

Monday February 7. 1831.

Met according to adjournment.

Petition of Inhabitants of Belgrade for assignment of their share of Representation - also

Petition of Inhabitants of Windsor for separate Representation were severally read and referred to the committee on Apportionment of Representatives &c - sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Edmund Pillsbury and others for an Academy in Newport - was read and referred to the Committee on Literary Institutions - sent up for concurrence.

Remonstrance of Rice King and others against the Petitions of Whitefield and Alna for opening the mill-dams on Sheepscut River for the passage of Fish - also

Remonstrance of Samuel Kincaid and others against the same Petition - were severally read and referred to the Committee on Interior Fisheries - sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Timothy Hall for allowance additional to that asked in his former Petition for half pay - was read and referred to the Committee on Military Pensions - sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House the Petition of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court praying for an addition of their salaries - which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary - sent up for concurrence.

Petition - of the town of Richmond for separate Representation a proportionate part of the time - was read and referred to the Committee on Apportionment of Representatives. sent up for concurrence.

Bill - to provide for the packing and inspection of Pickled and Smoked Fish - came from the Senate for concurrence, amended as on sheet annexed marked III. and the House receded from their former vote so far as to adopt the amendments of the Senate and pass the Bill to be engrossed as amended in concurrence with the Senate.

Petition - of Joseph Houlton and others in reference to the Houlton Road and other matters was read and referred to the Committee on State Lands - sent up for concurrence.

Report - of the Committee on State Lands to whom was referred a Resolve in favor of William Pike - that it is inexpedient to pass the same - was read and accepted - sent up for concurrence.

A communication from the Secretary of State transmitting, in compliance with an order of the Legislature of January 21<sup>st</sup>. a statement of the expenditures heretofore made by this State for Roads and Bridges &c. - came from the Senate with an order that 500 copies of the document transmitted be printed for the use of the Legislature - and the House concurred.

Report of the Committee on Turnpikes Bridges and Canals granting an order of notice on the Petition of John Madigan and others - came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the House concurrence.



Bill- additional to an act to incorporate the Cumberland Insurance Company- was read a first and second time and tomorrow at 11 o'clock assigned for a third reading of the the same.

Bill- to regulate Banks and Banking- was read a first and second time and Wednesday next at 11 o'clock assigned for a third reading.

And the House adjourned

Attest

Thornton McGaw Clerk

Tuesday February 8th 1831.

Met according to adjournment.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns as amended granting leave to withdraw on Petition of Nathaniel Malbone came from the Senate for concurrence - and the House nonconcurred and referred the Petition to the next Legislature - sent up for concurrence.

Petition - of Manassah Lawrence and others and accompanying papers taken from the files of the Senate - were read and referred to the Committee on Incorporation of Towns - sent up for concurrence.

Message from the Governor.

To the Senate and House of Representatives

Shewith transmit for the consideration of the Legislature the Report of the Inspectors of the State Prison at Thomaston.

The Secretary will also lay before you a Memorial directed to this Legislature of the "American Convention for promoting the Abolition of Slavery and improving the condition of the African Race agreeably to the request of the Officers of the Convention.

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Sam. E. Smith

An order came from the Senate referring so much of the Governors Message of the 25th. of January last as relates to the Memorial of the "American Convention for promoting the Abolition of Slavery and improving the condition of the African Race" be referred to Messrs. Hutchinson and Moore with such as the House may join.

and the House concurred and joined Messrs. Boutelle of Waterville, Cole of Paris and Haskell of Knox.

Petition of Nathaniel Davis and accompanying papers taken from the last years files of the Senate came from the Senate for concurrence referred to the Committee on Claims - and the House concurred.

Report on Petition of Cunez of Burg in Congregational Meetinghouse in Limerick - came from the Senate for concurrence accepted as amended - and the House accede from their former vote so far as to adopt the Amendments of the Senate and accepted the same in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Tallot of Machias - Ordered that the Senate be requested to take from their files the Petition of John Dickinson and send the same to this House - with the accompanying papers.

Report of Committee on Turnpikes, Bridges and Canals granting an order of notice on Petition of Joshua Bugge and others - came from the Senate accepted for concurrence and the House concurred.

Petition of Penley Haines that the Penobscot Tribe of Indians may be authorized to sell to him, Pine Island was read and referred to Messrs. Chase of Atkinson, Leach of Penobscot and Hatch of Jackson.

Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the town of Minot for an additional protection of Dead Bodies in grave yards - was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary - sent up for concurrence.

A Memorial of Inhabitants of Shipsburg for an alteration in the fish laws on Kennebec River was read and referred

to the Committee on Interior Fisheries - sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Edward Smith and others to be incorporated as the Barnedumpcook Boom Company - was read and referred to the Committee on State Lands - sent up for concurrence.

Bill - authorizing the Selectmen of Hallowell to appoint an additional number of Enginemen, was read a first and second time and tomorrow at 11 o'clock assigned for a third reading.

Bill - additional respecting the Court of Common Pleas, was read a first and second time and Thursday next at 11 o'clock assigned for a third reading.

Bill - Additional to Incorporate the Cumberland Insurance Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed as taken into a new draft - sent up for concurrence.

Bill - relating to the practice of Physic and Surgery, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as taken into a new draft - and the same was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill - to set off Daniel Moulton from Standish to Gorham was read a third time and passed to be engrossed or taken into a new draft - sent up for concurrence.

Resolve - authorizing a Special Term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Somerset was read a second time and passed to be engrossed as amended on shut annexed marked D<sup>o</sup> - sent up for concurrence.



Petition - of David Hayes and others to be incorporated  
for the the purpose of better managing a fund bequeathed  
to the petitioners for the instruction of youth - was read and  
referred to the Committee on Literary Institutions - sent up  
for concurrence.

And the House adjourned

Attest

Thomson McFay Clerk.

Wednesday February 9. 1831.

Met according to adjournment

Petition- of Rev. Joseph Bailey and 253 others of Whitefield for erection of Locks for the passage of fish on Sheepscot River.

\_\_\_\_\_ of William M. Boyd and 56 others on the same subject.

\_\_\_\_\_ of William Averitt and 140 others being more than two thirds of the voters in Alna - on the same subject - were severally read and referred to the Committee on Interior Fisheries - sent up for concurrence.

Petition- of the town of Georgetown for a separate Representation - was read and referred to the Committee on Apportionment of Representatives &c. - sent up for concurrence.

Bill - authorizing the Inhabitants of the North District in the County of Washington to choose a Register of Deeds was read a first and second time and tomorrow at 11 o'clock assigned for a third reading of the same.

Resolve- for opening, clearing and repairing a Road from the South line of Township Numbered Two in the Old Indian Purchase on the East side of Penobscot River to Matanauscook Stream - was read a first time and Tuesday next at 11 o'clock assigned for a second reading of the same.

Petition- of Seth Paine to be admitted to practice as an Attorney at Law was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary - in concurrence with the Senate.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred an order of the 19<sup>th</sup> of January relative to authorizing Courts of Probate to grant licenses for the sale of Real Estate &c. that Legislation on this subject is not expedient - came from the Senate accepted for concurrence and the House concurred.

Report of the same Committee granting leave to withdraw on the Petition of Jonathan Farnar and others - that Capital Punishment may be abolished - came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the House concurred.

Report of the Committee on Division of Towns granting an order of notice on the Petition of R. Belcher and others - that the town line between Acworth and Brunswick may be established - came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the House concurred.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred an order of January 11<sup>th</sup> relative to amending the law so that after a civil action has been committed to a jury who have not been able to agree on a verdict - at the next trial of said action, the verdict of a less number than twelve shall be received &c. - That Legislation on the subject is inexpedient - came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the House concurred.

Petition of Joseph Lumbard Jr. and Samuel Cogswold that a Gun House may be erected at Bath - was read and referred to the Committee on the Militia - sent up for concurrence.

Petition of the town of Cushing for their proportion of Representation - was read and referred to the Committee

on Apportionment of Representatives &c. sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Samuel Brewer that some person may be authorized to deed to him certain real estate described in said Petition - was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary - sent up for concurrence.

Bill - to annex part of the land off E. Thompson and S. Rounds to Bloomfield.

— authorizing the town of Portland to elect a Board of Street commissioners - were severally read a first and second time and tomorrow at 11 o'clock assigned for a third reading of the same.

Bill - to incorporate the Proprietors of Portland Theatre - was read a first and second time and Monday next assigned for a third reading of the same.

Bill - authorizing the Selectmen of Hallowell to appoint an additional number of Enginemen - was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the Senate.

Message from the Governor

To the Senate and House of Representatives  
The resignation of Major General Stephen Berry of the Sixth Division having been received and accepted - I now make it known to the two Branches of the Legislature, that the Office of Major General of the sixth Division of the Militia of this State is vacant.  
Council Chamber.

February 8, 1831

Sam<sup>l</sup> E. Smith.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the



whole House on the Bill - to regulate Banks and  
Banking) - Mr White of Noddmouth in the chair -  
and after remaining some time in session, the  
Committee rose, reported progress and obtained  
leave to sit again.

And the House adjourned until nine o'clock  
tomorrow morning

Attest

Thornton McGowan Clerk

Thursday February 10. 1831

Met according to adjournment

The House resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Contested Elections to whom were referred the certificates presented by James Adams and Joseph Duarell - and assigned tomorrow at 11 o'clock for the further consideration of the same.

A communication was received from Daniel Rose, Land Agent, transmitting in obedience to the Order of the Legislature of Feb'y 3. a schedule of the quality of land which has been divided between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Maine - which was read and 400. copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature - sent up for concurrence.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an Order of Jan'y. 20th relative to altering the law so as to define with particularity what branches, School-masters shall be competent to teach - asking leave to be discharged from further consideration of the subject - came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the further consideration of the subject referred to the Committee on Literary Institutions - and the House concurred and referred the same again in concurrence with the Senate.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary on the Petition of the Selectmen of Albany - asking leave to be discharged from further consideration of that part of said petition which relates to the Representation of said town in the Legislature - came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the House concurred - and referred the further consideration of that part of said petition to the Committee on Aff.

Apportionment of Representatives &c. in concurrence with the Senate.

Report on Petition of Charles C. Emerson and accompanying papers taken from the files of the Senate - came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for concurrence - and the House concurred.

Report of Committee on the Judiciary granting leave to withdraw on Petition of Levi H. Pratt and others came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the House concurred.

Report of Committee on Claims granting leave to withdraw on Petition of Daniel J. Perley - also.

Report of Committee on the State Prison granting leave to withdraw on Petition of Nathan Hills and others - came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the House concurred.

Petition of Inhabitants of Fayette for a separate Representation -

\_\_\_\_\_ of Inhabitants of Madison on the same subject -

\_\_\_\_\_ of Inhabitants of Anson on the same subject -

\_\_\_\_\_ of the Selectmen of Vienna on the same subject -

also -

Remonstrance of Inhabitants of Woolwich against classification for Representative - were severally read and referred to the Committee on Apportionment of Representatives &c. - sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Inhabitants of Cushing to be relieved from expenses of a bridge over Madamcook River -

\_\_\_\_\_ of John McKeon and others for alteration of law respecting vending certain wooden wares.

\_\_\_\_\_ of town of Friendship to be relieved from expenses

of a Bridge over Madamcook River - were severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary - sent up for concurrence -

Petition of Samuel Searle for compensation for his services as Agent on the Canada Road for the year 1830 - was read and referred to the Committee on Claims - sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cliford of Keiofield Ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that all actions of trespass and trespass on the case for tort - except for injuries to the person and reputation shall survive in favor of and against Administrators and Executors - sent up for concurrence.

Bill - for the better securing and rendering effectual grants and donations for charitable uses - was read a first and second time and wednesday next at 11 o'clock assigned for a 3<sup>d</sup> reading.

Bill - authorizing the appointment of certain persons to publish Intentions of marriage and solemnize marriages in Arcootick and Madawaska Settlements &c. - was read a first and second time and tomorrow at 11 o'clock assigned for a 3<sup>d</sup> reading of the same.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as duly engrossed Bill - to incorporate the Maine Association for improvement in the breed of Horses.

additional to an act to provide for the packing and inspection of pickled and smoked Fish - which were severally passed to be enacted.

Ordered - that the Committee on State Valuation be authorized



forthwith to employ nine persons of suitable qualifications - selecting one from each County, except the County of Washington to assist them in forming and adjusting a general valuation of property throughout the State - their compensation to be the same as is received by the Members of the Legislature - Provided - that the Delegation of each County except the County of Washington shall select the assistants - and if such selection shall not be made by the Delegation of any County within twenty four hours - then the valuation Committee shall select such assistant - sent up for concurrence.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole - on the Bill to regulate Banks and Banking - Mr. White of Monmouth in the chair - and after remaining some time in session, the Committee rose reported progress and obtained leave to sit again - And on Motion the House

Adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - Met according to adjournment.

Resolve - authorizing the Penobscot Tribe of Indians to sell a certain Island in Penobscot River, called Pine Island - was read and recommitted to the select committee who reported the same.

The House reconsidered their vote of this morning, where by they passed an order in relation to the valuation Committee and also the vote adopting an amendment to said Order proposed by Mr. Boulton of Waterville - and passed the Order as follows - to wit - Ordered that the Committee on the State valuation be authorized forthwith to employ nine persons of suitable qualifications selecting one from each County excepting Washington to assist them in forming and adjusting a general valuation of property throughout the State - Their com-

persuasion to be the same as is received by the Members of the Legislature - sent up for concurrence.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole - on the Bill to regulate Banks and Banking. Mr. White of Monmouth in the Chair - and after remaining in session during the afternoon, the Committee rose and were directed to report progress.

On motion Ordered that when this House adjourns, it adjourn until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

And the House adjourned.

Attest

Thornton McGaw Clerk

Friday February 11. 1831

Met according to adjournment.

Ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting by law similar powers to a Constable in the town of Calais, as those which are now granted to a Constable in the town of Eastport, and be subjected to similar liabilities - and report the same by bill or otherwise - sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Holway and others to be incorporated by the name of the Washington Mutual Fire Insurance Company - was read and referred to Messrs Talbot of Machias, Dodge of Burnham and Deane of Ellsworth.

Petition of the town of Hebron for separate representation was read and referred to the Committee on Apportionment of Representatives &c. also.

Remonstrance of Joseph Hutchinson and others against the same petition - was read and referred to the same Committee - sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Jonathan Hall for divorce, was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary - sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Ira P. Woodbury and others for a Branch to the Cumberland and Concord Canal - was read and referred to the Committee on Turnpikes, Bridges and Canals - sent up for concurrence.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the

whole on the Bill to regulate Banks and Banking. Mr. White of Monmouth in the chair - and after remaining in session for sometime the Committee rose and were directed to make a report.

Report of the Committee to whom was referred an order of the 25th of January relative to an amendment of the law in regard to the Education of Youth &c. that legislation on the subject - also.

Report of the same Committee on the Order of the 27th. January in relation to a law respecting the discontinuance of Highways &c. - that legislation on that subject is inexpedient - severally came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the House concurred -

The Order of yesterday authorizing the Valuation Committee to employ nine assistants to assist them in forming and adjusting a general valuation &c. came from the Senate for concurrence, amended by striking out at A. the word "nine" and insert in lieu thereof the word "ten" - and by striking out at B. the words "excepting Washington" - and the House concurred.

A Message was received from the Senate informing the House that they had on their part made choice of Brigadier Gen. James Burbank to be Major General of the sixth Division of the Militia of this State - and requesting the concurrence of the House.

On motion of Mr. Spring, of Hiram Ordered that Monday next at 11 o'clock in the forenoon be the time assigned for the choice of a Major General for the sixth Division of the Militia of Maine on the part of the House.



Report of Committee on Division of Terms granting leave to withdraw on Petition of Andrew Gray and others came from the Senate accepted for concurrence and the House concurrence.

Remonstrance of James Osborn and others against the Petition of Eliphalet Perkins for liberty to erect a Bridge over Kennebunk River was read and referred to the Committee who have under consideration the Petition to which it relates - sent up for concurrence.

Petition of John Sickensohn Judge of Probate for Washington County for increase of his salary - was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary - sent up for concurrence.

Agreeably to assignment the House resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Contested Elections whom were referred the certificates presented by James Adams and Joseph Durwell and the question upon filling the blank in the resolve reported by said Committee with the name of Joseph Durwell was decided in the affirmative.

Ordered that the Committee on the Pay Roll be directed to make up the pay of James Adams to the present time including travel.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as duly engrossed Bill - to authorize the Selectmen of Hallowell to appoint an additional number of Enginemen -  
 \_\_\_\_\_ additional to an act to incorporate the Cumberland Insurance Company  
 \_\_\_\_\_ regulating the practice of Physic and surgery -  
 which were severally passed to be enacted.

Resolve authorizing a Special Term of the Supreme Judicial Court in the County of Somerset, reported as duly engrossed by the same Committee, was finally passed.

The same Committee reported as duly engrossed the Bill making valid the Acts and Resolves passed by the Legislature of the year Eighteen hundred and thirty and for other purposes - and the question upon passing this Bill to be Enacted was taken by yeas and nays as follows - Yeas 75. Nays 20. - and so the Bill was passed to be Enacted.

And the House adjourned until half past nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

Attest

Thornton McGaw      Clerk.

Saturday February 12. 1851.

Met according to adjournment

Resolve to enable the Senotscot Tribe of Indians to sell Pine Island was read a first and second time and passed to be engrossed - sent up for concurrence.

Petition of William Pope and others on the subject of Trustee Process and Imprisonment for Debt - was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary - sent up for concurrence.

Petition of James Cochran and others for a law for the preservation of Fish in the Wilson and other ponds in Nourmouth and Wintthrop - was read and referred to the Committee on Interior Fisheries - sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Agriculture granting leave to bring in a Bill on Petition of Michael Newbert and others - came from the Senate recommitted to the Committee who reported the same with instructions to incorporate the Bill reported and the Bill granting a bounty on Bears into one Act - and the House concurred.

Report of Committee on Agriculture granting leave to bring in a Bill on Petition of Inhabitants of Lovel for a bounty on Bears - came from the Senate disposed of in the same manner as the report last of oursaid, for concurrence and the House concurred.

Report of Committee on Turnpikes, Bridges and Canals granting leave to withdraw on Petition of Bucks

put and Prospect Ferry Company - came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the House concurred.

Report of Committee on State Land granting an order of Notice on the Petition of Edward Smith and others - came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the House concurred.

Bill - to incorporate the Proprietary of Sebo's West Branch Sluice.

— establishing a Fire Department in the Town of Portland - were severally read a first and second time and Monday next at 11 o'clock assigned for a third reading of the same.

Bill - to incorporate the town of Bradford - was read a first and second time and Monday next at 11 o'clock assigned for a third reading.

A Message from the Governor transmitting the Report of the Adjutant General with the Annual returns of the Militia of the State - came from the Senate referred with the accompanying papers to the Committee on the Militia for concurrence and the House concurred.

Resolve in favor of Nathaniel Davis - was read first time and Tuesday next at 11 o'clock assigned for a second reading of the same.

Report on Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Minot granting leave to withdraw - came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the House concurred.

Petition - of Selectmen of Hartford came from



the Senate for concurrence referred to the Committee Apportionment of Representatives &c. and the House concurred.

Report of Committee on Turnpikes Bridges and Canals referring to the next Legislature the Petition of Erastus Richardson and others came from the Senate accepted for concurrence - and the House nonconcurred and recommitted the same the same Committee - sent up for concurrence.

The Committee of the whole on the Bill to regulate Banks and Banking, made a report and wednesday next at 11. o'clock was assigned for the consideration of the same.

Report of Committee on Incorporation of Towns on Petition of the Selectmen of Gray was taken up and Tuesday next at 11. o'clock assigned for the consideration of the same.

Ordered that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing an act to encourage the destruction of Crows passed March. 6. 1830. - sent up for concurrence.

An Order came from the Senate for concurrence, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of making application to the Legislature of Massachusetts for a modification of the terms and conditions of an act relating to the separation of Maine from Massachusetts &c. and the House concurred.

Ordered that the Committee on Interior Fisheries inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Court of Sessions in the County of Penobscot to appoint an additional Fishwarden &c. - sent up for concurrence.

Petition of Inhabitants of Buckfield for an alteration in the Constitution came from the Senate referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, for concurrence - and the House concurrence.

Petition of Rufus Chase for a Township of land came from the Senate for concurrence, referred to to the Committee on State Lands - and the House concurred.

Petition of Erasmus D. Howard and others to be incorporated into a Mutual Fire Insurance Company was read and referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking - sent up for concurrence.

And the House adjourned

Attest

Thornton M. Law Clerk