

Monday, February 24, 1840.

Petition of Samuel E. Smith and others of the town of Litchfield, praying for the repeal of the Licence Laws — read and referred to the Committee that has that subject under consideration, in concurrence.

Petition of John Hastings and others, inhabitants of the County of Oxford, praying for permission to alter their County Buildings, came up from the House referred to the Delegation of Oxford, — read and referred, and the Delegation of Oxford on the part of the Senate, joined in concurrence.

The Committee on the Militia reported leave to withdraw on petitions of

Lorenzo L. Bumpus	and others,
John M. Carlton	" "
Edmund Perkins	" "
Joseph D. Thayer	" "
David G. Wilson	" " severally

read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division of Powers granting leave to withdraw on petition of Nathaniel Treat and others, came up from the House recommitted. The Senate receded from the vote accepting said report, and concurred in the recommitment.

The Committee on the Judiciary (on the part of the House) reported Legislation inexpedient on an order in relation to altering the Constitution to reduce the representation and change the time of the meeting of the Legislature, and on an order refusing so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the appointment of an additional Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court — and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Smith and others, and recommended the reference of the same to the Committee on Agriculture — severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Sally Grover (introduced in the House) — read and referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

Mr. Hammons, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on petitions of Benjamin Brown and Jacob Reed — severally read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Concurred.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary that "legislation is inexpedient" on petition of  
 Philip Corvin and others,  
 James C. Harper " "  
 Louis C. Lincoln " "  
 Sumner Patton " " and the report of the Committee on Division and Alteration of Counties that "legislation is inexpedient," on an



Order relative to altering the County line between  
Somerset and Franklin — severally taken up,  
read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

On motion of Mr Eastman,  
the vote of Saturday indefinitely postponing the order  
in relation to all the Law terms of the Supreme  
Judicial Court being held at Bangor, was reconsidered,  
and the Order amended so as to read as follows,  
to wit:

Ordered, that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire if some provision by law may not be made,  
requiring the opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court to be  
published within a year after they are delivered — and  
the same was passed as thus amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve to continue and repair the Boom on the  
Acostock River,

Bill to confer additional powers upon the proprietors  
of the New Meeting house in Lacc,

— " authorizing the town of Waterville to dispose  
of the Old Meeting house in said town —  
severally read the second time and laid  
upon the table.

Resolve in favor of John G. Chase, (reported by Mr.  
Hammons, from the Committee on Claims  
on petition of John G. Chase:)

— " in favor of Southwood Sibbey and E. B. Tibbey,

(reported by same on petition of Southwood Sibley & another)  
 Bill respecting the fire department in the city of Portland,  
 (introduced in the House)—severally read  
 once and tomorrow eleven o'clock assigned  
 for a second reading.

Resolve for furnishing Arms for the Militia (reported  
 in the House, in new draft by the Committee  
 on the Militia, to which said Resolve had  
 been committed,) was read twice, amended,  
 and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported  
 as truly and correctly engrossed,  
 Bill to limit the tenure of Military Office  
 -- to incorporate the Piscataquis Agricultural Society,  
 -- additional to the several Acts regulating  
 the jurisdiction and proceedings of Courts  
 of Probate—and the same were severally  
 passed to be enacted.

Mr. Shaw, from ~~the~~ Committee, the Joint  
 Select Committee to which was referred an order  
 directing them to ascertain when the Legislature  
 can adjourn, provided the "Revised Statutes", should  
 not be acted upon at this session, reported that  
 the Legislature can have a recess from and  
 after the fifth day of March next—read  
 and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Attest, William Trafton, Secretary

Adjourned.

Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> 1840.

The following Orders from the House of Representatives were severally read and passed, in concurrence, to wit:

Directing the Committee on State Lands to institute an inquiry into the recent seizure of teams and supplies belonging to Bull and others, for an alleged trespass upon the public lands and report forthwith whether, in their opinion, the facts in the case justify said seizure, and if not, to accompany said report with a Resolve directing the Land Agent to give up said property to the owners.

Requesting the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for furnishing annually at the expence of the State, suitable Blank Books to each city, town and plantation, in which to record their Invoice and Valuation.

Appointing a Joint Select Committee of one from each county, consisting of Messrs Sanderson of Eliot, Rich of Standish, Butler of Boothbay, Perry of Litchfield, Stevens of Harmony, Wardwell of Penobscot, Merrill of Madison, Beal of Tuckland, Haley of Frankfort, Frothingham of Phillips, Ward of Wellington, and Carey of Houlton, with such as the Senate may join, to take into consideration the expediency of altering the time of holding our annual State elections.

— And Messrs Hammons, Earskine, Bradley, Eaton, and Philbrick, were joined on the part of the Senate.

Order, from the House of Representatives, requesting the Senate to transmit to the House so many of the Manuscript Titles of the "Revised Laws" as may now be in possession of the Senate — read and the same, on motion of Mr. Carshine, was laid upon the table.

A message from the Governor, by Mr. Johnson Secretary of State, that Major General Joseph S. Jewett of the Fifth Division, and Major General Isaac Roddson of the Third Division of the Militia, having held their respective offices for the term of seven years, have been honourably discharged; vacancies, therefore, exist in those offices, and requested the attention of the Legislature to the filling of said vacancies — read and sent down.

Petition of John Boynton and others, praying that all laws that make any distinction on account of colour may be repealed.

— (of same — praying for the passage of a law granting the right of trial by jury in all cases where liberty is in question — severally read and referred to the Committee on Slavery.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Nathaniel Gerrish & others, praying for the division of the town of Lisbon,

Remonstrance of Owen Gilpatrick and others, against the same — severally read and referred to the Committee on Division of Towns, in concurrence.

Petition of inhabitants of Lebanon, praying for  
the repeal of the License Laws — read  
and referred to the Committee that has that  
subject under consideration, in concurrence.

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Petition of Atwood Barrows and others,

" William Briggs "

" C. Brown "

" Schabed Chandler "

" A. Davison "

" Cyrus Holmes "

" James S. Holmes "

" P. F. Lowell "

" Stephen Lowell "

" Seth Nelson "

" A. Nichols "

" Aaron Prouty "

" T. Sears "

" Gideon Southworth "

" A. S. W. Stevens "

" O. Power "

" A. Turner "

" Isaac Weston "

praying that  
the subject of the shire town of Piscataquis County  
may be referred to the people — severally read and  
referred to the Committee on Division and Alteration  
of Counties, in concurrence.

Petition of the Members of the Dexter Rifle Company  
and others, praying for remuneration for  
damage of uniforms while in the service of  
the State — read and referred to the Com-



mittee on Claims, in concurrence.

Mr. Hammons, from the Committee on Claims, reported leave to withdraw on petitions of the Members of the Cherryfield Light Infantry Company, Selectmen of Gardner, Job Prince and others; and that the accounts of William M. Cozens, Moses Greene, George Mation, and Elyas R. Davis ought not to be allowed. — severally read and accepted.  
Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. William M. Red, from the Committee on Incorporation of Towns, reported reference to the next Legislature on Bill to incorporate the town of Lakeville. — read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.  
Concurred.

The Committee on the Militia, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Orison Ripley and others. — read and accepted, in concurrence.

The Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on petitions of Paul Collins and others, and Selectmen of Mexico; and order of notice to the next Legislature on petitions of Samuel Copeland and others, — severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Division and Alteration of Counties, granting leave to withdraw on petitions of Joshua Merrill and others, Joseph H. Towns, and others, Thomas Burton and William Fish and others, came up from the House of

Representatives recommitted. The Senate adhered to the vote accepting said Report.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers of the Revolution (laid on the table by Mr. Carskine) was read once and referred to the Committee on State Lands. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr. Rose, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing vote of the two houses on the second amendment adopted by the Senate to the "Bill to incorporate the town of Smithfield," reported, that, "having met the Conferees of the House, and consulted together, they unanimously agreed" to recommend, that the House recede from its vote rejecting the amendment of the Senate, and concur in adopting the same," — read and accepted.

The House receded and concurred.

Resolve in favor of Levi C. Farnham (reported by Mr. Hammons, from the Committee on Claims on petition of William Oaks Jr. and others)  
 — in favor of Jacob H. Clements (reported by same, on petition of Jacob H. Clements)  
 — in favor Benjamin P. Chapman (reported in the House by the Committee on Claims, on petition of Benjamin P. Chapman.)  
 — in favor of Sally Grover. (reported by Mr. Hammons, from same Committee to which said Resolve had been referred.)

292 Bill to ascertain the amount and description of  
 estates and of certain description of <sup>persons within</sup> this State  
 (reported by Mr Perkins, from the Select Committee  
 to which was referred an order relative to taking  
 an inventory and valuation of the State) —  
 severally read once and tomorrow eleven  
 o'clock assigned for a second reading.

Resolve in favor of Southwood Tibley and C. B. Tibley,  
Bill respecting the Fire Department in the City  
 of Portland, (severally amended);  
 -- to exempt the proprietors of Turner Centre  
 Bridge Company from lighting said Bridge,  
 except at certain seasons;

Resolve in favor of John G. Chase,  
 " in favor of Stephen Rowell, Fisher Ames,  
 Sarah Adams and Asahel W. M. Mahan.  
 (reported by Mr Hammons, from the Committee  
 on Claims, on petition of Stephen Rowell  
 and others) severally read the second time  
 and passed to be engrossed.

Put down for concurrence. Concurred.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported  
 as truly and correctly engrossed.

Resolve in favor of William M. Jordan,  
 " directing the manner of binding the Pamphlet Laws and  
 Resolves, and the same were severally  
finally passed.

The same Committee reported as truly  
and correctly engrossed  
Bill additional to former instructions to Finis,  
to incorporate the Eliot Academy, and the same were  
severally passed to be  
enacted.

Adjourned.

Attest, William Traflet, Secretary.

Wednesday February 26, 1840.

The following orders from the House of Representatives were severally read and passed in concurrence, to wit:

Directing the Secretary of State to cause the Act entitled "An Act to limit the tenure of Military Office," to be published in the State papers, and all other papers that publish the laws of this State, as soon as may be.

Directing the Committee on Accounts, to institute an inquiry and ascertain if there was a mistake in the account of the town of Lincoln, allowed by the Legislature of 1839 for bounty on wheat, and if there is a mistake, to correct the same, and report a Resolue allowing such deficit as may exist.

On motion of Mr Eastman,  
Ordered, (The House of Representatives concurring) that after finishing the other business now before the Legislature, the Legislature will hold an adjourned session on the third day of June next, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the Report of the commissioners appointed under the Resolue of February 28, 1837 to revise the public Laws of this State— On motion of Mr Perkins the same was amended by adding, and that a Joint Select Committee be appointed to sit in the recess and examine said report, and report thereon to the Legislature at the adjourned session.

And the question of passing said Order as thus amended, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays



was decided in the affirmative as follows, to wit:

Yves. Messrs Banell, Crocker, Eastman, Eaton, Eashine,  
Perkins, William M. Reed, Robinson, Smith,  
Potman, and Rose, Foster and Gross 13.

Nays. Messrs Barker, Blake, Bolster, Bradley, Hammons,  
Holt, Merrill, Isaac Reed, Shaw, Pabbetts and Purrill.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of Sanford P. Fitch and others, praying that  
the Act establishing the County of Acostock  
may be repealed — read and referred  
to the next Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Remonstrance of inhabitants of the first School District  
in Bucksport against the petition of said  
first School District for power to tax them-  
selves for a High school — read and referred  
to the Committee on Literature and Literary  
Institutions. Sent down for concurrence.

Concurred.

Petition of Asa Knowles and others, praying that a  
part of lots 115 and 102 may not be incorpo-  
rated into the town of Brooklin, as petitioned  
for, if said corporation takes place,

and

Petition of Joseph B. Richardson and others, praying  
for a charter to build a bridge over Friendship  
River — severally read and referred to the

next Legislature, in concurrence.

Petition of James Gray and others, praying for the passage of an Insolvent Law—read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, in concurrence.

Petition of John Hutchins Jr. and others, praying that a part of the town of Crono may be annexed to the town of Bradley—read and referred to the Committee on Division of Powers, in concurrence.

Petition of Reuben Hamlin, Treasurer of the town of China, praying for an allowance for bounty on wheat and corn for the year 1838—read and referred to the Committee on Claims, in concurrence.

The Order relative to all the Law Terms of the Supreme Judicial Court being held at Bangor, came up from the House of Representatives indefinitely postponed. The Senate receded and concurred in the indefinite postponement.

A message from the House of Representatives, requesting the Senate to transmit to the House the petition of William Brown and others with the report thereon.

The Senate concurred in said request and



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and indefinitely postponed. The Senate nonconcurred the House in the indefinite postponement of said Bill and insisted on the vote of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. passing the same to be engrossed with the amendment marked A. Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of William Emerson (reported by Mr Smith from the Committee on State Lands on petition of William Emerson,) and also a statement of facts by the majority, and also a statement of facts by the minority of said Committee — severally read, and the same, on motion of Mr. Blake, were laid upon the table, and ordered that three hundred copies of said Resolve, together with both statements of facts, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Bill additional to acts regulating Banks and Banking — and also for a limited time, to suspend certain provisions of an Act entitled an Act prohibiting the emission and circulation of Bank bills of a small denomination and certain others passed March 19. 1836. (reported by Mr Perkins from the Committee on Banks and Banking to which were referred "Bill additional to acts regulating Banks and Banking," also the "Bill additional to the several acts regulating Banks and Banking," also, so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the currency — also petition of Citizens of Frankfort, and an order relative to Banks refusing payment of their Bills in specie, and the petitions of the following Banks. Wis Bank

of Portland, Maine Bank, Central Bank, Calais Bank, Globe Bank, Mercantile Bank, York Bank, and Bank of Bangor, — read once, <sup>and the same</sup> on motion of Mr Shaw, was laid upon the table, and ordered that Three Hundred copies of said Bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr Smith, from the Committee on State Lands, reported legislation inexpedient on Resolve in favor of Abigail Andrews — read and the same on motion of Mr Hammons, was laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of Daniel Brown and Samuel Sylvester, was read the second time, and the same, on motion of Mr \_\_\_\_\_ was laid upon the table.

Resolves in relation to the sale and conveyance of the public Lands, and in favor of George W. Buckmore and others, (reported by Mr Smith from the Committee on State Lands on petition of George W. Buckmore.)

Resolve in favor of Randol Whiddon (reported by same on an order relative to giving Randol Whiddon longer time to complete his engagements to the State.)

— in favor of Samuel Holden (reported in the House by the Committee on Literature and Literary Institutions, on petition of Samuel Holden and another.)



300 Resolve in favor Elisha Hilton, (reported by same, on petition of Elisha Hilton;)

— in favor of the School in George's Island (reported by same on petition of inhabitants of George's Island,)

— in favor of Ephraim B. McCondra of Houlton (reported in the House by the Committee on Military Pensions, on petition of S. W. Tabor and others;)

— in relation to distribution of Surplus Revenue, now remaining in the Treasury of the State, (introduced in the House)

Bill in relation to a House of Correction in the town of Hallowell, (reported by Mr Blake, from the Committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to Houses of Correction)

— to change the names of certain persons — severally read once and tomorrow, ten o'clock assigned for a second reading.

Bill additional to "An Act to prevent the spreading of Small Pox and other contagious sickness (introduced in the House) was read once and tomorrow eleven o'clock assigned for a second reading.

Resolved in favor of Tally Crover,

in . . . Levi C. Barnham,

in . . . Isaac H. Clement, severally read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Concurred.

Resolved in favor of Benjamin P. Chapman, was read the second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed

Bill to set off certain lands from Pittsfield and annex the same to Canaan— and the same, on motion of Mr. Rose, was laid upon the table.

The same Committee reported as truly and correctly engrossed

Resolved in relation to the distribution of the annual School Fund  
— and the same was

finally passed.

Adjourned.

Attest, William Thapton, Secretary.

Thursday, February 27, 1840.

The following Orders from the House of Representatives were severally read and passed, in concurrence.

Directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire what alterations, if any, are necessary in the law regulating Pounds, and the duties of Pound Keepers—also what alteration, if any, is necessary in the law controlling the building of line fences.

Requesting the Committee on Literature and Literary Institutions to inquire into the expediency of altering the law, regulating the collection of school-taxes, so that each School District may choose a Treasurer and Collector of School Taxes—

— Instructing the Committee on Parishes, to inquire into the expediency of passing a general Law for the management and sale of Meeting Houses.

Mr Bradley, submitted the following Order, That the Committee on Military Accounts be directed to allow the just and equitable claims of towns for Blankets furnished the Soldiers in the actual military service of the State—and the same, on motion of Mr Eastman, was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr Crofs, the Senate reconsidered its vote of yesterday whereby the blank, in the order relative to an adjourned

session, was filled with words, third - June.

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On motion of Mr Merrill, the vote adopting the amendment proposed by Mr Perkins was reconsidered. And the order on motion of Mr Eastman was amended by striking out the words, "on the day of — next — and the same was passed as thus amended.

On motion of Mr Eastman the Senate reconsidered the vote passing said Order — and the same was indefinitely postponed — and the following on his motion was submitted, to wit:

Ordered, (the House of Representatives concurring,) that after finishing the other business now before the Legislature, the Legislature will hold an adjourned session for the purpose of considering and acting upon the report of the Commissioners appointed under the Resolve of February 28, 1837, to revise the public Laws of this State — read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of the Trustees of Parsonfield Seminary, praying that their number may be increased — read and referred to the Committee on Literature and Literary Institutions, in concurrence.

Petition of John Abrams and others, praying that the inhabitants of the Islands in the town of Hattery may be exempted from paying highway taxes — read and referred to the Committee on State Roads, in concurrence.

304 Petition of Josiah P. Beane, praying for compensation for an injury received while in the employment of the State — read and referred to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Bill relative to lands forfeited to the State,  
— for the protection and disposition of the timber on the lots reserved for public uses, (introduced in the House) — severally read and referred to the Committee on State Lands, in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Lands, on "Resolve in Favor of Abigail Andrews", that legislation on that subject is inexpedient, on motion of Mr. Hammons, was taken up, and the same was accepted.  
Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Report of the Committee on Claims granting leave to withdraw on petition of Benjamin Brown came up from the House of Representatives referred to the next Legislature.

The Senate nonconcurred the House in its reference and insisted on the vote of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. accepting said Report. Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on State Lands, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Jonathan Keyes and others — read and accepted, in concurrence.



The Committee on Division of Towns, reported leave to withdraw on petition of William Lowell Jr (and Isaac Sarver and others, — read and accepted, in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Samuel Bassick, on motion of Mr. Hammons, was taken up.

The Senate reconsidered the vote passing the same to be engrossed, nonconcurred the House in the indefinite postponement of said Resolve and recommitting the same. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill to incorporate the "Dubuque Sacred Music Society" came up from the House of Representatives further amended and indefinitely postponed.

The Senate nonconcurred the House in its proposed amendments and indefinite postponement and insisted on the vote passing the same to be engrossed with the amendment A. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to limit the compensation of Sheriff in the County of Franklin (reported in the House by the Delegation of Franklin on an order relative to that subject;)

-- to divide the town of Lisbon and to incorporate the town of North Lisbon, (reported by Mr. Barker from the Committee on the Division of Towns, on petition of Reuben Parrow and others and Nathaniel Genish 2<sup>d</sup>; and others;) severally read once and tomorrow ten o'clock assigned for a second reading.

306 Resolved in favor of Daniel Brown and Samuel Sylvestre on motion of Mr Hammons, was taken up; amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed,  
Resolved for furnishing arms for the Militia,  
" in favor of Lewis Bailey of Gardiner,  
" in favor of Jonas Farnsworth, Agent of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians — and the same were severally finally-passed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr Gury, the Clerk, requesting the Senate to transmit to the House the petition of Benjamin Smith with the Report thereon.

The Senate concurred in the request and said petition and report were transmitted by message.

Bill to incorporate the Sebemoock Sluiceway Company, on motion of Mr Eastman, was taken up, and while the same was under consideration, the Senate

Adjourned.

Attest, William Trafton, Secretary.

Friday, February 28, 1846.

Bill to incorporate the Seboomuck Sluiceway Company, under consideration at the last adjournment, on motion of Mr. Gross, was laid upon the table.

Bill relating to North Turner Bridge (laid on the table by Mr. Eastman) was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Elias D. Pierce, praying for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony,

of Mary A. B. Pierce, wife of Elias D. Pierce, praying for same — severally read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Petition of John Pitcomb and others, praying to be incorporated into an Agricultural Society — read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, in concurrence.

Petition of Timothy Boutelle and others, praying that an appropriation may be made for erecting a New Gun House in Waterville — read and referred to the Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

The message of the Governor with the Resolutions of South Carolina in relation to the controversy between Maine and Georgia, came up from the House referred to a Joint Select Committee, consisting on the part of the House of Messrs Dana of Bryceland, Melvin of Hallowell, Higgins of Poted, Chadbourn of Eastport, Paine of Sanford, Webber of Shapleigh, and Clark of Waldoborough — with such as the Senate may join —

The Senate receded from its vote referring said Message, with the Resolutions, to the Committee on Claims, and referred the same to the Joint Select Committee, in concurrence, and Messrs Ewings, Philbrick, and Bradley were joined on the part of the Senate.

Report of Committee on Military Pensions, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Benjamin Smith, came up from the House of Representatives uncommitted. The Senate receded from the vote accepting said Report and recommitted the same in concurrence.

Mr Bolster, from the Committee on Division and alteration of Counties, reported leave to withdraw on petition of Elisha Bedell and others — read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Mr Gross, from the Committee on Military Pensions, reported leave to withdraw on petitions of Solomon Clark, Nicholas Dunell, and Joseph Pomroy; and reference to the next Legislature, on

petition of Ephraim I. Crockett, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Stephen B. Patten, and recommended the reference of the same to the Committee on Claims — severally read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Concurred.

Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Kinnabee Dam Company" and also an Act entitled "An Act additional to an Act to incorporate the Kinnabee Dam Company" (reported by Mr Holt, from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petitions of inhabitants of Georgetown, inhabitants of Waterville, and sundry other petitions) — was read twice, and the same, on motion of Mr Gross, was laid upon the table.

The Report of the Committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw on petition of Job Prince and others, came up from the House of Representatives referred to the next Legislature. The Senate receded from the vote accepting said Report and referred the same to the next Legislature, in concurrence.

Bill to provide for the building Bridges by Counties in certain cases (reported in the House by the Select Committee on an order relative to that subject) was read once and indefinitely postponed, in concurrence.

Resolved in favor of Albert Hanson, (reported by Mr Gross from the Committee on Military Pensions on petition of Albert Hanson.)



- 310 Resolved in favor of Amelia Wood, (reported by same on petition of Amelia Wood.)
- Bill relative to the Kennebec Log Driving Company (reported by Mr Holt from the committee on Interior Waters on petitions of inhabitants of Waterville, Fairfield, and Samuel Hornans and others.)
- to establish the boundary line between Bath and Phippsburg, (reported by Mr Barker from the committee on Division of Towns, on petition of the town of Phippsburg.)
- additional to an Act relative to lands forfeited to the State (reported by Mr Smith from the committee on State Lands on the Land Agents Report)
- to incorporate the Michias River Company (reported by Mr Holt from the Committee on Interior Waters, on petition of William Brown and others,) severally read once and tomorrow ten o'clock assigned for a second reading.

Resolved in favor of Pendol Whidden (amended)

— in relation to the sale and conveyance of the Public Lands and in favor of George M. Duckmore and others,— severally read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

    Laid down for concurrence. Concurred.

Bill additional to an Act to annex Wales to the county of Kennebec (introduced in the House) was read twice and, <sup>passed</sup> to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill to change the names of certain persons was read the second time, the amendments of the House adopted and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

Bill to incorporate the Seboomuck Turnpike Company on motion of Mr. Cross, was taken up and further considered. Mr. Bradley <sup>moves</sup> the reference of said Bill to the next Legislature, And the question of referring the same to the next Legislature, being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the negative as follows, to wit:

Yeas. Mepis, Blake, Bradley, Eshino, Foster, Hammons, Holt, Perkins, Shaw, and Rue 9.

Nays. Mori, Barker, Banell, Bolster, Crocker, Eastman, Eaton, Gross, Isaac Reed, W. M. Reed, Robinson, Smith, Tibbets, Potman, and Rose 14.

And the question of passing the same to be engrossed being ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, was decided in the affirmative as follows to wit:

Yeas. Mepis, Barker, Banell, Bolster, Crocker, Eastman, Eaton, Gross, Isaac Reed, W. M. Reed Robinson, Smith, Tibbets, Potman and Rose 14.

Nays. Mepis, Blake, Bradley, Foster, Hammons, Holt, Merrill, Perkins, Shaw and Rue 9.  
Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

Attest William Tafton, Secretary

Saturday, February 29, 1840.

Order, from the House of Representatives, requesting the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire what alterations, if any, are necessary in the laws regulating the assessment and collection of Taxes — read and passed, in concurrence.

Order, from the House of Representatives, appointing Messrs. Trow of Bremen, Doyle of North Port, Sewall of Phippsburg, Duxton of North Yarmouth, Eastman of Wesley, Jones of Kittery, and Whitmore of Deer Isle, with such as the Senate may join, a committee, to inquire into the expediency of transmitting to our members of Congress any requests or instructions, in regard to a question now before that body, relative to the repeal of a law, allowing bounty on Fishing Vessels — read and passed; and Messrs. W. M. Reed, Putnam and Holt joined in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bradley,

Ordered, That three Hundred copies of the Bill entitled "An Act additional to acts regulating Banks and Banking — and also for a limited time, to suspend certain provisions of an act entitled an Act prohibiting the emission and circulation of Bills of a small denomination and certain others, passed March 19, 1836," be printed for the use of the Legislature, in addition to the number ordered by the vote of the Senate on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst: — read and passed.

Petition of William Butterfield and others, praying  
that the Act establishing the County of Ancester  
may be repealed — read and referred to the  
next Legislature. Sent down for concurrence.  
Concurred.

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Petition of Robert Douglas and others, praying for  
compensation for services rendered the State  
— read and referred to the Committee on  
Claims Sent down for concurrence. Concurred.

Petition of Samuel Trighton and others, respecting  
the Militia Laws — read and referred to the  
Committee on the Militia, in concurrence.

Petition of John W. Hight and others, of Athens,  
praying that certain articles may be ex-  
empted from attachment — read and  
referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.  
Sent down for concurrence.

The Report of the Committee on Claims grant-  
ing leave to withdraw on petition of Benjamin  
Brown came up. The House, having insisted on  
its vote referring the same to the next Legislature,  
proposed a Conference, and appointed as Con-  
ferrees Messrs Hastings of Bethel, Kimball of Gilead,  
and Fisher of Charlotte.

The Senate, still insisting on the vote accepting  
said Report, concurred in the proposition for a con-  
ference and appointed as conferees Messrs Bradley,

Bill to incorporate the "Auber Sacred Music Society," came from the House, that branch having adhered to the vote of indefinite postponement, the Senate, adhered to its former vote.

Bill accepting the surrender of the Charter of the Exchange Bank (reported by Mr Perkins, from the Committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of the Directors of the Exchange Bank.)

— accepting the surrender of the Charter of the City Bank Portland (reported by same, on petition of the Directors of the City Bank.)

— to divide the town of Orono and incorporate them from the towns of Old Town and Tillwater, (reported by Mr Barker from the Committee on Division of Towns, on petition of Nathaniel Preat and others) severally read once and Monday next ten o'clock assigned for a second reading.

Bill further regulating and establishing the salaries and compensations of certain officers herein named (reported by Mr Robinson from the Joint Special Committee on Retrenchment on an order relative to that subject) was read once and Wednesday next ten o'clock assigned for a second reading.

Bill to incorporate the Marshias River Company,

— to divide the town of Leiston and to incorporate the town of North Leiston — severally read the



second time, amended and passed to be engrossed. 315  
 ed. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill to set off certain lands from Dearborn to Waterville, on motion of Mr. Cross, was taken up, and the further consideration of the same, on motion of Mr. Rose, was postponed till Tuesday next ten o'clock.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as truly and correctly engrossed  
 Bill to incorporate the town of Smithfield — and the question of passing the same to be enacted was decided in the affirmative by yeas and nays as follows, to wit:

Yeas. Messrs Barker, Blake, Bolster, Bradley, Crocker, Eastman, Foster, Cross, Hammons, Holt, Merrill, Perkins and Shaw 13.

Nays. Messrs Barrell, Eaton, Erskine, J. Reed. William M. Reed, Robinson and Rose 7.

Adjourned.

Attest, William Trafton, Secretary.