

Monday January 15. 1844.

On motion of Mr. Hunt the Senate reconsidered the vote of Saturday referring the petition of Eben. Glines and others to the committee on incorporation of towns, and refers the same to the committee on division of towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received from George W. Towle signifying his acceptance of the office of counsellor this readiness to be qualified which was read & sent down.

The order directing inquiry relative to some more accurate and economical mode of preparing a state valuation came up nonconcurred and refused a passage. The Senate recessed and concurred.

Mr. Sawtelle from the committee on the judiciary to whom was referred a bill entitled "An act additional to an act relating to appeals from County Commissioners" reported that the same ought not to pass. The report was accepted & sent down for concurrence.

Petition of A. L. Patten and others praying 155.
for a change of the sitting of
the legislature from winter
to summer was referred to the
committee having that sub-
ject under consideration.
Sent down for concurrence.

. citizens of North Yarmouth
relative to fugitive slaves
was referred to the committee
on the Judiciary in con-
currence.

. manufacturers & traders bank
that they may surrender
their charter was referred
to the committee on Banks
and Banking.

Resolve authorizing the treasurer of
state to purchase or invest in the
purchase of scrip or certificates of
stock of this state any sum or sums
of money which have been or which
may be received from the United States,
reported in the house from the committee
on finance was read once and tomorrow
at ten o'clock assigned for a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Townsend orders that a
message be sent to the house proposing

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a convention of both branches of the legislature in the representatives hall this day at twelve o'clock for the purpose of qualifying George W. Towle councillor elect.

A message was received from the house concurring in the foregoing proposition for a convention.

Bill entitled an act to establish the Bath and Portland Rail Road company reported from the committee on rail roads and canals on petitions of James McEllan and others was read once and tomorrow at eleven o'clock assigned for the second reading.

In convention.

The two branches having met in convention agreeably to assignment for the purpose of qualifying George W. Towle councillor elect, Mr. Townsend of the Senate was charged with a message to inform George W. Towle that the two branches having met in convention are ready to administer to him the requisite oaths to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his executive duties.

Whereupon George W. Towle came in attended by the council and secretary

1844. of State and in presence of the two 187.
houses. before the President of the con-
vention took and subscribed the
oaths necessary to qualify him to
enter upon the discharge of his offi-
cial duties. The convention then separated.

On motion of Mr. French the Senate

Adjourned.

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Petition of James Patten Jr and others
praying for the passage of
the town court bill.

" B. B. Brown and others of Exeter
on the subject of the town
court bill were severally
referred to the committee
on increasing the jurisdic-
tion of Justices of the
peace in concurrence.

" Lucy Carr for divorce was
referred to the committee
on petition of Fayette Place
in concurrence.

" Abiah Patten and others
for change of the session
of the Episcopate from
winter to summer was
referred to the committee
on summer sessions in
concurrence.

" Henry Brown and others
for alteration of the license

law was referred to the com. 189.
mitted on the Judiciary in con-
currence.

Petition of Samuel Preble and others to
be incorporated into a so-
ciety by the name of Wool-
wich Philomathesian Society
was referred to the committee
on education in concurrence.

Abram Waterhouse to be
set off from Orono and
annexed to oldtown.

and

Remonstrance of Thomas Skelton and
others against the petition
of Harmon Saguist others

of Samuel Warren against
the petition of Eben Glines
and others were severally referred to the
committee on Division of towns in con-
currence.

Resolve providing for the amendment of
the constitution in relation to the meet-
ing of the legislature, and the term of
office of the Governor and other State
officers, (laid on the table in the House)
was referred to the committee on amend-
ment in concurrence.

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The following orders from the house were passed in concurrence.

Instruction the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of repealing the law granting a bounty on bears and other wild animals.

That the said committee inquire into the expediency of amending the forty sixth section of Chapter one hundred and forty eight of the revised statutes.

Instruction said committee to inquire into the expediency of repealing an act entitled an act in relation to manufacturing corporations, approved March 22. 1843.

Directing said committee to inquire into the expediency of amending the twentieth chapter of the revised statutes in relation to Ministerial funds in this State.

Referring so much of the governors message as relates to the road from Fort Kent at the mouth of Fish river to Madawaska settlement on Saint John river, to the committee on state roads.

Directing the committee on valuation to inquire what towns have returned a valuation not taken in accordance with the act requiring the same.

Instruction the committee on Interior

13th. waters to inquire into the expediency 121.
of amending chapter one hundred
and twenty six of the revised statutes.

Directing the committee on educa-
tion to inquire into the expediency
of amending the thirty eighth sec-
tion of chapter seventeen of the re-
vised statutes.

Instructing the joint select com-
mittee who have under consideration
the subject of amending the consti-
tution and the plurality system in
elections to inquire into the expediency
of providing by law that county
commissioners, county attorneys, county
treasurers, clerks of courts, register of
deeds and representatives to Congress
may be elected by a plurality of votes.

Order appointing Messrs. Emery of
Latham, Barnes of Portland, Allen of
Alfred, Paine of Bangor, Merrill of
Bangor, Merrill of Madison, Jarvis of
Lynn and Jones of Brighton a com-
mittee to report to this legislature a
resolution providing for the choice of
electors of President and Vice President
of the United States; and instructing
said committee to consider the expedi-
ency of providing that the election be held
by districts, excepting two to be chosen
at large, passed and Messrs. Parker, Sawtelle
& Miller joined in concurrence.

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On motion of Mr. Fyfe ordered, that the Secretary of state be directed to deliver to the joint select committee on state valuations all the copies of the lists of the polls and estates within the several cities, towns and plantations within this state, which have been returned to his office, pursuant to an act entitled "an act to ascertain the amount and description of estates, and of certain descriptions of persons within this state, passed on the twenty third day of March eighteen hundred forty three, together with their accompanying papers, and statistical documents and a copy of the list of wild lands transmitted to his office by the Treasurer of state pursuant to the provisions of the sixth section of the act aforesaid and also to furnish such blank books and stationery as may be necessary for said committee. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Atwood presented the report of the Warden of the State Prison, which was laid on the table, and three hundred copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate and fifty additional copies for the use of the warden.

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer of state

124 to purchase or invest in the purchase 123.
of scrip or certificates of stock of this
State, any sums of money which have
been, or which may be, received from
the United States was read the second
time and passed to be engrossed in
concurrency.

Bill entitled an act to establish the
Bath and Portland rail road compa-
ny was read the second time, amended
on sheet marked A and on motion
of Mr. Alwood laid on the table.

Petition of Samuel Smith that the Land
agent be authorized to receive
a reconveyance of certain
lands purchased under
erroneous representations and
give up the notes paid therefor

“ The same that the Land agent
be authorized to sell certain
lands on the Allegash were
severally referred to the com-
mittee on State Lands, sent
down for concurrency.

“ John M. Paskel and others

“ Edward O'Brien “

“ Elazer Cobb “

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Petition of Newlin Hall and others

" " Edward I Libbey " "

" " Thomas Starnett " " Severally
for an additional act for
the preservation of Fish in
Georges river were referred to
the committee on Fisheries.
Sent down for concurrence.

" " James Carr Jr. for a divorce
was referred to the com-
mitted on the petition of
Beyette Mace. Sent down
for concurrence.

The following message was received from the
Governor.

To the members of the Senate and,

House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith, copies of a report and
resolutions of the legislature of New Hamp-
shire in relation to the fine imposed upon
General Andrew Jackson, in the year 1815,
by Judge Hall of Louisiana. They are
in response to resolutions of a similar
character adopted by the legislature of
this State at its last session and they
since a like appreciation of the character
and services of the illustrious individual

1814. in whose behalf they speak. The nearly 125
unanimous vote by which a bill
reimbursing to general Jackson the
amount of this fine, with the interests
and costs has recently passed the
popular branch of Congress, justifies
the hope that this long delayed mea-
sure of national justice, and grati-
tude will soon be consummated.

I also transmit copies of certain re-
solves of the legislature of Massachu-
setts recommending an amendment
to the Constitution of the United
States; and resolves of the same state
concerning French depredations upon
American Commerce previous to the
Revolution of eighteen hundred.

I have also received copies of resolu-
tions of the legislature of Connecti-
cut in relation to the Tariff - to the
banking privilege - to French Speculations
and to the West Point academy; joint
resolutions of the legislature of Ala-
bama in regard to the controversy
between New York and Virginia, and
on the subject of the assumption of
State debts by the general government
and against the repudiation of State
debts; Resolutions of the legislature of
South Carolina recommending the an-
nexation of Texas to the Union; Resolu-
tions of the same state proposing an
exchange of Laws, Decisions and Historical

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Documents of every kind between the States" all of which are herewith laid before you. H. J. Anderson.

The message was read and with the accompanying documents laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Brooks ordered that the committee on retrenchment inquire into the expediency of repealing the law giving certain sums of money to agricultural societies. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Tallman ordered that the committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending or reversing an act entitled "an act concerning assignments" passed April first eighteen hundred and thirty six and report by bill or otherwise. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Townsend ordered that a message be sent to the governor and Council informing that body that George W. Towle has been duly qualified to enter upon the discharge of his duties as counsellor.

Petition of Augustine Haines for

1844. increase of salary came up referred 127.
to the committee on retrenchment.
on motion of Mr. Hunt the senate
insisted on its former vote referring
the same to the committee on the
Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

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Petition of Daniel Tyler and others of
Linington

" Joshua B. Lowell of Franklin

" John Lowell " "

" Oliver Sewall " "

Generally praying for a re-
duction of the salaries of state
offices were referred to the com-
mittee on retrenchment in
concurrency.

" H. Longfellow and others pray-
ing for further protection
to established ferries, was
referred to the committee
on Interior Waters in con-
currency.

" A. H. Merrill asking abate-
ment of taxes on townships
number six range nine
West from the east line of
the state came up referred to
the committee on claims.

1844. The Senate now concurred and referred 129.
the same to the committee on State
Lands. Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Lacey Tine and others for
an alteration of the lines
of Penobscot, Piscataquis,
Aroostook and Washington
Counties was referred to the
committee on division and
alteration of counties of
counties in concurrence.

John Hubbard and others for
incorporation under the name
of Wentworth Pond Bridge Com-
pany, and

William Freeman that Salt
water falls company be al-
lowed further time to com-
plete their works and for liberty
to erect a bridge were referred
to the committee on roads
and bridges in concurrence.

Jonathan G. Longfellow for
divorce was referred to the com-
mittee on the petition of
Fayette Macet in concurrence.

Charles Roberts for a military
pension was referred to the

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committee on Military pensions in
concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Tarnell and others
of Auburn to have their
lands lying in Minot set
off and annexed to Auburn
was referred to the committee
on Division of towns. Sent
down for concurrence.

" " The sum of Pownal for separate
representation was referred
to the committee on the Ju-
diciary. Sent down for con-
currence.

" " John Dudley and others in
relation to the proceeds of sale
of public school lots in Waits
Plantation was referred to the
committee on Education.
Sent down for concurrence.

The following orders from the House were
passed in concurrence.

Instruction the committee on the
Militia to inquire into the expediency
of so amending the law that no soldier
shall be obliged to do duty in any other
town than that in which he has his residence.

1844. Instructing the committee on Indian 131.
Affairs to inquire into the expediency
of authorizing the agent of the Penobscot
Indians to sell for their benefit timber
on Orion Island.

Directing the Committee on the Judiciary
to inquire into the expediency of abolishing
all laws for the collection of debts for a
less sum than twenty dollars contract-
ed after a certain date.

Instructing said committee to inquire
into the expediency of abolishing impris-
onment for debt for any sum less than
one hundred dollars.

A communication was received from
the Secretary of State transmitting re-
turns from assessors of cities, towns &c
of the cost of rail roads and rail road
property, which was read and sent
down.

On motion of Mr. Olis ordered that the
governor be requested to communicate
to the legislature whether the accounts of
Abner B. Thompson late acting master
general have been settled in full since
the passage of the resolve approved March
seventeenth eighteen hundred and forty-two,
and if so, whether any balance was found
due from him, and whether it has been

paid into the treasury, and further if the balance thus found due from the said Abner B. Thompson has not been paid into the treasury, whether the attorney general has commenced a suit for the recovery of the same, as directed by said resolve of March seveneenth eighteen hundred and forty two. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mudgett ordered that the secretary of state be directed to omit to publish the names of such towns and plantations as have returned copies of the lists of the polls and estates in said towns and plantations agreeably to section one and section five of an act approved March twenty third eighteen hundred forty three notwithstanding the same may be borne on the lists of delinquent towns and plantations, reported by the committee on valuation on the thirteenth instant.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Atwood ordered that the committee on education be instructed to take into consideration the expediency of establishing schools in the Madawaska Settlement for the education of French and other population of that settlement. Sent down for concurrence.

that the committee on the judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the forty ninth section of the twenty first chapter of the revised statutes as to extend the time for the annual assessment for repairs of highways upon unincorporated townships sent down for concurrence.

The following message was received from the governor by the Secretary of State.

To the Members of the Senate and
House of Representatives,

I have received and herewith transmit to the Legislature, the annual report of the bank commissioners, and also the annual report of the inspectors of the state prison. D. C. Johnson

On motion of Mr. Sawbelle the message and reports were laid on the table and three hundred copies of each of the reports ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate, and fifty additional copies of the report of the inspectors of the state prison for the use of the warden of the Prison

Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowes, reported from the committee on military pensions on an order relative to expend-

ing the pension of said Bowed was read once and tomorrow at eleven o'clock assigned for the second reading.

Adjourned.

Thursday January 18. 1844.

The following orders from the House were passed in concurrence.

Instructing the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of making provision for serving notice in pushed suits on defendants being out of the State when property is attached.

Instructing said committee to inquire into the expediency of extending the powers of the Supreme judicial court so as to embrace all cases of divorce.

Bill entitled an act in addition to chapter ninety Seven of the revised statutes, laid on the table in the house was referred to the committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Petition of Aaron Seavey and others relative to appeals from County Commissioners to the Supreme judicial court was referred to the committee on the Judiciary and sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Paine Wingate and others to be set off from Hallowell and Augusta and annexed to Winthrop was referred to the committee on Division of towns. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled an act in addition to an act to unite the Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts rail road corporation, with the Boston and Maine rail road. Laid on the table by Mr. Millett. was referred to the committee on Rail roads and canals. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Deering Bill entitled an act to establish the Bath and Portland rail road company was taken up and recommitted. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Swan from the committee on Manufactures reported leave to withdraw on petitions of R. P. Farber and others, J. M. Robinson and others and Daniel B. Hunkley and others, and legislation inexpedient on an order relative to amending chapter sixty fifth of the revised statutes in relation to inspection of sole leather. The reports were

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for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Mary Annas
reported from the committee on State
lands on petition of said Annas
and

Resolve in favor Benjamin Noble
reported from the same committee
on petition of said Noble, were read
over, and tomorrow at eleven o'clock
assigned for the second reading.

Resolve in favor of Spencer G. Bowles was
read the second time and passed to be
engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Walker from the committee on
roads and Bridges reported order of no-
tice returnable to the present legisla-
ture on petition of John Hubbard and
others; the report was accepted and sent
down for concurrence.

Petition of Augustine Staines came
up the house insisting on its former
vote. On motion of Mr. Hunt, the
Senate still insisting, proposed a con-
ference and appointed Messrs Hunt
Frye and Gram conferees. 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 was read the second time, the yeas and nays were ordered and on motion of Mr. Otis the bill was laid on the table.

Bill entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act respecting agencies of foreign insurance companies in this state approved March twenty two eighteen hundred forty three, reported from the committee on the Judiciary without amendment, was read once and tomorrow at eleven o'clock assigned for the second reading.

Mr. Sawtelle from the committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred Bill entitled an act to regulate legislative proceedings, reported that the same ought not to pass. The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

The same committee reported legislation inexpedient on the subject of an order relative to instructions by towns to their school committees; and on the subject of an order relative to meetings for the selection of Jurors; also leave to withdraw on petitions of the towns of Boothbay, Townsend and Topsham; the reports were severally accepted and sent down

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The same committee reported legislation inexpedient on the subject of an order relative to taxing ferries and threshing machines.

on motion of Mr. Otis the report was laid on the table.

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Petition of Oaks Angier and others praying for a reduction of salaries for enlarging the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, for the repeal of the militia law for abolishing the office of sheriff, or making it elective, and for summer sessions of the legislature was referred to the committee on summer sessions in concurrence.

Joseph Rankin of Baldwin to have part of said Baldwin in the county of Cumberland set off to Hiram in the county of Oxford was referred to the committee on division and alteration of counties in concurrence.

The Selectmen of Springfield that Number six may be incorporated was referred to the committee on incorporation of towns in concurrence.

Petition of Isaac Sanborn and others 141.
praying for an increase of the
jurisdiction of justices peace
was referred to the committee
on that subject in concurrence.

" Benjamin Brown praying the
legislature to refund to him
certain moneys, held by the
state, belonging to him, was
referred to the committee on
accounts in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Isaac Hely and others
stockholders of the manufac-
turers and traders bank, a-
gainst the petition of a ma-
jority of the stockholders of
said bank was referred to the
committee on Banks and
Banking in concurrence.

The following orders from the House
were passed in concurrence.

Instruction the committee on the Judi-
ciary to inquire into the expediency
of repealing so much of the law regu-
lating elections in plantations, as
requires the clerks of plantations to
return the names of voters with the
lists of votes.

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Instructing the committee on state lands to inquire into the expediency of amending the law in relation to settling lands and to consider, and report upon the whole policy of the state in regard to the public lands.

That the committee on the Militia be furnished by the secretary of state with a copy of the Militia laws of eighteen hundred and thirty four, and eighteen hundred forty two if in his possession.

That said committee take into consideration the expediency of amending the constitution so that Major Generals may be elected by the field officers of their divisions.

Mr. Sawketts from the committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred Bill entitled an act more fully to protect the coloured citizens of Maine reported that the same ought not to pass. The same committee reported leave to withdraw on petition of citizens of North Yarmouth. The reports were accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Garcelon from the committee on Division of Towns reported order of notice returnable to the present legislature on petition of Paine Wingate and others

Nov 4. the report was accepted and sent
down for concurrence.

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On motion of Mr. Sawtelle the Senate reconsidered its vote of yesterday by which the report of the committee on the Judiciary on an order relative to meetings for the selection of jurors was accepted, and the same was recommitted. Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Mary Annas was read the second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Walker from the committee on roads and bridges reported leave to withdraw on petition of inhabitants and selectmen of Eliot and legislation inexpedient on the petitions of John St. Willard and others, and Samuel Hersey and others; severally accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Camden Marine Railway company reported from the committee on Manufactures on petition of Robert Chase and others

and

Resolve in favor of the commissioners

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appointed under the resolve of March
third eighteen hundred thirty two (re-
ports from the same committee on
memorial of René Williams, William
Pitt Preble, and Nicholas Emery were
read once and tomorrow at eleven o'clock
assigned for the second reading).

Bill entitled an act to repeal an
act entitled "an act respecting agen-
cies of foreign insurance companies
in this state" approved March twenty
two eighteen hundred forty three and

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Noble
were read the second time and on
motion of Mr. Otis laid on the table.

Mr. Tallman from the select committee
to whom was referred the petition of
Fayette Mace reported leave to with-
draw on said petition and order of
notice returnable to the present leg-
islature on petition of Jonathan E.
Longfellow the reports were accepted
and sent down for concurrence.

A communication was received
from James White treasurer elect,
signifying his acceptance of the
office, and transmitting his official
bonds.

144. On motion of Mr. Otis they were 145.
referred to the committee on treasurers.
reported Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Henry McIntire for divorce
from his wife was referred
to the committee on petitions
of Fayette Mass. Sent down
for concurrence.

„ Daniel Hale and others pray-
ing for a reduction of sal-
aries was referred to the com-
mittee on retrenchment. Sent
down for concurrence.

„ Daniel Carr and others
and

„ A. V. Page „ „
praying for the removal, or
alteration of the Dam across
Kennetucket river at Augusta
were referred to the committee
on Interior waters. Sent down
for concurrence.

Petition of Augustine Staines came
up with Messrs Jarvis of Surrey, Dorman
of Sanford and Thomas of Eden appoint-
ed as conferees on the part of the house.

The message of the governor and accom-
panying documents transmitted on the

sixteenth instant were taken up and

On motion of Mr. Rawson ordered that the report and resolutions of the State of New Hampshire in relation to the fine imposed on General Andrew Jackson in eighteen hundred fifteen by Judge Shaw of Louisiana be referred to the committee on the Militia, and that the resolves of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, concerning French depredations on American commerce and concerning an amendment to the constitution of the United States, and that certain resolutions of the legislatures of Connecticut, South Carolina, and Alabama be referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Otis ordered that the committee on roads and bridges be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring that all covered toll bridges within this state shall be suitably lighted, at such hours as the safety and convenience as those who pass the same may require. Sent down for concurrence.

The following order from the house was read and on motion of Mr. Sawtelle

Bill. Laid on the table. Ordered that the 147.
committee on retrenchment be directed
to inquire whether any considerable
reduction in the amount as
paid by the State for printing and
advertising can be saved without
detriment to the interests of the State.

on motion of Mr. Gram ordered
that the committee appointed on the
petition of Fayette Mace, shall have
after he denominated the committee
on divorces. Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Stickland from the joint select
committee appointed to contract
with some suitable persons to do the
job printing and binding for the
State for the present year, reported
that they had contracted with William
R. Smith and George M. Weston to do
the printing, and that said Smith and
Weston had entered into satisfactory
bonds for the faithful performance
of their contract; also that they had
contracted with John St. Hartford and
Joseph L. Lampson to do the folding
sticking and binding and that said
contractors had entered into satisfac-
tory bonds for the performance of their
contract; which contract and bonds
were submitted with their reports.

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After some discussion the report or motion of Mr. Garcelon was laid on the table.

Order from the house directing the committee on education to inquire into the expediency of requiring towns to furnish books to primary schools was passed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

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Petition of Giles Merriw and others, that when individuals leave the family of Shakers they should be liable to pay them a compensation for services, deducting their support.

Crashers Fairbanks and others of Saint Johnsbury Vermont for the repeal of an act to incorporate the Waterville Iron Company were referred to the committee on the Judiciary in concurrence.

Parker McGobb and others of Waldoboro in aid of the petition of James McSettan was referred to the committee on railroads and canals in concurrence.

Charles Hasmer of Brunswick to be remunerated for services in behalf of the State.

and

Samuel J. Shepley of Bangor for compensation for services

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renders the State in the transportation of troops in 1839 were referred to the committee on claims in concurrence.

Petition of Seth Webb and others of Knox for an alteration of the Militia law was referred to the committee on the Militia in concurrence.

" Asa Smith and others of Massachusetts praying for the incorporation of a new town by the name of Palmer was referred to the committee on incorporation of towns in concurrence.

" Samuel Thatcher Jr. for authority to build a bridge across Brewster Cove in the village of Brewer,

and

" Samuel Lewis for additional enactments for the removal of obstructions in highways in the winter season were referred to the committee on roads and bridges in concurrence.

No 24 Petition of William Arnold and others 131.
of Piscataquis county relative to summer sessions
was referred to the committee
having that subject under
consideration in concurrence.

Remonstrance of Joseph P. Martin and
others against the division of
the town of Prospect was
referred to the committee
on division of towns in
concurrence.

The following orders from the house
were passed in concurrence.

Directing the committee on the Library
to consider the expediency of purchasing
for the State Library those volumes of
Ailes Register which are not already
in the library.

Instructing the committee on the
Judiciary to inquire into the expedi-
ency of the State releasing to Richard
McLary and Phillis Caesar any right
which may have reverted to the State
in a lot of land in Waterville.

That the petition of Marcus Pail
for compensation for injuries received
while doing military duty be taken

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from the files of the Senate and referred to the committee on Military pensions.

That the papers relative to the claims of Abner K. Knapp for allowance for services rendered in notifying officers composing a court-martial, be taken from the files and referred to the committee on claims.

That the committee on education take into consideration the subject of the appropriation of money for the support of primary schools.

Mr. French from the committee on the Militia reported leave to withdraw on petition of the members of Company of Artillery in the town of Brewer the report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Strickland from the committee on interior waters reported order of notice returnable to the present legislature on petitions of Robert Gibson, and St. Longfellow and others; the reports were accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Tallman from the committee on railroads and canals reported order of notice returnable to the present legisla-

Nov 4. here on petition of James McEllen 153.
and others accepted and sent down
for concurrence.

Mr. Hunt by leave laid on the table
Resolved in favor of the heirs of Roscoe
& Greene and another and on his motion
the same was referred to the committee on
State lands. Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Hiram L. Faxon of East Ma-
chias for a repeal of all laws of this
regulating the collection of any debt in
any civil action was referred to the com-
mittee on the judiciary. Sent down for
concurrence.

Petition of the selectmen of Passadum-
keag in behalf of that town for the repeal
of the act of incorporation, was referred to
the committee on incorporation of towns.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Parker ordered that the
judiciary committee be instructed to in-
quire into the expediency of altering so
much of the ninth section of the twelfth
chapter of the revised statutes as to make it
obligatory upon every county treasurer to
transmit his account against the State
to the State Treasurer, as soon as may be,
after each and every term of the Supreme
judicial court & district courts. Sent down for concurrence.

A message was received from the governor by the Secretary of State transmitting a communication from the Treasury department at Washington - copy of report of council in relation to certain islands in this state, and other documents which with the message were laid on the table.

The message was in the words following.

To the members of the Senate,

and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith, several letters from Mr. Lewis Weld, principal of the American Asylum for the deaf and dumb at Hartford, and some other papers having reference to the situation of five pupils at that institution from the state of Maine. These pupils have heretofore been supported at the expense of the state, and would have been continued at the institution the usual term of five years, had the appropriation of last year been sufficiently large to have justified the necessary allowance without doing injustice to others.

There having been several applications for the benefit of the fund provided by the state, it was found necessary either to dismiss some of the existing beneficiaries, or to withhold assistance from several of the new applicants. The governor

1844 and council, with a view to distribute 155.
as equitably as possible among this un-
fortunate class of our citizens, the funds
at their disposal, adopted the former
alternative, and on the 15th March
last directed the Principal of the Asy-
lum to be notified that the names of
Chesler Stearns, Augustus Titcomb,
Mary J. Lord, Olin Lovejoy and Ruth
J. Stearns had been stricken from the
list of beneficiaries.

It will be seen from the correspondence
herewith communicated, that these pupils
have not received the amount of in-
struction necessary to enable them
to provide their own support, and that
none of them have friends able to
assist them. They are represented as
promising and interesting pupils, and
seem to have very deeply excited the
sympathies of their instructors. At the
suggestion of my immediate predeces-
sor, they have been permitted to remain
at the institution by the trustees, at
their own risk; and I now submit their
case to the consideration of the legislature
in the earnest hope, that the annual
appropriation may be sufficiently large
to include the necessary provision for
their support.

I also lay before the legislature a
communication from J. W. McCulloch
comptroller of the United States treasury

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by which it appears, that upon an adjustment of the account of sales of the public lands from 1st July to 29th August, 1842, there is due to the state of Maine under the provisions of an act of Congress of 4th September 1841, entitled "an act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of public lands to" the sum of \$2,161. 33.

A report of the Executive Council recommending a reference of the petition of John Philips and als. in relation to the preservation of certain islands in this state, to the consideration of the legislature, and a report upon the communication of Sarah LeBrooke touching her claim for pensions, under resolves of 1835 and 1836, will be also laid before you.

H. I. Anderson

Bill entitled an act to incorporate the Camden maine railway company was read the second time, amended on sheet annexed marked A, and on motion of Mr. Tallman laid on the table.

Resolves in favor of the commissioners appointed under the resolve of March 3^d, 1832 was read the second time and on motion of Mr. Townsone laid on the table.

1844. Bill entitled an act in addition 157.
to an act regulating the inspection
of fish. Chapter fifty four of the revised
statutes, reported from the committee
on the judiciary to whom was referred
an act in addition to chapter fifty
four of the revised statutes, was read
once, and Monday at eleven o'clock
assigned for the second reading.

Mr. Chasick from the committee on
incorporation of towns reported leave to
withdraw on petition of Levi C. Dunn
and others accepted and sent down down
for concurrence.

Mr. Hunt from the committee on
engrossed bills reported as truly and
correctly engrossed, bill entitled.

An Act authorizing the assessment
of a state tax on the town
of Hanover.

" " for the relief of the town of
Bethel and of the plantation
called Howards Cove.

And

Resolved authorizing the treasurer of state
to purchase, or invest in the purchase of
scrips, or certificates of the stock of this
state any sums of money which have
been or which may be received from

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Adjourned.