

Monday January 8. 1844.

On motion of Mr. Brooks ordered, that Messrs. Brooks, Swan, Ross, Parker and Knowlton with such as the House may join be a committee to take into consideration so much of the Governor's message as relates to the change of the time of meeting of the legislature from winter to summer. Sent down for concurrence. Came up with Messrs. Woodman of Ellinoz Knowlton, of Montville, Gore of Cushing, Buck of Bucksport, Holden of Bangor Genthner of Bremen, Stewart of Hollis Barnes of Portland, Bucknam of Eastport, and Arnold of Bradford joined in concurrence.

The Secretary laid before the Senate a list of the unfinished business referred from the last to the present legislature, which was referred as follows. Bill entitled

An act to regulate legislative proceedings.

in addition to an act for the assessment and collection of taxes.

An act in addition to chapter fifty four of the revised statutes.

additional to an act relating to appeals from County Commissioners.

Petition of the Inhabitants of Townsend
and

" " " " Boothbay
both for separate representation.

and
" of Joshua S. Small and others in
relation to Slavery and other national
matters were severally referred to the
committee on the judiciary. Sent down
for concurrence.

Resolved in favor of Rufus Mansur & others.

" " " " George H. Giberson.

" to promote the sale and settlement
of the public lands.

" authorizing the land agent to pay
Samuel P. Tricketts and others for
making a canal from the Megash
to the Penobscot waters were severally
referred to the committee on State Lands.
Sent down for concurrence.

1844. Petition of Clark Carter and others
and
" citizens of Piscataquis

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" John F. Hunter & others
" Sabel Fine & others severally
for a road to Chesuncook Lake.

Order relative to State road to the town of
Greenville

Petition of James Brown and 70 others for
appropriation for making a road
on the State Land.

and
" William Frost and others for as-
sistance to build bridges to
complete their road to Olatown,
Oono, and Bangor were severally
referred to the committee on State roads.

Petition of Archibald H. Twombly and

" Isaac Jordan to be set off
from Monroe and annex to Brooks.

" Nathan Freeman and three
others to be set off from Fryer-
burg and annexed to Sweden
were severally referred to the committee on Division
of Towns.

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Petition of the town of Ripley for allowance of expenses incurred by them in eighteen hundred and thirty nine for the benefit of the state.

" " John T. Capeland for allowance for services rendered the state in the Arrostook expedition were referred to the committee on claims.
Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Elliott for reduction of toll on Portsmouth bridge.

" " Samuel Hensley and others

" " John H. Willard " "
for an act to regulate the draft of heights

" " William Freeman for leave to collect toll on the Salt water Falls bridge, were severally referred to the committee on roads and bridges. Sent down for concurrence.

" " James Staw and others to be incorporated into a company by the name of the

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Johnson Dam Company 75.
referred to the committee on
Interior Waters. Sent down
for concurrence.

Bill entitled
An act in addition to the sixteenth
Chapter of the revised Statutes was
referred to the committee on the
Militia. Sent down for con-
currence.

" for the promotion of Agriculture,
Horticulture and Manufactures
was referred to the committee
on Agriculture. Sent down for
concurrence.

Petition of P. P. Furber and others for
bounty on manufactured slate
was referred to the committee on
Manufactures. Sent down for
concurrence.

" William Richardson and others
for an act of incorporation
to construct a rail road from
Bath to Portland was referred
to the committee on rail roads
and canals. Sent down for
concurrence.

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Petition of Daniel Mighel and others that a bond given by them to the Stewards of the Insane Hospital may be given up was referred to the committee on the Insane Hospital. Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Franklin Kimball was referred to the committee on accounts. Sent down for concurrence.

Petitions of the inhabitants of Madawaska Settlement to be incorporated into a town by the name of Hancock was referred to the committee on Incorporation of towns. Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of John Martin was referred to the committee on Military Pensions. Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Colyer Snow and six others inhabitants of Bucksport, praying to be annexed to the town of Orrington was referred to the committee on Division and alteration of counties. Sent down for concurrence.

1844. A communication was received from 77.
James White Esquire Treasurer of State
transmitting a detailed account of the
State of the Treasury as it existed on
the thirtieth of December eighteen hun-
dred and forty three.

On motion of Mr. Otis Ordered, That
Messrs. Otis, Atwood, Millett, Swan, and
Gardner with such as the House may join
be a committee to examine the accounts
of the treasurer of state, and report thereon.
Sent down for concurrence. Came up
with Messrs. Chadwick of Portland, Mildram
of Wells, Hutchings of Penobscot, Holden
of Bangor, Skilling of Cape Elizabeths Brown
of Hallowell, and Barnes of Portland joined
in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Atwood Ordered, that
Messrs. Atwood, Chadwick and Deering be
a committee with such as the House may
join to take into consideration so much
of the governor's message as relates to trans-
ferring the payment of costs in criminal
prosecutions to the treasurers of the several
counties in which they may accrue. Sent
down for concurrence. Came up with
Messrs. Morrill of Madison, Rea of
Brooksville, Little of Portland, Allen of
Alfred, Jarvis of Surry, Marison of
Livermore, Jameson of Friendship joined.

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Bill entitled an act for the relief of the town of Bethel and of the plantation called Howard's Gore (laid on the table by Mr. Frye, on leave) was read once and tomorrow at ten o'clock assigned for the second reading.

Bill entitled an act authorizing the assessment of a state tax on the town of Stanover (laid on the table by Mr. Frye on leave) was read once and tomorrow at twelve o'clock assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Deering ordered that the messenger be directed to distribute to each member of this board, the number of copies of the governors message to which he is entitled.

Adjourned.

Tuesday January 9. 1844.

The following orders from the House were read and passed in concurrence.

Instruction the committee on the Judiciary to enquire into the practicability of altering and arranging the terms of the District and Supreme courts in the several counties of this State, as to prevent the terms from conflicting with each other in point of time.

Directing said committee to inquire into the expediency of altering or repealing the law relative to appeals from county commissioners.

Instruction the same committee to inquire into the practicability of simplifying the proceedings, reducing the expenses and hastening the results in the administration of justice according to the principles and rules of equity jurisprudence.

That said committee inquire into the expediency of rendering licensed ferries and threshing machines liable to taxation.

Directing the committee on Military pensions to enquire into the expediency

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of extending the pension of Spencer G. Bowes.

Petition of Harmon Jacques and others
praying to be set off from the
town of Bowdoin and annexed to
the town of Bowdoinham and

Remonstrance of the inhabitants of Bowdoin
against the same.

Petition of Alexander Cunningham
and others of Mount Vernon
and Belgrade from alteration
of the line between those towns
and the town of Readfield.

Petition of Stephen Prescott Jr. and others
for an alteration of the line be-
tween Liberty and Appleton.

" of Rufus White and others to be set
off Challowell to Pittston.

" Joseph Lawrence and Louanna
Powers to be set off from Fairfield
and annexed to Norridgewock.

" Joshua Russell and others to be
set off from Watertown and an-
nexed to Alfred.

" of John Pierce and others that

1844. certain lands in Bingham may 81.
be set off to Solon.

Petition of Thomas Hurley and others
that parts of their farms which
lie in Minot may be annex-
ed to Auburn.

" Moreloney & others that such
parts of their farms as lie
in Auburn may be annexed
to Minot.

" Alden Winter and ninety
seven others for a division of
the town of Bath were sever-
ally referred to the Committee
on Division of towns in con-
currence.

" Charles Terrill and others and

" William Shackell and others
for an alteration of the con-
stitution so that the legisla-
ture may sit in the summer
were referred to the Committee
on Summer Sessions in con-
currence.

" the town of Topsham for
separate representative referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

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Petition of Robert Gibson for the privilege
of improving the winter naviga-
tion of Penobscot river,

and

" of George W. Pickering and others
in aid of the same were referred
to the committee on Interior Waters
in concurrence.

" of Samuel Hooper commander
of G. Company of infantry in
the town of Ripley for remunera-
tion for services in the Aroostook
expedition was referred to the com-
mittee on claims in concurrence

" of Levi C. Dunn and others
praying for the repeal of the
act of incorporation of the
town of Marion.

and

Remonstrance of John A. Larrabee and
others against the petition of
Aaron Coffin and others for the
incorporation of township Num-
ber Six, range two, were referred
to the committee on Incorporation
of towns in concurrence.

Petition of Hiram Bradshat of Letter
F that improvements may be
made on certain lands.

1844. Petition of Stephen B. Parker and others, 83.
praying that they may en-
titled to the privileges and ex-
emptions which settlers now
have, purchasing lands of
the State.

"
" of John Collier for an altera-
tion of the deed from lot
forty two to forty three in the
town of Orient were referred
to the committee on State
Lands in concurrence.

Petitions of the members of D. Company
of Artillery in the town of Brewer for
aid to complete their gun house came
up referred to the committee on claims.
The senate nonconcurred and referred the
same to the committee on the Militia.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled an act for rendering a
written memorandum necessary to
the validity of certain promises and
engagements.

and

An act to repeal an act entitled "an
act respecting agencies of foreign insurance
companies in this State" approved March
22. 1843 both laid on the table in the house
were referred to the committee on the Judiciary
in concurrence.

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On motion of Mr. Sawtelle, ordered that the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of repealing an act entitled "an act providing for the taxing Rail roads and rail road property in this State" passed March 17. eighteen hundred and forty three. Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from Philip C. Johnson accepting the office of Secretary of State, which was read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. Bram, ordered that Messrs. Bram, Townsend and Strickland be a committee with such as the House may join to take into consideration so much of the Governor's message as relates to the reduction of salaries and abolishing useless offices. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Townsend, ordered that the committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law now in force in relation to the assessment and collection of taxes. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Millett ordered

344. That a message be sent to the governor 55.
and council informing them that a communication has been received from Philip C. Johnson signifying his acceptance of the office of Secretary of State and his readiness to take & subscribe the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office.

On motion of Mr. Swan the memorial of Reuel Williams, Nicholas Emery, & William Pitt Noble referred from the last to the present legislature was referred to a joint select committee consisting on the part of the Senate of Messrs. Swan, Frye & Rawson. Sent down for concurrence. Came up with Messrs. Little of Portland, Emmons of Lyman, Ingersoll of Barnville, Carpenter of Lincoln, Thomas of Tenthredon, Loomis of Monmouth, and Chandler of Kroyjoined.

On motion of Mr. Brooks resolve in relation to amendments of the constitution and adopting the plurality system in elections, referred from the last to the present legislature, was referred to a joint select committee consisting of Messrs. Brooks, Anderson, Mitchell, Brown, French, Holmes, & Townsend with such as the house may join. Sent down for concurrence. Came up with Messrs. Allen of Alfred, Frye of Dedham.

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Paine of Bangor, Boyes of Greenwood,
Seach of Raymond, Pearson of Anna,
and King of Trenton joined.

Petition of Richard Smart and 144 others
inhabitants of Prospect pray-
ing to be set off from Pros-
pect and incorporated into
a town with the eastern
part of Belfast was referred
to the committee on division
of towns. Sent down for concurrence.

Stowell Stephen others of the
Passamaquoddy tribe of in-
dians praying that the agent
of said tribe may be authorized
to build a house at Pleasant
Point for the priest was referred
to the committee on Indian Affairs.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled an act for the relief of
the town of Bethel and the plantation
called Howard's Gore.

and

An act authorizing the assessment of
a state tax on the town of Hanover were sever-
ally read the second time, & passed to be en-
grossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

Wednesday January 30. 1844.

Order from the House appointing Messrs. Mildram of Wells, Barnes of Portland, Swift of Norway, Thompson of Avon, Lewis of Wayne, Perkins of Dresden, Hunter of Pittsfield, Blackman of Bradley, Bean of Belfast, Rea of Brooksville, Wingate of Fitch, Stickney of Calais and Wellington of Monticello with such as the Senate may join, a committee to inquire into the expediency of providing a fixed salary for the county Commissioners, instead of the pay they now receive, passed and Messrs. Rawson, French and Brown joined in concurrence.

The order passed on the sixth instant in relation to contracting for the state printing came up amended by adding the words following "and that said committee be directed to issue proposals for the said printing and binding, and to contract with such person or persons as shall offer to do the same on the most advantageous terms to the state, provided that such person or persons as the committee shall contract with, furnish satisfactory bonds to the committee for the faithful performance of their contract" The amendment of the House was

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agreed to.

Order from the House appointing Messrs. Knowlton of Montville, Morrill of Madison, Putkins of Augusta, Bradbury of Kennebunkport, Paine of Bangor, Fox of Berwick and Hubbard of Paris a committee to consider so much of the Governor's message as relates to the reduction of salaries and abolishing useless officers was passed and Messrs. Bram, Townsend and Stickland joined in concurrence.

The following orders from the House were read and passed in concurrence.

Directing the committee on the Judiciary to consider the expediency of amending the seventeenth chapter of the revised statutes in relation to superintending school committees visiting schools.

That the petition of various citizens of the town of Greenville upon which was predicated an act of March twenty one, eighteen hundred and forty three entitled "an act relative to certain lands in the town of Greenville in the County of Piscataquis" be taken from the files of the Secretary of State and referred to the committee on State lands.

1844. On motion of McGraw ordered, that the 89.
petition of Hiram Maunter praying to
be set off from the town of New Overgaard
and annexed to the town of Industry be
taken from the files of the Senate and
said petition was referred to the committee
on division of towns. Sent down for
concurrence.

Mr. Otis from the joint select committee
appointed to examine the accounts of
the treasurer of state, reported, that hav-
ing carefully examined the books and
accounts of the treasurer and compared
each charge and credit with the vouchers,
they find each item and the aggregate
correct, and the moneys in the treasury
safely deposited in several banks, as ap-
pears by satisfactory vouchers, and the
committee take great pleasure in bearing
testimony to the apparent care and
fidelity with which the duties of the
office have been discharged during
the past year. The report was accepted
and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Otis ordered, that a
message be sent to the House of repre-
sentatives proposing a convention of the
two houses in the representatives chamber
this day at twelve o'clock noon, for the
purpose of choosing a treasurer of state
for the current political year and asking

the concurrence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Parcher Messrs. Parcher, Swan and Tammam were appointed a committee to consider so much of the message of the governor as relates to the reception, by Maine, of her share of the proceeds of the public lands, due from the general government, under the act of Congress passed September fourth one thousand eight hundred and forty one. Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the House concerning in the proposition for a convention to choose Treasurer of State.

Mr. Barcelona from the committee on division of towns reported order of notice returnable to the present legislature on petitions of Stephen Prescott and others, Joshua Russell and others, and Alden Winter and others; the reports were severally accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Daniel Scitner for allowance of money paid to the state for lot number five in range four and to revive his claim to said land, and request of inhabitants of Springfield

1844 in favor of the same. came up referred 91.
to the committee on claims. The Senate
nonconcurred and referred the petition
to the committee on state lands.
Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Ware Eddy and others praying
to have the present fish law
repealed was referred to the
committee on fisheries in con-
currence.

Benjamin Noble to have his
note cancelled which was given
to procure the release of his kams
erroneously supposed to be cross-
passing.

Mary Annas and others to
extend the time of payment
on two notes given by her late
husband to the state in letter
B

Baron Cooper and others for
an appropriation to repair the
State road from Milson to
Moosehead Lake
and

Remonstrance of Idas Ireland and others a-
gainst the petition of Hiram
Braddock and others were severally
referred to the committee on
state lands in concurrence.

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Petition of Albert Gray and others to have a part of the town of Sebago and annexed to Naples.

" " Ephraim Wentworth and others of the town of Hancock praying to be set off and annexed to the town of Franklin.

" " John Gilmore and others of Belfast praying to be set off from the town of Belfast + incorporated into a new town with the western part of Prospect were referred to the committee on Division of Towns in concurrence.

" " The town of Norridgewock for an amendment of the constitution was referred to the committee on Summer Sessions in concurrence.

" " The town of Norridgewock for an amendment of the constitution and the adoption of the plurality system in elections came up referred to the committee on the Judiciary. The Senate moreover, and referred the same to the committee who have that subject under consideration. Sent

Petition of the directors of the city bank for an extension of time to close their concerns and for authority to appoint Trustees was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Thomas Davis and others of Litchfield praying that they may be incorporated by the name of the Trustees of Litchfield academy, was referred to the committee on education in concurrence.

James McLellan and others of Bath, Phippsburg and Georgetown praying for an act of incorporation to construct a rail road from Bath to Portland,

and

Alexander Johnson & others of Wisconsin in aid of the same, were referred to the committee on Rail Roads and Canals in concurrence.

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Petition of Robert Chase and others of Camden to be incorporated for the purpose of building a rail way in Camden was referred to the committee on Manufactures in concurrence.

" Elizabeth Hobbs that the pension given to her late husband may be continued to her was referred to the committee on Military Pensions in concurrence.

" the town of Sebago to have a part of the towns of Denmark and Hiram annexed to the town of Sebago, came up referred to the committee on division of Towns. The senate non concurred, and referred the same to the committee on Division and alteration of counties. Sent down for concurrence.

Order from the House appointing Messrs. Buxton of North Yarmouth, Huntress of Harrison, Ingersol of Danville, Allen of Alfred, Remick of Cornish, Hubbard of Paris, Ventner of Bremen, Palmer of Whitfield, Carr of Bowdoin, Loomis

Nov. of Monmouth, Troop of Pittston, Harris 95.
of Readfield, Kins of Freedom, Holbrook
of Northport, Stetson of Camden,
Cover of Greenville, Carpenter of Lincoln
Holden of Bangor, Harris of Luray,
Buck of Bucksport, Ruggles of Colum-
bia and Thayer of Lubec on the part
of the Houses, a committee to consider
the expediency of so altering the pres-
ent law assessing a tax upon the sever-
al cities towns and plantations as that
a per centum may be deducted from
such cities, towns and plantations as
may be by the returns of the assessors
of the several cities, towns and planta-
tions for the year 1840, considered too
high, and upon the same principle
add to those that are too low. Also
to report upon the best mode of raising
a committee to report a new valua-
tion. Also if in the opinion of the
committee, the best interests of the
State would be advanced by com-
mitting the subject of a new valua-
tion to a committee to sit in the
recess of the present Legislature
and report their doings thereon to the
next Legislature. Passed and Messrs
Millet, Lowell, Mr. Miller, Strickland
and Sawtelle joined in concurrence.

In convention.

The two branches met in convention

agreed to assignment for the purpose
of electing a treasurer of state. Messrs.
Townsend and Miller of the Senate and
Allen of Alfred, Read of Brooksville
and Barnes of Portland were appointed
a committee to receive, sort and count
the votes. Having attended to that
duty the committee reported that
the whole number of ballots is - 159.

Necessary for a choice - 80.

James White has - - 115.

Sanford Kingsbury has 44.

Blanks - - 2.

James White was declared elected
and the convention dissolved.
Upon its return to the Senate cham-
ber the Senate

Adjourned.

Thursday January 11. 1844.

The following orders from the house were read and passed in concurrence.

Instruction the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of amending the thirty sixth chapter of the revised Statutes relative to innholders and common victuallers.

Directing said committee to consider the expediency of amending the fourteenth section of the one hundred thirty fifth chapter of the revised Statutes in relation to the selection of jurors.

Instruction that committee to take into consideration the expediency of so amending the law relative to Rail Road corporations, that said corporations shall be liable for damage done to neat cattle on their roads.

Instruction the committee which have under consideration the subject of the valuation to report the names of the towns not having complied with the law for returning their valuations.

and the best manner of obtaining such valuations as may not have been returned.

Directing the papers relative to the petition of James Robinson, for a military pension to be taken from the files of the Senate, and referred to the committee on military pensions.

Directing that the petition of the inhabitants of the town of Bowdoin for separate representation be taken from the files and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Instructing the committee on the Judiciary to inquire what further legislation is necessary for the prevention of frauds under colour of mortgages of personal property.

Mr. Millett from the committee to whom was referred an order "upon the best mode of raising a committee to report a new valuation" reported that a committee of thirty two be raised from the House and Senate, to be chosen by ballot by the joint vote of the delegations of their respective countries in the house and Senate in the following proportions, to wit,

" Cumberland and four 4.

" Lincoln four 4.

" Kennebec three 3.

" Oxford three 3.

" Waldo three 3.

" Penobscot three 3.

" Somerset two 2.

" Hancock two 2.

" Washington two 2.

" Franklin one 1.

" Piscataquis one 1.

" Westbrook one 1. and

that said committee report proceedings thereon to the present legislature.

On motion of Mr. Sawtelle the report was amended by adding one to the committee, to be taken from the county of Franklin, and as amended accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled an act relating to sheriffs laid on the table by Mr. Tallman, was read once, and on motion of Mr. Garcelon laid on the table and three hundred copies ordered to be printed for the use of the legislature.

Mr. Brooks from the committee on division and alteration of counties, reported order of notice returnable to the present legislature on petition of Colyer Snow and others. Accepted: Sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled an act in relation to the compensation of members of the legislature, laid on the table in the house was referred to the committee on re-appointments in concurrence.

Petition of Asa Turner and others for the repeal of the law regulating the Herring fishery was referred to the committee on Fisheries. Sent down for concurrence.

" " James Robinson for Military pension

and

" " R. L. Prescott and others in aid of the same.

" " George W. Maxinn for a Military pension were severally referred to the committee on Military pensions in concurrence

" " Jacob Allaine for release of part of two notes given to the State for the land was referred to the committee on State lands in concurrence

On motion of Mr. Otis ordered, that the Secretary be directed to notify James White Esquire, that he has

1844. been elected treasurer of State for the 501.
current political year.

On motion of Mr. Miller ordered, that the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or modifying a law approved March twenty second eighteen hundred and forty three in relation to foreign insurance companies and their agents. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Townsend Ordered that the committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of an act passed April seventeenth eighteen hundred forty one entitled an "additional act relating to Highways and the powers and duties of county commissioners" as provides for an appeal from the decisions, adjudications and decrees of the several courts of County commissioners in this State to the Supreme Judicial Court. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

Friday January 12. 1864.

Mr. Garcelon from the committee on Division of Towns reported order of votes returnable to the present legislature on petitions of Richard Smart and others; John Gilman and others; Albert Gray and others; Alexander Cunningham and others; Joseph Lawrence and others; Thomas Hensley and another. The reports were accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Communications were received from Barnabas Palmer, Theodore Ingalls, James C. Whitmore, Joseph A. Linscott and Samuel Palmer, counsellors elect, signifying their acceptance, and readiness to take and subscribe the necessary oaths to qualify them to enter upon the discharge of their official duties. Read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. Atwood Ordered, that a message be sent to the house of Representatives, proposing a convention of the two branches of the legislature in the Representatives hall at twelve o'clock noon this day for the purpose of qualifying Barnabas Palmer, Theodore Ingalls

1844. James C. Whitman, Joseph A. Sinscott 103.
and Samuel Palmer counsellors elect who
have severally signified their acceptance.

A message was received from the House
concerning the proposition for a con-
vention to qualify counsellors elect.

Order from the house appointing Messrs.
Knowlton of Liberty, Arnold of Bradford,
King of Trenton, Tickney of Calais, Cillery
of Ashinson, Morrill of Madison, Russ
of China, Daggett of New Vineyard, Berry
of Thomaston, Potter of Sebago, Swift of
Norway, and Bodwell of Acton a com-
mittee with such as the Senate may
join to take into consideration the subject
of extending the jurisdiction of Justices
of the peace. Passed and Messrs. Tallman,
Lawteille, Parker, Roe, Cunningham,
Mitchell and Grant joined in concurrence.

Order from the house instructing the com-
mittee on manufactures to inquire into
the expediency of amending Chapter sixty
fifth of the revised statutes in relation
to the inspection of sole leather, was passed
in concurrence.

Bill entitled an act additional to chap-
ter ninety seven of the revised statutes
(laid on the table by Mr. Otis, was referred to the
committee on the judiciary. Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Augustine Staines attorney for
the State for Cumberland county
for increase of salary.

and

" Parsonfield Free Will Baptist
yearly meeting for an alteration
of the laws relating to licentia-
nces were referred to the committee
on the Judiciary. Sent down for
concurrence.

" Charles H. B. Woodbury and one
hundred and ten others for altera-
tion of the militia law

and

Memorial of William Pupp on behalf of
the military convention assembled at
Augusta on the tenth instant and sundry
resolutions adopted by said convention
were severally referred to the committee on
the militia. Sent down for concurrence.

In convention.

Agreeably to assignment the two houses
met in convention for the purpose of
qualifying counsellors elect. Mr Swan
of the senate was charged with a message
to inform Barnabas Palmer, Theodore Ingalls
James C. Whitmore, Samuel Palmer, and
Joseph A. Linscott counsellors elect that
the two houses have met in convention
and are ready to administer to them

104. the oaths necessary to qualify them to 105.
enter upon the discharge of their of-
ficial duties.

Whereupon Barnabas Palmer, Theodore Ingalls,
James C. Whitmore, Samuel Palmer and Joseph
A. Linscott came in attended by the secretary
of State and before the President of the
convention took and subscribed the oaths
requisite to enable them to enter upon
the discharge of their official duties. The
convention then separated.

On motion of Mr. Swan the Senate

Adjourned.

Saturday January 13. 1844.

The order appointing a committee on so much of the governors message as relates to the reception of the proceeds of the sales of public lands came up with Messrs. Jarvis of Surry, Chadwick of Portland, Boyes of Greenwood, Clark of Lexington, Russ of China, Frye of Dedham and Hubbard of Paris joined.

On motion of Mr. Tallman ordered that Messrs. Tallman, Townsend and Frye be a committee with such as the house may join to ascertain if some more accurate and economical method of preparing the state valuation, cannot be devised, than that proposed by the report of the committee on that subject. Passed and sent down for concurrence.

Petition of John Johnson of Cape Elizabeth for a divorce came up referred to the committee on the Judiciary. The Senate concurred and referred the same to the committee who have under consideration the petition of Fayette Mace. Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from 107.
Cleopas Boyd, counsellor elect signifying
his acceptance and readiness to be quali-
fied, which was read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. Garcelon ordered, that
a message be sent to the house proposing
a convention of both branches of the
legislature in the representatives hall
this day at twelve o'clock for the purpose
of qualifying Cleopas Boyd counsellor elect.

A message was received from the house
concurring in the proposition for a convention
to qualify Cleopas Boyd counsellor elect.

Order from the house that the papers relating
to the pension of James Robinson be taken
from the files of the Secretary of State and
referred to the committee on military pen-
sions was passed in concurrence.

Mr. Sawtelle from the committee on
the Judiciary reported leave to withdraw
on petition of Joshua D. Small and others.
The report was accepted and sent down for
concurrence.

Bill entitled an act repealing an act
entitled "an act providing for the taxing
of rail roads and rail road property in
this state" reported from the committee
on the Judiciary to whom was referred an

order on that subject, was read once, and Thursday next assigned for the second reading.

The report of the committee appointed to report the best mode to raise a committee to prepare a new valuation, came from the House accepted and the following gentlemen were appointed on the part of the Senate, to wit, Messrs. Frye, Tallman, Miller, Millett, Garcelon, Mitchell, Holmes Otis, Deering and Knowlton. Sent down to be joined. Came up with Messrs Jarvis of Surry, Buck of Bucksport, Mildrum of Wells, Mudgett of Parsonsfield, Chadwick of Portland, Skilton of Cape Elizabeth, Patten of Sebago, Ames of Thomaston, Pearson of Anna Trayer of Lubec, Pickney of Calais, Mower of Vassalboro, Baker of Hallowell, Swift of Norway, Knapp of Rumford, Coburn of Bloomfield, Paine of Bangor, Bicknell of Hekson, Knowlton of Liberty, Elliott of Frankfort, Daggett of New Timonyard, Linscott of Say, and Wellington of Monticello joined.

Mr. Millett from the joint select committee to whom was referred an order directing them to report the names of those towns which have not returned their valuations, and the best mode of obtaining the same made a report recommending that the Secretary of State

1844. be directed to notify the selectmen and 109.
assessors of towns and plantations who have
not complied with section first and sec-
tion fifth of an act approved March
twenty third eighteen hundred and
forty three, to make such returns forth-
with; also that the secretary of state
cause a list of the names of such de-
linquent towns and plantations to be
published in the Age and Kennebec
Journal. The report was accepted and
sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Seth May and others for the
passage of a Resolved by the
legislature, recommending an
alteration in the constitu-
tion of the United States, so
that only the free population
shall be represented in con-
gress was referred to the com-
mittee on the Judiciary. Sent
down for concurrence.

" Ebenezer Hines and seventy
eight others for the incorpora-
tion of a new town was referred
to the committee on incorpora-
tion of towns.

" Adams Treat and one hundred
and two others of Frankfort
praying for the repeal of the

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Law regulating the taking of Salmon, Shad and alewives in Penobscot river and bay was referred to the committee on Fisheries. Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Jabez True and one hundred and sixty seven others for repeal of the act of 1843 respecting foreign insurance companies.

James Keegan and others inhabitants of Hancock praying for an additional registry of deeds in said county were severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

John L. Currier to be set off from Berwick and annexed to South Berwick was referred to the committee on division of towns in concurrence.

William Quimby praying for the continuance of a pension was referred to the committee on Military pensions in concurrence.

1864. Petition of the inhabitants of the first SS.
School district in Buckport,
praying for power to raise
money to build one or more
school houses, was referred to
the committee on education
in concurrence.

" Barnabas Hurrewell and others
inhabitants of the southerly
side of Saint John river
praying to be incorporated
into a town by the name
of Benton.

and

" Belmy Tiolette and others
inhabitants of the easterly
part of the Madawaska Set-
tlement, praying to be in-
corporated into a town by
the name of Madawaska
were referred to the committee
on Incorporation of Towns in
concurrence.

" James N. Cooper and others
praying to be incorporated
for the purpose of rafting
logs from booms on Kennebec
river.

" Charles Collins and others for
the privilege of establishing

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a steam ferry between Portland
and Cape Elizabeth

and

Memorial of George W. Smith and others
in aid of the same were severally re-
ferred to the committee on Interior Affairs
in concurrence.

Bill entitled an act more fully to
protect the colored citizens of Maine

and

An act for the better regulating
the foreclosure of mortgages on real
estate both laid on the table in the house,
were referred to the committee on the
Judiciary in concurrence.

In convention.

The two houses having met in conven-
tion agreeably to assignment, Mr. Saw-
telle was charged with a message to
inform Cleopas Boyd, counsellor elect,
that the two branches have met in
committee and are ready to administer
the oaths necessary to enable him to en-
ter upon the discharge of his official du-
ties. Whereupon Cleopas Boyd came in
attended by the council and secretary
of state and before the President of the
convention took and subscribed the
oaths necessary to qualify him to
enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

On motion of Mr. Hunt ordered that a message be sent to the governor and council informing them that Barnabas Palmer, Theodore Ingalls, James C. Whitmore, Samuel Palmer, Joseph A. Linscott and Cleopas Boyd have been duly elected counsellors to advise the governor in the executive department of the government for the current political year, and that they have been duly qualified as the constitution directs to enter upon the discharge of their official duties.

Adjourned.