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Met according to adjournment.

Message from the Senate, informing the House that that Body had reconsidered their vote passing to be engrossed Bill an act to apportion and assess on the inhabitants of this State a Tax of \$116,000, 28, and indefinitely postponed the same. The House concurred the Senate, and adhered to their vote, passing said Bill to be engrossed, and the Senate was informed thereof by Messrs., and their concurrence asked.

On motion by Mr. Tyler of Newfield,

Ordered, That when the House next adjourns, it adjourn without day.

Mr Tyler was charged with a Message informing the Senate thereof.

A Message was subsequently received from the Senate, announcing their concurrence.

Bill, an act to provide in part for the expenditures of Government, laid on the table by Mr Otis of Hallowell, the rule having been suspended, was read three several times, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve, in favor of Philip M. Garcelon of Lisbon, (laid on the table by Mr Otis of St George,) the rule having been suspended, was read a first and second time, and passed to be engrossed. Sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Roads, asking to be discharged.

from further service during the present Session was read and accepted in concurrence.

Resolves in favor of Joseph Bram  
came back from the Senate referred to the Next  
Legislature. The House recede and concur.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as  
truly engrossed,

Resolve authorizing a requisition on the several Banks  
in this State,

" in relation to the State Loans,

" in favor of the recommended Officers  
and Soldiers of the Militia of Maine,

" in favor of Joseph D. Roberts,

" " " of the Towns of Liberty and  
Freedom.

" " " of Philip M. Gardon of Lister,  
and the same severally

Finally Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The same Committee reported as truly engrossed.

Bill, an Act in addition to an Act to incorporate the Honne-  
lee Ferry Company,

" " to incorporate the Anson Woolen Manufactur-  
ing Company,

" " to provide in part for the expenditures of Gov-  
ernment,

and the same severally

Passed to be Enacted.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr Cole of Paris,

Ordered, That Messrs Cole of Paris, Vose of Augusta,  
Middam of Wells, Appleton of Portland, Peterson of  
Stetson, Richards of Ellsworth and Bradbury of Saco,  
with such as the Senate may join, be a Committee  
to wait on the Governor, and inform him that the

two Houses of the Legislature have passed on all the business before them, and if he has no further communication to make, they are ready to adjourn without day. 471

Mr. Cole, from said Committee reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and the Governor was pleased to say, that he would communicate forthwith by the Secretary of State, after which he should have no further communication to make, at the present Session.

The Secretary of State came in and informed the House that the Governor had signed One Hundred and Thirty Acts, and One Hundred and Twenty Six Resolves, being all that had been presented to him for his approval, and that he had no further communication to make at the present Session.

Mr. Allen of Bangor rose in his place and said:  
Mr Speaker,

An important, laborious and exciting Session of legislative duty we are now about to close. Acts of high concernment as affecting the economical interests, character, and territorial sovereignty of our State, have been brought within the range of our inquiries and determination. We have been called upon to consider and act upon those measures which affect the rights, the duties and obligations of our citizens. Questions of high moment, and which have involved political considerations of a grave character, and which have deeply agitated the minds of the people of this country, have engaged our earnest attention. We have been required, too, by our position, by our duty, as Representatives, for the maintenance of the integrity of our territory, by our duty to our State, and our common country, to take an important, and highly responsible course in

regard to the relations of this State, and of the United States to a foreign country. Our measures on this most highly interesting question, have awakened a strong feeling throughout the country, and I trust the day is at hand, when this arduous difficulty may be honorably and satisfactorily settled. For it has a large influence upon our resources, and their development, - our wealth and extent, - yea more, our national character is involved in the issue.

In the discussion of all these agitating subjects, which has called forth the spirit of party, as well as the high and elevated sentiment of patriotism is devotion, the Speaker of the House has presided over our deliberations with that courtesy and ability, which, while it protects the freedom of debate, preserves that order which is necessary for the advancement of the public business.

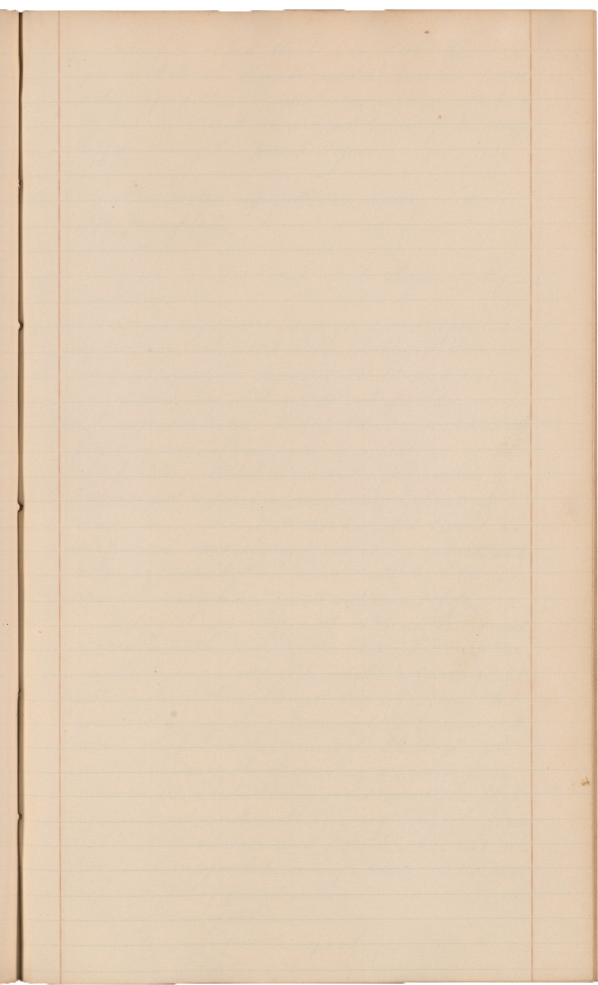
This will be a memorable Session in the history of our State, for it has been marked by the consideration of subjects deeply interesting to the Union, and which will be of interest in its history; and to have presided over this body with so much satisfaction, amid the excitement of debate, feeling as we have, a high sense of responsibility, bears full testimony of high qualifications.

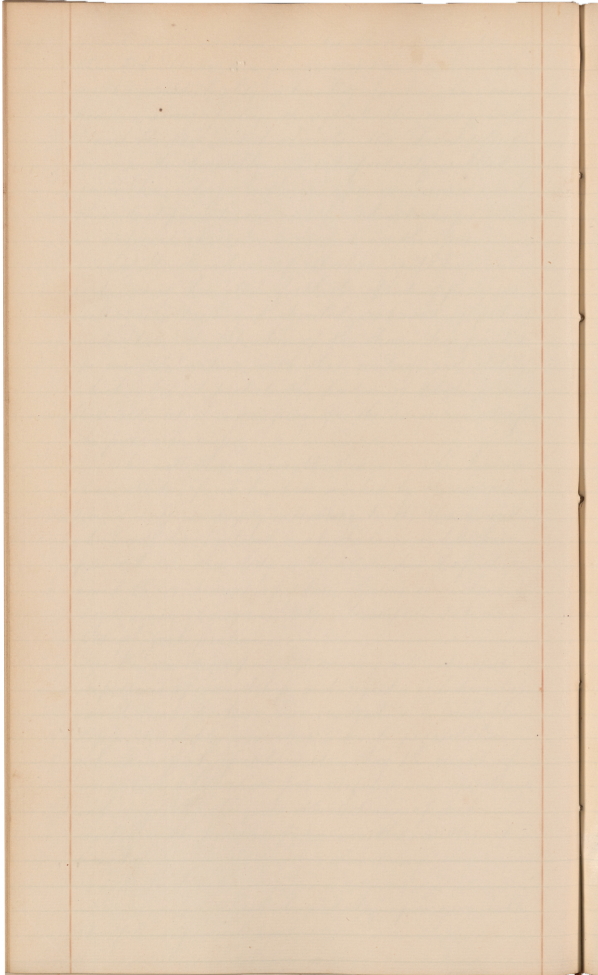
We now must part, but memory will retain its impressions of Friendship and regard which have been formed here. We have been engaged in business, this Session, too deeply momentous soon to forget those who have participated in it. May the result of our anxious deliberations prove useful to our constituents, and may He who guides the destinies of nations, watch with peculiar favor over this, our beloved Country.

Wm. Clerk,

I ask leave to lay upon your table the following Resolution.







Resolved, That the thanks of this House be presented to the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, for the able, impartial and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties of Presiding Officer, during the present Session.

The Resolution passed unanimously, and the Speaker replied,

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I feel deeply grateful to you for your approbation of the manner in which I have discharged the duties imposed upon me. I presumed the trust assigned me by your partiality, with a full and fixed determination to do my whole duty. And if I have succeeded in the perplexing and laborious task, I am fully aware how much I am indebted to you. For your courtesy, forgiveness, and cooperation, uniformly bestowed, you will accept my most cordial thanks. And permit me to assure you, that this approval of my conduct, and urbanity exercised towards me, will be held in cheerful remembrance in all subsequent life.

The zeal and energy with which you have devoted yourselves to the cause of the State, have been commendable to you all. The vitally interesting subject involving the rights and honor of Maine, has been met as the crisis demanded. The union and decision which have been manifested, the high and noble bearing of the State, carry a moral force through the whole Union, and demonstrate, that she will submit to nothing wrong. Her territorial rights she will claim and defend, while she remains an independent, sovereign State. There is a deep seated feeling pervading the whole community, which will brook no injustice.

As we are about to separate, you will allow me

to wish you all a safe return to your homes, there to prize and enjoy the peace and comforts of the social hearth stone. Again accept of my highest considerations of respect, and my most ardent desire, that you may escape anxieties and troubles, and participate in the enjoyments of this world.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Waterville,  
The House adjourned Without Day.

Attest

Geo Robinson

Clerk.