the public laws of 1856, approved April 9, 1856, respecting the militia?—

"An act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of Moose and Deer, approved March 29, 1857"— (1853)—

"An act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees, in certain cases;—

"An act additional concerning the powers of judges of Probate;—

"An act additional in relation to banks and banking;—

"An act additional to an act to prevent disturbances of religious worship;—

"An act to exempt libraries from attachment and execution;—

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company;—

And these bills were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence:

The same Senator from the same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

"Resolve in favor of Hannah Murphy?—

" in favor of Harriet Doe?—

" in favor of Franklin Adams;—

" in favor of Sarah W. Stone;—

" for increasing the permanent school fund

of the State:—

Resolve directing the Land Agent to ascertain the quantity of land in the gore between the conventional line of 1842, and the line run by Lieutenant Graham;—

" authorizing the Land Agent to convey lot number eleven in Township number two Indian purchase!—

" providing for the repair of the Houlton and Baring road;— which were severally finally passed, in concurrence:—

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President, pro tempore, were by the Secretary transmitted to the Governor, for his approval and signature.

Adjourned to afternoon.

Afternoon session.

On motion of Mr Chandler

The vote passing to be enacted bill "An act to incorporate the Achom Limerock Company" was reconsidered. The vote passing the same to be engrossed was also reconsidered. The bill was then amended as per sheet annexed marked "A," and so amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr Woodbury

Bill "An act relating to obstructions in navigable rivers and streams" was taken from the table, and indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

The report of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads, — that the petition of Harrison Knowles, be referred to the next Legislature, — was taken from the Table and accepted, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

The Resolves in relation to the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court of the United States in the case of Dred Scott — were taken from the Table — amended as per sheet annexed, marked "N" — and again laid on the table, Tuesday next being assigned for the further consideration of the same.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

Bill "An act to change the location of the Skowhegan Bank;" — was taken from the Table, amended as per sheet "N" and as amended was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Cobb, from the Committee on Bills in Second reading, reported without amendment bill

"An act concerning the salaries of the several municipal Judges of the cities of this State;" — which was read a second time — the amendment of the House marked "N" was adopted and on motion of Mr. Maguire was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury, — the report of the

535. Committee on Education, that the petition of A. A. Holmes and others, be referred to the next legislature — was taken from the table, and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Post, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported bill "An act to incorporate the Waterville Manufacturing Company;" — The report was accepted and the bill, having had its two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed,
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury
Bill "An act to incorporate the Augusta Tree Bridge Company;" — was taken from the table — amended as per sheet annexed marked "B" — and as amended, passed to be engrossed,
Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Wilson, its clerk as follows, viz: —
Mr. President: —

I am charged with a message from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate, that the House refuses to adopt the Senate's amendment marked "B" to the bill entitled "An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court, and judicial proceedings" — and that the House insists on its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed — propose a conference — and have appointed as conferees on its part Messrs. Deblois of Portland, Woodman of Bucksport, and Crosby of Dexter.

The Senate insisted on its

former vote passing the bill to be engrossed as a - 536.
mended on sheet "B." - and appointed as conferees
Messrs. West, Hallowell, and Davis, - of which ac-
tion of the Senate, the Secretary informed the House
by message.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury.

The "Resolve for repeal of resolve ap-
proved March 17. 1855." - was taken up, and on
motion of Mr. Magoun, the further consideration of
the same was assigned for May 10th 1857.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury.

Bill "An act to exempt Stockholders of
corporations from personal liability." - was taken from
the table, amended as per sheet annexed marked "A."
and as amended, the yeas and nays being ordered, it
was passed to be engrossed, as follows:

Yeas: - Messrs. Brown, Burbank, Graves, Hall-
owell, Herrick, Kott, Hoyt, Magoun,
Cate, Phinney, Wallace, Masson, Webb,
West, Woodbury. 15.

Nays - Messrs Chapman, Davis, Jones, Smith
Twitchell. 5.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury.

Bill - "An act declaring all
slaves brought into this State, by their masters
free, and to punish any attempt to exercise
authority over them" - was taken from the table
and passed to be engrossed by the yeas and nays
as follows: - viz: -

Yeas. Messrs. Berry, Brown, Burbank, Chandler,
Chapman, Davis, Graves, Hallowell, Her-

537, sick Hobbs. Coyt. Jones. Magoun, McGilroy
Oak, Phinney, Twitchell, Wallace, Wasson, West
West, Woodbury.

Says Mr. Smith

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Sent down for concurrence.

Mr West, from the Committee on Manufactures
reported that that Committee had at-
tended to all business, before them, and asked to
be discharged from further services —

Mr Brown, made a like final report, from
the Committee on Railroads,
Ways and Bridges: —

Mr Hoyt, made a like final report from
the Committee on Education, —
which reports were severally accepted.
Sent down for concurrence

Mr Davis, from the Committee on Engross-
ed Bills, reported as truly and strictly
engrossed, bill

An act relating to the property of deceased
married women, — which was pass-
ed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the Pres-
ident pro tem, and by the Secretary presented to
the Governor for his approval and signature.

Bill An act to amend an act relating
to the liability of stockholders of corporations,
(reported without amendment, by Mr Oak, from
the Committee on bills in second reading) was
read a second time, and on motion of Mr.

Magoun, laid on the table and May 20th 1858.
1857, assigned for its further considerations.

Bill "An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland and Kennebec Railroad Company" — was read a second time — the amendment of the House marked A was adopted — and as amended, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr Magoun
Bill "An act additional relating to liens on vessels" — was taken from the table, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve for the payment of additional Roll of accounts. No 3^d for 1857" — had it two several readings, under a suspension of the rules — and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Final report of the Committee on Accounts — was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Oaks, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading, reported without amendment, bill entitled

"An Act to change the time of holding the first meeting of the Maine Medical Association" — which had its second reading and was passed to be in

539. grossed in concurrence

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall. Secretary

Monday, April 13, 1857.

540.

Met according to adjournment

Prayer by Rev Mr. Allen of Heath
well.

"Resolve in favor of E. G. Burton and others" came back from the House, amended as per sheet marked "A." and as amended, indefinitely postponed. The Senate adopted the amendment of the House, - refused to concur in an indefinite postponement, and passed the bill to be engrossed, as amended,

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve for the printing and distribution of the report of the Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture for 1856" - came back from the House amended as on sheet marked "A." The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the resolve to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to regulate the sale and use of poison" - passed to be engrossed in the House as amended on sheets "A." and "B." - had two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, - the amendments of the House were adopted - and the bill, as amended, passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional to Chapter eighty two of the revised statutes relating to agricultural societies" - came back from the

541. House, that branch having adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the same.

The question being on concurring with the House, on motion of Mr. Jones, the bill was laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Militia, submitting bill "An act to amend an act entitled an act to organize and discipline the militia, approved April 9, 1856" — was accepted in concurrence, — The bill had two several readings under a suspension of the rules, and was indefinitely postponed in concurrence, by yeas and nays, as follows, —

Yeas. — Messrs. Burbank, Chapman, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hoyt, Jones, Magoun, McGilvery, Oak, Smith, Webb. 12

Nays. Messrs. Berry, Chandler, Hallows, Herrick, Hobbs, Phinney, Twitchell, Wallace, Wesson, West, Woodbury. 11.

Reports as follows: —

Of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitting bill, "An act to amend chapter one hundred, twenty five of the revised statutes, and further to provide for the recording of mortgages of personal property and conditional sales: —

of the Committee on Education, on an order relating to collection of statistics of colleges &c. — submitting. "Resolve providing for the collection of statistics in relation to the colleges and other institutions of learning in this State: —

Of the Committee on the Judiciary submitting bill "An act to regulate appeals

from County Commissioners;—

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Of the same committee that bill "An act to amend Chapter two hundred, sixty three of the laws of 1856"— ought to pass;—

Of the same Committee, that bill "An act repealing the law of 1852, and reviving the law of the revised statutes, relative to the publication of intentions of marriage"— ought to pass;— were severally accepted, in concurrence. The bills and resolve were severally read and this afternoon assigned for their second reading.

Bill "An act to change the names of certain persons"— had its two several readings under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Fish River Road"— came up from the House amended as per sheet annexed marked "A."— The Senate adopted the amendments and passed the resolve, as amended, to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred an order relative to the assize of bread.— submitting bill "An act additional concerning the city of Portland"— was accepted, and the bill having had two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional concerning the city of

543. Portland's— (reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary) was read, and this afternoon assigned for their second reading.

Resolves entitled

Resolves in relation to the North American and European Railway—

"relating to the publication of the public laws;"— passed to be engrossed in the House, — were severally read once and afternoon assigned for a second reading.

Bill "An act to change the names of certain persons"— had its two several readings under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, —

Bill "An act to make valid the doings of the assessors of the town of Gray, for the year 1856"— was read and afternoon assigned for a second reading.

Order from the House,

That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, to forward to the clerks of the plantations of Drew and Webster, one copy each of the Maine Register, and the Acts and Resolves of the State of Maine for the year 1856, — was read and passed in concurrence.

"Resolve in aid of roads and bridges in Westbrook County"— came back from the House indefinitely postponed. The Senate concurred and insisted on its former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Smith from the Committee on Engrossed Bills. reported as truly and strictly engrossed bill entitled

"An act additional respecting judicial proceedings" which was passed to be enacted, in concurrence, signed by the President, pro-tem, and by the Secretary, presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Resolve in favor of the town of Hockton" came back from the House, amended by adding thereto the words, "provided the same are in the State Library" The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the resolve, as amended to be engrossed, in concurrence. -

Mr. McGilvery moved to reconsider the vote where by the Senate refused to pass to be engrossed bill. "An act to secure an uniform registration of the births, marriages, deaths, and causes of deaths, in the State of Maine". On this question the yeas and nays were ordered and the vote was reconsidered, as follows viz: -

Yeas - Messrs. Burbank, Chandler, Graves, Herrick, Jones, Magoun, McGilvery, Oaks, Twitchell, Wasson, Woodbury. 11

Nays - Messrs. Berry, Chapman, Dane, Davis, Halliwell, H. L. Coyt, Phinney, Wallace, Webb, West. 10

The bill was then amended, as per sheets amended marked "E." and "F." and, as amended, being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered: it was refused a passage by the following vote viz: -

Yeas - Messrs. Burbank, Chandler, Graves, Herrick, Jones, Magoun, McGilvery, Oaks.

545. Twitchell, Wasson, Woodbury, 11.
Nays— Messrs. Berry, Chapman, Dane
Davis, Hallowell, Hobbs, Hoyt
Phinney, Wallace, Webb, West, 11.
Sent down for concurrence

On motion of Mr. Woodbury.

Ordered:— That upon
all questions that may come before the Senate a-
ny Senator shall not speak more than five minu-
tes at one time, nor more than twice upon the same
questions, without the unanimous consent of the
Senate.

Bill "An act for the protection of deer on Cross
Island"—(reported in the House from the
Committee on Agriculture)—was read twice the rules
being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in
concurrence.

"Resolve concerning the special laws and resolves"
— was read once and this afternoon as-
signed for its second reading.

Bill "An act additional to chapter 104, of the pub-
lic laws, of the year 1854, entitled an act
additional to an act to provide for the education
of youth"— was read once and, on motion of Mr.
Mazouzi, laid on the table, and May 20, as-
signed for its further consideration

Final report of the Committee on State Lands, and
State Roads, was accepted, in concurrence.

Adjourned to afternoon.

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking on petition of H. C. Boody, and others, submitting bill "An act to incorporate the Maine Bank, at Brunswick"—was accepted in concurrence. The bill, having had two several readings under a suspension of the rules, and having been amended, by striking out the fourth section, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Report of the same committee, on petition of William Coburn and others, with bill, "An act to incorporate the Pipeport Bank"—was accepted in concurrence. The bill was read, and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Bill "An act increasing the fees of witnesses"—(reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary) was read twice the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve making an appropriation for repairing gun house at Brewer"—(reported in the House from the Committee on the Militia), was read once and May 10th assigned for its second reading.

"Resolve authorizing a State loan"—(reported in the House from the Committee on Finance:—)

Bill "An act additional to the law relating to elections:— reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary:—)

Bill "An act to repeal an act entitled an act

547. to incorporate the town of Bowesbark;" - (reported in the House from the same committee) - were severally read once and tomorrow assigned for their second reading.

Bill "An act additional to chapter twenty five of the revised statutes, relating to ways" - (reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary;) - Also.

"Resolve repealing resolve approved March 25, 1856, relating to books for the several towns and cities" - - were severally read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the Commissioner at Washington" - came back from the House, amended as per sheet annexed, marked A. - The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the resolve, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill. "An act in relation to the liability of magistrates for issuing precepts, and of officers executing them" - came back from the House indefinitely postponed. The Senate receded from their former vote, adopted amendment A. of the House, and indefinitely postponed the bill, in concurrence.

Reports as follows. -

Of the Committee on Railroads Ways and Bridges, that legislation is inexpedient on an order in relation to railroad tickets; -

Of the Committee on the Judiciary, that 528.
bill "An act concerning reviews in civil actions"—
ought not to pass;—

Of the same Committee, that legislation
is inexpedient on an order in relation to an amend-
ment of the Constitution so that the Governor, and
Senators may be elected by a plurality;—

Were severally accepted, in concurrence,

The following bills and resolves (reported without
amendment from the Committee on bills in Sec-
ond reading) were severally read a second time and
disposed of as follows, viz,

Bill "An act to make valid the doings of the as-
sessors of the town of Gray for 1856"— was in-
definitely postponed. Sent down for concurrence.
Also.

Bill "An act to regulate appeals from county com-
missioners;—

" "An act repealing the law of 1852, and revis-
ing the law of the Revised Statutes, rela-
tive to the publication of intentions of mar-
riage;—

Resolve providing for the collection of statistics
in relation to colleges and other institutions
of learning in this State;—

" concerning the special laws and resolves;—

" relating to the publication of the laws;—

" in relation to the North American and Eu-
ropean Railway;—

Bill "An act additional concerning the city of Portland"—

" "An act to amend Chapter one hundred, twenty-five
of the Revised Statutes, and further to provide
for the recording of mortgages of personal prop-
erty and conditional sales;— which were
severally passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

549. Bill An act to amend Chapter 263 of the Laws of 1856.— which was amended as per sheet annexed, marked "A." and, as amended, is indefinitely postponed. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. West

Ordered:— That the Secretary of the Senate, be directed, in making up the payroll, to make up the pay of the Assistant Secretary at two dollars and fifty cents for each days attendance, and travel as heretofore.

Mr. Oak from the Committee on Intemperance and a Prohibitory Liquor Law, made a lengthy report on that subject, which was read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Magoun

Bill "An act concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this State"— was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. —

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

Ordered:— That the Secretary of State, be directed to notify the clerks of the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, of the change of the law in relation to the publication of intentions of marriage, by forwarding a copy of the act making this change, to each of them immediately after its approval by the Governor.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

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Bill "An act for the establishment of a State Normal School" — was taken from the Table, and referred to the next legislature.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury moved to reconsider the vote accepting the report of the Committee on Education, on the petition of J. S. Holmes, and others; and this motion was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Chandler.

Resolve in relation to printing certain documents had two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Gimreick Academy — came from the House, indefinitely postponed. The Senate refused to concur with the House, and referred the resolve to the next legislature.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An act creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock for the manufacture of lime" — came back from the House, amended as on sheet annexed, marked A^o. The Senate adopted the amendment, and as thus amended, passed the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Graves

Ordered; — That when the

557. Senate next adjourns, it adjourns to meet at nine and a half o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Herrick from the Committee on the Judiciary to which was referred bill "An act to prohibit the exhibition of censured"—reported that the committee have previously examined and reported on the same subject, and that this bill comes before them, contrary to the rules of the Senate.

The report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. Magoun, the bill was laid on the table.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall Secretary.

Tuesday April 14. 1857 532.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Colby of Augusta.

Bill "An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new settlements" — came from the House further amended, as on sheet annexed marked "D".

The Senate adopted the amendments, and passed the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve relating to the encouragement of an uniform system of penmanship in the schools of Maine" had its two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence by the yeas and nays, as follows, viz—

Yeas. — Messrs. Burbank, Chandler, Chapman,
Conner, Graves, Halliwell, Kottis, Boyd,
McGilvery, Phinney, Smith, Webb, West. — 13.
Nays. Messrs. Dane, Davis, Jones, Magoon,
Twitshell, Mason, Woodbury. — 7.

Bill. "An act for the establishment of a State Normal School" — came back from the House, that branch having adhered to its former vote, passing the same to be engrossed. The Senate refused to concur, and on motion of Mr. Magoon, the bill was laid on the table and May 20th assigned for its further consideration.

"Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary" — came back from the House, that branch, having insisted on its former vote refusing the same a passage. —

On motion of Mr. Jones the resolve was laid on the table and June 10th assigned for its further consideration.

553. "Resolve in favor of East Maine Conference Seminary" - came from the House referred to the next Legislature. The Senate receded from their former vote passing the resolve to be engrossed and referred the same to the next legislature, in concurrence.

Mr. Treat, from the Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing vote of the two branches on amendment "B" to bill "An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial Court and judicial proceedings" - reported that the committee had agreed that the bill in a new draft, which was submitted ought to pass; - The report was accepted, and the bill, having had two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing vote of the two branches on bill "An act additional to an act authorizing the consolidation of certain railroad corporations" - reported that they had failed to agree with the Committee on the part of the House, and recommended that the Senate adhere to its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed. The report was recommitted.

Mr. Woodbury asked to be discharged from further service on said committee, and his request was granted.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing vote of the two branches on "Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State, for the year 1855," reported that they had been unable to agree with the House Committee, and recommended that the Senate ad-

here to its former vote finally passing the same. -
The report was accepted.

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Mr. Nasson from the Committee, to which was referred the subject of foreign paupers—reported "Resolve relating to foreign paupers and criminals"—The report was accepted, and the resolve, having had two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, by leave, introduced bill "An act additional to an act authorizing the consolidation of certain railroad corporations, approved April 1, 1856"—which was read and, on motion of Mr. Webb laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Jones, a call of the Senate was ordered and eighteen Senators were found to be in their seats.

Bill "An act to repeal an act to incorporate the town of Bowerbank" (reported by Mr. Woodbury without amendment, from the Committee on bills in Second reading) was read a second time and, on motion of Mr. Woodbury was laid on the table and May 20 assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury, the vote passing to be engrossed, "Resolve in relation to the printing of certain documents, was reconsidered, and the resolve was amended as per sheet annexed marked A and as amended, passed to be engrossed.

Bill "An act to secure an uniform registration of the births, marriages, deaths and causes of deaths in the State of Maine."— came back from the House, that branch having refused to concur with the Senate in refusing the bill a passage, and passed the same to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt, the bill was laid on the table and May 10 assigned for its further consideration

"Resolves relating to the claims of the State and settlements, arising under the treaty of Washington"— (reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary,) was read and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence,

Bill "An act to exempt stockholders of corporations from personal liability"— came back from the House amended as per sheet annexed marked "B"—

On motion of Mr. Magoun the bill was laid on the table—

Bill "An act additional relating to liens on vessels"— came back from the House amended as per sheet annexed marked "A". The Senate adopted the amendment, and passed the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act additional to the law relating to elections"— (reported without amendment from the Committee on bills in Second Reading), was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Woodbury, laid on the table, and the 20th

day of June next, assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Nasson.

Ordered:—That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be printed under his supervision and control 350 copies of the Journal of the Senate for the current session, and that he cause three copies of the same to be distributed to each of the present Senators, one copy to each member of the present House of Representatives, one copy to each of the State Senators for 1858, and that the copies remaining be deposited in the State Library.

On motion of Mr. Magoun, the "Resolves in relation to the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court of the United States in the case of Dred Scott" were taken from the table, amended as per sheets annexed, marked "B" and "C" and again laid on the table on motion of Mr. Woodbury.

Report of the Committee on Education, that bill
"An act to incorporate the Trustees of the St. Lawrence and Madawaska High School"—ought not to pass,— was accepted in concurrence.

Bill "An act to authorize the business of banking"—
was referred to the next legislature, in concurrence.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed.
bills entitled

"An act to incorporate the Bath and Woolwich Bridge Company;"—

"An act to change the name of Joseph Morangi;"—

557 "An act in addition to chapter 23 to. of the public laws of the year 1856 relating to the disclosure of poor debtors;"—

"An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Company;"—

"An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steamship Company;"—

"An act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing Company;"—

"An act to incorporate the Ingalls Perpetual Daily Almanac and Calendar Company;"—

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy in Palmyra;"—

"An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Aurora Lodge;"—

"An act to incorporate the East Branch Iron Company;"—

"An act to change the time of holding the first meeting of the Maine Medical Association;"—

"An act to change the names of certain persons;"—

"An act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Bear, and Little Bear ponds, in the towns of Turner and Hartford;"—

"An act for the preservation of deer on Cross Island;"—

"An act additional concerning the city of Portland;"—

"An act additional to an act further to protect personal liberty;"—

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland & Kennebec Railroad Company;"—

"An act to incorporate the Achuan Soine Rock Company;"—
which were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence.

Same Senator from same Committee, reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled

"Resolve in favor of John Parris;"—

" in favor of Samuel W. Jones;"—

" making an appropriation for repairs of the State Arsenal at Bangor;"—

" in favor of the Committee on the Militia;"—

- Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston;—
 " in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Whitfield
 " in favor of the city of Bath;—
 " in favor of the town of Solon;—
 " in favor of the town of Moscow;—
 " providing for an appropriation for the
 State Reform School;—
 " for repair of the Arsenal buildings at Port
 Land;—
 " in favor of the Fish River road;—
 " for the printing and distribution of the re-
 port of the Secretary of the Maine Board
 of Agriculture for 1856;— were severally
 finally passed in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves were signed
 by the President pro-tempore, and by the Secretary
 transmitted to the Governor for his approval and
 signature.

Adjourned to afternoon.

Afternoon

"Resolve relating to the Maine State Prison;— had
 two several readings, under a suspension of
 the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of James Campbell;— was read
 twice the rules being suspended, and
 passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill An act to make valid the doings of plan-
 tation No. 1, Range 5, in the County of Aro-
 stock;— was indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

"Resolve repealing a resolve approved March 17, 1855;—

559. came from the House, passed to be engrossed;

The President ruled that this resolve could not be acted upon under the rules of the Senate, having been previously acted upon during the present session.

"Resolve relating to the claims of the French settlers under the treaty of Washington"— had two several readings, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Twitchell. The vote of the Senate, assigning May 10 for the farther consideration of "Resolve making an appropriation for repair of a gun house in Brewer"— was reconsidered, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Barry. The Senate reconsidered their vote accepting the report of the Committee on the Judiciary with bill "An act to prohibit the exhibition of circuses"— and the report was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury. The Senate proceeded to the consideration of "Resolves in relation to the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court, of the United States in the case of Dred Scott"— which, as previously amended, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt. The Senate reconsidered their vote whereby bill "An act to authorize the business of banking"— was referred to the next Legislature and the 10th day of May next was assigned for the further consideration of the same.

On motion of Mr. Nagoun. Bill "An act to

exempt stock holders of corporations from personal liability" — was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. 560.

Bill "An act additional, in relation to the promulgation of the public laws" — having had two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the plantations of Madawaska Hancock and Van Buren" — came back from the House, amended as per sheets annexed marked A* and B*.

The Senate adopted these amendments, and passed the resolve to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Railroad" — (reported in the House from the Committee on Railroads, Ways, and Bridges) was twice read, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and strictly engrossed bills entitled

"An act creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock for the manufacture of lime;" —

"An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge Company;" —

"An act further to regulate appeals from county commissioners;" —

"An act increasing the fees of witnesses;" —

"An act to change the names of certain persons;" —

"An act to regulate the sale and use of poison;" —

"An act additional concerning the city of Portland;" —

"An act to incorporate the Waterville Manufacturing Company;" —

"An act concerning the salaries of the several Municipal

pal judges of the cities of this State?"—

"An act repealing the law of 1852, and revising the law of the Revised Statutes relating to the publication of intentions of marriage?"—

"An act to incorporate the Maine Bank at Brunswick."

"An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to nonresident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes?"— which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence.

Same Senator, from same Committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, resolves entitled "Resolve in favor of the commissioner at Washington?"—

" in favor of the town of Stockton?"—

" concerning the special laws and resolves?"—

" relating to the publication of the laws?"—

" authorizing a State loan?"—

" making valid the doings of the assessors of the First Universalist Church in Rockland?"—

which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves, having been signed by the President Protem, were, by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature,

"Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the office of the Secretary of State" passed to be engrossed in the House, had two several readings under a suspension of the rules. — was amended by striking out the words "Secretary of State" — and inserting instead, the words "Governor, with the advice and consent of the council" — and so amended, passed to be engrossed. — Sent down for concurrence.

Mr Nasson, by leave, introduced, "Resolve in favor

of Wm. W. Bolster, W. B. F. Davis, and Joseph B. Hall— which was read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury, from the Committee on Bills in Second Reading reported without amendment bill "An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank"— which was read a second time and being on its passage to be engrossed, the yeas and nays were ordered and the bill was refused a passage as follows, viz:—

Yeas— Chandler, Chapman, Connor Davis,
Cobbs Oak, Smith, Webb, West, J.
Nays. Messrs. Burbank, Dane, Hoyt Jones,
Magoon, Phinney Twitchell Wallace
Nasson, Woodbury. 10

Bill "An act to provide for the foreclosure of mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by Railroad corporations"— came back from the House amended as per sheets annexed marked "B", "C", "D", "E" and "F". The Senate adopted the amendments aforesaid, and passed the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury, The vote refusing a passage to bill "An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank"— was reconsidered. The bill was then amended as on sheets annexed marked "A", and "B", and as amended, passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence,

On motion of Mr. Hoyt,

Ordered— That the Secretary be directed to make up in the pay roll of the Senate the usual allowance to the Reporters of the Senate.

563. On motion of Mr Oak,

Ordered:— That when the Senate adjourns, it adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock A. M.

Bill "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes"—(reported in the House from the Committee on the Judiciary) was read. the amendments of the House, on which marked "A," "B," "C," and "D," were adopted, and the bill, as amended was referred to the next legislature in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Nasson,

Ordered:— The House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature adjourn, sine die, on Friday morning the 17th instant.

Sent down for concurrence

Adjourned

Joseph D. Call Secretary

Wednesday, April 15th 1857. 564.

Met according to adjournment

Prayer by Rev Dr. Lippman of Augusta.

Bill, "An act additional relating to liens on vessels," came back from the House, that branch having refused to concur with the Senate in passing the bill to be engrossed, and adhered to its former vote indefinitely postponing the same.

The Senate adhered to its former vote passing the bill to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. West,

The vote passing bill An act to amend chapter one hundred twenty five of the Revised Statutes, and further to provide for the recording of mortgages of personal property and conditional sales,"— to be engrossed, in concurrence was reconsidered, on account of an error in the House endorsement, and it was refused a passage in concurrence,

On motion of Mr. West,

Ordered:— That the Secretary of the Senate be directed, in making up the payroll of the Senate, to allow the chaplains twelve dollars each for their services during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

Ordered:— That the Secretary of the Senate, be directed to make up the payroll of the Senate to, and including Friday the 17th inst.

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A message was received from the House by Mr. Johnson of Augusta, as follows, viz:
Mr. President:—

I am directed by the House of Representatives, to inform the Senate that the House concurs with the proposition of the Senate to adjourn finally on Friday the 17th inst.

Mr. Dane, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, reported that that committee had attended to all the business referred to it, and asked to be discharged from further service, — which report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McGilvery.

Ordered:— That the Secretary of the Senate, make up the pay roll of the Messengers of the Senate, for two days additional.

Report of the Joint Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Antoinette L. Brown Blackwell and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, — was accepted in concurrence.

Bill. "An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability," — being on its passage to be enacted was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Woodbury, and June 10th 1857, assigned for its farther consideration.

Mr. Magoun, moved to reconsider that vote and on the question of reconsideration, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the Senate refused to reconsider, as follows.

Yeas. — Messrs Burbanks, Chandler, Conner, 566.
Hallowell, Hobbs, Magoun, Oak. 7.

Nays. Messrs. Berry, Chapman, Dane, Da-
vis, Graves, Hoyt, McGilvery, Smith, Twitch-
ell, Wallace, Wasson, Webb, West, Woodba-
ry. 14.

"Resolves relating to Kansas Affairs and Slavery" —
came back from the House, amended as on
sheet annexed marked "D".

The Senate adopted the amendment
of the House, and, as thus amended, passed the Re-
solves to be engrossed in concurrence.

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

"An act additional concerning the Supreme Judicial
Court, and judicial proceedings";

"An act additional relating to liens on vessels";

"An act declaring all slaves brought by their masters
into this State, free, and to punish any at-
tempt to exercise authority over them";

"An act to incorporate the Frontier Iron Compa-
ny";

"An act additional to Chapter twenty five of the
Revised Statutes relating to ways";

"An act to incorporate the Luce Kansas Association";

"An act additional in relation to the promulga-
tion of the public laws";

"An act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Mil-
ford Railroad";

"An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new
settlements" — which were severally passed
to be enacted, in concurrence.

567. The same committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed. Resolves entitled

"Resolve for payment of additional roll of accounts.

No 37. for the year 1857."

"Resolve providing for the collection of statistics in relation to the colleges and other institutions of learning in this state":

" in relation to the North American and European Railway";

" in favor of T. H. Fassett";

" relating to foreign paupers and criminals";

" in favor of Ediphaz Gullifer and Orlando W. Gilman";

" repealing resolve approved March 25 1856, relating to books for the several towns and cities;

" in favor of Benjamin Cole jr.;

" making an appropriation for repairing gun house in Brewer";

" in favor of the plantations of Hancock, Massachusetts and Van Buren";

" in favor of James Campbell; — which were finally passed in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves, having been signed by the President, pro tempore, were by the Secretary, transmitted to the Governor for his approval and signature.

Adjourned to afternoon.

Afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Callowell.

The rules of the Senate were suspended so that on motion of Mr. Woodbury, the vote assigning June 10th for the further con-

sideration of bill "An act to exempt stockholders 568.
in corporations from personal liability"— was re-
sidered. - The vote adopting amendment "B" was
reconsidered and the amendment was rejected.

The Senate then insisted on its former vote
passing the bill, as amended on sheet annexed marked
"A," to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary
granting leave to withdraw on the peti-
tion of Seward Merrill and others; - also

The minority report of the same Committee, on
the same accompanied with bill "An act to author-
ize Seward Merrill and others to construct and main-
tain a wharf in tide waters opposite their own land"—
were severally, together with the bill, referred to the
next Legislature in concurrence.

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Pigeon
Bank."— came back from the House, -
that branch having adopted the amendments numbered
one and two on sheet "B." and rejected amendment "B"
on the same sheet and also amendment "A." The
Senate concurred, and passed the bill as thus a-
mended, to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill, "An act to incorporate the Greenwood Cem-
tery"— had its two several readings, un-
der suspension of the rules, and passed to be engross-
ed, in concurrence.

Mr. West, by leave, introduced "Resolves relat-
ing a resolve concerning the special
laws and Resolves"— which was read twice under a
suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve in favor of Richard Wells." Had two several readings under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An act to encourage manufactures"— came back from the House having been refused a passage in that Branch.— The Senate receded from their former vote and refused to give the bill a passage, in concurrence.

Bills entitled,

"An act in relation to the rights of married women,"
 " " to incorporate the Ticonde Company,"— severally had two several readings, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Webb, by leave, introduced "Resolve in favor of Samuel S. Perry"— which was read twice, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of Parker P. Purligh"— passed to be engrossed in the House, was read twice the rules being suspended, and was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Magoun.

Order from the House,

That the petition of Ira B. Delano, for relief from a note held by the State, and from losses by reason of the State taking his logs which he had paid for, be taken from the files for the year 1854, and referred to the Governor and Council, — was read, and, on motion of Mr. Magoun laid on the table, —

Resolve in favor of the temporary clerks in the 570.

Office of the Secretary of State;— came from the House amended as per sheet annexed marked "A" The Senate amended the amendment as per sheet marked "B" annexed, — adopted the amendment as amended, and passed the Resolve as amended to be engrossed; Sent down for concurrence.

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

"An act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons issued by railroad corporations";

"An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Bank";

"An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability; — which were severally passed to be enacted, in concurrence;

The same Committee, also reported as truly and strictly engrossed, Resolves, entitled

"Resolve in relation to the decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court, of the United States, in the case of Dred Scott";

Resolve relating to the Maine State Prison;

" relating to the encouragement of an uniform system of penmanship in this state;

" in aid of roads and bridges in Acworth County;

" in relation to the pension of Peter A. Polson;

" relating to the claims of the French settlers, under the Treaty of Washington; — which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these Bills and Resolves, having been signed by the President pro tempore, were, by the secretary transmitted to the Governor for his approval.

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Adjourned to evening.

Evening Session.

Bill "An act to cede to the United States, jurisdiction over a certain tract in Portland Harbor, Maine known as Hog Island Lodge; and over certain land at or near the entrance of the Kennebec River, Maine,"— passed to be engrossed in the House, had its two several readings, under suspension of the rules— was amended as on that amended marked "A." and "B."— and as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently this bill came back from the House, that branch having refused to adopt amendment "A." The Senate concurred, and passed the bill, as amended to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Chadbourne of Perry, informing the Senate that, in the absence of the Speaker, the House has elected Charles Danforth of Gardiner, Speaker pro tem.

Resolve in favor of the Corinna Union Academy, was referred to the next legislature in concurrence.

Resolve on the pay-roll of the Senate,— was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve on the pay roll of the House of Represent.⁵⁷²
tatives;— had two several readings, the
rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed
in concurrence.

Bill "An act to provide in part for the expend-
itures of government,"— was read twice
under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be
engrossed, in concurrence.

Mr. Twitcheell, from the Committee on Engrossed
Bills, reported as truly and strictly
engrossed, resolves entitled

"Resolve in favor of Samuel S. Berry;"
" repealing resolve concerning the special law
and resolves;"
" relating to Kansas Affairs, and Slavery;"
" in relation to printing certain documents;"
" in favor of Richard Wells;"
" in favor of the temporary clerks in the of-
fice of the Secretary of State;"— And these
resolves were severally finally passed in concurrence, sign-
ed by the President. pro tem. and by the Secretary
presented to the Governor for his approval and signa-
ture.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

Ordered;— That when the Sen-
ate adjourns, it be to meet tomorrow (Thursday) Evening
at 7 o'clock.

Adjourned

Joseph P. Hall, Secretary.

Thursday Evening
7 o'clock, P.M., April 16, 1857.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

The Senate reconsidered their several votes, passing little one to twelve inclusive of the Revision, to be engrossed.

Bill "An act to revise and consolidate the public Laws," — had two several readings, the rules being suspended; — the House amendment "A." was adopted, and the bill, as amended, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills entitled

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the proprietors of Ticonic Bridge;"

"An act to repeal the acts consolidated in the Revised Statutes of the year 1857;"

"An act additional to provide for the expense of the Government;" — were severally read twice, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Resolve for the appointment of commissioners to superintend the publication of the Revised Statutes for the year 1857. — had two several readings, under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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

"An act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government;"

An act to cede to the United States, jurisdiction 574.
tion over a certain tract in Portland
harbor, known as Hog Island Sedges
and over certain land at or near the
entrance of Kennebec River;

"An act to incorporate the Ticonic Company;

"An act to incorporate the Greenwood Ceme-
tery Company;"

"An act in relation to the rights of married
women";

"An act to revise and consolidate the public
laws";

"An act additional to an act to incorporate the
proprietors of Ticonic Bridges";

"An act to repeal the acts consolidated in the Re-
vised Statutes of the year 1857;" — and these
bills were severally passed to be enacted in concurrence.

The same committee, also reported as ~~truthfully~~
~~and~~ strictly engrossed, Resolves, entitled

"Resolve on the payroll of the Senate";

" on the payroll of the House of Representatives;

" for the appointment of Commissioners to
superintend the publication of the Revised
Statutes of the year 1857;" — which were
severally finally passed in concurrence.

And these Bills and Resolves, having been
signed by the President pro tempore, were, by the
Secretary, transmitted to the Governor for his appro-
val and signature;

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Baker," — was read twice
the rules being suspended and passed to be
engrossed, in concurrence.

"Resolve in favor of the commissioners for revising
the public laws," — came from the House,

575. passed to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. Magoun the rules were suspended so that this resolve might come before the Senate. The resolve then had two several readings, the rules being suspended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by yeas and nays, as follows,

Yeas. Messrs Berry Burbank, Chandler, Chapman,
Connor, Dane, Davis, Graves, Hoyt, Magoun,
Oak, Nasson West Woodbury. 14.

Nays. Messrs. Cobb, Smith Twitchell and
Webb. 4.

On motion of Mr. Woodbury,

Ordered:— That when the Senate adjourns, it adjourn to meet at six o'clock tomorrow morning.

Adjourned

Joseph B. Hall, Secretary.

Friday Morning April 17. 1857. 576.

Met according to adjournment at 6 o'clock A.M.

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

An act additional to provide for the expenses of the government, — which was passed to be enacted, in concurrence;

The same committee reported as truly and strictly engrossed, Resolves entitled

"Resolve in favor of Joseph Baker;

" in favor of the commissioners for revising the public laws; — which were severally finally passed, in concurrence.

And these bills and resolves having been signed by the President pro tem, were, by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval and signature.

On motion of Mr. Magoun.

Ordered; — That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join be appointed to wait on the Governor and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature, having acted upon all matters before them, are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make; — and

Messrs. Magoun of Lincoln, Smith of Newstock, and Hoyt of Franklin, were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

The order came back with Messrs. Cotton of Bow.

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Subsequently Mr. Magoun, from the foregoing committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned to them, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would forthwith communicate through the Secretary of State.

A message was received from the Governor, by Alden Jackson Esq. Secretary of State, laying before the Senate a list of the Acts and Resolves, passed by the present Legislature and approved by him, and informing the Senate that he has no further communication to make.

Mr. Smith of Aroostook, rose in his place and said, Mr. Secretary:—

I ask leave to lay upon your table a resolution, and move that the question of its adoption be taken by rising.

Resolved:— That the thanks of the Senate are eminently due and are hereby tendered to Esq. Hiram Chapman, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body during his occupancy of the chair, the present Session.

Pending the adoption of this resolution, Mr. Wasson of Hancock, rose in his place and said,

Mr. Secretary:—

The present is one of those

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rare occasions when man throws off that sordid selfish disposition to stand out in all the pride and beauty of his noble intellectual nature; when the cares, anxieties and perplexities of official duties subside, leaving an hour to be devoted to those thoughts which serve to please and elevate. After a somewhat protracted session which — I am happy to say — has been faithfully improved in maturing and enacting such laws as are demanded by the great and growing interests of our State — the parting hour has come.

On receiving our "fired of labor," I in truth can say, that those mutual relations which originated at this "Board" — now to be dissolved — have not been characterized by repulsive contests and rivalry, but with civil and courteous regard and kindness, stamping in indelible and pleasing impress upon the tablets of our memories, the forms and faces of those who, for three long months have met around this Senate Board. Our official labors have closed. What we have done is now in the past; its influence with the future. Conscious that in all our deliberations, we have looked only for the greatest good of the greatest number, we can now return to our constituent, perfectly confident of meeting their concurrent approval.

And Mr. President, may I be permitted to tender, for myself and my brother Senators, our heartfelt thanks for the urbane, able, and impartial manner, in which you sir, have discharged the duties of your office.

And, Senators, let us be thankful, that while our minds have been engrossed in the discharge of our legislative duties; while the fatal arrow of death has struck down a member of the other branch, our guardian angel has protected us from that unwelcome messenger. And may He, who has watched over, and cared for, return us in health and safety to those loved ones at home. And may we not forget that

"Like couriers fleet, the winged moments fly,
Like rushing winds, the days and weeks go by,
Rolling as swiftly toward that far off shore,
Where hoary Time, himself shall be no more."

The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

Mr. Chapman responded, as follows:

Senators:—

I am reminded by the vote just taken, that our legislative labors, for this session are about to close. They have been varied and arduous, and the session has been protracted beyond the expectation of most of the members. But it should be remembered that the amount of ordinary business before us has been unusually large, and some of the questions to be decided, very important and difficult to adjust. In addition to this, we have had the extra-ordinary business of enacting a general banking law, and passing upon the re-charter of most of the old banks, and granting such new charters as the public interest demanded, and also the revision of the entire Statute Laws of the State.

These two last named subjects have cost the members an amount of labor nearly equal to the business of an ordinary session, but I am satisfied that the work has been faithfully executed, and will be a vast benefit to the people of the State.

This Legislature has been eminently a working one, and I fully believe that all your duties have been performed under a deep sense of responsibility, and with a patriotic desire to promote the best interests of the people. Our session has been one of unusual harmony. In all the earnest debates at this board upon important questions and conflicting interests, no breach of courtesy has occurred, and I

have yet to learn, that there has been the least unkind ^{580.} feeling entertained by any member toward another.

Called to preside over your deliberations at a time in the session when the duties of the Chair were just beginning to be arduous and difficult, I have endeavored to discharge them impartially, and I am very largely indebted to your aid and support, for whatever of success has attended my efforts. Nothing has been wanting on the part of any member of this board, to render my position agreeable and happy. Your kindness and indulgence to me has been without intermission, and and over my errors, you have thrown the mantle of charity.

For all these tokens of your regard, and especially for this last expression of your approval of my conduct, I tender you my cordial and heartfelt thanks, and beg to assure you, that I shall ever take a lively interest in your welfare, and shall cherish the remembrance of your friendships for me with emotions of gratitude.

The separation consequent upon the adjournment of the Legislature, is always painful to me; and especially so in this branch. Few in numbers, all become acquainted with each other, and strong ties of friendship are formed between members, which will be as enduring as life. But the time has come when we must part, and I wish you a safe return to your families and friends; and may the blessings of a kind Providence attend you in all the future of life, and if we meet not again upon earth, may we all meet in a happier and better world beyond the grave.

Mr West offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted;

Resolved:— That the thanks of the Senate be tendered to Joseph B. Hall Esq. Secretary of the Senate, and Joseph L. Clark Esq.

581. Assistant Secretary for the faithful and acceptable manner in which they have severally discharged the responsible duties of their respective offices.

Mr. Burbank, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Ordered: That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to George Humphrey, Messenger, Corrin Currier, Assistant Messenger, and Joseph Beck, Page, for the faithful and obliging manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective positions.

On motion of Mr. Magoun The Senate then adjourned without day.

Joseph B. Call Secretary.

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Passed by the Legislature of Eighteen hundred, fifty seven.

And approved by the Governor—

Public Laws.

An act in relation to the attachment of real estate and immovable personal property.

An act to amend the thirty first section of the twenty fifth chapter of the revised statutes, relating to the payment of damages caused by the laying out of private ways.

An act in relation to the supreme judicial court.

An act respecting judicial proceedings.

An act in relation to directors of corporations.

An act respecting the redemption of land sold for the payment of taxes.

An act repealing all acts relating to the inspection of hops.

An act relating to the property of deceased married women.

An act granting further powers and privileges to agricultural and horticultural societies.

An act in relation to wills.

An act in relation to attachments.

An act additional to chapter ninety four of the revised statutes, relating to the levy of executions on real estate.

An act to prevent injury from snow and ice sliding

from roofs of buildings, in cities and villages,

An act to secure the safety of passengers at railroad crossings,

An act to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the revised statutes, and for the further protection of mechanics liens,

An act additional to an act entitled - "An act respecting the election of electors of president and vice-president,"

An act entitled - "An act additional to chapter one hundred and sixty-three of the revised statutes,"

An act to amend section seventy, of chapter seven to seven of the revised statutes, in relation to banks and banking,

An act in relation to attachments of real estate, and personal property,

An act to amend the twenty-second section, of chapter one hundred and six of the revised statutes,

An act in relation to depositions,

An act to amend the second section, of chapter two hundred and sixty-five of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, relating to the militia,

An act to repeal chapters fifty-three, fifty-six, and fifty-seven, of the revised statutes, relating to the inspection of butter and lard, onions and tobacco, and exportation of flax-seed,

An act authorizing towns to purchase a hearse, and erect a house for the same,

An act to amend the law of forcible entry and detainer,

An act to amend chapter one hundred and seven of the revised statutes, in relation

to the appointment of special adminis- 586.
trators in certain cases,

An act to amend an act entitled - "An act to es-
tablish a board of agriculture",

An act to repeal an act entitled - "An act in re-
lation to directors of corporations",

An act to establish a standard weight for the
sale of grain and carrels,

An act additional to chapter one hundred and
fifty-nine of the public laws, passed
in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and forty five, con-
cerning the assessment of taxes,

An act further to provide for the assessment
of taxes on personal property,

An act additional in relation to banks and
bankings,

An act additional respecting judicial pro-
ceedings,

An act relating to the property of deceased mar-
ried women,

An act additional to an act entitled - "An act to
prevent disturbances of religious worship",

An act to exempt libraries from attachment
and execution,

An act additional concerning the powers of
judges of probate,

An act additional to chapter sixty-seven of
the revised statutes, relating to tim-
ber upon rivers and streams,

An act amending chapter two hundred
and sixty-five of public laws of
eighteen hundred and fifty-six,
approved April ninth, eighteen
hundred and fifty-six, respecting
the militia

An act relating to the appointment of

guardians of insane married women,

An act to make valid the doings of select men and superintending school committees, in certain cases,

An act in addition to chapter two hundred and fifty-six of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, relating to the disclosure of poor debtors,

An act additional to "An act further to protect personal liberty,"-

An act to regulate the sale and use of poison,

An act further to regulate appeals from county commissioners,

An act repealing the law of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and revising the law of the revised statutes, relative to the publication of intentions of marriages,

An act creating a lien in favor of persons furnishing rock for the manufacture of lime,

An act increasing the fees of witnesses,

An act regulating the sale and redemption of lands taxed to non-resident owners, and of other lands sold for taxes,

An act concerning the salaries of the several municipal judges of the cities of this state,

An act additional relating to liens on vessels,

An act in relation to the promulgation of the public laws.

An act declaring all slaves brought by their masters into this state free, and to punish any attempt to exercise authority over them

An act additional to chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes, relating to ways,

An act additional concerning the supreme judicial court and judicial proceedings,

An act to promote the incorporation of towns in new

- An act providing for the foreclosure of certain mortgages given to secure the payment of bonds and coupons, issued by railroad corporations.
- An act to exempt stockholders in corporations from personal liability.
- An act in relation to the rights of married women.

Private and Special Laws.

- An act to incorporate the town of Islandport.
- An act to extend the time for the Waldo Mills Company to build their dam across Goose River.
- An act to make valid the doings of school district number one, in Madawaska Plantation, in the county of Aroostook.
- An act additional to an act to incorporate the Bangor House Proprietary.
- An act enlarging the powers of constables in the city of Calais.
- An act relating to the municipal court of the city of Biddeford.
- An act to incorporate the Royal River Manufacturing Company.
- An act to make valid the doings of school district number five, in the town of Otisfield.
- An act to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford.

589. An act additional to an act to incorporate the Henduskeag Log Driving Company, passed August fourteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

An act to extend the time for the Atlantic Bank, to close its concerns,

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government,

An act to incorporate the City Insurance Company,

An act to incorporate the Newport Mutual Fire Insurance Company,

An act to change the name of the Board of Education of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

An act to repeal "An act to incorporate the Wilton Manufacturing Company,"

An act to incorporate the Indigent Ministers Relief Association,

An act to incorporate the Cape Elizabeth Steam Ferry Company,

An act additional to "An act to provide in part for the expenditures of the government," approved February twenty-eight, eighteen hundred fifty-seven,

An act in addition to an act to enable the first school district in Bucksport to raise money in aid of the bequest of Joseph R. Holcom,

An act for the further extension of the Bangor Boom Company,

An act for the assessment of a State tax, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, amounting to two hundred thousand, nine hundred, twenty nine dollars and thirty cents,

An act accepting the surrender of the charter

of the Thomaston Marine and Fire Insurance Company. 596.

An act to divide the town of Prospect and incorporate the southerly part thereof into a town by the name of Stockton,

An act to authorize the construction of a railroad around the north side of the city of Portland.

An act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Somerset to reassess certain taxes,

An act to regulate the duties of the agent of the Penobscot Indians,

An act to change the names of certain persons,

An act to amend the act incorporating the town of Fremont,

An act in addition to an act to incorporate the Franklin Company,

An act to set off a part of the homestead of Horace Mixer from Sedgwick and annex the same to Penobscot,

An act to set off a portion of plantation number ten, and annex the same to the town of Franklin,

An act to incorporate the Buxton Manufacturing Company,

An act concerning the jail in the county of Cumberland,

An act additional to the several acts incorporating the city of Portland,

An act to incorporate the Pulpit Harbor Bridge Company,

An act to authorize the town of Harpswell to extend a highway over tide waters,

An act to incorporate the Pejepscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company,

An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill

An act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company.

An act to incorporate the town of Winns.

An act to incorporate the Little River Canal Company,

An act to incorporate the Corinna Steam and Water Power Company.

An act to incorporate the Cumberland Oil Manufacturing Company.

An act additional relating to the Maine Charitable Mechanic's Association.

An act to set off Josiah A. Jenkins, together with certain real estate, from the town of Rossbury to the town of Mexico.

An act to incorporate the International Hotel Company.

An act to incorporate the Newport Hotel Company.

An act to incorporate the Sebago Pond Boat Company.

An act to incorporate the Cobbossee Manufacturing Company.

An act to incorporate the Machiasport Marine Railway Company.

An act to incorporate the Trustees of Gray Academy.

An act repealing an act entitled "An act to limit the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Calais," approved April fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty six.

An act to incorporate the Jonesport Marine Railway Company.

An act to incorporate the Proprietors of Solon and Emboden Bridge.

An act to incorporate the Thomaston Insurance Company.

An act to incorporate the Bass Harbor Marine Railway Company.

- An act to incorporate the Dunn Edge Tool Com^y 572.
pany.
- An act for the preservation of trout in the Schoodic
lake waters.
- An act additional to "An act granting certain
privileges to the islands composing the
town of North Haven, in the county of
Waldo."
- An act to authorize Sylvester S. Roberts to build
and maintain a weir in tide waters in
Narragansett Bay.
- An act additional to an act to establish the
York and Cumberland Railroad Com
pany.
- An act to change the name of Oak Grove School.
- An act to prevent the destruction of trout in Bry
ant's pond in Woodstock.
- An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in
North pond in the town of Merce.
- An act to prevent the destruction of pickerel in the
Penamagon and Borden's lake and tribut
ary waters.
- An act additional to an act to prevent obstruc
tions in Goose river harbor, passed Jan
uary thirty first, eighteen hundred and
forty-four.
- An act to set off Joshua E. Jenks, Augustus
Peeley and Lyman Bradstreet from
Bridgton Centric Village Fire Corpora
tion.
- An act to incorporate The Proprietors of Custom House
Wharf, in Portland.
- An act authorizing the extending of a wharf into
tide waters at Thomaston.
- An act additional relating to tolls on Lewiston
Bridge.
- An act to increase the capital stock of the Lum

- German's Bank,
 An act to change the name of Mousam River
 Bank,
 An act to reduce the capital stock of the Bank
 of the State of Maine,
 An act to increase the capital stock of the San-
 ford Bank,
 An act to increase capital stock of the Manufac-
 turers and Traders Bank,
 An act to increase the capital stock of the San-
 dy River Bank,
 An act extending the time for the American
 Bank to increase its capital stock
 An act to increase the capital stock of the Alfred
 Bank,
 An act to reduce the capital stock of Kendus-
 keag Bank, of Bangor,
 An act to increase the capital stock of the Germans
 Bank,
 An act additional to an act entitled "An act to
 incorporate the Thomaston Bank,"
 An act to amend the fourth section of an act en-
 titled an act for the preservation of sal-
 mon, shad and alewives in Georges river
 and tributary streams,
 An act to incorporate the Literary Fraternity,
 An act to incorporate the Boothbay Marine
 Railway Company,
 An act to extend the charter of the Sandy River
 Bank,
 An act to reduce the capital stock of the City
 Bank, of Bangor, and to extend the
 charter thereof,
 An act to incorporate the Long Reach Bank,
 An act to incorporate the Lowell Bank,
 An act to extend the charter of the Atlantic
 Bank of Portland,

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An act to incorporate the Norumbega Bank.
An act to incorporate the Penobscot River Bank.
An act to incorporate the Messalonskee Manufacturing Company.
An act additional to an act entitled an act for the preservation of moose and deer, approved March twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, (three.)
An act to secure the safety of the public travel at Sewall's crossing in the city of Bath.
An act to increase the capital stock of the City Bank, at Biddeford.
An act to incorporate the Central Bank.
An act additional to "An act to incorporate the Franklin Wharf Company."
An act to incorporate the Bath and Woolwich Bridge Company.
An act to change the name of Joseph Morang.
An act for the preservation of deer on Cross island.
An act to prevent the destruction of trout and pickerel in Bear and Little Bear ponds in the town of Sumner, county of Androscoggin, and the town of Hartford, county of Oxford.
An act additional concerning the city of Portland.
An act to incorporate the East Branch Boom Company.
An act to incorporate the Achom Lime Rock Company.
An act additional to an act to incorporate the Kennebec and Portland Railroad Company.
An act to change the names of certain persons.
An act to incorporate the Maine Bank at Brunswick.
An act additional concerning the city of Portland.
An act to incorporate the Trustees of Oak Grove Academy, in Palmyra.
An act to change the time of holding the first meeting of the Maine Medical Association.

575. An act to incorporate the Portland Ocean Steam
Ship Company,

An act to incorporate the Berwick Manufacturing
Company,

An act to incorporate Ingalls' Perpetual Daily
Almanac and Calendar Company,

An act to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members
of Aurora Lodge,

An act to incorporate the Waterville Manu-
facturing Company,

An act to change the names of certain persons,

An act to incorporate the Saco Kansas Association,

An act to incorporate the Frontier Iron Company,

An act to extend the Bangor, Oldtown and Milford Rail-
road,

An act to incorporate the Pejipsee Bank,

An act to establish the Portland and Oxford Central
Railroad Company,

An act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Augusta
Free Bridge Company,

An act to incorporate the Ticonic Company,

An act to cede ~~to the~~ United States jurisdiction over
a certain tract in Portland Harbor, Maine,
known as "Hog Island Sledge", and over
certain land at or near the entrance of
Kennebec river, Maine,

An act to incorporate the Greenwood Cemetery Com-
pany,

An act to provide in part for the expenditures
of government,

An act additional to "An act to incorporate the
proprietors of Ticonic Bridge",

An act additional to provide for the expenses
of government,

Resolved,

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- Resolve providing for State paper
Resolve in favor of Locatason Swasson.
Resolve in favor of John Gabriel.
Resolve in favor of Peol Soakes.
Resolve in favor of Sabattis Levy.
Resolve for the allowance of money paid to the State.
Resolve in favor of the town of Newburg.
Resolve in favor of Charles S. Crosby and Arvid
Hayford.
Resolve in relation to bounty on cod fisheries.
Resolve for the payment of certain persons in at-
tendance upon the board of agriculture.
Resolve for the representation of Maine in the Paris
exhibition of agriculture, in eighteen hun-
dred and fifty seven.
Resolve in favor of Silas S. Low.
Resolves abating tax of town of Litchfield and as-
sessing the same upon the town of West
Gardiner.
Resolve in favor of the State reform school.
Resolve for the abatement of the state tax on
the town of Butler.
Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Indians.
Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy Indians.
Resolve to promote the education of the Penobscot
Indians.
Resolve in favor of Spencer F. Bowes.
Resolves respecting French spoliation.
Resolve in favor of Ellsworth Bank.
Resolve in favor of Henry Upton.
Resolve in relation to township L. range
two.
Resolve to promote the education of the Pas-
samaquoddy Indians.
Resolve in favor of Cumberland County
Agricultural Society.

597. Resolve to repeal part of a resolve approved March
sixteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty
five.

Resolve in favor of A. Campbell and Company.

Resolve in favor of Silas Coburn, jr. and B. H.
Chesley.

Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield for
the support and commitment of a foreign
insane pauper.

Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston.

Resolve in favor of the town of Eastime.

Resolve authorizing the publication and distribu-
tion of the school laws.

Resolve in favor of Charles W. Hall.

Resolve abating the state tax of the town of Strong,
and assessing the same upon the town
of New Vineyard.

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